

# A Biblical View OF THE END TIMES

## SATAN'S ASSAULT ON JESUS CHRIST, PART 1

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### A. Review

1. One of the mistakes many people make when they study Bible prophecy is they 'cherry-pick' certain topics or parts of Scripture.
  - For example, people obsess about the antichrist. But they only want the basics, like 'who is it?'
  - Or they want to know about the Tribulation, but they only study a portion of **Revelation**. They ignore **Daniel, Jeremiah, Zephaniah**, and so on.
  - These kinds of approaches are unwise. Leapfrogging from one passage to another and avoiding the larger content of Scripture leads to errors.
  - It's why we've taken the first few weeks of this series to lay down a strong foundation. It's why we've emphasized the proper rules of interpretation.
2. As a result of this discipline, we've seen a **very specific** agenda work its way through the pre-flood era, and into the post-flood era.
  - We saw how God prophesied in **Gen. 3:15** that Satan's **physical** seed would be at war with the woman's **physical** seed until Satan was 'crushed.'
  - A 'seed war' would ensue. Like we always do, we gave special attention to the right interpretation of this passage.
  - It's NOT the woman's **physical** seed and Satan's **spiritual** seed. It's **physical** offspring – for both. The Hebrew term is very clear about this.
3. Ever since **Gen. 3:15**, Satan's been trying to prevent his own destruction.
  - It's why, at about the midpoint of the Tribulation, in **Rev. 12:12**, we see Satan "*is filled with fury because he knows that his time is short.*" He's running out of runway to achieve his objectives.
  - Satan first attacked all of humanity before The Great Flood – his idea was if he could corrupt the entire human genome, then he could prevent Jesus Christ's arrival, and he could prevent his own destruction.
  - So fallen angels had sexual relations with women in **Gen. 6:1-4**. The Bible is very clear about this.
  - This violation of God's created order produced the hybrid giants known as the Nephilim. They dominated the earth and brought great corruption.

- God sent The Great Flood; it destroyed the giants. It preserved Noah's family, the promise of a Messiah, and God's plan of salvation for you and me.
- After the flood, the Nephilim returned through Ham's lineage – I believe this is the best way to see it. That means Ham's wife was a Nephilim carrier.
- We saw how the Biblical record emphasizes and **carefully** traces Ham's lineage all the way from the point he exited the ark through multiple follow-on generations.
- We saw the Nephilim nations, identified by name in **Gen. Chapters 9 and 10**, were descendants of Ham.

4. Last week, we saw how God sovereignly called Abraham, and how God specified that the promised Messiah would come through Abraham's lineage.

- This was a very important detail that Satan noticed. Now, he could narrow his attack.
- Satan could now focus on the Jewish nation in his efforts to disrupt the coming and ultimate mission of Jesus Christ.
- We saw how the Nephilim nations got entrenched in Israel – that was **then** called the 'land of Canaan' after Ham's son.
- We saw how the Israelites, when they first went in to spy out the Promised Land, became intimidated by the Nephilim giants, these nations that were '*larger and stronger*' than them.
- We saw how God mentioned these descendants of Ham by name to Moses and to Joshua - and we saw that God even listed them to Abraham in **Gen. Ch. 15** **hundreds of years before** the Israelites ever existed.
- God was, in effect, telling Abraham that his descendants, the Jews, would be 'ground zero' for this 'seed war' – that was first mentioned in **Gen. 3:15**.

**NOTE:** Now, today, we come to a key juncture in this whole prophetic conflict. That juncture is Jesus Christ Himself. We will see how the tactics of Satan become even MORE focused.

- Satan's **first** attack was against all of humanity – he went with the basic information he had at the time.
- Satan's **second** attack was against Abraham's lineage: the Jewish nation. He got additional info in **Gen. chapters 12 and 15** that told him he could focus there.
- That's why antisemitism, or ANY notion that God has revoked or changed His **unilateral, unconditional, and irrevocable** covenant promises to the Jews, is Satanically inspired. These things indicate a profound SPIRITUAL problem.

**NOTE:** Today, we'll see Satan's **third** attack strategy was against Jesus Christ Himself.

- Now, the Messiah has been identified (the one that will eventually crush Satan). So, Satan pulls out all the stops to corrupt, destroy, and interfere with Jesus Christ.

- Keep in mind, nothing in this entire sequence has fundamentally changed since the original ‘protoevangelium’ prophecy back in **Gen. 3:15**.
- It’s just the next step in the unfolding of the process. We’re just seeing Satan’s target becoming smaller. We’re seeing new tactics enter the equation.

**NOTE: So, let's shift gears a bit.** As we look at this new juncture in this whole ‘seed war’ – this point at which Jesus Christ Himself arrives – we need to ask ourselves an important question which lays over all this: **“What are demons?”**

Most Christians – and most churches – believe demons and fallen angels are the same thing. They essentially use the two terms interchangeably. A = B, and so B = A.

But as we will see, that’s not accurate. Let’s look at some background information here to help us answer this question, **“What are demons?”**

**NOTE:** I’ve previously stated my view that demons are the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim who were part human and part fallen angel.

- The part of the Nephilim giants that died in The Great Flood was their human part. It drowned like every other creature that ‘had the breath of life in its nostrils’ (**Gen. 7:22**).
- Their ‘spiritual’ part – or their supernatural part – came by way of the fallen angels. This part of them could not drown like ordinary physical flesh. So, this part continued.
- This ‘supernatural’ or ‘spiritual’ part of the Nephilim became ‘demons.’ Demons were not created by God the way God originally created all of the angels.
- Demons were not **once good**, but then they **also fell**. They were depraved from the start. Demons are a byproduct of fallen angels who violated God’s created order.

**This raises the question:** Does that mean that demons which are active in the world today are – in fact - the ‘spiritual component’ of ancient giants that Noah himself saw?

- My answer is, **“Yes, that’s exactly what we’re dealing with.”** The past is connected to the future.
- My answer is based upon the weight of Biblical evidence, and upon the views of the early church fathers and those that were discipled by the apostles.
- My answer is also based on information provided in the extrabiblical texts - - like the Book of Enoch which, IN FACT, underscores this view very clearly.
- We’re going to talk more about the Book of Enoch (and some other apocryphal literature) in this lesson.
- But - demonic activity is alive and well in modern times. And it is increasing – and will **continue** to increase. That should not be a contested matter.
- So, in one way of thinking about it all, the original Nephilim issue continues to manifest now. The ‘seed war’ continues.

**NOTE:** I want to begin with some questions I have been asked about demons. I will respond briefly to these. Then, we'll dive into a more scholarly review of this issue of demons, and I believe additional information will support the answers I am giving.

## 1. What is the difference between 'demonic possession' and 'demonic oppression.'

**NOTE:** This is an issue that needs more emphasis and clarity. I see a lot of wrong views online.

- Demonic **possession** is when a demon(s) enters INTO a person, and takes control of their faculties: mental, physical, emotional, and so on.
- They possess that person and they take over. The demons are in charge.
  - There are many examples of this in the Gospel accounts. Jesus cast demons out of many people during His earthly ministry.
  - In the Gospel accounts, this was a sign that the kingdom of God had come.
- Demonic **oppression** is when demons do not enter or occupy a person, but they harass, torment, and in various ways make that person's life difficult or oppressive.
  - From my experiences overseas, I have seen demonic oppression to be a phenomenon that occurs when an effective ministry is taking root in an area that was previously under Satan's control.
  - That's not always the case, but it's a common situation. I know several missionaries that faced demonic oppression when they had helped to start Christian churches in formerly heathen villages.
  - I do not believe a true Christian can be 'possessed' by a demon, but they CAN be 'oppressed.' There is a big difference.

## 2. Can demons read our minds?

- I'm not an authority on this matter, but I am strongly persuaded that they cannot read our minds.
  - For that matter, I do not believe Satan can read our minds either - - it is only God Himself who is omniscient and all-knowing.
  - Since Satan is the 'overlord' of the dark side, I do not believe his minions have powers he does not have.
- There is – as one case in point – the example of Job.
  - In the discussions between God and Satan in the beginning chapters of the book of **Job**, the point is evidenced that Satan cannot read the minds of humans.
  - If Satan had known the mind and thoughts of Job, he'd have known that Job would never curse God as Satan figured he would do.
- **However**, Satan and his fallen angels and demons watch us very closely and they know us very well.
  - They have learned our patterns, and they know how to read every sign and inclination.

- I would suggest to you that demons know you and how you tick FAR better than you imagine they do.
- It doesn't take much for them to perceive what is going through your mind given that you've established certain habits and subtle nuances of behavior that reveal your thoughts.
- Most of us that have been married for a good deal of time can read our spouses quite well even when our partners may think they are hiding their thoughts or emotions.
- Demons – I believe – can do all this much more efficiently.

### **3. Is technology an open invitation to demons to manifest themselves?**

- Let's remind ourselves that 'technology' is a relative term. The first electronic arcade machines like Pacman or Asteroids were high tech when compared to pinball.
- Our smart phones today are very high tech when compared to the 'bricks' that folks carried around in the early 90's.
- I understand the question to be more about Artificial Intelligence (AI), advanced robotics, and other types of similar technology.
- I don't know if you read the story of Blake Demoine, the engineer that Google terminated. This was quite a while back.
- Blake had declared one of Google's AI platforms to be sentient – that is, he felt it was able to autonomously perceive things, feel things, and self-express.
- This revelation was apparently a violation of his confidentiality agreements with the Company, and so that was stated to be the reason he was let go.
- However, there are many stories out there of technologies like Alexa suddenly laughing hideously in the middle of the night, and suggesting people kill themselves, and so on.
- More recently, with AI programs like ChatGPT, it seems that 'demons' are taking over these platforms, dialoging with users, and even admitting they are the disembodied spirits of OT giants, and they are saying their parentage was 'fallen angels' (see several YouTube videos documenting this).
- I am inclined to believe that the more we develop technologies that are 'smarter,' more human-like, more 'intelligent,' and so on - - the more we roll out the red carpet for demons to control these technologies and manifest their intentions through them.
- This would be a situation much like Skynet that became self-aware in the Terminator movie series (which, BTW, reveals much about where things are headed in our world today)
- Many scholars have – in fact – suggested that the 'image of the beast' in **Rev. Ch. 13** which is set up in the temple at the midpoint of the Tribulation is some sort of advanced AI system which is demonically-controlled.
- I feel this idea of demons 'controlling' AI is likely. Not everyone sees it that way, but some do, and I'm one. We'll talk about that more in later sessions.

**B. When we come to the NT – and specifically, when we see the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ - the Bible introduces this entity called a ‘demon.’**

1. For example, the first miracle mentioned in the book of Mark is of Jesus casting out a demon – also called an ‘evil spirit’ (*Cf. Mark 1:21-28*).
  - And as most of us already know, there are many other mentions of Jesus casting out demons (*Cf. Matthew 4:24; 8:16-17; Mark 1:34; 3:1, Et al.*).
  - Prior to the NT and the onset of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, the Bible does not specifically mention ‘demons.’
  - Even the phenomenon known as ‘demon possession’ – which we read of a great deal in the synoptic Gospels – is given no attention in the OT.

**NOTE:** Probably, the closest we get to the issue of ‘demons’ in the OT are two accounts from the life of King Saul.

1. In the first account, God sends an ‘evil spirit to torment Saul’ in **1 Samuel 16:14**. This is mentioned in several other passages in **1 Samuel** as well.
  - From what we are told about this matter, it appears to be ‘demonic oppression’ and not ‘demonic possession.’
2. In the second account, Saul seeks out a medium in **1 Samuel Ch. 28**. This is ‘*the witch of Endor*,’ and Saul specifically asks her to bring up Samuel’s spirit.
  - It’s interesting, in this second account, to note that God actually permitted Samuel’s spirit to manifest. This was an unusual occasion.
  - This spirit is named ‘Samuel’ in this account, and that’s why the witch of Endor was frightened when she saw it.
  - Further, this spirit gives a clear prophetic word from the Lord to King Saul.
  - I mention this second account because many commentators feel this was a demon, but the context shows God uniquely allowed Samuel to manifest to King Saul here.

**NOTE:** It’s obvious that demons existed in the OT. The spirits of the Nephilim which had died became demons, but my point is God’s Word waits till the NT to make a big deal about them.

- From a Biblical perspective – ‘demons’ show up in the narrative once Jesus is born and He begins His earthly ministry
  - It is at THIS point that demonic manifestations and activities became sharply pronounced – and frequent.
  - Demons opposed Jesus at every turn. They opposed the disciples, and the early church - - and they oppose the Lord’s work now.
  - I believe the Bible intends to show this demonic activity as a new attack front. It can be traced back to the original Nephilim giants.

**NOTE:** Now, this is not the same set of issues with fallen angels. We are told much about fallen angels in the OT.

- Fallen angels are mentioned multiple times in **Genesis, Job, Daniel** as cases in point, and their role and purpose is clear.
- **REMEMBER:** Fallen angels have the same abilities as righteous angels - but they have chosen to rebel against God.
- And some of them chose to violate God's created order of things as we've already learned (**Cf. Gen. 6:1-4, and Jude 6**)

**NOTE:** The activity and the exorcism of demons in Jesus' ministry is mentioned in Scripture as a sign of great importance that the kingdom of God had come (**Cf. Matthew 12:28-29; Luke 11:20-21**).

**Luke 11:20:** It's Jesus speaking, "*But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*"

- We should not dismiss this insight casually. A key takeaway is there was a significant factor at play in this relationship between Jesus Christ and demons.
- As I've said, demons explode onto the Biblical narrative when Jesus Christ first arrives on earth.
- And as we will see in upcoming sessions, demonic activity will explode once more **after** the Rapture.
- Demons are against the person and work of Jesus Christ. They combat true ministries, they deceive false ministries, and they suppress truth itself.
- **So, what do we know about demons?**

2. The Bible mentions several things about demons we should take account of.

- Demons can give people great strength (**Cf. Matthew 8:28; Mark 5:3; Luke 8:29; Acts 19:13-16; etc.**). They enabled people to break metal chains and beat up a whole crowd.
- Demons can cause humans to exhibit bizarre behavior such as living in an ancient cemetery (**Cf. Matthew 8:28; Mark 5:2; Luke 8:27**), or wearing no clothes.
- Demons can cause humans to self-mutilate (**Cf. Mark 5:5**), or to harm themselves by jumping into fires or bodies of water (**Cf. Mark 9:22**).
- Demons can cause seizures and adverse bodily activity (**Cf. Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43**).
- Demons show up in places of worship and in the public (**Mark 1:23-28; Luke 4:33-37**).
- Demons can, through a human agent, cry out with loud voices (**Mark 1:24; Luke 4:33-34; Matthew 8:28; Mark 5:5; Luke 8:28**),
- At other times, demons can prevent people from speaking at all (**Cf. Matthew 9:32-34; Matthew 12:22-24; Luke 11:14; Mark 9:17**).

- Demonic possession can also result in altered personalities and ‘dissociative identity disorders’ (DID), often called ‘multiple personality disorders’ (MPD).
  - This is not a fact that is specifically stated in Scripture, but it has been well-documented in cases of demonic possession.
  - The bottom line is demonic possession can cause a person to behave very differently than they did at another point.
  - There are other causes of mental or psychological maladies – and they are not **always** spiritual. Long term or severe trauma, abuse, or stress can result in fragmenting a person’s behavior or identity.
  - **But my point is this:** the surge in acute and chronic mental disorders in our society sometimes has a demonic component.
- Demons can be clairvoyant – they can engage in pretty accurate ‘fortune-telling’.
  - It’s because they exist in time and space that is beyond human limitations.
  - Demons can manipulate the circumstances to come. Think about the possessed Philippian ‘slave girl’ in **Act. Ch. 16**.
- Based upon the Biblical evidence, demons can cause various forms of sickness, muteness, deafness, blindness, insomnia, and mental illness.
- A specific record of demons causing physical deformity (in this case, a severe curvature – a bending over – of the spine) is found in **Luke 13:10-16**. Here, an evil spirit caused a woman to be profoundly crippled for 18 years.

**NOTE:** When one studies all the accounts of demons in the Bible, it becomes clear that they have intelligence, personality, intention, motive, emotion, malice, abilities, and desire.

3. The Bible gives us some other interesting insight about demons and their nature.
  - They are restless entities that feel thirst and distress (**Cf. Matt. 12:43-44**).

*“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walks through dry places, seeking rest, and he finds none. Then he says, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he finds it empty, swept, and garnished.”*

**IMPORTANT: Think about what’s being said about demons here.** It is not describing any of the motives, behaviors, and constitution of angels – whether they are fallen or righteous.

- Various translations say these demons go through ‘waterless, arid, or dry’ places. They are restless and distressed, and they seek rest and reprieve.
- This same passage also underscores that demons have a desire to inhabit some sort of physical body – like a human or an animal.

- When Jesus cast out the legions of demons from the two men in the Gerasene region, the demons begged to be permitted to enter the bodies of pigs (**Cf. Mark 5:10-12**).
- It's in that same account that we learn the demons also challenged Jesus, saying it was not yet their time for judgment – so here we have a clue that demons already know they are on the losing side of a grand cosmic battle.
- (Read 'The Gerasene Incident,' and 'In Their Right Minds' under 'Articles' on the Solid Bread Community website: [www.solidbreadcommunity.com](http://www.solidbreadcommunity.com)).

4. Here are a couple of other pieces of information we can **derive** from Scripture:

- The idea that demons can materialize in tangible, independent, physical form is NOT supported in Scripture.
- To the contrary, the Bible speaks of these disembodied and formless spirits going around trying to find human beings and creatures to possess.
- They need to manifest through a living body – again, like a human or an animal – or through some sort of inanimate object (like moving chairs, beds, floating cups, Ouija boards, etc.)
- While the Bible does not expressly say this, this becomes clear when you discern all the things that ARE said about them, and what the demons ask.
- And – as I said before, demons cannot POSSESS a true Christian (NOTE: I've had people tell me they knew of a 'Christian' that was possessed -- that is not a TRUE Christian then!).
- They can OPPRESS a believer (that is – they can harass and torment a follower of Christ), but they cannot bodily possess a Christian the same way they can possess a non-believer.
- I believe Jesus does not share his temple with evil spirits. The two sides cannot dwell together within one individual. There is no Biblical evidence to suggest otherwise.

**NOTE:** So -- that brings us back to our original question: "**What exactly are demons?**"

**C. As I shared, all the evidence points to one single conclusion: demons are the disembodied evil spirits of the Nephilim which we first read about in Gen. 6:1-4.**

1. I have no personal agenda in stating this. It is the ONLY natural conclusion if we have **already** accepted ALL the Biblical truth we have learned up to this point.
  - Considering everything we DO know, and everything we ARE told – I feel it is a greater stretch of imagination to think 'fallen angels' and 'demons' are the same thing, rather than to see them as separate entities.
  - We learned that God created the angels – the **b'nai Elohim** – the "sons of God" the same way God created mankind.
    - God did this via a supernatural creative activity.
    - Just as Adam and Eve had no earthly parents, but God created both miraculously -- so God also created angels the same way

- We saw this before in **Job 38:4-7**. The angels were created before this earth was.
- They all celebrated the creation of the world, and they sang for joy.
- This was before any of them – Satan included – became ‘fallen.’
- But nowhere in the Bible are we told that God created demons – or any other entity - the same way He created angels and humans.
- God permitted the sin and depravity by which the Nephilim came into being – but He also judged the fallen angels that were behind this evil deed.
- The Bible is very clear that angels (fallen **and** righteous) can manifest as tangible physical bodies, can look like ordinary humans, can eat food, can grab a person, and can physically interact with ALL the elements of our life, our bodies, and our dimension.
- These are NOT the attributes of demons. In fact, the Bible paints them as being very different in ability and manifestation.
  - Nowhere in the Scriptures is it suggested demons were ever ‘good.’

2. There are some additional pieces of information about all this that we gain from the Book of Enoch.

- Again - it’s important to understand that the Book of Enoch is not inspired Scripture. I’ve made this point clear before.
- Even though copies of the Book of Enoch were found alongside the Dead Sea Scrolls, and even though the Book of Enoch was studied by the Essenes and the early church fathers, I do not believe the Book of Enoch should be regarded as part of Biblical canon.
- Be that as it is, the Bible DOES quote from the book of Enoch – both **Jude and 2 Peter** do this.
- There are multiple other extrabiblical texts which are referenced in the Scriptures and which are quoted for the facts they present, and for their historical significance.
- These include:
  - The “*Book of the Wars of the Lord*” - (**Cf. Numbers 21:14-15**)
  - “*The Book of Jasher*” (AKA “*The Scroll of the Upright One*”) – (**Cf. Josh. 10:13**)
  - “*The Annals of Solomon*” - (**Cf. 1 Kings 11:41**)
  - (Etc.) - - there are various other extrabiblical works which are recorded and quoted within the Scriptures.
  - Again – this lends credibility to their historicity and to their content. It does not put them on the same playing field as the Scriptures.
- But getting back to “*The Book of Enoch*,” it tells us several things about demons which line up with what the Bible says, including:
  - They are the ‘soul’ part of the Nephilim hybrids who were part angel and part human. “*The Book of Enoch*” states this specifically.

- It says the physical human part – the body – died, but the supernatural part (the angel part) lives on as a demon.
- It says demons are confined to wander this earth. They do not have access to heavenly places the same way angels do.
- It says demons are unredeemable. They are cursed and will be judged and thrown into hell with Satan and the fallen angels.
- They're always restless, distressed, thirsty, hungry, and tormented.
- They need a body to inhabit, and they are always seeking one to occupy. And, they work evil and oppression all the time.
- These are some of the things “*The Book of Enoch*” tells us. All this information lines up well with what the Bible says or suggests.

**NOTE:** One premise about demons the Bible does NOT suggest – NOR is it suggested in any of the extrabiblical texts – is the idea that demons are “here or there,” or that they carry any specific ‘sin tasks.’ Let me explain....

- It's popular – particularly in the charismatic denominations – to label “this or that” as being caused by a demon.
- These people find demons behind every tree, under every rock, under the church pew, in the copy machine, and so on.
- They talk about the demon of lies, the demon of lust, the demon of gambling and murder, and so on.
- They claim there is the demon of COVID, the demon of heart attacks, sore throats, and gas attacks. This is ridiculous.
- Yes, the Scriptures DO teach that demons can cause illness and physical adversity.
- But - to label every normal expression of our bodies and our sin nature as ‘demonic’ misappropriates the truth of God’s Word.

NOTE: That's a long-winded answer to the question, “**What are demons?**” but it's important to make the right distinctions here.

#### **D. As I start wrapping up, I want to mention demonic activity in the church today.**

**NOTE:** As we've already seen up to this point, demons are evil. It's ‘what’ they are.

They work to disrupt the person and work of Jesus Christ -- and so it naturally follows that they actively seek to disrupt the efforts and the ministry of the church.

**NOTE:** I could do a whole lesson – or two - on this, but I just want to mention a couple things:

1. In **1 Tim. 4:1**, we are warned against ‘doctrines of demons.’ Specifically, this verse says the following:

“*The (Holy) Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons*”

- **FIRST**, Let's deal with the obvious here. A 'doctrine' is a body of truth, or a set of teaching principles which adhere to Biblical instruction.
  - For example, there is the doctrine of the virgin birth. It's a truth that the Bible presents, and other important truths revolve around it.
  - The same can be said for the doctrine of Creation, the doctrine of Jesus Christ's incarnate nature, the doctrine of the resurrection, the doctrine of Jesus Christ's Second Coming, and so on.
  - **IMPORTANT:** Since Biblical doctrines embrace Scriptural truth, then 'doctrines of demons' are theories or teachings:
    - ✓ That ignore Biblical truth,
    - ✓ That seek to promote something other than Biblical truth,
    - ✓ That dilute a right view or interpretation of the Bible.
  - Easy ones to talk about here would include evolution or the heresy that Jesus was not God – but He was just a very good man.
  - Others clear ones are 'Replacement theology,' there's more than one way to heaven, homosexuality is OK, and so on.
  - There are many obvious 'doctrines of demons,' and there are even MORE less-obvious 'doctrines of demons.'
  - Wherever the Bible clearly points one way, but churches point another way, there's a good chance they are succumbing to the 'doctrines of demons.'
- Note that **1 Timothy 4:1** specifically calls attention to the pervasive problem of 'doctrines of demons' in later times.
- The very **next** verse tells us how these 'doctrines of demons' are delivered:

**NOTE:** "Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron" (**Cf. 1 Timothy 4:2**).

- The Bible is very clear: these human agents are liars. They deal in falsehoods, they disregard clear instructions from God's Word, and they knowingly lead others into apostasy.
- They are beyond the reach of conscience. They have found a way, in their own minds, to justify their own lies.
- These false teachers may be personable, charming, and very persuasive, but they are not conformed to the Holy Spirit.
- The larger principle here is that the problem of lies being advanced in the church is going to get worse as we get closer to the end.
- It results in people IN the church falling AWAY from faith. It results in congregants staying weak in the knowledge of God's Word. It may mean folks IN the church think they're saved when they're **not**.
- Let's remember that Satan is '*the father of lies*' (**Cf. John 8:44**). He will do all he can to pull people away from the truth of God's Word.

- I believe ‘doctrines of demons’ are alive and well in much of the modern church today.
- It results in a work-based faith, and a denial of the true Gospel.
- ‘Doctrines of demons’ endorse things, people, positions, ideas, and various stances which Scripture says ‘no’ to.
- In the end, ‘doctrines of demons’ may ultimately eternally condemn those who believe, support, and practice such things.

2. **SECOND**, I want to emphasize the danger of “experience-based faith.” This is a **HUGE** problem in the charismatic and New Apostolic movements today.

- This is where personal feelings are prioritized over a sound practicing faith.
- Frothing in the aisles, having ecstatic seizures, babbling gibberish that is framed as ‘the gift of tongues’ - but which nobody can interpret by Biblical protocol, engaging in ‘holy laughter,’ prophesying erroneously at every turn, and routinely ‘casting out demons’ are **SERIOUS** warning signs of a church that has abandoned the truth of God’s Word.
- It’s alarming to see the parallels between much of what goes on in charismatic-inclined churches today and the activities of heathen cultures around the world where Satan is in full control.
- The similarities are eerily congruent. They are far too close to claim one is from God and the other is from Satan. **I believe they are both from Satan.**

**NOTE:** I could say much more about this topic, but time has run out. Hopefully, the Q&A time will permit me to respond to some matters I’ve not specifically addressed in this session.

**NEXT TIME:** The ongoing Nephilim enmity, first prophesied in **Gen. 3:15**, shows up at the cross. This will impact how we have classically regarded that scene.

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Second, don’t teach what is NOT there. Don’t force a passage to mean something it really doesn’t.

And – number three, if the Bible states it plainly, we should too.

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