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Introduction

This mini-book is the second in a series of mini-books on the subject of the Second coming of the LORD. I would encourage everyone to get the complete series. We are in the last days, and we need to understand the times we are living in.

There is a lot written in the Scriptures about “the Second coming of the LORD.” The Prophets of the Old Testament wrote about the Second coming of the LORD. Jesus spoke about His Second coming. The angels spoke about the Second coming of the LORD. The Apostles wrote of the Second coming of the LORD.

Many Christians have also spoken of the Second coming of the LORD over the years, saying the LORD shall return on a certain date. Yet, the date they spoke of is already passed, and the LORD still has not returned as they said He would. That does not mean that what has been spoken and written in the Bible will not come to pass.

One thing is sure, the LORD will return according to the Scriptures. The Second coming of the LORD will be soon, for the days preceding His Second coming are seen wherever we look, in the world and in the Churches today.

The LORD is not coming in His Second coming as “**the Lamb of God.**” He is coming as “**the Lion of Judah,**” the conquering King. The LORD will come as “the Judge of all unrighteousness.”

Let us be prepared for the Second coming of the LORD, that we are not deceived by the false prophets when that day comes. Let us be certain that, if we remain until that day, we will be among the very elect that shall be saved when the LORD returns. Remember, “**...the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night**” (1 Thess. 5:2).

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In this “**Part 2,**” we must look at the return of the LORD Jesus Christ that is spoken of throughout the Scriptures. There are certain aspects of the Second coming of the LORD that are important to see.

Jesus said, “**But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be...For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark...And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be**” (Matt. 24:37-39). There is a lot taught about the days of Noah, that is not according to the Scriptures. Yet, it is important to understand the types and shadows from the Old Testament.

Let us first look at some types and shadows from the Old Testament concerning the Second coming of the LORD. Before the flood, there had been those who were led by the Holy Spirit. Enoch was one of them. Enoch walked with God and God took him (Gen. 5:22-24; Heb. 11:5).

To walk with God one must be led by the Holy Spirit. Enoch was led by the Holy Spirit. Enoch also prophesied the Second coming of the LORD. In Jude 1:14,15 it says, “**And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten**

thousands of his saints...To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Therefore, the Second coming of the LORD will be **"To execute judgment upon all..."** This already tells us that it was prophesied by Enoch that Jesus would return to execute judgment.

This was prophesied many years before the flood of Noah's time. Before the flood of Noah's time those who were at one time led by the Holy Spirit were no longer following the Holy Spirit. In Genesis 6:3 it says, **"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."**

God is love. God never forces anyone to do anything. The Holy Spirit only "leads, guides, comforts, teaches, and helps." When those who were "at one time" following the leading of the Holy Spirit stop following the leading of the Holy Spirit, God could do no more for them. Therefore, after one hundred and twenty years, the flood came.

Genesis 6:4 says, **"There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."** It says there were **"giants in the earth."** These were not men of great stature as some teach. The correct meaning for the word translated "giant" used here is "a bully or tyrant."

There were also **"men of renown."** This means, there were men of great reputation, to whom others looked to as leaders. (They had left the leading of the Holy Spirit to follow the leading of men). Following men was more important to them than following the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit.

The world, and the things of this world were more important than the will of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit. They had replaced the leading of the Holy Spirit with the leading of tyrants and bullies, and men of great reputation. Isn't that what we are seeing today in the world, and also in some of the Churches?

What we need to see also is that there was a period of one hundred and twenty years after the warning of the flood, that the flood did come. The people were not following the Holy Spirit at the time of the flood. Noah was the only righteous man mentioned in the Bible at the time of the flood.

We see this type and shadow again at the time of Moses, when the Children of Israel were in slavery to the Egyptians. Four hundred and some years after the LORD spoke to Abraham in Genesis, Chapter Fifteen, they were brought out of bondage. They lived in bondage many years, without anyone delivering them from the slavery of Pharaoh.

We see this again before the coming of John the Baptist. About four-hundred years between the time of the prophets Malachi and Zechariah, that John the Baptist came. The Jews did not have a known prophet from God among them during those four-hundred years.

In these types and shadows, there always were "false operations" of spiritual nature among the people. But the true manifestations were not always there. Before the flood they had **"giants and men of renown."** At the time of Moses and Aaron, Pharaoh in Egypt had **"...wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments"** (Ex. 7:11). During the years before John the Baptist there were men spoken of as prophets, but the Jews never recognized them as true prophets.

Today there are many false prophets in the Churches, and many men of renown in the world.

Today, many people are starving and treated as though they are not important to those in authority. Sickness and disease, poverty, and malnutrition are taking the lives of many while they are still small children.

Are we not living in the same conditions of that of the time of Noah? Even among Christians, many are more interested in their own selves than they are in others? If Christians cannot see what is happening in the Churches around them, they themselves may also be among the blind, leading the blind.

Our responsibility is to deny ourselves and look upon the needs of others (Phil. 2:4). The teachings of Jesus were, "He who is greatest among you, let him be your servant." This is what Jesus was teaching His disciples.

Looking at types and shadows, God the Father is greater than the Son. But, God the Father became a servant to the Son, and supplied every need Jesus had while He was here on earth. The Father never forsook the Son (except on the Cross that the Scriptures might be fulfilled). God the Father even did the works that were done through Jesus. Jesus said, "**the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works**" (John 14:10). In 2 Corinthians 5:19 says, "**To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself...**" It was not Jesus doing the works, it was the Father in Jesus doing the works. God the Father is greater than the Son. But God the Father became a servant to the Son, doing the works from within Him.

The same applies today. It is not man doing the works, "it is God in man doing the works." It is not by man's power, but by the power of God in man that does the works. The greatest of all has become the servant to the least of all.

Is that what is happening in the Churches today? Are the pastors laying their lives down for their members? Are the members more important to the Pastors than the Pastors are to themselves? Christians should be looking for a church where the members are more important to the Pastor than himself. A Pastor should be a good shepherd (John 10:11).

The time is here and about to come when we will see the LORD judging the Churches. He will come as "**the Lion of Judah,**" not as "**the Lamb of God.**"

Men are teaching what men want to hear, rather than what the Word of God truly says. They have added many things to their teachings that are not from God, and are not in the Bible the way they teach it. They have taken verses out of context and made them say what they want them to say. This is very common in some Churches today.

I was at a meeting many years ago when a word came from the LORD, which said, "***Those who have taught what they heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent, My grace will cover them!***" I believe that was from the LORD. If others do not believe it, then it is between them and the LORD what they do about it.

You can know if a word is from the LORD or not by a witness in your spirit, and conformation in the written Word. When the witness in your spirit and the written Word agree, you can be sure it was from the LORD.

Many are teaching what they have heard others teach, and are not checking it with the written Word, and are not getting a witness in their spirit. This is not good to say the least.

One brother in the LORD told of a time when he attended a convention of the denomination he was a member of. During the first day, all they talked about was one particular Pastor, whom they said was wrong in what he did. Therefore, they said he could no longer be a Pastor in their

denomination. This brother in the LORD said, that evening he met another Pastor who had come in town late, and did not attend the meeting that day. They discussed the meeting and what happened that day.

That evening this brother in the LORD said, when he was ready to get into bed that evening, he reached up and pulled the chain on the light to turn it off. As the light went off, it got brighter in the room, instead of darker.

He saw the LORD standing on the other side of the bed. He said, He never saw the LORD so angry in all his days. The LORD said to him, *“Who are you to condemn My brother”*...then the LORD mentioned the name of the Pastor that had been condemned that day. This brother said to the LORD, *“I didn’t condemn him.”* The LORD said to him, *“In so much as you did not disagree with them, you are as guilty as they are”!* These are strong words coming from the LORD.

Christians who agree with others who are not correct in what they do are as guilty as the ones who are in the wrong. Two wrongs do not make a right. Agreeing with those who teach doctrines that are not according to the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit inspired are in fact teaching contrary to the Holy Spirit.

To teach things that are not correct is the same as serving the Devil. If we serve the Devil, we cannot serve God. *“No man can serve two masters”* (Matt. 6:24).

Teaching something that is not in the Bible, or changing what the Bible truly says and making it say something it did not say is serious business. There are at least four places in the Bible that speak against adding to or taking away from the Word of God. One of them is in Revelation 22:18,19 where it says, **“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book...And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”** Yet, men keep changing the Word of God to make it say what they want it to say.

The LORD is coming back as **“the Lion of Judah,”** to judge those in the Body of Christ who change the written Word of God to make it say what they want it to say. **“Judgment will begin at the house of the LORD”** (1 Peter 4:17).

Judgment

In Hebrews 10:30 it says, **“For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.”** It does not say the LORD shall judge the world, it says, **“The Lord shall judge his people.”** Christians will be judged for what they do in the body of Christ.

Just because that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, that does not mean that Christians can do things the Bible tells them not to do. There are still things that God said we should not do. There are also things mentioned that will happen if Christians do certain things.

As an example, in 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 it says, **“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous,**

nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” These things apply to Christians. Christians who do these things will be judged according to their works. The outcome of the judgment will be, they “**...shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”**

What does it mean by, they “**...shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”** This is a two-fold statement. First, the kingdom of God means, “the reign of God.” Christians who do the things mentioned in 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 will not have the Holy Spirit reigning in their lives. God will not protect them from the works of the Devil. This is very serious, especially when we study the Scriptures and see what it says about Christians who do those things.

Study Romans 1:18-32. In Romans 1:18 it says, “**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.**” The wrath of God comes against Christians, “**...who hold the truth in unrighteousness.**” The world does not hold the truth in unrighteousness. The world does not know the truth. But, Christians do know the truth, for God has revealed it to them.

Romans 1:19 says, “**Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.**” God knows Christians know the truth, for the Holy Spirit “**...hath shewed it unto them.**” Do not call God a liar. God knows what He has shewed to those who are born again, children of God.

God is a just judge. He will not pervert judgment, even upon those who are His own Children. Look at what it says in Job 8:3, “**Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?”** Then again in Job 34:12 it says, “**Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.**” Christians cannot “continually” do things that God said not to do in His Word, and not be judged for it.

Look at the judgement that will be pronounced against Christians who do such things? In Romans 1:28-32 it says, “**And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient...Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers...Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents...Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”**

Therefore, Christians doing these things, if they do not repent they could be delivered over to Satan by God Himself. If God delivers them over to Satan, what will happen? Christians doing these things are in fact serving another master (the Devil). Look at what it says in Romans 6:16, “**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”**

Christians who do those things, and do not repent, could be given over to “**...a reprobate mind.**” What is a reprobate mind? The word “reprobate” means “unapproved, or rejected.” That means, a mind that is not approved by God, or a mind that is rejected by God.

If a Christian’s mind is “unapproved or rejected by God” what will happen to that individual Christian? When they are “rejected by God,” they “will not” inherit the kingdom of God.

This is very sad when we see Christians, whose mind is not normal. I know of a number of Christians today, whose thinking is not normal. They cannot control their thoughts. They do things

that even many who are not born again into the family of God would not do. These Christians have a very serious condition. Satan is in control of their thoughts, God is permitting Satan to work in their minds.

Many of these Christians have major mind problems. When you try to help them, they cannot receive sound counsel. While you are talking to them, their mind is not paying attention to what you say. It is as if their ears and their mouth are opposite from each other. When they should be listening they are talking. They do not seem to hear anything you are saying. This is demonic activity in their minds. They cannot control their thoughts. The world sometimes calls them a psychopath (a person affected by mental illness).

This condition among Christians could be a result of their continuous indulging in things the Scriptures say that should not do.

One of the many things listed in Romans 1:29 is **“covetousness.”** Multitudes of Christians operate in this sin. They think only of themselves, and use and abuse others to get what they want. They use all sorts of deceitfulness to obtain for themselves that which another Christian has.

A second thing to consider concerning the statement that they **“...shall not inherit the kingdom of God”** is what Jesus said in Matthew 7:21. Jesus said, **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven...”** The kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are the same kingdom. In Matthew 7:21, Jesus is speaking of entering into eternal life in heaven.

What is written in 1 Corinthians 6:9,10 could also be speaking of what Jesus was saying to **“...the angel of the church in Sardis”** in Revelation 3:3-5. It could be saying of those who do such things, that their names could be taken out of the Book of life.

To become born again of the Spirit into the Body of Christ and have our name written in the Book of life is wonderful. But, then have our name taken out of the Book of life is worse than if our name was never written in the Book of life to start with. For, everyone whose name is not written in the Book of life when they leave this earth will end up spending eternity in hell. That is for sure (Rev. 20:14,15). There is nothing in the world more important than “to keep our names written in the Book of life.”

The Apostle Peter put it this way, **“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning...For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them”** (2 Peter 2:20,21). The Apostle Paul wrote in Hebrews 6:4-6, **“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost...And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”**

If God should turn a Christian over to a reprobate mind, it may be impossible for them to repent. That is a condition that no Christian should take any chances on happening in their lives.

To become a Christian is simple, Just receive the LORD Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior in our lives. It is all by grace, and not by works (John 1:11-13). For Jesus came that we might have eternal life in Him.

To refuse to obey the LORD and go about doing those things which the Scriptures tell not to do, is to disobey the LORD. Disobedience to the LORD could cost us our eternal life in heaven.

That is why the Apostle John wrote to Christians in 1 John 1:5-7 saying, **“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth...But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”**

My desire is that every person would establish their own “relationship” with God. This is done by the new birth (John 3:6,7). Following the new birth, every Christian should establish and maintain “fellowship” with God all the days of their life.

These two things are more important than anything else in this world. Never let anything come between you and your relationship and fellowship with God.

Every day, walk in the Light of the Word of God and never walk in darkness. Walking in darkness could lead you right into the pits of Hell. Do not do anything that could hinder your eternal life.

It would be very helpful if you would get Part 3 of this series. There is a lot more information concerning the Second coming of the LORD to be understood. Let us continue to study the Scriptures that we are not deceived by the enemy when our time comes.

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