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## PREFACE

Many Christians who know The Truth of God and His Son, Jesus have been taught that a great falling away must happen **just before** Christ's Return.

What may not be realized is the great falling away from The Truth occurred thousands of years ago. Just forty years after the birth of Christ, Paul reveals the anti-Christ and the falling away from The Truth was already in play (II Thessalonians 2). In fact, there were many false preachers or anti-Christ's about 50 C.E. according to Paul. By the end of the first century, Christianity was already corrupted with false teachings against The Real True Jesus.

In this book, you will read the outstanding account of this falling away as proved Biblically and historically documented. In fact, Jesus prophesied after His dead and resurrection, that many would come in His Name, by His authority, and deceive many (Matthew 24). Most of this book was written by Clyde Brown. He has a special gift for Bible history. My contribution is some of the Biblical content. When you this eye-opening account of the early church history, you, too, will have proven that the first century churches were already riddled with the corruption of false teachings.

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## CHAPTER 1

# A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

**A historical perspective on the text of II Thessalonians 2:3 is given clarity through history. As shocking as it might sound, “the falling away” (Greek: apostasia) is a historical event. It is not just limited to some theoretical futuristic fulfillment.**

**What is meant by the words: “falling away”? Is it possible that The Gentile Holy Roman Empire could have departed from the faith and then apostatized The New Testament Gospel? It should be every person’s desire to properly discern the historical evidence that is available – and now awaiting disclosure.**

A falling away through heretical teaching had already begun when The Apostle Paul wrote II Thessalonians. By the time of The Apostle John the apostasy had deepened. By the middle of the 2nd century CE, an even greater descent had begun. In 325 CE The Roman Emperor Constantine made the apostasy official. Darkness descended.

The apostasy was a gradual development that began in the first century CE, in its first stages as early as 50 CE. There were those teaching The Day of The Lord had already come. This was the beginning of a different gospel that eventually led to The Holy Roman Empire.

## SATAN'S DECEPTION

As The New Testament reveals, The Apostles realized that the beginning of the falling away from the True teachings of Christ made it necessary for The New Testament to be assembled into book form. With the writing of The Book of Revelation, some of The Seven Churches in Asia Minor were being corrupted by pagan doctrines (Revelation Uncovered). Satan was instituting a superb marketing plan in his attempt to deceive The Christian Church. His marketing plan was to influence priests, ministers, elders, many scribes, books, newspapers, magazines, radio, TV, and computers to drive Christians away from Christ and God, The Father.

## SATAN'S PLOY

Christ said, “**Man shall live by every Word of God,**” Mathew 4:4. What did Satan do? He used The Scriptures to attempt to deceive Christ at His temptation but it didn't work. Satan's system is to use half-truths to influence God's people. This is Satan's plan to keep God's children from becoming God's sons and daughters. Satan employs his full effort in using half-truths against Christians to make you believe you actually have the full truth of God. That is what happened to the first century Church of

God which started on Pentecost. To prove it for yourself you must examine the history of The New Testament Church.

## **GOD'S LAW**

At the birth of The Church on Pentecost, you find The Apostles continuing to worship in The Temple in Jerusalem (Acts 3:1). They were now Christians with God's Holy Spirit, so why did The Apostles continue to pray in The Temple? The Temple was still God's house, as long as the second Temple stood. The conversion of Cornelius (the first Gentile God-fearer), received God's Holy Spirit without being circumcised. Although he was a Christian, he was not allowed to enter the sacred courts of The Temple.

No Gentile (even one who had accepted The God of Israel) could enter the sacred courts without being circumcised. This was Satan's golden opportunity to divide Christians between The Jewish Christians and The Gentile believers. Satan used God's Law to divide and conquer Christianity right from its inception. Jews and the circumcised Gentiles could continue to worship in The Temple. But, all the new uncircumcised Christians were not permitted into the sacred courts of The Temple. Some Pharisees, who believed in Jesus, started to complain to the elders and Apostles in Jerusalem that The Gentile must be circumcised. Satan had his opening.

Paul, James, Peter along with the other Apostles, and elders, finally the entire Jerusalem Church, agreed it was not necessary for the uncircumcised Gentiles with God's Holy Spirit to keep The Law or be circumcised.

Barnabas and Saul were sent to Jerusalem to the mother church as a result of an incident that happened in Antioch. Peter and Barnabas were eating at the table of fellowship with the uncircumcised Gentiles, and immediately removed themselves when they saw their brethren from Jerusalem (Acts 15).

The **Judaizers** who came up from The Jerusalem Church claimed The Gentile God-fearer had to be circumcised and keep The Law of Moses to be saved. After much council a decree was sent to Antioch Acts 15, and it was agreed that The Gentile did not need to be circumcised and keep The Law of Moses. The decree included refraining from idolatry, fornication, and from the eating of blood. The decree was probably some version of The Leviticus Commandments of cleanliness. This decree was based on The Noahite Commandment given by God at the time of the flood.

The decree allowed table fellowship and the sharing of meals between The Messianic Jews and The Gentiles who had already turned to The One true God and now accepted Jesus as The Messiah. The issue in The Church over The Gentiles having to be circumcised was resolved and no longer a problem in Antioch, or any of the other churches.

Up to this point, no falling away from the truth had occurred. After the Acts 15 decree there is **no scriptural evidence the so-called Judaizers continued to persuade The Gentiles to become Jews.**

Paul warned the **mystery of iniquity** was already creeping into The Christian Church (II Thessalonians 2:7). This was a deception or ploy by

Satan to introduce pagan doctrine into Christianity, which eventually would deceive the whole world

The history of the ministry of Jesus Christ is first presented in The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After Jesus' death, resurrection, and exaltation to the right hand of God in heaven, The Church began on the memorial day of Pentecost (Acts 2). **The Holy Spirit of God was poured out and the sign of the new beginning of repentance, baptism, and the receiving of The Holy Spirit of God.** God never took away the human will to choose, so Satan stood ready to take advantage. **The history of choice** is what the story in this booklet is all about.





## CHAPTER 2

# HISTORICAL BASIS FOR THE APOSTASY

**Paul's first and second letter to The Thessalonians has been dated from 49 –52 CE. So, let's begin with the profound statements by The Apostle Paul (II Thessalonians 2:3-7). Paul predicts a falling away will occur before The Return of Jesus Christ. Paul states: the mystery of iniquity is already working, and you must withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly (Verses 5, 7). False teachings were creeping into The Church about The Kingdom to the point of denying The Resurrection. Revelation Uncovered states John wrote about this in Revelation 18:4.**

Paul was having trouble with false brethren teaching a gospel, which was not another gospel, but a deceptive scheme of perverting the only True Gospel. God had cleansed The Gentiles, so salvation was not only for The Children of Israel but for The Gentiles also. Through Christ the restoration of God had been accomplished. God was not only The God of Israel, but of The God of The God-fearing Gentiles.

Many Pharisees had joined themselves to The Nazarene movement and had come to accept Jesus as The Messiah. But they claimed The Gentile had to be circumcised and had to keep The Law of Moses to be saved. This meant in the eyes of these Judaizers, The Gentile Christian had to become a Jew religiously speaking.

Although The Jerusalem Apostles verbally ruled this was not the case The Judaizers continued to insist The Gentile be circumcised (Acts 11). When Paul wrote to The Galatians he marveled that they were so soon removed from the teaching of The One who had called them into the grace of Christ. Paul states it is not another gospel rather a perversion of The True Gospel they have been taught (Galatians 1:7). In The Mosaic Covenant The Gentile had to be circumcised and keep all The Law to be an inheritor of The Commonwealth of Israel (Exodus 12:48-49).

God pronounced uncircumcised Gentiles who have accepted The One True God of Israel were to be accepted in The Household of Faith without being required to keep the customs of The Jews. Although The Judaizers were over-looking the fact that God had pronounced the God-fearing Gentiles clean, they misunderstood this aspect of The True Gospel. It was still not another gospel, as yet (Acts 10). Are you aware of Satan's devises?

Satan's first deceit began in The Garden of Eden, a serpent underneath his ability to appear as an angel of light. What Satan is and what he appears to be, is quite different. To use God words of truth and twist them into a lie is a characteristic Satan used in The Garden of Eden. So, it is not

surprising that a lie was being foisted upon The Thessalonians. There were false teachers saying The Day of The Lord had already come (II Thessalonians 2:4).

Who would have been teaching The Day of The Lord had already come? If The Day of The Lord already came, then God's Kingdom had to also appear on this earth.

## STEPS TOWARD THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

The mystery of **iniquity** and **lawlessness** was already invading The Thessalonians Church. The Scriptures are very clear. Jesus would return and establish The Kingdom of God on the earth. The disciples had questioned Jesus - will you at this time restore again The Kingdom to Israel? Jesus answered it was not for them to know the times or the seasons, as it was in the hands of God (Acts 1: 6-7). It is important to realize Jesus did not deny The Restoration of The Kingdom of God. It was only the timing of The Restoration The Disciples were not to know. **Satan** would eventually **mask The Holy Roman Empire** itself as **the kingdom of God**. This is the Fourth Kingdom of Daniel, which The Messiah (Christ) destroys when He returns.

**No Jew taught from The Hebrew Scriptures, who had accepted Jesus as the messiah, would have ever made a statement such as The Day of The Lord has already come.**

The Kingdom of God restored to the whole House of Israel was a theme recorded in most all of The Prophets of God in The Hebrew Scriptures. If this teaching did not come from The Jewish Disciples of Jesus that means only The Gentiles were teaching **The Day of The Lord had already come**. As amazing as it may sound, Satan was using his **own servants** for his purpose, and there was a reason why it was to Satan's advantage. **The Holy Roman Empire** would become the servant of Satan, and as early as 49 – 52 C.E., the foundation of Satan's plan was laid. Since Jesus had already come in The Spirit, Satan's plan would be **the kingdom of God** would be **The Holy Roman Empire**.

You do not need to judge the hearts of those in what became The Holy Roman Empire, but be aware less you, yourself, find yourselves in Satan's religious system. In any case, to teach The Day of The Lord had already come **was false** without Scriptural support. Messianic Jews who had accepted Jesus as The Messiah, The Anointed of God knew for a certainty that The Return of Jesus had not occurred. The Gospel of The Kingdom of God was being perverted without any Scriptural support. **The servants of Satan** were already at work in The Thessalonians Church.

## CHAPTER 3

# WHO WERE THESE FALSE APOSTLES?

**The Church at Corinth had many problems and Paul addressed them in his first letter. In the second letter, he reported false apostles and servants of Satan were making inroads into The Corinthian Church. You must fully understand these false apostles and direct your attention to them. Satan, as a predator, attacks the weakest link. The Corinthian Church, perhaps of all the congregations, was the most carnal. Paul's first letter to The Corinthians is admonishing them for starting divisions.**

Some were saying they are of Paul, others of Apollos, and still others of Cephas (Peter). Still others were claiming to be of Christ, but Paul found many in the groups were false apostles and servants of Satan. The opponents of Paul are: **False apostles, deceitful workmen, and masquerade as Apostles of Christ.**

You can identify these false apostles as the very ones who claimed they were of Christ, but were actually the servants of Satan. Notice what these false apostles were claiming:

**II Corinthians 11:21-23** “<sup>21</sup>What anyone else dares to boasts about (I am speaking foolishly), I dare also to boast about the same thing. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? (I am talking like I am out of my mind), I am even more so.”

These are false apostles who are not servants of Christ. These false apostles were claiming to be of Christ, and if they are lying about that, would they not be lying about everything else they are claiming? Masquerading as **apostles** of Christ implies **everything** they were claiming to be a masquerade as well.

The NIV Study Bible reads a little clearer:

**II Corinthians 11:22** “Hebrews.... Israelites.... Abraham’s descendants. The claims implied here on the part of the false apostles indicate they were Jews who felt superior to Gentile Christians. From this there follows the probability that they were Judaizers, i.e., they wished to impose distinctive Jewish practices and observances as required for Gentile converts.”

The scholars who produced the NIV notes have completely missed the point of what a masquerade is. That is, the masquerade of what they were claiming to be, was nothing but a

lie. These false apostles were deceiving The Corinthians, by their masquerade. In the NIV notes, it appears the scholars themselves have believed the lie. Paul is confronting their lies, by saying that, he, in a greater way, is a True Apostle compared to them.

Paul is boasting as a fool, to confront the lies of these false apostles. Are they of Christ? How does Paul answer that question?

**II Corinthians 11:3-4 “<sup>3</sup>But I am afraid that just as the serpent deceived Eve by his treachery, your minds may be lead astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. <sup>4</sup>For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus different than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive another spirit than the one you received, or a different gospel than the one you accepted, you put up with it well enough. “**

They are not servants of Jesus Christ as Paul used a parity. If they have convinced you they are what they claim to be, then Paul said, he, himself is more than what these **false super apostles** claim to be and are actually servants of Satan. The whole masquerade is the fact they are not what they claim to be, and The Corinthians seem to have fallen for their lies. **These false apostles are not Jews, not Hebrew’s, not Israelites; they were Greek false apostles who had crept in, and are, the servants of Satan.** They claimed to be of The Jewish Apostles.

Paul calls these Gentile false apostles what they are, which is the opposite of what they have claimed. Paul puts it like this:

**II Corinthians 11:13-15** “<sup>13</sup>For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup>And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup>Therefore it is not surprising his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will correspond to their actions.”

The so-called Judaizers, themselves, never claimed to be apostles. Their argument was The Gentiles had to be circumcised and had to keep all of The Torah to be saved. Paul calls their message **false** but continues to call them **brethren** (Galatians 2:4-5). Paul is referring to an incident that occurred in Antioch, which was before The Jerusalem Conference (Act 15). The Antioch incident was after the famine relief visit to Jerusalem (Acts 11:27-30). (Once The Acts 15 Conference was held and the decree was sent to The Churches, there is no evidence, after the decree was sent, those from The Jerusalem Church attempted to Judaize The Gentiles.)

The second visit to Jerusalem to which Paul is referring in The Galatians Letter is not The Acts 15 – Jerusalem Conference. Although this is still debated in scholarly circles the chronology of Luke’s Acts of The Apostles is to be preferred over the contention that Luke has incorrectly made the famine relief of Acts 11:27-30 the second visit. In other words, many scholars claim the Acts 11:27-30, is actually the same visit as Acts



15. But this would mean that James, Peter, John and the entire Jerusalem church had reneged on the official decree of Acts 15, and that is impossible and irresponsible to teach or expound.

This is decidedly unfair to the integrity of The Jerusalem Church, and especially The Jerusalem Apostles who had been with Jesus during his entire historical ministry. The chronology of Luke in The Acts of The Apostles should be taken as valid and credible. Once you do, the Jerusalem decree regarding the uncircumcised Gentiles was sent to the churches. There is not the slightest evidence the uncircumcised Gentile believers were ever again being forced into Judaism, nor forced to do The Letter of The Law.

The false teaching that The Day of The Lord has already come in the II Thessalonians Letter came by Gentiles – teaching a different gospel. The Jews, including The Pharisees and Priests, who had accepted Jesus as The Anointed Messiah, have been wrongly accused of causing trouble in The Gentile Churches. When Luke's chronology in Acts is given validity as it should be, the false apostles, servants of Satan, are in most cases **Gentiles** masquerading as Apostles of Christ. As you will observe, the servants of Satan made inroads into The Churches the first time in Corinth and then spread to the other churches.. It may be those teaching The Thessalonians were from Corinth.

The second letter to The Corinthian Church is the clearest example that the false apostles – the servants of Satan, were most likely Gentiles who had

never truly accepted The One True God of Israel or The Gospel of The True Christ, The Anointed of God.

These false apostles are not Jews or Israelites, but rather Gentiles who had never accepted The Gospel teaching of The True Apostles in the first place (II Corinthians 11). Instead, they were servants of Satan to counter The Purpose and Plan of God. Although the evidence is circumstantial, when the full picture comes into view, and when the events are given the correct time line, the evidence will make the same conclusion. The beginning of the apostasy began much earlier than has been previously recognized. The **scholarly focus** has been directed toward the so-called Judaizers, and therefore, missing all the devices of Satan.

The servants of Satan, as the false apostles, invaded The Churches, and Paul calls them what they are, which is directly opposite to what they claim to be. With this focus on Corinth, direct your attention to a companion of Paul named Gaius. Gaius is mentioned five times – four times in relation to The Apostle Paul and once in III John. This means Gaius has played a great part in the history of The Church. Later in III John, Gaius upholds the true teachings from Jerusalem, while there is a named character who opposes The Jerusalem Missionaries.

## CHAPTER 4

# GAIUS, THE FAITHFUL SAINT

**Paul mentions he baptized Crispus and Gaius (I Corinthians 1:14). In Romans 16:24 Gaius of The Church in Corinth hosts Paul, and it is from Corinth he writes the letter to The Church in Rome. The implication is Gaius is in a key leadership position in The Church in Corinth. Gaius is also mentioned in Acts 19:29, 20:24, when a riot broke out in Ephesus, because many throughout Asia Minor were turning to The Gospel.**

Demetrius was a silver smith, who along with other craftsmen made their livelihood making various crafts relating to the goddess Diana. Again those confronting Paul were not Jews but rather Gentiles who made their living selling idols and trinkets of the pagan goddess Diana. Gaius was with Paul along with other disciples who fled Ephesus. You meet Gaius again in III John. Could the same Gaius in III John be the same Gaius who along with Paul and the other disciples were run out of Ephesus? Scholars admit there is no sure way (historically) to tell if Gaius who was the companion of Paul and his host in Corinth, was the same person in III John.

Most consider all three letters of John were written from Ephesus. But this depends more on the unproven assumption that The Elder is The Apostle

John who is thought to have written The Book of Revelation. Since it is an assumption in either case, you must take the position that The Elder who wrote the three letters which has been assigned to John, is **not** the same author, John, of The Book of Revelation. Some scholars point to the literary differences between The Book of Revelation and the three letters from The Elder.

The author – The Apostle John was given the revelations before the **destruction** of The Second Temple which was even more compelling (Revelation 11:1-2). The implications are The Second Temple was still standing when John is instructed in vision to measure The Temple. Remember, The Book of Revelation was only given to The Seven Churches in Asia Minor.

After John was released from the prison, he wrote the introduction to The Seven Churches in Asia Minor. In Revelation 1:9-10, John remarks these are the revelations he received while he was on The Isle of Patmos. The most likely time for John and others to have been exiled to The Isle of Patmos is when Nero was using The Christians as scapegoats; blaming them for the fire he, himself, had set in the burning of Rome.

Not only is the style of The Elder so different between The Book of Revelation and the three letters; you may consider the three letters as written by an unnamed elder. In reality, the scribe or writer is not what is important, but that it is Scripture, which God inspired.

This then leaves The Apostle John as the author of The Book of Revelation. Most scholars contend Paul wrote the letter to The Romans from Corinth, and was hosted by Gaius who resided in Corinth. It is best to take the third letter from The Elder, who for the sake of clarity will be called John, even though the letters could **not** be The Apostle John who wrote The Book of Revelation.

In III John, you meet a leader of The Church or churches named Diotrepes. In his leadership over a church or group of churches he has the power to excommunicate any member who receives the missionaries from The Jerusalem Church.

## DIOTREPES THE APOSTATE IN III JOHN

III John is addressed to Gaius: From The Elder to Gaius my dear brother in The Truth whom he loves (III John 1:1).

**III John 1:5-6: “<sup>5</sup>Dear friend, you demonstrate faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers. <sup>6</sup>They have testified to your love for the church. You do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.”**

The Elder is commending Gaius for his receiving the brothers from The Jerusalem Church. It was customary to send missionaries out from The Mother Church in Jerusalem. Gaius began a home church in Corinth (Rom 16:3). The Fourth Gospel, as well as the three letters, were penned

by the same individual; therefore, Jerusalem is the likely location from which the missionaries were sent.

It is most likely Gaius is the same person in III John as in: Acts 19:29, 20:4, Romans 16:23, and I Corinthians 1:14. Paul was imprisoned in Caesarea in 56-57 CE. The Corinthian Churches were comprised of Messianic Jews, Gentiles, and Missionaries from The Mother Church in Jerusalem, and is the context of III John. No matter who The Elder was writing the three letters, James, the Lord's brother, was the leader of The Jerusalem Church until he was murdered in the spring of 62 CE.

The Elder speaks not as an Apostle as James the Lord's brother, but as an Elder who was taught by James, and other Jerusalem Apostles. While Paul was imprisoned in 56-57 CE, The Sanhedrin Jewish court murdered James in 62 CE. You may place the III letter of The Elder sometime after 62 CE and before the destruction of The Jerusalem Temple, which occurred in the fall of 70 CE.

When The Apostle Paul was completely out of the picture with his imprisonment, the care of The Churches in Corinth and Asia Minor would naturally become the responsibility of The Jerusalem Church. Gaius welcomed the brothers from The Jerusalem Church. On the other hand, Diotrophes, who was in a lead position of another Church in Corinth would **not** receive the brothers (Verse 9). Yet, when any of the members in The Church did receive them, they, **themselves**, were put out of The Church.

In III John, there is a break away from the leadership of The Jerusalem Church. As demonstrated in II Corinthian 11, false apostles, deceitful workers and servants of Satan had already made inroads into The Corinthian Churches.

Scholars date Paul's two Letters to The Corinthian Churches sometime around 55 CE. If the third Letter of The Elder is sent after Paul's imprisonment in 56-57, and after the death of James, the Lord's brother, in 62 CE, the evidence is strong for this third letter being written sometime between 62 and before 67 CE. This date would naturally lend evidence that Gaius, Paul's companion was the same Gaius in III John.

When the second letter of Paul to The Thessalonians is placed in 51-52 CE, lawlessness was already affecting The Church. The II Corinthians letter in 55 CE allows compelling evidence to be strung together and shows a continuous chain of events where **the servants** of Satan were making inroads into The Churches of God.

Thus far, the historical evidence points not to the so-called Judaizers who were saying to The Thessalonians – "**The day of the Lord has already come.**" The evidence is much stronger that those falsely teaching The Thessalonians, were the same false apostles servants of Satan, in II Corinthian Chapters 10 and 11. For clarity's sake, regard the second letter to The Thessalonians, and the third Letter from The Elder as written by John. Also The second letter to The Corinthians, when **set into a correct chronology** and **time-line events** along with the other Letters, suggests a

compelling case that unconverted Greeks, the so-called patriarchs (not Judaizers), were perverting **The Gospel of God**.

The New Addition of The Anchor Bible Dictionary under the heading of Diotrephes describes what is historically known of him. In III John, several scholars attempt an explanation of the problem The Elder was having with Diotrephes. The explanation begins with:

**III John 9-10: “<sup>9</sup>An early churchman who asserted authority over all in his local church, rejected the authority of the elder who wrote III John, <sup>10</sup>attacked the elder in public, forbade anyone to receive the Elders emissaries, and excluded all who did.”**

The Anchor Bible Dictionary describes Diotrephes:

**The name Diotrephes, which means, “nourished by Zeus,” occurs in The New Testament only in this one passage.**

What is obvious from the context, Diotrephes indeed had the power in The Church to put anyone out who did not follow Him (The Missionaries from The Jerusalem Church). It seems clear when Diotrephes rejected those sent from The Mother Church, he also rejected The Gospel. Satan could bring his own servants into The True Church when you observe where Paul’s mission field to The Gentiles originated. Paul’s mission fields, were The Synagogues and The Gentiles. Those attending The Synagogues



were called God-fearers. They had looked to The One True God of Israel but had not received circumcision.

These God-fearers had now accepted Jesus, as The Messiah. The mission for Jews and Gentiles were to go out and make Disciples. It appears **the unconverted Gentiles** had **never** received the same instruction as the God-fearing Gentiles who attended The Synagogue. Without the full instruction from The Hebrew Scriptures – the only Bible Jesus and The Apostles had, it was natural for The Torah-illiterate Gentiles to view many doctrines and instruction mainly from their cultural Greek background.

So, it was inevitable these Gentiles incorporated into their background of Greek culture, along with paganism into The Gospel of God delivered by Jesus and The Apostles. The Torah-illiterate Gentiles interpreted from The Greek worldview and mindset. Without having The Torah teachings from a Hebraic view and mindset, they began to pervert The Gospel in ways unimaginable by Paul and those teaching The True Gospel. The Torah or The Written Law was a **shadow** or a type of God's and Christ's True Kingdom. The Torah reveals The True Messiah.

This was an opening for Satan to bring both **truth** and **error** into The Churches being established, and deceiving The Gentiles as he had deceived Eve in The Garden of Eden. The later Gentiles who were brought into The Church by those who originally had been trained in Hebraic views decided on their own to include many pagan ideas and incorporate them into The True Church of God. Remember God never hampers anyone's decision of **choice**. Disagreements between those who

understood The True Gospel with these **false apostles** with Greek pagan baggage was bound to eventually split The True Church. It was the mixture of good and evil, which set the course, and in time led to the mixing of Church and State in The Holy Roman Empire. This was truly what God warned Adam and Eve about The Tree of **Good** and **Evil** mixing The Truth of The Gospel with falsehood.

But there is more – much more. In The New Testament, the servants of Satan were indeed these new Gentiles attempting to further establish the false apostles. When you read III John by The Elder, there is little doubt that Diotrephes is teaching a different gospel – a gospel of Zeus. If The Fourth Gospel was written after the martyrdom of James the Lord's brother, and before the destruction of The Second temple, it is likely The Three Letters were written before The Temple's desolation. Can it be proved historically and Biblically that The Fourth Gospel and Three Letters were written not long after 62 CE?

## CHAPTER 5

# THE BELOVED DISCIPLE

**There are several Scriptures in The Fourth Gospel, which implies it is quite likely The Beloved Disciple is James, the brother of Jesus, the second born to Joseph and Mary. When you read The Fourth Gospel in the Jewish historical context, with Jesus about to die on the cross giving the care of his mother to the second born.**

When Jesus was upon the cross, He saw his mother and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, and said to His mother: **“Woman, behold your son.”** (Then he said to The Disciple in John 19:26-27) **“Behold your mother.”**

When there is a death of the father in the family, the responsibility falls to the firstborn son. With the death of the firstborn the responsibility passes to the second born, and James called The Just was the second born. In the Jewish culture and society, the Jewish family ties were very strong and the likelihood of Jesus passing the care of his mother to a disciple other than James his brother would not make sense.

James, the brother of Jesus was the overseer of the movement Jesus had begun. He was the first named by The Apostle Paul along with Peter and John as the pillars in The Mother Church in Jerusalem (Galatians 2:9). There would be no reason for Jesus to pass the responsibility of their

mother to another when James, a Disciple, and the second-born son, was given the earthly care of The Jerusalem Church and its outreach. James, as with his brother, Jesus, was only sent to preach The Gospel to Israel. Paul was The Apostle, out of season, was sent to preach to The Gentiles.

## CRISES IN THE CHURCH

Why would the author of The Fourth Gospel not clearly name James, called The Just as The Beloved Disciple, which would then leave no question as to the identity of The Disciple whom Jesus loved? The answer is found in John 21:21-23. A crises was developing in The Church as it was rumored The Disciple whom Jesus loved would remain until The Return of Jesus from above.

The author of The Fourth Gospel had to correct a misunderstanding. The believers in The Nazarene Movement thought Jesus had said The Beloved Disciple would remain until He actually returned. This misunderstanding had to be cleared up. Examine carefully the full context.

**John 21:21-23: “<sup>21</sup>So the saying circulated among the brothers and sisters that this disciple was not going to die. <sup>22</sup>But Jesus did not say to him [Peter] that he was not going to die, <sup>23</sup>but rather if I want him to live until I come back what concern is that of yours?”**

The crises would not have occurred as long as The Beloved Disciple was living. The crises was created when The Beloved Disciple died. James,

the second-born son of Mary and Joseph, was martyred in 62 CE by The Sanhedrin Court.

To correct the misunderstanding of this crises, realize that The Fourth Gospel could not have been written later than just after the martyrdom of James, The Lord's brother. James was martyred at The Passover in the spring of 62 CE, and therefore, sometime shortly after The Fourth Gospel was written. The same author of The Fourth Gospel likely wrote The Three Letters – I, II, III John. The literary style is the same.

The Book of Revelation identifies John:

**Revelation 1:1-2: “<sup>1</sup>The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants, what must happen very soon. He made it clear by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who then testified to everything that he saw concerning the word of God and the testimony about Jesus Christ.”**

Is there a connection to the **mystery of iniquity** that was invading The Thessalonians Church, and The Churches in Corinth, which led in the direction of what later became The Holy Roman Empire? The road to The Holy Roman Empire is in II Corinthians 10 and 11, as well as the break and separation from The Jerusalem Church teachings in III John. In The Letter to The Seven Churches in Asia Minor you find false apostles, claiming they are teaching the same Gospel as was given from The Jerusalem Church in Judea.

With the witness of Paul and the witness of The Elder in III John, **an apostasy** was creeping slowly into The Church. It should not be surprising to find a third witness in The New Testament texts. You will find the third witness in The Book of Revelation (The Apostle John may have been the author).

## LETTER TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA MINOR

Out of The Seven Churches, The Church of Philadelphia receives the highest mark of approval. Notice the first instructions given to The Church in Philadelphia:

**Revelation 3:9 “I am going to make those people from the synagogue of Satan – who say they are Jews [Judeans] yet are not, but are lying – look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.”**

It is important to note that Jesus says **those who say they are Jews (or Judeans)**, [the Greek can be translated either way] **YET ARE NOT.**

To The Church in Ephesus:

**Revelation 2:2 “I know your works as well as your labor and steadfast endurance, that you cannot stand evil. You have put to the test those who refer to themselves as apostles (But are not), and have discovered they are false.”**

The Church in Ephesus is complimented on the one hand, but on the other hand, are told they lost their first love. They are admonished to return to their first love especially when they found the so-called apostles were false.

The Church in Smyrna has the second highest marks of approval.

**Revelation 2:9 “I know your works, and tribulation and poverty, (but you are rich) and I know the blasphemy of them, which say they are Jews and are not but are of the synagogue of Satan.”**

The Greek word for “Jews” can also be translated “Judeans,” which is used in a geographical sense to identify “The Jews in The Land of Judah,” when The Jews were scattered into the other nations. When you place the geographical term Judeans in the Verse 9 context, it must be questioned when New Testament scholars claim The Synagogue of Satan are The Jewish Synagogues.

While they claim they are Judeans or Jews teaching The Gospel from The Jerusalem Apostles, in Judea, they are **not**; they are of **the synagogue of Satan**. The same castigation against those who say they are Judeans but are not, but are of the **synagogue of Satan**. Jesus uses the same definition in The Philadelphia Church (Revelation 3:9).

Although The Seven Churches of Asia Minor had problems which needed to be corrected, The Churches that had broken away from The Jerusalem teaching, had gone their own way and were of the **synagogue of Satan**.

Expositors Bible Commentary, Volume 12. Page 438, v. 10, synagogue of Satan reads:

**“Synagogue of Satan” refers then, to certain Jews in ancient Smyrna who, motivated by Satan, slandering the church there. The term should never be used indiscriminately applied to all Jewish synagogues.**

Jesus Christ dictated The Letter to The Seven Churches to John. No intention is meant to discredit this excellent scholar who in most cases supplies valuable historical information. But in this case his comments require scrutiny. Surely Jesus, who was born a Jew, grew up in The Jewish culture of synagogue teaching and certainly knew the difference between a Jew and a Gentile. Jesus, Himself, has discredited the comment you just read, in the last part of Revelation 2:9. This is what Jesus said:

**Revelation 2:9: “I know the blasphemy of them that say they are Jews and ARE NOT but are of the synagogue of Satan.”**

Jesus says those claiming to be Jews, **ARE NOT JEWS**. The Greek word for “**Jews**” can also be translated “**Judeans**,” which would then mean “The Synagogue of Satan are claiming to be teaching the same Gospel as The Judean Church.” How could any dedicated scholar, in all sincerity, say these were **certain** Jews? Although it is not always realized how these Scriptures are read, it all depends on what presumptions you bring to the



text. More often than not, you will find carry-overs from The Greek and Latin Church Fathers who were anti-Jewish, or anti-Judaism.

In recent history, scholars writing after The Hitler Holocaust brought shame to The Christian Church. It may have put away the anti-Jewish rhetoric, but still unknowingly point fingers at The Jews. They continue perverting The Gospel of The Gentiles. It is The Gentile-**illiterate** in the Hebraic **worldview**, bringing The Greek **worldview** with them into The Church. As early as 49-50 CE, **the mystery of iniquity** had begun to take root in The Thessalonians Church.

Are those of the synagogue of Satan, the servants of Satan (II Corinthians 11), who appear to be **the super apostles**, teaching The Day of The Lord had already come in The Thessalonica Church? Did they receive revelation from **the wrong spirit** (from Satan) **that The Day of The Lord had already come**? These are questions you should consider very carefully.

You should explore The Letter to The Sardis and Laodicea Churches. In each letter, there is little commendation; and instead, teaching repentance and admonition. Direct your attention to The Churches in Pergamum and Thyarira. The Book of Revelation, given to The Apostle John, was when he was on The Isle of Patmos. These revelations came before the destruction of The Second Temple, which occurred in 70 CE.

The Letter to The Church in Pergamum, they reside where Satan's throne is located (Revelation 2:13). Jesus had many things against The Church in Pergamum.

- (1) Some people are following The Teachings of Balaam, who instructed Balak to put a stumbling block before The People of Israel so they would eat food sacrificed to idols and commit sexual immorality (Revelation 2:14).
- (2) There were some among you who, today, follow the same teachings of The Nicolaitians. The Nicolaitians had mixed their **paganism** into The True Gospel as taught by Jesus and The Apostles (Revelation 2:15).

The Church of Thyatira was allowing a prophetess in **the spirit** of Jezebel to teach and secretly lead away the servants of Jesus to commit fornication. The call for Repentance speaks loudly when you open your heart and mind to God's Word.

Many Scholars recognize that paganism was recast by The Holy Roman Empire and those same **symbolisms** were applied to their form of Christianity. The City of Pergamum was **the seat of Satan** and Thyatira was the nearest church to Pergamum, which explains why evil was more prevalent in these two churches than any of the others.

Is it possible that Satan moved **his seat and throne** from Pergamum to The Holy Roman Empire when it was established by The Emperor Constantine? It was Constantine who established The Holy Roman

Empire, by combining Church and State. The Fourth Beast of Daniel 2 took over The Church.

The Kingdom of God that would literally be established upon earth, as spoken by The Prophets in The Hebrew Scriptures, **was changed to The Holy Roman Empire as The Kingdom of God**. The Kingdom of God established on the earth was supposed to be The Roman Empire, and the reward was a place in heaven. Satan had been cast out of heaven, the very place he wished to return and place his throne beside God. In God's Puzzle Solved – Chapter 12:

**“The falling away from the true gospel Paul predicted in II Thessalonians may be the beginning of a different gospel which finally became the established Orthodox in the holy Roman Empire – when Jesus the Son of God, became officially Jesus: “God the Son,” in 325 C.E., a date of considerable significance, the spread of Constantian Christianity to the whole world.”**

Once The Orthodox view was established, it was followed by the efforts of The Roman Empire **to crush all other competing beliefs**, either A FACSIMILE OF PAGANISM OR A FACSIMILE OF THE TRUTH. The sword and power of The Roman Empire under The Emperor Constantine stamped out and defeated the other competing interpretations of The New Testament Writings. A date of significance – 325 C.E., the spread of Constantine dogmatism was established.

The Gentile Christianity accepted by Constantine was a mixture of truth and error. Could Satan have used the same deception to deceive Eve, and also to deceive The Greek Constantine along with The Bishops he had gathered to his side? In any case you should now take up the subject of The Holy Roman Empire. Is it possible to observe Constantine in the role of **a false prophet**?

Constantine's opposing visions and dreams were completely contradictory to what Jesus taught. It was **not total error** – but it was the mixture of good and evil that was so dangerous. This was The Tree of **Good** and **Evil** all over again!

Through paganism, they made Jesus another **god** and it became an essential doctrine in Orthodoxy. A **false Christ** which was created in sculptures and paintings began to spread to the four corners of the earth. It was fashionable by Roman and Greek artists to create busts and depictions of heroes who were deified. This is a valid explanation as to why it was so easy to break The Commandment against making images.

Images were so prominent in that day that it was a simple step to make images of the most important entity of all – God, The Son, which included Mary, **The Mother of Jesus**, as she came to be called. This started the idea of praying through Mary and many other saints. They have been given some sort of immortal sainthood, crediting them with miracles and believing they can answer their prayers. These types of false miracles were akin to calling up the dead, a pagan custom known throughout the world for thousands of years. They completely ignore what Christ said

when you pray, you should pray, **“Our Father who art in Heaven.”** Not anyone else. Not any made up **mini gods** or anyone else



## CHAPTER 6.

# THE FOURTH BEAST OF DANIEL

## FRAGMENTS

**The unity of the historical Roman Empire began to split The East from The West. The Emperor Constantine moved his capital to the city known today as Istanbul, Turkey. Constantine named The City Constantinople, after himself. The Roman Empire, at this time, was in complete disarray. In Biblical terms the fragmentation was as a deadly wound to its unity. The old religions were losing their appeal and through an image in the sky, and subsequent dreams, a new religion began taking shape. It was a state religion based upon some good (Christ) and a great deal of evil (paganism).**

The Emperor in The East saw an image of the cross in the sky, with the Latin inscription, “use this and conquer.” From The Emperor Constantine there is the healing of the deadly wound, and the final descent into darkness. The **falling away** from The True Gospel (God and Jesus, The Christ) became twisted and perverted with the inclusion of paganism. In 325 CE, as the **false prophet** and The Emperor, Constantine, opened the door to perpetrating **the image** to be Jesus. From there it began to be spread to the four corners of the earth. This was truly a Diotrephes – friend of Zeus.

While the majority of Christians are expectantly waiting a future time when the image of the beast shows itself, they fail to realize **the beast is already here**. The surprising fact is that it has been prominently displayed in public places for a very long time. The image is on display in believer's homes – over the mantle and around women's necks. The identity of this image will not only shock the masses – but will enrage the majority – because they just will **not believe** that an item that has been seen to be **holy** – is in fact, this dreaded image of Satan who can appear as an angel of light, complete with long hair, but represents Zeus.

There has been a historical **falling away** from The True Gospel; a process that did not occur **all at once**, and the reasons are manifold. The principle of learning from History is so the same mistakes will not be repeated. But humanity has yet to learn this lesson.

## GREAT FALSE IMAGE

Could a great visionary phenomena of a projected image be seen in **the end of days**, which suggests it will be none other than Satan? This image will be believed by many to be **the return of the true Christ**.

**II Corinthians 11:4,14: "...another Jesus...for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light..."**

Angels, themselves, have appeared in the form of a man. Despite how Satan might appear on the outside, his character underneath is as a serpent – just as in The Garden of Eden. An appearance of a serpent could never



have deceived Eve. The serpent is a description of the fallen nature of **the angel of light**. The Apostle Paul stated Satan **can** appear as **an angel of light**. So, it is only a small step to say an angel can appear as a man.

In the book **God's Puzzle Solved**, read in Chapter 12 entitled 'Satan – God's Helper' (pages 340-341), for the true appearance of Satan. Satan, using half-truths and half-lies made Eve fall for the deception. Satan is not above using the very word of God and twisting the truth with a lie for his own purpose. The following night Constantine had a dream in which he thought Jesus appeared, showing him the sign of the cross, and Constantine was told to pick up the sword to go and conquer.

## THE IMAGE OF THE CROSS IN THE SKY

The story is told that The Emperor Constantine and his soldiers saw a flaming cross in the sky, accompanied by the words *Touto nika*, which is interpreted: "By this conquer."

The Apostle Peter drew a sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest (Matthew 26:50-51). He was told by Jesus to: "...**Put up the sword...**". [Jesus then said to Peter]..."**for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.**"

There is a stark contrast between the teachings of Jesus and teachings of

The Emperor Constantine. Which one had the truth? Many false prophets would come who claimed to have the teachings of Jesus. Even at the end,

some will say Jesus has been spotted over here, or over there or in various other places (Matthew 24:23).

Eventually, Jesus said, that **the false Christ** masquerading as The True Christ would even be seen in the secret chambers (Matthew 24:26). When you proceed to plumb the depths of the prophetic words in Revelation 13 about the beast and the image of the beast, an interpretation will be offered how this **false image of Jesus** has been spread to the four corners of the earth. But for now, you need to understand how this **Un-Holy** Nicene Council came to be.

When did this darkness begin to descend over the so-called Greek Church fathers? There are hints of the encroaching darkness when The Church Historian, Eusebius, describes letters from the early Gentile patriarchs – such as Hegesippus, Irenaeus, and Clement. Of course, Eusebius, not being a Disciple of The True Gospel, saw these patriarchs as **heroes of the faith**. You must discern the difference between **the faith of The Greek Patriarchs** and **the faith of Jesus and his first-century Disciples**. Do not assume that both forms of **faith** were the same.

Eusebius was The First Church Historian who recorded the events, of the developing Gentile Christianity after the death of all of The Apostles. The earliest patriarchs such as those previously named began to develop beliefs quite differently from The New Testament Writings. The closer you come to the last quarter of the second century the further away The Greek church fathers moved from The One True God of Israel (Deuteronomy 6:4).

The Hebrew opinion of The Jewish Apostles, which underlies The Greek language of The New Testament, was REPLACED with the Greek philosophical thinking. The Apostles continued the mission by taking The Gospel to the nations after Jesus ascended to heaven. They taught from The Greek Bible, which was translated from The Hebrew. The danger in any translation from one language to another is the loss of the cultural misunderstanding of the words of the original language.

Without The Hebraic Foundation underlying The Greek language, the philosophy of The Greeks inevitably lead to false presumptions. The culture of **the many gods**, is polytheism, so is not that difficult to reduce **the many gods** to two or three gods disguised as The One True God.



## CHAPTER 7

# ONE VOICE SPEAKS OUT

A prominent scholar and writer, James A. Sanders, is Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies. In his book, The Bible at Qumran, Chapter I entitled ‘Canon As Dialogue,’ is the following comment on page 24:

**“...Whereas the Trinitarian formula was designed to be a safeguard against polytheizing with its emphasis on the triune God, it has consciously or unconsciously been understood with a polytheizing hermeneutic...”**

Professor Sanders has stated clearly that it is impossible to explain the notion about the triune God on a basis of logic without using terms that are polytheistic in nature. Sanders continues:

**“It ought to have prevented what gradually came to be the way the churches read the second Testament, namely, by a christocentric hermeneutic. Yet it did not in and of itself because Christians began to fail to heed the first three commandments, which prohibit polytheism, idolatry, and co-opting God’s name for one point of view [whether in court or life]” (ibid.)**

Professor Sanders has for decades been a leading proponent of honest dialogue with an open mind to understand the differences in views

between Jewish and Christian scholars. From the dialogue between both sides on many issues, **progress** has been made. Obviously there is, yet, a long way to go toward a full restoration of the original gospel. Take careful note of what The First Three Commandments to which the Christian scholar Sanders refers:

**1<sup>st</sup> Commandment.      You shall have no other God's before me.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment.      You shall not make unto you any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment.      You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Even if the believing masses from 325 CE, to this very day, claim Christian icons and images do not break The Three Commandments – the statements must be questioned. Ask yourself the following question: Can you imagine God granting permission to the Children of Israel to keep the golden calf as long as they did not bow down to worship it?

Deception occurs when you believe a lie or a partial lie, which you think to be The Truth. Eve believed a lie which was presented to her by **the evil one**. In like manner, The Gentile Church believed the lie that was instigated by **the evil one** in that day. The great lie (apostasy) was

presented as The Truth. You and every Christian must prove this through much prayer and studying The Scriptures.

You will have no excuse proving one way or the other if these Three Commandments are being broken today. James makes this most clear:

**James 2:10 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”**

All The Ten Commandments form **one indivisible unit**. To break one, or remove one, divides The Ten, which God gave as indivisible. This is the point James is making. If there are icons or images of artist’s conceptions about **how** Jesus was presumed to have appeared in human form, then The First Three Commandments of God are being broken. Christianity goes to extremes reproducing **images** of their **little gods** while fooling themselves into believing they worship **The One True God**. At face value alone, it stands to reason this is the breaking of The Commandments.

In general, people do not check what they have not been taught. But, if you now understand – and go on to **prove all things** – you come to know this truth – you will be held **accountable**. This is a serious matter. **“Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good” (1Thessalonians 5:21).**

## HOW DID THE APOSTASY OCCUR?

In order to understand how **the apostasy** occurred, you can examine the

confessions made by an early church father, Saint Augustine. The apostasy occurred as the result of The Law – The Torah, Prophets and Writings being allegorized by The Greek and Latin Church fathers. The Old Testament should have continued as the background for interpreting The New Testament Writings. Evidence for this claim is provided by The New Testament itself:

**Luke 24:44-45: “<sup>44</sup>...all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. <sup>45</sup>Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”**

The New Testament clearly defines these three great overall categories of The Old Testament, and calls them The Scriptures. This attitude and practice should have continued as a basis for all Bible doctrine. Instead they were replaced by elements of Greek philosophy. Consequently, it became the underlying basis for the emerging apostasy after Jesus, The Christ ascended to be with His Father.

All of the proofs given by The Apostles that proclaimed Jesus as The Messiah – came from The Old Testament. It was the only Testament in existence at that time. The Old Testament was called The Scriptures as well as The Holy Scriptures (II Timothy 3:15). How could something that was ...**Holy**... change to eventually become unholy? What happened is this body of knowledge given by God, Himself, was determined to be **lesser** when compared to the philosophical knowledge that was emerging



from The Greek and Roman Empires. Then, The Holy Roman Empire through Constantine became the sole interpreter of Christianity – putting aside The Holy Scriptures.

Without The New Testament Writings, Christian believers down through the ages would have become hopelessly lost. So, a record had to be created in order to demonstrate that Jesus fulfilled those things spoken about Him in The Law and The Prophets. In short, The New Testament Writings can only be understood from the background of The Old Testament. This is the reason The New Testament became Scripture. Since The Old Testament was rejected – The New Testament became the only Scripture revealing The Messiah.

True believers could never have received their understanding from Athens, Rome, or Egypt. That is the underlying lesson you must focus upon. Out of Jerusalem, **The Truth** shall come forth from Zion.

## BAD CHOICES

When The Greek and Latin Church fathers looked to the pagan philosophers, they were not looking to The Hebrew Scriptures – the Holy Scriptures as a foundation for understanding The New Testament... **“The foundation the builders have rejected” (Matthew 21:42)**. If this perspective is only the first time that you have become aware of these critical facts, you now begin to know The Truth. Only through much prayer and study will you begin to understand The Truth. By proving if

**these things** be so as The Berans did, will you know God's Truth. Be aware of what James warned:

**James 4:17 “...Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.”**

Accountability is based upon adequate knowledge. If you examine the evidence – and then prove the statements made – your accountability is called for at that time – not before. Jesus made that quite clear when he said:

**John 9:41 “...If ye were blind, you should have no sin: but now you say, ‘We see;’ therefore your sin remains.”**

This information is presented not to scare you – only to set forth the evidence from The Biblical evidence and the consequences that result. In conscience and allegiance to God and to The Lord Jesus Christ, **you must prove this information.**

**I Thessalonians 5:21 “It is for you to prove these things and hold fast to what is good and true.”**

The way of The Greek and Latin so-called **Church fathers** may have seemed right in their own eyes, but they were meddling with The Truth. Do not forget that these men were viewing the overall situation at that time through the lens of Greek philosophy – and not through the lens of The Hebrew Scriptures – The Law, Prophets and Writings.

Who has ever considered that the notorious **falling away** mentioned in II Thessalonians 2:3 is a matter of historical fulfillment? Nearly everyone makes a basic assumption. They are looking to the future for the fulfillment of this famous prophecy. Consequently, the best means to begin this road to discovery – is by presenting you with a searching question. That question reveals how this story should be told. “Do you currently possess historical information that allows you to understand how The Greek and Latin Church fathers interpreted The New Testament Writings?”

Amazingly, should you have a quest to possess this vital information, it is available. It has existed in the ancient records – but no one seems to have paid any attention to it. This is incredible to behold. History tells about one specific Church father who has been accorded the highest reputation of all. Prominent scholars have defined him as **the greatest theologian after The Apostle Paul**. Just think of that designation. Who could this man be?

The name and title of this famous man is Saint Augustine. His full name is Saint Augustine of Hippo (born: Nov 13, 354, and died: Aug 28, 430). He is considered to be: “...the dominant personality of the Western Church of his time, generally recognized as the greatest thinker of Christian antiquity.” Are you surprised? It is urgent that you should take an incisive look at what Augustine recorded during this vital period of early Church history.

You must do this because Augustine is perceived as an **ultimate authority** in these matters. Augustine believed what he had read in the writings of Plato, which only appeared to be the same concepts espoused in the prologue of The Fourth Gospel in John 1:1-14. The keynote here is to discern that it was through **the teachings of the pagan philosophers** that the prologue of The Fourth Gospel was interpreted.

What would have been the worst case scenario of blasphemy to Jesus and The Disciples, became a natural conclusion when the writings of the Greek pagan philosophers became the criteria for discerning the prologue of John 1:1-14. Since these were the proof texts for those church fathers, a restoration is in order.

The prologue of John should at once be placed back into The Hebrew Context of the true meaning that was originally placed by The Jewish Disciple who wrote it down for all to see. He was the beloved Disciple. To begin this analysis, you must examine the primary confession which is of major significance uttered by Augustine. This confession is quoted in the scholarly work compiled by James G. D. Dunn. He fused the religion of The New Testament with the Platonic tradition of Greek philosophy...” (Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. I, p. 650 [15<sup>th</sup> Ed.]). In his authoritative book, Christology in The Making, the following is the statement made by Augustine:

**“...In them [some of the books of Platonists] I read not, of course, word for word, though the sense was the same and it was supported by all kinds of different arguments**

-- that “at the beginning of time the Word already was; and God had the Word abiding in him, and the Word was God... And the light shines in darkness, a darkness which was not able to master it.” I read too that the soul of man, although it “bears witness of the light, is not the light.” But the Word, who is himself God, “is the true light which enlightens every soul born into the world. He, through whom the world was made, was in the world, and the world treated him as a stranger.”

But I did not find it written in those books that “he came to his own, and they who were his own gave him no welcome. But all those that did welcome him he empowered to become the children of God, all who believe in his name.” In the same books I also read of the Word, God, that his “birth came not from human stock, not from nature’s will of man’s, but from God.” But I did not read in them that “the Word was made flesh and came to dwell among us...” “Confessions” V.11.9 (following the translation by R. S. Pine-Coffin in Penguin Classics 1961) p. 339.2.

You can easily perceive the underlying significance in that shocking quotation. Obviously, The Book of John was not used to interpret Plato, but rather, Plato was being used to interpret John’s Gospel. Can you phantom this? Were you aware that this basis for interpretation was being

propounded by **the false early church fathers**? It should be shocking to everyone.

Can you begin to realize what Augustine has implied here by his confession? He is implying that the **pagan polytheistic philosophers** had the truth about The One True God. Augustine observed and reported that the pagan Platonists possessed their truth.

These statements recorded from Augustine should trouble any serious Christian seeking The Truth. In the introduction, it was stated: When darkness descended (on The Truth) it led to vast changes in the believing community.

When was Jesus ever a student of pagan Greek philosophy? Honestly, how would you answer this question? Frankly, this very idea is preposterous.

## CHAPTER 8

# JESUS WAS NO STUDENT OF PLATONISM

**It is almost unbelievable that The New Testament scholars can credit Augustine with being the greatest theologian after Paul. Is the teaching of Jesus in The Gospels – or is it in the philosophers of Greece? Where did the teaching of Jesus actually originate? How that question is answered – may demonstrate the degree you have for The Truth of God. For The Greek and Latin Church fathers to find their truth in pagan philosophers is truly absurd, and almost laughable, if it were not for the seriousness of it for all – especially for Christians who are looking for The Truth.**

You should consider this is an indication of accurately defining the word “apostasy” – “falling away” in **II Thessalonians 2:3**? Now how did all this happen? When did this “falling away” into apostasy begin? Hang on to your hat. The story begins with The Ministry of Jesus, and the original source of His teachings.

Simply stated, Augustine claimed “**the truth was to be found in the teaching of pagan Greek philosophers.**”

But most important of all – and here is the crux – it is from these pagan philosophers all the teachings of the early Greek church fathers were derived. Furthermore, it was from these philosophers that The New Testament Writings were interpreted. **That should shock you.** But there is more – much more.

**Jesus had a message.** He called it “The Gospel or good news of The Kingdom of God.” Many clear New Testament texts support this. Where did Jesus obtain the information He began to preach and teach after being baptized by John -- and anointed for his historical ministry? It came from God (John 7:16). It came from The Scriptures (John 5:38-39). Jesus said to His Disciples:

**Matthew 5:17 “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”**

The meaning is obvious. Jesus stated that He came to **correctly** fulfill The Law and The Prophets in perfect and holy righteousness. Jesus was a Jew from Galilee, and certainly not a Greek from Athens. There was not a single thought in his mind about the teaching material that had been produced by the pagan Greek philosophers. It would have been totally preposterous. Jesus, The Christ was a Holy Man sent by God. He was born and reared in The Land of Israel.

How could things have gotten so totally mixed up? Yet no one seems to **see, or fully understand.** It is because so much time has elapsed, that everyone just assumes and just accepts what has been offered all these



centuries on the plate of the traditional teaching – **thinking it is probably right and probably good**. So, it is important for you to realize that Saint Augustine reveals the prevalent method, in his day, for interpreting The New Testament.

Understand this is not what Jesus preached. Christ's teachings concerned fulfilling The Sacred Scriptures. These are the texts that came to be erroneously labeled as The Old Testament. In most minds today, the notion is that **The New** has totally replaced **The Old**. No True Christian would or could acknowledge this after they take the time to check. **Jesus did not teach Greek philosophy**. The misunderstanding is the belief, that The Old Testament or Old Covenant meant The Scriptures. The Old Testament or Old Covenant **only** included The Covenant made with Israel based upon The Letter of The Law. **The Scriptures** included The Torah, The Prophets and Psalms, as Jesus said. The Old Covenant and Old Testament were only a small part of The Scriptures. For further research read God's Work.

This detour from reality was gradual, but it became a great deception.. The descent into darkness was subtle and well calculated. A misreading of The Genesis Creation story began by interpreting the **Greek term "LOGOS,"** as understood by the **Greek Platonist** as an entirely separate being from the **ONE** God rather than as The Word from The **One** God. If The Word (Logos) is God's very word, then, **The God is The Word**.

## THE GENESIS CREATION STORY

The Genesis creation story is the key to understanding the prologue to The Gospel of John. This is because of the similarity of theme, content and style. But there is much more. It is also because of the remarkable similarity in the first words of both Genesis and John's gospel.

When a Jewish writer confesses Jesus as The Messiah, it is striking that He begins His Gospel with the expression: **“In the beginning...” (John 1:1)**. This is a clear indication of a comparison being made with the first words in The Book of Genesis, which are: **“In the beginning...” (Genesis 1:1)**. The intent seems to be that the words “In the beginning...” led to the confession of Jesus as The Messiah.

### **Genesis 1:6 “In the beginning it is written, ...God said...”**

Seven times you read in The Book of Genesis: **“...and God said...”**. In those seven times **“God said, all things on earth were created.”** These things were created by God's Word. Not one thing was created that God, Himself, did not literally speak into **Creation**. If you allow this creation story to be your background, then you can read the prologue as God Almighty states it should be read.

### **John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word...”**

There is a marvelous light at the end of the tunnel. By comparing the teaching of Jesus and His Disciples with the teaching of the so-called Greek and Latin church fathers, it will be demonstrated by **documented**

**evidence** that the slide into apostasy – was like unto the proverbial Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. This is the time to think outside the confines of the **boxed-in** teachings that have pervaded the professing Christian Church for nearly 1700 years.

Whose word was spoken seven times in the beginning that brought all things into created existence? Of course it was God’s Word. This is because of the words: “**...God said...**” (i.e., The Word). So the utterance was the same as The Word (of God).

**John 1:1 “...and The Word was with The God, and God was The Word...”**

Anyone who has the proper research tools can check the original Greek for the phrase cited above – and determine whether that quotation is fact. Yet all translations **reverse the Greek** to read: “**...the Word was God.**” Why would they do this? It is based upon a presupposition. There is a motive – a literal smoking gun.

Why would these Trinitarian translators reverse the original Greek? Could it be that they needed to make their polytheistic case that God’s Word was a second Being – as though God had no Word of his own?

It is here you must understand the definite articles in the John 1:1 prologue. The definite article identifies in the case of John 1:1 that “**The word was that of The God.**” The article “**The**” identifies that it is God as the main subject in Verse 1. The article in “**The**” word is specific in

that it is “**The**” word of “**The**” God In other **words The God is the ruling subject, therefore The word is The Word of The God.**

Once The Trinitarian Doctrine was adopted in Gentile Christianity, the translators reversed the original Greek, which reads God was **The** Word. Because in the last expression in John 1:1, it reads God without the article – “**The,**” while the word retains the article “**The**” scholars reverse the original Greek, from **God was The Word – to The Word was God.**

Just as in Genesis 1:1, it is The Word of God, and the same applies when you read John 1:1. The main subject is The God, and therefore, God is The Word is the correct translation just as the original Greek language has it. The Truth is that it was The Word of The One True God. If you wish to know whose word it was in the beginning, then **God was The Word.** Isn't that utterly simple and logical? In the beginning, God was The Word, and by His Word He spoke all things into existence. God's Word was with God in the beginning. The Word was in God and emanated from within God.

**John 1:4 “...In God's Word was life and the life was the light of men. And the light of God shines in the darkness and the darkness could not master the light ...”**

## CHAPTER 9

# WHEN GOD'S WORD CAME IN THE FLESH

**John 1:1-5 is all about God, who in the beginning created all things that, were created by His Word. Then in John 1:5-9, God sends John, The Baptist to bear witness of what is coming into the world. The correct understanding from John 1:10-14, concerns what will happen in the world at age 30 – when Jesus was baptized and anointed for His Historical Ministry. This is the time The Disciples beheld His Glory (John 1:14).**

When did The Disciples behold The Glory of Jesus, The Anointed One? Of course, it was after He was baptized and anointed at the age of 30, a time of maturity. At the age of 30 Jesus had grown in The Grace and Knowledge of **The Word** of God so that God's Word had become Him in the flesh. The first time since the beginning of creation, all of The Word of God, in The Law (Torah), Prophets, and Writings was fulfilled perfectly by Jesus, The Son of David in the flesh, stated by Paul:

**Romans 1:3 “...Jesus...was made of the seed of David according to the flesh...”**

Jesus told His Disciples in Matthew 5:17 He came to fulfill The Word of God. From a baby to age 12, and then on into maturity at his baptism, Jesus had grown into The Perfect visible image of The Righteousness and Holiness of The Invisible God. God's Holy Word came into the world when He began His ministry, at the age of 30, when God's Word was in the flesh – the flesh of Jesus Christ, The Anointed.

Notice how simple everything becomes when you are permitted to let Scripture be interpreted from The Word of God, The Torah, Prophets and Writings. Jesus was The Word of God in the complete fulfillment of all that The Word of God declared. He was The Word of God personified. At 30 years of age, Jesus became The Perfect Holiness and Righteousness of everything in God's Word. It is not as Augustine observed from reading the pagan philosophers – but rather it was as The Written Word of God that spoke about Him in The Law and The Prophets.

## PLATO'S WORD VERSES GOD'S WORD

Comparing God's Word with the Platonist's word – the words of the Platonists are trumped and made void. It is a matter of God's Holy Word, against the unholy pagan philosopher's word. In 325 CE, with sword bearers encircling the bishops, the pagan Roman Emperor Constantine declared Jesus is God. Only in The Fourth Century was God's Holy Spirit declared to be **a third God**.

Are you able to put The Truth in The Word of The One True God, and to demonstrate the lie of the Gentile so-called church fathers? It was The

Word of God in Jesus who became the perfect fulfillment when He came into the world to begin His historical Ministry. The Word, that is The Word of God, was embedded in the flesh of Jesus, The Firstborn Son of God. What did Jesus, Himself, say about God, His Father?

**John 17:3 “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God.”**

But what about Paul? Maybe Jesus was just being modest, and would not admit to being a second God. What did The Apostle Paul say? Notice in 1 Corinthians 8:4, where Paul states that: “...**there is no other God but one...**”. There you have it in the mouth of two witnesses. Jesus said it, and Paul said it. There is but One True God. Polytheism is rendered null and void.

This is where the rub comes in. Augustine stated that The Word of God was **a second God**. Jesus and Paul said there is but **One** True God. Who are you to believe? Are you to believe Jesus and Paul – or Augustine and the Greek and Latin so-called church fathers? Are you a truth seeker – who will believe - The Word of God over the Greek and Latin church fathers?

When you compare The Word of God with the sayings of the Platonists – God wins in every case. In 325 CE, Constantine, along with over 250 bishops at The Council of Nicaea, made history. It is reported, at that council, Constantine had instructed his soldiers to draw their swords when the vote was taken. This was clearly intimidation. In this way, he could

insure that everyone would vote in the manner that was chosen. At that gathering, they turned The Gospel upside down and returned to polytheism. They perverted The Gospel beyond repair. It has remained that way ever since. In other words, they apostatized The Gospel, so that in 325 CE, you have the official **falling away**.

**II Thessalonians 2:3 “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition...”**

In 325 CE, **the apostasy** was given the authority of The Roman Empire, and it is that date from which there was the great **falling away** from The Gospel of God given through Jesus Christ, and The Apostles.

## WHEN JESUS BECAME GOD

Jesus only spoke The Word of God, and only did what God, His Father, told Him. Notice select excerpts from a book entitled: When Jesus Became God, by Richard E. Rubenstein. On the back cover of Rubenstein’s book, it states:

**“An exciting book! Richard Rubenstein has taken the ancient conflict in Christian history between Arius and Athanasius and given it the brilliance of modern journal coverage. In the process he enlightens us about the nature and destructiveness, to say nothing of the roots, of those dark places in our contemporary history**



**where far too often religious convictions are expressed in terms of hate, murder, ethnic cleansing and even warfare” (Comments by: The Most Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of Newark).**

Rubenstein has searched deep into church history to expose the brutality of the wars perpetrated by the followers of Arian and Athanasius. They were bitter enemies. Each of their views caused bloody conflict when the feud was taken from the pulpits into the streets. The sword of The Word of The Gospel was argued with metal swords – as the shed blood from both sides demonstrated that something went terribly wrong.

What turned sour was the slide into darkness. This thick darkness covered the light of The True Gospel of God through Jesus Christ. In 325 CE, the slide into darkness can best be described by Paul as the apostasy – or the **falling away** from The Truth described in II Thessalonians 2:3.

Do not draw a final conclusion until you study The Holy Scriptures – and the evidence proved by historical facts. The Apostles of God and The Disciples of Jesus, The Messiah must be the criteria from which The Truth must be derived.

The New Testament, so named, in correlation with The Torah, Prophets, and Writings in The Hebrew Scriptures are The Truth, The Whole Truth, and nothing but The Truth. To these things you must hold fast – lest the darkness imposed by the Greek and Latin fathers overcome you.

## ARIUS AND ATHANASIUS

What was the basis for this argument between Arius and Athanasius? From Arius and his followers was an overall statement that was made famous: “There was a time when Jesus was not.” From Athanasius and his followers came this retort: “There was never a time when Jesus was not.”

Between these two confessions, the streets became filled with hate, murder, ethnic cleansing and even warfare. The vision of Constantine to take the cross of Christ and go and conquer caused the streets to run red with blood. The Gentile Church believed they had replaced The Promises of God to Israel, and The Jews became the enemy with millions upon millions of Jews being slain for being Christ killers. The love of God who gave His Only Begotten Son, was turned towards evil, and any who did not accept the Constantine **form** of Christianity died by the sword.

The words of Paul fell on deaf ears. Paul stated when the full numbers of The Gentiles are brought in, **all Israel will be Saved**, (Romans 11:26). How could The Gospel of The Kingdom of God be The Message of Jesus, John, The Baptist, The Apostles and Disciples of The Nazarene (Branchites), end up becoming a combination of good and evil? It was as though the deceiver had used Constantine to take of The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil just as Eve was deceived in The Garden of Eden.

Even The Messianic Jews, who had accepted Jesus as The Messiah, could no longer accept the teaching of The Gentile Church. Some scholars

recognize much of the doctrines of pagans found their way into Constantine's Christianity. Constantine, it must be remembered, continued to embrace elements of both paganism and Christianity. Only on his deathbed was he baptized into Christianity.

## THE DOCTRINE OF CONSTANTINE

What occurred from the gospel of God as taught by Jesus and the apostles – to the doctrines of Constantine in 325 CE, for many appears to be a different gospel. Greek and Latin patristic so-called Christian literature developed in method until it was finally crystallized into what we may term The Holy Roman Empire. What began as The Gospel taught by Jesus and later the apostles within a Jewish culture and society – so altered as to be accepted in Greek and Latin culture to become the doctrines of the Roman Emperor, must have an explanation.

The late Professor David Flusser in his monumental book – Judaism And The Origins Of Christianity – has a chapter titled – ‘An Early Jewish-Christian Document In The Tiburtine Sibyl.’ The interpretation you shall present should not be taken in all cases as the same as the views of Professor Flusser. The Sibyl has had redactions but even so a Jewish Christian origin is detectable taken up by a Gentile Christian writer. The Tiburtine Sibyl a final medieval composition points back to much earlier sources. For your purpose the importance is the historical parts, and the differences detectable from Jewish Christianity into Gentile Christianity.

As Professor Flusser states on page 364, the savior in the early Sibyl is designed by the capital letter C {Constantine); in the Greek Sibyl he is named Olibos, but the passage about Constantine has also a Parallel in the Greek Sibyl line 85-88 in the sixth generation, where Constantine bears his full name. It is important you understand the redactor is not replacing Jesus with Constantine; rather the author refers to Constantine as the savior removing the persecution from Gentile Christians. What is the most significant points is where the Jewish Christian interpretation of Matt 5:17.

The Jewish nuance in The New Testament days can be paraphrased as thus:

Do not suppose that I have come to misinterpret The Torah [Law] or the Prophets. I have not come to misinterpret them (which is the same as to abolish) rather I have come to fulfill them.

But when your story exalts the Emperor Constantine as savior of Gentile Christianity, although the author does not state it as such, you have a different gospel. Constantine with the Bishops replaced Jesus as the Son of God with Jesus God the Son. The Lords Day which has nothing to do with a day of the week was designated as Sunday; Easter replaced Passover. The other festivals of the Jews, followed as customs of the fathers by the Jerusalem apostles and disciples, were expressively to be denounced for any Jewish believer in Jesus as the messiah to be part of the churches of the Holy Roman Empire.

## CHAPTER 10

# THE FOURTH KINGDOM OF DANIEL NEVER CEASED TO EXIST

In Daniel 2, it mentions Four Gentile Kingdoms are to arise in succession. The Fourth Kingdom began with Julius Caesar. Although many have attempted to explain a revived Roman Empire, The Biblical evidence in Daniel is The Fourth Empire never ceases to exist until the stone cut out of the mountain crushes the image upon its feet (Daniel 2:32-34). Although The Fourth Roman Empire makes changes until the stone cut out of the mountain crushes it, The Empire continues to exist.

When The Roman Emperor Constantine embraced The Gentile form of Christianity and developed **The Holy Roman Empire as The Kingdom of God**, just how Holy was it? Satan took over Christianity. The sword was used on those who would not accept the doctrines and dogma of The Empire. Although The Roman Empire has put on many faces in one form or another it has **never ceased to exist**. The two legs – Rome in Italy – The Second Rome in Constantinople - split off from each other due to disagreement in some religious details. Although going their separate ways, both The West and The East still retained the same basic dogmas.

## THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

The battle over whether or not Jesus was God who came in the flesh became a bloody battle between those in the Arian camp, with those of the Athanasius camp. Which camp had The Truth or were they both fighting over unscriptural-based dogma? Can a Trinity or three separate beings be identified with The One True God of The Hebrew Bible? Athanasius argued “yes,” even though it cannot be logically explained. On the other hand Arian argued that there was a time Jesus was not.

Both Arian and Athanasius departed from The Hebrew Scriptures, where God says, besides Him, there is not another God (Isaiah 44-45). When The One God was explained as being in **three beings**, most Jews felt the Trinity doctrine spelled tri-theism – three god’s – and that was polytheism. Easter replaced The Passover; The Seventh Day, Sabbath was replaced with **the day of the sun**, Sunday. Jews, if they were to be of the household of faith, were required to denounce their Jewish heritage and reject all Jewish customs.

The Roman Empire was being torn apart by the fighting between the followers of Arian and Athanasius. The battle was taken from the pulpit to every household. Each side hated the other and what began as verbal debate, turned to bloodshed by both parties. Constantine called The Bishops to Nicaea **to end the controversy**. Constantine’s concern was for The Roman Empire far more than church doctrine. He listened to the

debates and finally sided with Athanasius, and **forced** all Bishops to sign a document of **agreement**.

With sword-bearers encircling The Bishops, along with Eusebius who was more on the side of Arian, they all finally signed. Because of the loose wording in the document Eusebius felt he could explain the document to The Churches in The West in a way which would allow the Arian contention that there was only The One God of Israel. It was not until the great Council of Chalcedon that the Arian believers lost out completely, when The Bishops of Athanasius Dogma of The Trinity finally became the orthodoxy of The Roman Empire.

### THREE GREAT CITIES

Rome had been the premier city of The Mediterranean World, although it did not last. During the time when The City of Rome was rapidly falling into decline, Rubenstein mentions in his book **when Jesus became God**, the three other cities of The Mediterranean, which were ascending in greatness:

**“...Alexandria, Antioch, and Constantinople – as well as hundreds of smaller but highly developed towns. By comparison the Latin West was an economic and cultured backwater, and Rome herself [although still considered the “first city” for historical reasons] a city in sad decline, Pg. 4**

Alexandria in Egypt was the creation of Alexander, The Great. He laid out the plans in 332 BCE, but never lived to see it constructed. Concerning this magnificent seaport city, Rubenstein states:

**“...The waterfront city, diverse cultures mixed, clashed, and recombined; feverish commercial activity coexisted with deep spiritual hunger; and worldly, ambitious people became fascinated – even obsessed – by issues of religious faith...” (ibid.).**

Two Greek thinkers, St. Clement and Origin, both greatly influenced the creation of Greek and Latin Christianity. The development made many twists and turns before events arrived at the point where the proto-Orthodox became **the** Orthodoxy of Constantinople. The proto-Orthodox were the ones who won out over all the competing interpretations. They became the ones who are known as Orthodox Christianity and are still functioning, today, in the modern world.

Two councils were required to bring together the final decree. This was The Nicene Council of 325 CE and The Chalcedon Council of 451 CE. The confession of The Apostles of God who claimed Jesus was “The Son of God” had been turned around to read “God, the Son.” Furthermore, all this was done under the auspices and trappings of the **Sun God**.

The great confession of the Shema, **“Hear O Israel the Lord your God the Lord is one”** (Deuteronomy 6:4), was perverted to a polytheistic hermeneutic – as observed before from the statement of James A. Sanders.



Paul was accused by the Judaizers of perverting The Gospel of Jesus Christ. On that basis, how much more serious was the matter of perverting the confession of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and the whole house of The Children of Israel? Believe it or not, **no greater apostasy and falling away** from The Truth could there have been – that of denying The One Almighty God. This was done by The Decrees of Nicaea and Chalcedon.

It is impossible, by the very nature of things as the great God created them, to make three separate beings into one being. Two joined together as one, in mind and attitude as a husband and wife, never takes away the basic facts of the laws of nature. The husband is still, one husband and the wife – one wife. When you add one husband and one wife, you will always come up with two persons. The only husband/wife team which was ONE was when Eve came from Adam. All others are separate individuals, and when you add one plus one you **come up with two persons**.

## WHERE IS THE LOGIC?

God created a logical world without which one plus one could not mean just anything. Once the world lost the logic and common sense of things, it had found itself in the sad condition of the feeble-mindedness. If things do not make sense – then it is non-sense. It is the insane. For there to be more than One True God, as Jesus and Paul stated is pure nonsense (John 17:3) (1 Corinthians 8:4). Besides, it is blasphemous against God.

It is urgent for every sincere soul to proceed in proving this evidence. It must be determined whether this is both Biblically based, and historically correct. You must examine the many sources quoted, by employing common sense with Biblical study. You have to make the same decision researching the material presented. It must combine **God's Holy Word** with **undeniable history**.

At the mature age of 30, Jesus came to John, The Baptist, and was anointed for his historical ministry. When The Disciples of Jesus beheld His Glory, it was when He came into the world to begin His Appointed Mission at the age of 30. For too many years, it has been interpreted that The Recorder of The Fourth Gospel was speaking about The Birth of Jesus.

Jesus did not show himself to the world of The Jews when he was born. When did Jesus show himself in Galilee, Samaria, Judaea and The Great City of Jerusalem? Of course, it was when He came into the world of The Jews after his baptism, and anointing from God. When did His Disciples behold His Glory in John 1:14? The Disciples did not know Jesus until He came into The World of The Jews after He was anointed. How simple it is, when you take time to think about these important questions.

## CHAPTER 11

# THE BEAST OF REVELATION 13

**One of the more intriguing aspects of This Great Apostasy concerns the hidden interconnection with material recorded in The Book of Revelation. It is time to begin to focus upon a mystery that can be solved. What is the relationship of (1) The Apostasy, (2) The falling away from The True Gospel in II Thessalonians 2:3, and (3) The Son of Perdition in Verses 3 and 4? The final phase concerns The Man of Sin – The Son of Perdition.**

The origin of The Apostasy is a historical series of events. Yet this matter about The Son of Perdition has all the appearances of being a futuristic fulfillment – with Constantine as the prior type. Of course, it is fairly logical to perceive how (1) A Historical Apostasy, could lead to (2) a futuristic finality – that is evidenced by this final Son of Perdition.

There is a critical correlation between The Olivet Prophecies of Jesus, and the predictions by The Apostle Paul. Then the whole matter will be tied together in The Book of Revelation given to John, The Apostle.

**Matthew 24:26 “...Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold he is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not...”**

This is a serious matter. As a preface to discernment, consider that Jesus was in the **desert** when He was tempted of The Devil – before His public ministry began. Then Jesus came into The Temple and cast out the moneychangers. But He never entered into The Most Holy Place. That was reserved for The High Priest. It was the most secret of all chambers.

This text of Matthew 24 therefore supports the basic notion that THE GREAT FALSE MESSIAH may well begin his work in the desert – and then will ultimately place himself in **The Holiest of All** – just as Paul stated (II Thessalonians 2:4). What is the relationship of The Apostasy – the falling away from The True Gospel in II Thessalonians 2:3, and The Son of Perdition in Verses 3-4? Except there come **the falling away** first, and then the **man of sin**, The **Son of Perdition** is revealed. The Apostasy is a historical series of events. The Olivet prophecies of Jesus, and the words of The Apostle Paul, tie together perfectly in The Revelation given to John.

Jesus, Paul and John identify The Son of Perdition. Then, Jesus spoke of false Christ's and false Prophets to come in Matthew 24:24. In Verse 25, the **many false Christ's**, are narrowed to **one false Christ**.

The fallen angel is **an angel of light**. As Paul remarks Satan can appear as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14). Is there a connection between Satan who can appear as an angel of light, and the brightness of the coming of The Lord who will destroy The Son of Perdition by His Brightness? There is a direct correlation between Satan as the image appearing as the angel of light – The Son of Perdition, which will be

destroyed by the greater brightness of The Son of Man. The greater brightness and brilliance of The Lord will put out the light of the projected image of The Son of Perdition.

The Apostle Paul is explaining. THE COMING OF THE LORD IN GREAT GLORY AND BRIGHTNESS, AND WILL DESTROY THE LESSER LIGHT OF THE MOON GLOW OF SATAN WHO CAN APPEAR IN BRIGHTNESS. Keep this in mind as you continue this amazing story.

Is the projected **moon bright** image of Satan – the very image of The Beast (Revelation 13)? The Truth unfolds. The historical false prophet was The Emperor Constantine. The vision in the sky, a cross, with the words **use this and go conquer** was a false vision, which makes Constantine **a false prophet**.

There is to be another vision in **the end of days**, an image, the projected image by Satan believed by many **to be the return of the true Christ**. For Satan, himself can appear as an angel of light. Angels can appear in the form of a man. Although Satan has the inward character of a serpent as in The Garden of Eden, an appearance of a serpent would have never deceived Eve.

Just as The Glory covering of God prevented the nakedness of Adam and Eve from being seen, The Glory covering of the fallen angel of light deceived Eve.

It was on The Isle of Patmos that God gave to Christ **the revelation** to give to John. The Book of Revelation was the last writing of The New Testament Scriptures. It should not surprise you that the last written testimony brings together The Witness of Jesus, Paul, and The Revelation Jesus gave to John.

In Revelation 13, John is seeing in vision three symbolic beasts. In Verse 1, he observes a beast rising up out of the sea. In Verse 2, the power of the beast out of the sea is from the dragon, which is Satan. Satan gives power and great authority to the beast out of the sea. In Verse 4 a key statement is made: “**And they worshipped the dragon, which gave power unto the beast.**” The dragon is the beast that is worshipped, and not the beast out of the sea.

In Revelation 13:2,11, John observes another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon. If you were asked to answer the question of which beast is in priority to the other two, you would most likely answer the dragon. The power and authority of the two beasts, the first out of the sea and second out of the earth, received their power and authority, from the dragon.

And, yet, in all commentaries on the beast in Revelation 13:12 is applied to **the first beast out of the sea**. The Greek for “first” is “Protos” meaning “first in priority.” The first beast in priority is the source of power and authority given to the sea and earth beast, and they worshipped the dragon (Verse 4). Then the image that is worshipped cannot be other than the dragon, which is the beast of priority (Verse 14).

It leaves little doubt the beast in priority, the dragon worshipped, and the image of the beast is one and the selfsame character. Begin with the witness of Jesus in Matthew 24:26-28, which narrows down to ONE FALSE Christ. Combine that with Paul's witness in II Thessalonians 2:3, **the great falling away**. The third and last witness, which ties it all together, is The Revelations of Jesus Christ to John in Revelation 13.

When you read Professor Sanders' book, The Bible at Guanzum (pages 25-26), you read The Ten Commandments written by The Finger of God were being broken. In the first place no one knows what Jesus looked like except he was a Jew. And, secondly, since Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God, no image or likeness of anything in heaven is to be made on earth.

Any statue or image of Jesus can only be the figment of the imagination of mankind being disobedient. Since Satan can appear as an angel of light, Angels – good and evil – can manifest in the appearance of a man. Satan can and does appear in brightness. So angels and Satan can appear in the form of a man. For Satan to appear as a glorified man with his morning star brightness, you may very well observe the false Anti-Christ appearing and claiming to be The True Christ some time in the future.

Since The Doctrine of The Trinity claims Jesus is God, Satan in the greatest deception ever, may be worshipped as The Lord Jesus Christ and God all in the same false Christ image. Although there were voices of descent, the images and statues of a Jesus they did not know, took on the form of pagan gods they did know. This future image, which will have life and can communicate, will soon appear. What will you do when it

does appear and death awaits those who will not bow down to this false image (Revelation 13:14)?



## CHAPTER 12

# FROM THE PAST TO THE FUTURE

**The apostasy and cover-up is not just an event in the future. The Gospel of God which was begun through Jesus, The Messiah, was a movement which began in late second temple Judaism, then went to Rome and from there THE APOSTASY WAS MADE COMPLETE. The Emperor Constantine turned upside down The True Gospel as Jesus and The Apostles taught it. Although The Holy Roman Empire claimed to be the successors of The Gospel of Jesus and The Apostles, The Book of Revelation calls them false apostles, and their synagogues are The Synagogues of Satan.**

When The Gentile Church separated from The Messianic Jews, and the original Twelve Apostles, they began to interpret The New Testament from the mindset of Greek culture. They taught a gospel mixed **with truth and error**. As Eve was deceived by Satan in The Garden of Eden, The Gentile Church fathers fell for the same lie. No one should judge but there is a saying, “When a lie is told often enough...” Jesus will be their judge. You now have the historic facts of what happened and in some sense why it happened.

**Revelation 18:4-5** “Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her, my people so you will not take part in her sins and so you will not receive her plagues, because her sins have piled up all the way to heaven and God has remembered her crimes.”

The three beasts are depicted in symbolic language (Revelation 13). The traditional view has been **the beast out of the sea** is the **one an image was to represent**. However, the first in priority with the power is the dragon. The image of a false Christ has spread to the four corners of the earth. God warned that no image of anything in heaven above or the earth beneath is to be made, let alone prayed to. The first Three Commandments of God were broken when a supposed image of Jesus came out of the imagination of artists and sculptures. No one knows what Jesus looked like except He looked like a Jew.

The False Prophet gave authority for the whole world to make an image of the beast that had been wounded by the sword but still lived (Revelation 13:14). Jesus defeated this beast and bruised his head, and took away his authority over those Christians who were worshipping God. But Satan still lives to deceive those who would worship The False Image – THE ULTIMATE ANTI-CHRIST. You no longer worship Jesus in the flesh, but worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Could you have made a false image of Jesus in your mind and thoughts? Perhaps, now, you need to STOP, MEDITATE and question what is false and what is TRUE.

The world is full of icons and images of what most think is a representation of Jesus Christ. Many remark they were inspired to make an image of Jesus Christ. But, remember The first Three Commandments of God: to not make icons or images of anything in heaven above or the earth beneath. The false prophet has already spoken, and commanded the whole world to make an image to the beast, and most of the world has obeyed. Each Christian must decide for themselves whether to follow The True Christ in an image or icon made in metal, ceramics, stone or oils by man (Revelation 13).

An expert in The Law came to Jesus and asked, “Teacher which Commandment in The Law is **the greatest?**”

**Matt 22:35-39 “Jesus said to him, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

You must live by every word of God, and **not the commandments of men**. In the last decades of the first century CE, there was a drifting away from the very teachings of Jesus and The Apostles. In The Letter to The Seven Churches in Revelation, false apostles were teaching a different gospel. God made a Covenant with The Children of Israel which was to be everlasting. Commentaries interpret the false apostles of The Synagogue of Satan as The Synagogue of The Jews. This is **a false interpretation**.

Because of anti-Jewish views of many of The Greek and Latin church fathers, their interpretations of The Holy Scriptures were from a Platonic world-view and mindset.

The Word of God in The Torah, Prophets, and Writings, The Scriptures, OF JESUS AND THE APOSTLES, from which, The New Testament Scriptures derived. You have been given The Truth with not only historical facts, but The Biblical Words of God, The Father.

You now have The Scriptures and historical evidence of a deception, which may be greater than that in The Garden of Eden. Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

In **God's Puzzle Solved** – Chapter 7 – ‘**The True Gospel**’ – defines the difference between The Letter of The Law and The Spirit of The Law. It is through The Holy Spirit of God which can lead you into all TRUTH.

## FOURTH EMPIRE EXIST UNTIL THE END TIME

The Fourth Empire Rome – Mystery Babylon never ceases to exist until the very end. Although there are changes in The Empire, even fragmentations, the pieces and parts are prophesied **to come together for one last stand** against God. It may be nearer than you realize and the last great warning of God must be heeded:

**Revelation 18:4 “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, come out of her My people, that you be**

**not partakers of her sins, and than you receive not of her plagues.”**

The Apostles realized Jesus would not return in their generation, so it became necessary to compile The Gospels, The Epistles, and The Letters.

THERE YOU HAVE IT. THE APOSTASY AND THE COVER UP BEGAN AS EARLY AS 50-52 CE. May God protect you from The EVIL ONE.

