

<Introduction>

“The beast will defeat the saints” by Jeremiah

Today, I would like to talk about “The beast will defeat the saints” in End times.

This is described in Daniel as below.

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them”
(Daniel 7:21).

The saint originally means “hagios” in Greek and it is used in Romans too.

“And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God” (Romans 8:27).

“The saints” mentioned here refers to Christians, so we can see that the saints in End Times stated in Daniel also refers to Christians. Therefore, what Daniel predicts is that the country of the beast will gain its power, and Christians and the church are starting to be defeated by it.

This is different from the common understanding that “Christians would win against the world,” but if the Bible says so, it could happen. Let’s think about this.

<There are many parts in the Bible that prophesied that Christians will be defeated by the beast>

It is not ideal for Christians to be defeated by the country of the beast, but there are many parts in the Bible with prophecies in that regard. One of such prophecies can be found in the book of Daniel

And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. (Daniel 8:9-12)

A parable is used here. The host and the stars can be understood by studying the book of Genesis.

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies (Genesis 22:17)

From this passage, we can see that the host and the stars are actually pointing to the people of Israel who are descendants of Abraham. In the New Testament's context, it also means Christians. This means that the beast will grow strong and finally influence the church and even Christians.

This is what is happening a lot in the U.S right now. The U.S government is interrupting the walk of the church and Christians. They claim that opposing to homosexuality is sin against sexual minorities, and justify persecuting and arresting Christians. What is happening in the U.S is a war, and it wouldn't cease even if they have a new president. This battle is carefully pre-planned, and will last until Christianity gets completely destroyed.

“...it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.”

This means that Christians are going to be entangled by the things of the world; become worldly. President Obama recently declared that same sex marriage is legal. Therefore, Christians who are opposed to this new law would be regarded as offenders or criminals. In this way, the country of the beast threatens the church to conform to the world, and consequently, pastors who decline to conduct same sex marriages are sometimes accused.

“Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down” (Daniel 8:11).

This describes what's to happen after the war which the country of the beast will start against Christianity. It tells us that Christians are going to lose and the country of the beast becomes the ruling power. Prince of the host is of course Christ, so, surprisingly, the position which Christ is supposed occupy will be replaced by the anti-Christ from

the country of the beast.

“The daily sacrifice was taken away”

The daily sacrifice refers to the offering of grain or oil in the days of the Old Testament. In the context of New Testament, grain here represents the word of God or His messages, and oil represents the Holy Spirit. This illustrates that the true messages and the Holy Spirit will be taken away on the day.

“The place of the sanctuary was cast down.”

This part describes that the church as a place of worship is going to be cast down or destroyed.

“And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered” (Daniel 8:12).

Here, it describes that people will then start to offer sin offerings at the church, which means that the Word of God will be despised and sinful messages will be preached there. For example, pastors will begin to accept and preach what is contrary to the Bible (e.g. homosexuality is biblical, God wants to bless same sex marriage, etc). Such messages may have already been preached at some churches, but it will be more common at more churches across the world.

Also, Revelation prophesied about the time, when the church loses against the country of the beast. Let's look at Revelation 13:5-7.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. (Verse 5)

This scripture tells us that the U.S, as the country of the beast, is going to speak blasphemies. The U.S is actually already blaspheming, and the government is gradually banning speaking about God or praying at schools, the army, and the public space. This will become more common and even harsher. The 42 months (3 and half years) of tribulation will be led by the U.S.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. (Verse 6)

“Them that dwell in heaven” means heavenly Christians. They follow the Bible, oppose homosexuality, and are against abortion. That is why the country of the beast (the U.S) sees them as enemies, and makes accusations. It is already happening in the country, where Christians who are opposed to the idea of abortion are called criminals and consequently, get arrested.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (Verse 7)

This part also talks about how Christians are defeated by the country of the beast. In this way, the Bible continuously makes mention of one thing in terms of the End Times. It is that the country of the beast is going to start a war against Christians. As a result, unfortunately, the church and Christians will be completely defeated, and not only does the most important doctrine get taken away, but also the throne of Christ is stolen by the enemy.



Kim Davis was arrested for following her faith and refusing to conduct a same sex marriage.

< *Why are Christians going to lose?* >

Now, the question is “Why are Christians going to be defeated by the country of the beast in the End Times?” We may be able to find clues in the scriptures below.

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. (Luke 19:41-44)

This passage prophesies about the day when Jerusalem, the city of Jews, is going to be completely destroyed by the Romans. How come the Jews, who are the people of God, could go into the war against the Romans, who are Gentiles, and lose the battle? It even tells us that they are completely defeated with their city and temple destroyed.

The reason for that is obvious. The Jews committed sin. They didn't accept Jesus who was sent from God, but instead, captured Him, called Him a criminal, and crucified Him. That is why the wrath of God was unleashed and He allowed the Jews to lose against the Romans.

And it is believed that the same will happen in the End Times. Revelation prophesies that the rebellious church will crucify Jesus again. It is written in Revelation 11:8, **“And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.”**

This passage tells us that the great city (rebellious church) will turn into Sodom and Egypt by accepting homosexuality and worldly logic, and Jesus (Holy Spirit) will be crucified as the result.

Because crucifixion repeats in the End Times, the wrath of God arises against the rebellious church. This is why they cannot win the battle against the country of the beast, and are completely going to be defeated by it, just like the Jews got defeated by the Romans. There is a reason why the church loses the battle; they crucified Jesus again as well as two prophets in the End Times.

<Going into Shelter>

So, when the church becomes rebellious and starts worshipping the anti-Christ, what should we do? The answer seems to be found in the scripture below (Matthew 24:15-18).

Let's take a look at this part.

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains” (Matthew 24:15-16).

This part describes what righteous Christians need to do on the day the church becomes rebellious. **“The abomination of desolation...stand in the holy place”** talks about the day when the church becomes rebellious, kicks Christ out, and welcomes the anti-Christ as their own God. Jesus tells us to “flee into the mountains” when that happens. This is the same warning given to Lot in Genesis 19:17, **“And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.”**

Lot was commanded not to stay in Sodom which was about to be destroyed, but to escape to the mountain instead. This applies to the End Times. We shouldn't stay in the rebellious church which turned into Sodom, otherwise we are also going to be destroyed. We need to escape from the rebellious church.

“Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house” (Matthew 24:17).

The housetop means the same as “the roof” found in Nehemiah 8:16, **“So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.”**

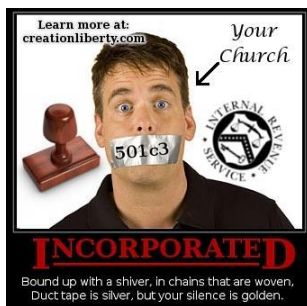
Nehemiah tells us that the shelter is built on the roof (on the top of house). The shelter is figure of speech for “underground church.” **“Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house”** really means “Once you have entered into the underground church, you shouldn't go back to the rebellious church.” No matter how you earn good money and have a great relationship with people in the house (public church), you have to let them go and never return.

“Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes” (Matthew 24:18).

This tells us that even the person working in the field (sowing the word of God) shouldn't return to the rebellious church. Therefore, we need to learn from these

parables that we shouldn't return to the rebellious church, but remain in the underground church.

When Jerusalem was attacked in A.D 70, Christians who heeded the Lord's warning and escaped Jerusalem into the mountain were saved. The same warning is given to us at the moment.



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“Do not follow the worldly view” by H.F

Jesus told us to “discern this time” in Luke 12. So, what time is it right now? Let's take a look at a few things that are happening in this era. Recently, President Obama made the same sex marriage legal. Right now, in the U.S, anyone opposing this law is getting arrested or sued. Also, they decided it is legal to build transgender toilets in public schools (all the way from primary schools to universities). Boy Scouts of America now allows homosexual persons to become leaders.

They see homosexuals as disabled persons, therefore, their rights are protected. It has been spread into Europe and there are many countries in which same sex marriage is legal these days. Not so long ago, it was decided that you should call a homosexual male and female as “Zie” or “They” instead of “He” or “She. Even in Japan, there are many homosexual celebrities on TV and they are really popular. Shibuya area has a soft legislation against same sex marriage, and there is a TV commercial in Germany which implies same sex marriage. This movement is becoming a global phenomenon. Protecting LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) has become a trend. But what does the Bible actually say about homosexuality?

“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination” (Leviticus 18:22).

“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet” (Romans 1:26-27).

There are many other scriptures; Genesis 19:1-13, Leviticus 20:13, Deuteronomy 23:17, 1 Corinthians 6:9, 2 Peter 2:6-7, and Jude 7. Throughout the Bible, homosexuality is described as sin. You have to think which is more trustworthy; the word of God or human-established law. The value of the world changes very often.

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled” (Matthew 5:18).

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isaiah 40:8).

As you can see here, unlike the worldly things, the Word of God never changes. Everyone is a sinner, and homosexuals are no exception. Since the Lord wishes all of us to repent and receive salvation, homosexuals also need their sin dealt with. I heard when someone confessed his sin before the Lord and asked to become free from homosexuality, this person was healed and turned away from homosexuality. God can free all of us from sin if we believe in Jesus as our Savior.

However, Jesus will never accept homosexuality itself. So, what do American Christians feel about homosexuality? Statistics revealed that half of them are receptive towards them. Even worse, there are some homosexual pastors these days. If this is what is happening in the U.S, which happens to be the center of the world's protestant movement, we can be sure that this will spread into the rest of the world. The concept of homosexuality is hugely changing in Christian churches these days. It is not considered as sin anymore, and this has never been the case from the beginning.

Revelation talks about “the city called Sodom and Egypt”. How come Sodom from Old Testament appears in the last book of New Testament? I think this is because the world will turn into Sodom again. Sodom was a homosexual city. Since the world is starting to accept homosexuality, it then means that it is turning into Sodom.

It has been 2,000 years since the book of Revelation was written. What Revelation describes is not about the distant future, but we may very well be in the middle of the End Times at the moment. We need to know that we are in the era that no one could have predicted before. Like Jesus said, we should know when it is coming.

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2).

We should know that you are unable to prove anything if you are conformed to this world, and God will not accept this. This is the era when we are warned to **“Be not conformed to this world”**. God is almighty, therefore, He knew that the time would come when people will justify homosexuality. He is in control of the past, present and future, after all. There is a shake up amongst Christians whether they are to accept homosexuality, or choose to stay in the word of God. It must have come from God, I think.

“Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain” (Hebrews 12:26).

It tells us that Lord will purposefully shake to see who will remain, and who will have their names taken away from the book of life. It is all about if you stay in the Word of God to remain as blessed people of God, or not. We need to know that we are living in the era where the word of God could be twisted by unreasonable views. We are not to be confirmed to the world.



The sign of a bathroom for homosexual people