OVERCOMING SATAN'S SCHEMES





INTRODUCTION



- KEY VERSE [LUK 21:8 KJV] 8 AND HE SAID, TAKE HEED THAT YE BE NOT DECEIVED: FOR MANY SHALL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING, I AM [CHRIST]; AND THE TIME DRAWETH NEAR: GO YE NOT THEREFORE AFTER THEM.
- WHAT IS MEANT BY THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES
- GOD HAS A SCHEME, FOLLOW HIS PLAN OF ACTION
- GREG LAURIE SAYS:" SOMETIMES OUR EMOTIONS GET THE BEST OF US. BUT AS WE KNOW THE WORD OF GOD, WE'LL APPLY DISCERNMENT TO EVERYTHING WE HEAR, INCLUDING WHEN PEOPLE SAY THEY'RE SPEAKING FOR GOD. WE EVALUATE EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE. EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD IS FOUND IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE."



PERSIST AMID PERSECUTION

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE PERSECUTED

• [2TH 1:1-6 KJV] 1 PAUL, AND SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHEUS, UNTO THE CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS IN GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: 2 GRACE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE, FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. 3 WE ARE BOUND TO THANK GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU, BRETHREN, AS IT IS MEET, BECAUSE THAT YOUR FAITH GROWETH EXCEEDINGLY, AND THE CHARITY OF EVERY ONE OF YOU ALL TOWARD EACH OTHER ABOUNDETH; 4 SO THAT WE OURSELVES GLORY IN YOU IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND FAITH IN ALL YOUR PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS THAT YE ENDURE: 5 [WHICH IS] A MANIFEST TOKEN OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE COUNTED WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, FOR WHICH YE ALSO SUFFER: 6 SEEING [IT IS] A RIGHTEOUS THING WITH GOD TO RECOMPENSE TRIBULATION TO THEM THAT TROUBLE YOU;



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HOPE OF CHRIST'S COMING

• [2TH 1:7-12 KJV] 7 AND TO YOU WHO ARE TROUBLED REST WITH US, WHEN THE LORD JESUS SHALL BE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS MIGHTY ANGELS, 8 IN FLAMING FIRE TAKING VENGEANCE ON THEM THAT KNOW NOT GOD, AND THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: 9 WHO SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND FROM THE GLORY OF HIS POWER; 10 WHEN HE SHALL COME TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS, AND TO BE ADMIRED IN ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE (BECAUSE OUR TESTIMONY AMONG YOU WAS BELIEVED) IN THAT DAY. 11 WHEREFORE ALSO WE PRAY ALWAYS FOR YOU, THAT OUR GOD WOULD COUNT YOU WORTHY OF [THIS] CALLING, AND FULFIL ALL THE GOOD PLEASURE OF [HIS] GOODNESS, AND THE WORK OF FAITH WITH POWER: 12 THAT THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY BE GLORIFIED IN YOU, AND YE IN HIM, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE OF OUR GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.



DO NOT BE DECEIVED

REGARDING CHRIST'S COMING

• [2TH 2:1-12 KJV] 1 NOW WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, BY THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND [BY] OUR GATHERING TOGETHER UNTO HIM, 2 THAT YE BE NOT SOON SHAKEN IN MIND, OR BE TROUBLED, NEITHER BY SPIRIT, NOR BY WORD, NOR BY LETTER AS FROM US, AS THAT THE DAY OF CHRIST IS AT HAND.



DO NOT BE DECEIVED

LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU

• [2TH 2:3-4 KJV] 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; 4 WHO OPPOSETH AND EXALTETH HIMSELF ABOVE ALL THAT IS CALLED GOD, OR THAT IS WORSHIPPED; SO THAT HE AS GOD SITTETH IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD, SHEWING HIMSELF THAT HE IS GOD.



ANTICHRIST

- [1 JO 2:18, 22 KJV] 18 LITTLE CHILDREN, IT IS THE LAST TIME: AND AS YE HAVE HEARD THAT ANTICHRIST SHALL COME, EVEN NOW ARE THERE MANY ANTICHRISTS; WHEREBY WE KNOW THAT IT IS THE LAST TIME. ... 22 WHO IS A LIAR BUT HE THAT DENIETH THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST? HE IS ANTICHRIST, THAT DENIETH THE FATHER AND THE SON.
- [1JO 4:3 KJV] 3 AND EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSETH NOT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH IS NOT OF GOD: AND THIS IS THAT [SPIRIT] OF ANTICHRIST, WHEREOF YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT SHOULD COME; AND EVEN NOW ALREADY IS IT IN THE WORLD.
- [2JO 1:7 KJV] 7 FOR MANY DECEIVERS ARE ENTERED INTO THE WORLD, WHO CONFESS NOT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH. THIS IS A DECEIVER AND AN ANTICHRIST.



THE BEAST

- [DAN 7:7-8 KJV] 7 AFTER THIS I SAW IN THE NIGHT VISIONS, AND BEHOLD A FOURTH BEAST, DREADFUL AND TERRIBLE, AND STRONG EXCEEDINGLY; AND IT HAD GREAT IRON TEETH: IT DEVOURED AND BRAKE IN PIECES, AND STAMPED THE RESIDUE WITH THE FEET OF IT: AND IT [WAS] DIVERSE FROM ALL THE BEASTS THAT [WERE] BEFORE IT; AND IT HAD TEN HORNS. 8 I CONSIDERED THE HORNS, AND, BEHOLD, THERE CAME UP AMONG THEM ANOTHER LITTLE HORN, BEFORE WHOM THERE WERE THREE OF THE FIRST HORNS PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOTS: AND, BEHOLD, IN THIS HORN [WERE] EYES LIKE THE EYES OF MAN, AND A MOUTH SPEAKING GREAT THINGS.
- [REV 13:1 KJV] 1 AND I STOOD UPON THE SAND OF THE SEA, AND SAW A BEAST RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA, HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS, AND UPON HIS HORNS TEN CROWNS, AND UPON HIS HEADS THE NAME OF BLASPHEMY.



DISCERN THE TRUTH

KNOW CHRIST WILL PREVAIL

• [2TH 2:5-10 KJV] 5 REMEMBER YE NOT, THAT, WHEN I WAS YET WITH YOU, I TOLD YOU THESE THINGS? 6 AND NOW YE KNOW WHAT WITHHOLDETH THAT HE MIGHT BE REVEALED IN HIS TIME. 7 FOR THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY DOTH ALREADY WORK: ONLY HE WHO NOW LETTETH [WILL LET], UNTIL HE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY. 8 AND THEN SHALL THAT WICKED BE REVEALED, WHOM THE LORD SHALL CONSUME WITH THE SPIRIT OF HIS MOUTH, AND SHALL DESTROY WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS COMING: 9 [EVEN HIM], WHOSE COMING IS AFTER THE WORKING OF SATAN WITH ALL POWER AND SIGNS AND LYING WONDERS, 10 AND WITH ALL DECEIVABLENESS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN THEM THAT PERISH; BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.



DISCERN THE TRUTH

- HOLD TO THE TRUTH
- [2TH 2:11-12 KJV] 11 AND FOR THIS CAUSE GOD SHALL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE: 12 THAT THEY ALL MIGHT BE DAMNED WHO BELIEVED NOT THE TRUTH, BUT HAD PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.