

## FIRST WARNING - Take Heed, That No One Deceives You

In the hours and days following the crescent blood moon sighting in Israel, the Holy Spirit kept dropping in my spirit a specific verse, Matthew 24:4, **“Take heed, that no one deceives you.”** This was the first warning I received to disseminate to the church.

Verse five continues, *“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”* I noticed that while in Israel there were pictures, displays, and propaganda for false messiahs. One promotion was of a dead rabbi from New York who many say will return as the Messiah, the “anointed one”. Another “Messiah” was supposedly performing miracles in Israel with broadcasts on YouTube. Matthew 24:24 says, *“For there shall arise **false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**”*

There will be many false Messiahs rise and one will be the lawless one, the antichrist who many will identify as the Messiah (2 Thessalonians 2) and he will deceive many with signs, wonders, and a false peace. This man of lawlessness will be anointed with the spirit of antichrist. But Jesus is the only true Messiah, the Christ, our Savior, the Lamb of God, the Prince of Peace, the High Priest, the true King of Israel, and most of all the SON OF GOD. (John 1:41, 49)

I prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide me, and was prompted to return to the first scripture given to me from Joel 2:31-32. I felt drawn to the words of verse 32, *“and in the **remnant** whom the LORD shall call.”*

The entire verse is, *“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be **delivered**: for in mount **Zion** and in **Jerusalem** shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the **remnant** whom the LORD shall call.”*

Deliverance is available for “whosoever” calls on the name of the Lord, but the focus here is the Lord will have a remnant from his people with deliverance in Israel. The Gentiles believe and call upon the name of the

Lord, and they are grafted in, thus **joining** the Jewish family (Romans 11:24). The remnant are spiritual and some physical descendants of Abraham. This status is acquired through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus was born a Jew, and he was the seed of Abraham (Hebrews 2:16).

Paul illustrates in Acts 15:17, *“That the **remnant** of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.”* And in Romans 1:16, Paul continues, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*

I wondered, how does *“and in the **remnant** whom the LORD shall call”* connect with *“Take heed, that **no one deceives you.**”* Then it clicked. **The remnant will only be the remnant if they are not deceived!** Yes, that was the connection. Those who are deceived will not be a part of the remnant.

The word, **remnant**, [H8300] means remaining, alive, survivor, that which is left.

The word, **deceive** [G4105] means to roam from safety, truth, or virtue, to go astray, to seduce, to lead away from the truth, to lead into error and sin.

Deceiver is a title of the devil. Revelation 12:9 says, *“that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world””*

Often, we hear, “the devil made me do it”; however, the Word indicates **sin leads to deception**. *“**Be not deceived:** neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”* 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

To be a part of the remnant, one must not be deceived, one must remain, and endure. **Survival** is dependent upon not drifting, not going astray, not being seduced, not being lead away from truth, and not being lead into error and sin. The flood gates of filth have opened and we can no longer deny the evil strongholds in our world, our countries, our cities, our

churches, our homes, and many of our lives. It is time the church lifts up a standard against the enemy. (Isaiah 59:19)

Deception has crept in through many mediums; what we see, hear, and now what we taste. These are direct attacks, not only on the individual, but on the word of the Lord. David says, "*Taste and see that the LORD is good*" (Psalms 34:8) and Jesus says, "*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*" (John 10:27)

Demonic forces are at work in the media through songs, news, videos, books, technology, Internet, games, sports, television, phones, and other **devices**. 2 Corinthians 2:11 says, *Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

The word, **device** [G3540], means a mental perception, purpose, itself, the intellect disposition, thought, an evil purpose, that which thinks, thoughts, or purposes, that which is thought out, translated, of the mind, to exercise the mind, to comprehend, to consider, to perceive, think, understand, to perceive with the mind.

We often think about the above-mentioned devices as being deceptive in the world; however, these same devices are being used to deceive within the body of Christ. Many have no idea they are being deceived through songs, sermons, books, Bibles, Internet, videos, games, sports, television, phones, tarot cards, and other **devices**. Some have been made aware but do not care or they do not believe the depths of the deception.

Did you know that devices are developed from human think tanks? Knowledge from humans are used to develop devices to please, pacify, and placate self. These mediums have polluted our mental, physical, and spiritual environments. One might say that these devices are progress and good for mankind. However, often the initial intent is to bewitch the innocent and ignorant and the bad outweighs the good, even to the point of inviting demonic forces to dominate. Yes, witchcraft is in the church in many forms, positions, mediums, and devices. "*O foolish Galatians, **who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth*** (Galatians 3:1).

In Matthew 16, Jesus is talking to his disciples about leaven. He says in verses 11-12, *“How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the **leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees**? Then understood they how that he bade them not **beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.**”* What was the leaven and the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

The word, **leaven** [G2219], means mental and moral corruption, viewed in its tendency to infect others. Leaven is applied to that substance which is small in quantity, yet thoroughly pervades a thing by its influence. *A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.* Matthew 13:33

The word, **doctrine** [G1322], means instruction, teaching in religious assemblies of the Christians.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were two primary groups of teachers and leaders in the synagogue and members of the Sanhedrin Court, which had 71 members. This is an example of a small minority who pervades a thing by influence.

The Sanhedrin court, put Jesus on trial and condemned him to die. They had the political and religious power and influence to convict him when he had not broken any laws (Luke 23). Pilate said multiple times he found no fault in him. Should we not consider this may be the pattern and precursor of events prior to the second coming of Christ? Matthew 24:9 says, *“**Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.**”*

Sadducees represented the legal system and Pharisees the religious system. Together they represented the political. They were two wings of the same political bird. One might imagine the Sadducees like the Democrats and the Pharisees like the Republicans. Both groups had individual agendas for power, influence, and status but the spirit of antichrist was the common ground that brought the groups together.

The Sadducees represented the wealthy, the elite, the influential, the educated. They made up ninety percent of the 71 members of the Sanhedrin Court. These members were in league with the Romans.

*Pilate sought to release him [JESUS]: but the Jews cried out, saying, **If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.***

*When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? **The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.***

These political leaders covered each other's sins and joined forces **against** Jesus. *And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.* Luke 23:11-12 It was the spirit of antichrist.

The Sadducees originated from the priesthood of Zadok, the high priest who anointed Solomon as king (1 Kings 1:39-40). They trusted in the authority of King Solomon and rejected the word of the Prophets. They were the legal authority; they functioned "as gods" (Elected, "El = god").

The Pharisees were the religious leaders, representing the common people. They had outward forms of worship, but the heart was wicked. They were noted for self-righteousness and pride. Jesus said to them, "*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness*". Matthew 23:27

The word, **uncleanness** [G167], means impure physically or morally, the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living with impure motives.

The pharisees changed the law to suit the times. Oral law was equal to written law, with interpretation by the Rabbis rather than recognizing that Jesus was (and still is) the truth. The Pharisees affirmed a body of traditional interpretations, applications, and expansions of the Old Testament law communicated orally.

Pharisees trusted in the authority of Moses. They believed Moses received the oral law from Sinai, and delivered it to Joshua, and Joshua to the elders, and the elders to the prophets and the prophets to the men of the Great Synagogue.

While the Torah is in alignment with the Bible, the Talmud is the primary law of the Jewish religious law and theology. Talmud means **doctrine**. At the time of Jesus, Talmud was an oral law, recited by heart. Today, it is a written book with many facets of teaching, including the Zohar and Kabbalah, which is Jewish mysticism. The rabbis then and today hold the Talmud as religious and political authority. The Talmud does not recognize Jesus as the Son of God. Parts of this doctrine is law in the United States and many other countries. It has infiltrated under "education" in our schools and seminaries. If this law is enforced, Christians will be at risk of losing their lives for professing Jesus Christ as Lord. The antichrist system in the United States is at work and has been for a long time, actually since the birth of America. The effects of infiltration over the years and the acceptance of false doctrine is almost to complete fruition.

Religious deception has invaded every part of our lives and one must contend for Truth. What is truth? Jesus is Truth (John 14:6). Jesus is the Word (John 1:1). There is a famine of the Word and an attempt to wear down the saints (Amos 8:11; Daniel 7:25). Just like there is an inundation of genetic modified food in the physical there is a stream of polluted food in the spiritual, brought by false teachers with a false doctrine, and a spirit against Christ. Deception abounds.

James 4:4 says, “*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God**? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” Church leadership today is infiltrated with hirelings who openly profess being freemasons, witches, and sorcerers. Idolatry, perversion, and thievery are winked at (John 10:12-13). Why is there not an outcry of the people? Mostly because they want their own sins placated. Soon the mask of “goodly” things which have replaced “Godly” will be ripped off and hearts will be exposed as the husbandman comes to remove the tares from the wheatfields (Matthew 13:24-30). No matter how much wealth, education, and/or influence one has, everything that is hidden will soon be revealed (Luke 8:17).*

Many have neglected the Bible for a cellphone, if they even own a physical Bible. Just like the oral law was changed with the times, the Bible has been and is changed with the times. Carrying a Bible sends a message to those around. A Bible on the phone is controlled by those who own the application which can be changed at the stroke of a key.

The version of Bibles being used is another form of deception. Many Bibles change the Word(s), changing the meaning of the content, leaving out words and some even entire verses. Others have witchcraft messages. The Message Bible is based on the god, Hermes, Messenger of the gods. It contains the formula on which all forms of magic claim to function. The term “As Above, So Below” is a witchcraft oath that when read and spoken in the unclean verses declare a new age, mysticism message, meaning, the universe is the same as God, and God is the same as man. There are tarot cards with this witchcraft word. Yet, many continue to use adulterated versions of the Bible in direct rebellion against God (Revelations 22:18-19).

Songs are sang about grace, love, and mercy; replacing the blood, redemption, repentance, sin, and hell. It’s all about feeling good and being accepted and tolerated without accountability.

Sermons are canned and often created by artificial intelligence. Teachers are not seeking, prostrate before God on their faces, waiting upon the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and things they did not know (John 14:26).

Children are taught from the Internet, with games and movies. They are not taught to seek the face of God and what to do in times of turmoil and distress. We are experiencing the most mental health issues in history and man is turning to more confusion instead of to clarity and a sure foundation, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 14:33).

The church has neglected the Sunday night and weekday services for sports and other commUNITY events. Union with Christ cannot be found. Time spent with him is a chore to many. Matthew 26:40, Jesus says, *“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?”* Most churches have removed the altars and do not give altar calls anymore. Rarely do you see a church having a weekly prayer meeting. Why is this? Jesus says in Revelations 3:17, *“Because you say, **‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’**—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked”.*

As a result of the deception that has entered into the church, the leaven has leavened the whole lump. The false doctrine has spread here a little, there a little and now only four percent of Gen Zs have a biblical worldview as the basis of their decision-making. This generation is more confused and headed to hell quicker than any other generation, maybe even worse than the days of Lot.

This is a cry to the remnant to get into the Word! KNOW the Word, SPEAK the Word, PRAY the Word. Get rid of the humanistic approach of devotional books, the self-help books. Stop relying on messages from “spiritual” leaders, prophets, and apostles. Worship in SPIRIT and in TRUTH, Jesus Christ (John 4:24). Separate yourself FROM the world and TO Christ. Spend time in the secret place. Cry out to the Lord for your deliverance, salvation for your families, and get a burden for a lost and dying world. Test every spirit to see if it is of God (1 John 1:4). Those who are deceived will not be a part of the remnant. **Take heed, that no one deceives you!**