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“And (Jesus) said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven!” Luke 10:18

### Prophets: True and False

*“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1*

As a child growing up in an Adventist church school, we were very interested in mission stories from far away countries of the world. Often we would hear from various missionaries who were working, or had worked, in places where the fear of spirits of the dead or nature spirits, taboos, and curses by witch doctors were things the people dealt with almost every day. When native people learned the truth and gave their hearts to Jesus they found they no longer had to fear these things and were so glad to be set free. One thing we learned through all these reports was that whatever these things claimed to be, they had no power over a truly converted, Bible Christian! Witch doctors, Heathen shamans and Buddhist priests would even admit to their followers that they had no power effective against the true Creator God of the missionaries.

How sad it is in our day to see people, even professed Christians, seeking after these forbidden things, thinking to learn some wonderful secrets from them. Through this they will bring themselves into the very bondage that those early converts from heathenism were so glad to escape from! Should we seek to learn about these things? God has warned: “Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. 31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. 32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.” Deuteronomy 12:30-32

So called communication with spirits, or the dead, is a very ancient practice, carried on through witches and wizards, and associated with pagan worship or heathenism down through the centuries. It is definitely condemned by God in His Word; so how has it become in many cases to be a part of Christianity, as some would have us believe?

Little was known of spiritualism in Christian nations in the 1800s, but Satan knew that the prophecies indicated that God was about to raise up a people and give them a special message to carry to the world. In order to do this he knew God would send a special message through the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy. He knew that prophecy pointed to 1844 as the time when certain Time Prophecies would end and God would be working in a special way to gather His people; so he began to send out his counterfeit prophets before, during, and after that date. One false prophet, known as the ‘Bab’ arrived on the scene in 1844; Joseph Smith of the Mormons was a few years earlier; once Sister Ellen was chosen by God to the role of His messenger, several women were raised up as counterfeits, some even made health a part of their messages; the mid 1800’s fairly swarmed with false prophets!

In 1848 the ‘Hydesville Rappings’ started a surge of interest in spiritualism. Religious leaders of many of the old “conservative” churches felt that spiritualism provided valuable evidence of survival after death, confirming their own belief in the immortality of the soul. So they often gave it substantial moral support. Some of them have even formed “Psychic Evidence Guilds” and other similar organizations to encourage study of its claims and teachings. Professors Wescott and Hort, that were behind the production of the corrupt ‘Revised versions’ of the Bible in 1888, established such a society. Men and women in every walk of life have been drawn to investigate this ‘new’ religion. Many world celebrities have accepted its teachings as true. Scientists of high repute and authors of international fame have become its ardent advocates. Discussion of psychic research was even permitted at the annual meetings of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

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This widespread interest in spiritualism is easily understood. Its claim to bring the living in touch with the dead is sufficient of itself to command attention. That is something the bereaved have desired from the day death entered the human family; and when this claim is supported by facts of a truly startling order, it is but natural that the sad and the curious should desire to know more concerning it. Those who have lost their loved ones, and yearn for their companionship, are bound to ask whether spiritualism can indeed help them to break through the barrier of death. All who are thrilled at the sight of magic and miracles are likewise drawn to witness for themselves the phenomena which spiritualist mediums are able to produce.

As I was looking online to the dates when the strange 'rappings' in Hydesville in the USA. heard by the Fox sisters, Kate and Margaret, occurred, (around 1848) for this lesson, I was shocked to find websites upholding this, and even offering courses to teach how to become a 'medium' and communicate with the spirits! I was even more shocked to find they claim that it is God that gives them this ability and it is a 'spiritual gift'. In the one I was looking at they did not refer to 'the spirits', but rather to "Spirit" and it seems they are referring to the Holy Spirit, but they did not say so. They prayed to God and 'Spirit'; again I noticed that they take words from the Bible and twist them, referring to this ability to 'channel the spirits' as a 'Pearl of great price'. I want you to know I did not linger long on that site!

Brothers and Sisters; because people have failed to stand solid on the true Word of God, all too many believe anything that psychics and spiritualists tell them and think it is all from God; while it is really from the rulers of spiritual wickedness in this world—the devil and his fallen angels.

So are there any True Prophets in modern times? If there were no true prophets, Satan would not have gone to all the trouble of producing so many counterfeits! Have you ever seen a counterfeit \$15 bill? No, of course not! Because there are no real \$15 bills, so why would anyone counterfeit it?

It is so important to be able to know the true from the false, so God has given very clear guidance in His word on the subject.

**Bible guidelines for True Prophets:** The Bible tests we can use to tell if a prophet is true or false:

"1. A true prophet does not lie. His predictions will be fulfilled (Jeremiah 28:9 "The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.").

"2. A true prophet prophesies in the name of the Lord, not in his own name. (2 Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.").

"3. A true prophet does not give his own private interpretation of prophecy. (2 Peter 1:20 "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.").

4. A true prophet will point out the sins and transgressions of the people of God. (Isaiah 58:1 "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.").

"5. A true prophet warns the people of God's coming judgment. (Isaiah 24:1; "Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof." Revelation 14:6-7 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.").

These first five tests alone are already enough to damage the reputation of most of the so-called prophets, but crowned with the second group of five, they are truly devastating.

"6. A true prophet edifies (instructs) the church, counsels and advises it in religious matters. (1 Corinthians 14:3, 4 "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. 4 He that

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speaketh in an ~~unknown~~ (added word, not in original) tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.”).

“7. A true prophet’s words will be in absolute harmony with the words of the prophets that have preceded him. (Isaiah 8:20 “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” 1 Corinthians 14:32, 33 “And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”). This test is very important, it makes clear that it is not just by quoting a Bible text or two that a ‘prophet’ is shown to be from God, but NONE of their messages will contradict those of the Bible, ALL must agree together. This is a help to us when we find some text that seems to say something that other clear Bible texts disagree with; we know that the Bible does NOT contradict itself, so we look deeper, comparing all that the Bible says on the subject, and so can figure out what the writer really meant by it and there is no contradiction.

“8. He recognizes the incarnation of Jesus Christ, that He actually came in human flesh not some kind of ‘spiritual body’. (1 John 4:1-3 “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 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.”).

There are many false claims on this subject but the Bible is clear He was born, not with some make-believe body that could not sin, or of a ‘sinless mother’, but with the same flesh and danger of sinning that His human ancestors had. Some like to claim he was born sinless as Adam was BEFORE the fall; but then He would not be made in all points as we are. This text says the ‘seed of Abraham’ and not sinless Adam! Notice: Hebrews 2:16 “For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”

“9. He can be recognized by the results of his work; does their work and teaching help people to become more like Jesus and to obey His Word? (Matthew 7:16-20 “Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”).

“10. He must be able to meet the requirements listed in Deuteronomy 18:9-12: A true prophet acts in accordance with the will and approval of God. “When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, Thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one, that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination [fortune-teller], or an observer of times [astrologer], or an enchanter [magician], or a witch, Or a charmer, [hypnotist] or a consulter with familiar spirits [medium possessed with a spirit or a ‘guide’], or a wizard [clairvoyant or psychic], or a necromancer [medium who consults the dead]. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.”

Based on these texts, it becomes obvious that not everyone who prophesies is a prophet of God. The actions of a true prophet are not in contradiction to basic Biblical doctrines, but rather support and strengthen precepts already outlined. (Based on Rene Noorbergen, “Prophet of Destiny,” pages 20-23.)

So what if their prediction does come true, or they do some miracle, and yet they are not in harmony with the Bible and the prophets that have gone before them?

“If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of

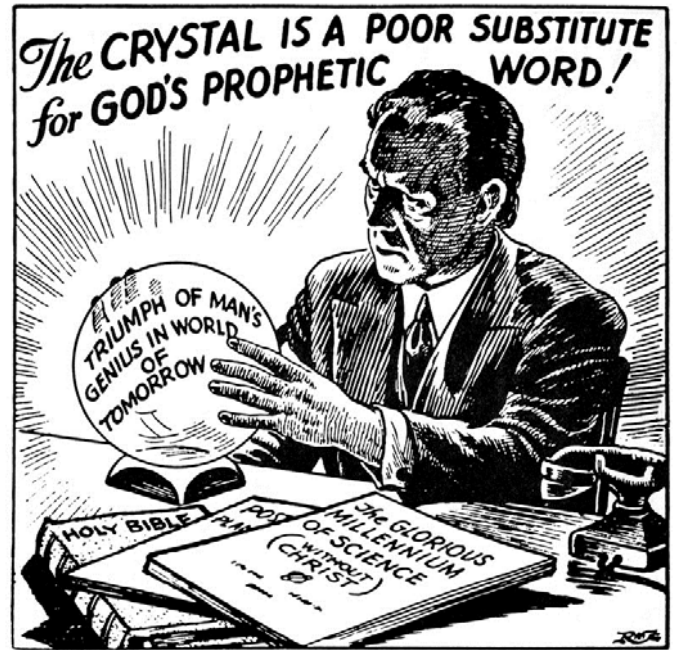
that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him." Deuteronomy 13:1-5

**Physical signs of a True Prophet:** You will find that the psychics (false prophets) regularly use cultic devices to obtain their information (Jeane Dixon normally uses a crystal ball); receive information that contains heathen religious symbolism; and produce predictions that are generally vague and often incorrect. What are the tests that verify that their information is genuine? —such things as crackling light bulbs or the shape of tea leaves in a cup.

These are tests that mean nothing in the Biblical sense, and if the 'seer' does not come from God, we had better not accept them. What are the tests of a true prophet? Three tests will settle the issue in each and every case: (1) Physical condition of the prophet when in vision; six physical signs (listed below). (2) Personal life of the prophet; dedicated to Jesus and in obedience to and in harmony with Biblical principles. (3) The messages given by the prophet are in **full** agreement with Biblical standards, promises, doctrines and laws.

These are the physical evidences of a person while in vision. Carefully read Daniel 10:8-19. Here you will find six physical signs: (1) The prophet loses his strength and falls to the ground in a deep sleep. 10:7, 8. "And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength." (2) Despite the sleep, he hears a voice speaking to him. 10:9 "Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground." (3) In the vision, and at times in physical action, the prophet arises to his hands and knees and then to his feet when the being touches him. 10:10 "And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands." (4) At first he is dumb; but when his lips are touched, he is enabled to speak. (5) Throughout the vision he is without breath of any kind. His breathing totally ceases and yet he can speak! (This is impossible to counterfeit—only God can cause a person to live and speak without breathing!) 10:16, 17 "And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. 17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me." (6) Strength is given him during the vision. 10:18 "Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me," (7) During the vision his eyes are open. Numbers 24:4: "He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:"

It is of interest that a number of Sister Ellen's visions took place in public. In this way the Biblical tests could easily be applied and they were. When God calls a prophet, He sees to it that opportunity is afforded for people to test that prophet and know whether he be of God. One who claims to receive visions of God and be a true prophet will, for example, have visions from time to time in public, so that others can see that for ten minutes to three hours or more, he is without any breath, and gives no sign of breathing. Yet, although unconscious to all around him, the one receiving the vision can move easily about the room (if he stands up and walks), and he has a superhuman strength, far beyond the capacity of anyone else to overpower.



So it was in the case of Sister Ellen White. Tests performed upon her at the time included closing her mouth and nostrils while she was in vision (which could last for hours). Her movements while in vision were free and graceful as she would speak and describe some of what she saw. and yet her gestures could not be controlled or stopped. It is of interest that, although normally but a frail individual, the vision never sapped her strength or made her ill. (At times, she was healed of sickness while in vision.) In later years, after confidence had been developed in the genuineness of her call, the visions came more frequently at night.

### **The Truth About Miracles; are Miracles Always from God? Do Miracles Prove Truth?**

We are living in very serious times right now! When Jesus was talking about our end time days, the first thing He said to His disciples was: **"Take heed that no man deceive you.** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and **shall deceive many.**" Matthew 24:4, 5.

Then later, He again repeated: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. **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.** Behold, I have told you before." Matthew 24:23-25.

This is a serious situation indeed; even the 'very elect' are in danger of being deceived! What is the only way that we can avoid being fooled? How will we know the false from the true? There is only one way and sadly few people today are prepared to use it! **It is by the written Word of God—the Bible!**

We are warned that in these last days Satan is going to be very busy: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:8.

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because **he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**" Revelation 12:12.

**Can Satan work Miracles?** "And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**" 2 Corinthians 11:14.

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. **For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles,** which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:13, 14.

What do we see here in this prophecy? We see religions of the world being tricked into following Satan and they are fooled by Miracles, Signs and Wonders being done by Satan and his angels!

There is one particular miracle we need to be aware of; in the time of Elijah when he gathered the people to Mount Carmel for a showdown, he said that the God that answered by fire would be shown to be the true God. 1 Kings 18:24 "And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken."

BUT we are warned that in the last days it is the false prophet that will call down fire from heaven to prove his claims that the Law of God has been changed! Notice: Revelation 13:13 "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

So how will we know? Only by the Word of the Lord: the Bible is clear that God does not change neither will He ever change His law! Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not; . ." Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

**How can we know the True from the False?** Today, right now as I write, this world is being flooded by people claiming to be Christ and false miracles, apparitions, and supernatural happenings are taking place. How can we know who is behind it? For those who study and believe the Bible it is not hard to tell.

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"To the law [10 Commandments] and to the testimony [Scriptures]: **if they speak not according to this word**, it is because **there is no light in them.**" Isaiah 8:20.

SO, if I see idols or statues of Mary, and they are weeping or bleeding, drinking milk, or something like that—  
Question: is that from God?

The 2nd commandment tells us: "Thou shalt not make unto thee **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: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:" Exodus 20:4.

"What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils." 1 Corinthians 10:19

There is no way that the God of Heaven will have anything to do with images or idols! So we know it is Satan that is behind these things.

What about apparitions and spirits claiming to be 'departed masters' or 'Mary' or other dead people? Well, the Bible tells us: "For the living know that they shall die: but **the dead know not any thing**, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also **their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished**; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6.

So we know again that any such thing is not from God, but from the devil. It is easy for fallen angels to appear to us like people who are dead. Mary was a wonderful lady it is true, but now she is dead, asleep in her grave like any other dead person, so we know it is Satan or one of his angels that is responsible for these apparitions. It is not from God at all!

What about people falling over and rolling around the floor and making strange noises, laughing or crying uncontrollably in church meetings? There are people claiming this is from God and is the Holy Spirit! It is no such thing—the Holy Spirit never caused such things to happen in the Bible; but it often happens in pagan worship or voodoo ceremonies! **This is an un-holy spirit that wants to fool the people into following false religious systems and breaking God's Holy Law.**

The Prophecy warns us that in these last days there will be all kinds of false miracles to deceive people into worshipping devils disguised as Christ! In fact we are told that Satan himself will appear on earth as Christ and all who do not know the truth will worship him thinking he is Jesus; what a terrible thing!

"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: Even him, whose coming is after the **working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10.

We can always know the miracles are false, if the people that are doing them or upholding them are teaching things that the Bible tells us are wrong. If they tell us that we do not have to keep God's Seventh day Sabbath and tell us we should keep another day; or they tell us that dead people can talk to us; or they tell us we should pray on beads or adore images or idols; **we know that they are false because the Bible does not tell us any such thing.**

It is good also to look carefully at the kind of miracles that were done by Jesus and others in the Bible. God never did any miracle just to show off; any miracles done by Jesus or His disciples or the prophets were to meet a real need. As you read true stories of answers to prayers and God's interventions, notice carefully what these miracles are like, they are never showing off or like party-tricks—they are quietly done and meet a real need. It is important to know the difference between God's help to His faithful ones and Satan's tricks to deceive!

Never do we see things in the Bible that were just to show off—rose petals falling from the air; pictures appearing on windows; statues bleeding or idols drinking milk; fancy shows in the sky, or people having the bleeding wounds of Jesus. NONE of these things are found in the Bible at all. God does not sanction any of this; BUT records of many such things are found in pagan and heathen history!

When we see supernatural things happenings that honor Idols and heathen gods, we know that God does not honor any such things—this is the deception that Jesus warned us about!!

**Serious Times!** It was by Satanic aid that Pharaoh's magicians were enabled to counterfeit the work of God. Paul testifies that before the second advent of Christ there will be similar manifestations of Satanic power. The coming of the Lord is to be preceded by "the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness." [2 THESS. 2:9, 10.] And the apostle John, describing the miracle-working power that will be manifested in the last days, declares: "He doeth **great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men**, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do." [REV. 13:13, 14.] No mere impostures are here foretold. Men are deceived by the miracles which Satan's agents have power to do, not which they pretend to do. The prince of darkness, who has so long bent the powers of his master-mind to the work of deception, skillfully adapts his temptations to men of all classes and conditions.

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, **Satan himself will personate Christ**. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. . . . The shout of triumph rings out upon the air, "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him. . . . In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. . . . Only those who have been **diligent students of the Scriptures**, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive.



The Saviour has warned His people. . . , and has clearly foretold the manner of His second coming. "There shall arise false Christs. . . . 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. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:24-27. This coming, there is no possibility of counterfeiting. It will be universally known--witnessed by the whole world. . . . Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His Word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible, and the Bible only?

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: **And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name**." Revelation 13:15-17.

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God will never change His laws nor will He ever do anything contrary to the Bible! God can work miracles and He will care for His faithful people when the storm of persecution breaks on them as they refuse to bow to Idols or keep a false sabbath.

"He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Isaiah 33:16

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: **for great is your reward in heaven:** for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matthew 5:1, 2.

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, . . . **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**" Revelation 2:10.

**Let's review Satan's pet lies that so many believe today.** This world would have been a happy place if our first parents had believed God and not the devil. It was through the first lies spoken by Satan to mankind that a floodgate of misery was opened upon us. And it has been by believing those first lies, on down through history, that the misery has deepened. The opposite is true also: It is in recognizing those first lies of Satan that we can resist his errors when he presents them to us now. Here are those first lies of Satan:

- (1) It is all right to disobey the commands of God.
- (2) Sinners will not die.
- (3) Sin will bring us to a higher level of living.
- (4) We are god, and need only obey our own impulses; they will ever lead us aright.

"And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? . . . And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1, 4-5.

Thus, we find that there are actually two basic errors:

- It is not necessary to obey what God says.
- We shall not die if we do disobey Him because we are immortal.

The Final Crisis in this earth's history will be based on these two errors!

(1) In earlier centuries, men tried to change the moral law of Ten Commandments. In the end-time of history they will confederate together in their religions, and try through governmental decrees to require all the earth to disobey God's Law.

(2) Satan's masterpiece of deception, through all the ages, has been through Spiritualism. This terrible danger is based on the error that the dead are not dead. Spiritualists pretend to be able to contact dead spirits, whereas they are really talking with devils. In the final wind-up of history, it will be the power of Spiritualism that will suddenly emerge as an almost overwhelming force by which men will be coerced into Satan's last effort to cause all the world to disobey God.

Let us determine to stand firm on God's Word!

