

# The Great Deception

*How To Keep From Falling Away in the Last Days  
(Part 7)*

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## **Revelation 1:1-11 AMPC**

*1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,*

*2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

*3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it...*

... [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near. 4 John to the seven assemblies (churches) that are in Asia: May grace (God's unmerited favor) be granted to you and spiritual peace (the peace of Christ's kingdom) from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] before His throne,

5 And from Jesus Christ the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead [first to be brought back to life] and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever loves us and has once [for all] loosed and freed us from our sins by His own blood,

6 And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall gaze upon Him and beat their breasts and mourn and lament over Him. Even so [must it be]. Amen (so be it).

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord God, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty (the Ruler of all).

9 I, John, your brother and companion (sharer and participator) with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patient endurance [which are] in Jesus Christ, was on the isle called Patmos, [banished] on account of [my witnessing to] the Word of God and the testimony (the proof, the evidence) for Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit [rapt in His power] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet,

*11 Saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Write promptly what you see (your vision) in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia—to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.*

John identifies the characteristics or works/acts of obedience (condition of the heart manifested in what they do - faith without obedience leads to death), in these different churches over the next 2 chapters... what is good, what is bad, meat and milk discerning information. We have God's Word speaking to us, warning, correcting, and in the case of this passage to the church in Philadelphia, encouraging and comforting. John is telling the church to endure suffering, stay close to Jesus, be obedient to His Word, and you can withstand anything.

### **Revelation 3:7-22 AMPC**

*7 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, He Who has the key of David, Who opens and no one shall shut, Who shuts and no one shall open:*

*8 I know your [record of] works and what you are doing. See! I have set before you a door wide open which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My Word and guarded My message and have not renounced or denied My name.*

*9 Take note! I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and learn and acknowledge that I have loved you.*

10 Because you have guarded and kept My word of patient endurance [have held fast the lesson of My patience with the expectant endurance that I give you], I also will keep you [safe] from the hour of trial (testing) which is coming on the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth.

11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one may rob you and deprive you of your crown.

12 He who overcomes (is victorious), I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God; he shall never be put out of it or go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from My God out of heaven, and My own new name.

13 He who can hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).

14 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the trusty and faithful and true Witness, the Origin and Beginning and Author of God's creation:

15 I know your [record of] works and what you are doing; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot!

16 So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth!

17 For you say, I am rich; I have prospered and grown wealthy, and I am in need of nothing; and you do not realize and understand that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

18 Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined and tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may see.

19 *Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude].*

20 *Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.*

21 *He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne.*

22 *He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).*

Let's go back to Revelation 2 and read what is happening in this church which is paralleling what we are studying right now, what is happening in the Church.

### **Revelation 2:16-26 AMPC**

16 *Repent [then]! Or else I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth. (previous church)*

17 *He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it.*

18 *And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze:*

19 I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones.

20 But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols.

21 I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.

22 Take note: I will throw her on a bed [[a]of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to [b]pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of [c]their doings.

23 And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves.

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say—I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:

25 Only hold fast to what you have until I come.

26 And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority and power over the nations;



The spirit of Jezebel wants to stop people from repenting, offering a different sacrifice or redefining what is and is not sin. It is a deceptive weaving in of partial truths in the message. The spirit of Jezebel is full of pride and wants people to listen to “it”, do what “it” says and will spin God’s Word to deceive or trick many. The spirit of Jezebel will get the church to focus on “issues” in order to make peace on earth that God never said.

**Matthew 10:34 AMPC**

*34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.*

**Passivity defined:**

Acceptance of what happens, without active response or resistance; the state of inactivity;

**Deceive defined:**

Cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, typically in order to gain some personal advantage;

**Mislead defined:**

Cause (someone) to have a wrong idea or impression about someone or something... **Synonyms:** deceive, delude, lie to, fool, hoodwink, lead astray, throw off the scent, send on a wild goose chase, put on the wrong track, pull the wool over someone's eyes, pull someone's leg, misguide, misdirect, misinform, give wrong information to; bamboozle, lead up the garden path;

**Dupe defined:**

Deceive or trick, beguile ; a victim of deception...**Synonyms:** hoax, swindle, defraud, cheat, double-cross, gull, mislead, take in, fool, delude, misguide, sucker, stooge, sitting duck, simpleton.

The modern day, woke, social justice pastor/preacher/teacher/author and christian colleges are trying to create a heaven here on earth in the name of peace. These “Christian” leaders will and are deceiving many, the Bible says so, and they are doing it by speaking a message that aligns with: baby killing, same sex marriage, critical race theory, anti-bible believing Christian platforms in order to create the tower of Babel.

### **Genesis 11:1-6 AMPC**

*1 And the whole earth was of one language and of one accent and mode of expression.*

*2 And as they journeyed eastward, they found a plain (valley) in the land of Shinar, and they settled and dwelt there.*

*3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. So they had brick for stone, and slime (bitumen) for mortar.*

*4 And they said, Come, **let us build** us a city and a tower whose top reaches into the sky, and **let us make a name for ourselves**, lest we be scattered over the whole earth.*

*5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.*

*6 And the Lord said, Behold, **they are one people and they have all one language**; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.*

This spirit of Jezebel, the prideful deceptive spirit is the same spirit which caused God to cast Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels out of heaven (just like Rev. 2) followed with many being deceived.



So this spirit of Jezebel, wants to stop people from hearing the gospel, the true gospel which says: Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

**Acts 1:1-16 KJV**

*1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,*

*2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

*3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

*4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

*5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

*7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

**8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

*9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

10 *And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

11 *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

12 *Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.*

13 *And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.*

14 *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*

15 *And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)*

16 *Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.*

### **Acts 1:1-16 AMPC**

1 *In the former account [which I prepared], O Theophilus, I made [a continuous report] dealing with all the things which Jesus began to do and to teach*

2 Until the day when He ascended, after He through the Holy Spirit had instructed and commanded the apostles (special messengers) whom He had chosen.

3 To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion (His suffering in the garden and on the cross) by [a series of] many convincing demonstrations [unquestionable evidences and infallible proofs], appearing to them during forty days and talking [to them] about the things of the kingdom of God.

4 And while being in their company and eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised, Of which [He said] you have heard Me speak.

5 For John baptized with water, but not many days from now you shall be baptized with (placed in, introduced into) the Holy Spirit.

6 So when they were assembled, they asked Him, Lord, is this the time when You will reestablish the kingdom and restore it to Israel?

7 He said to them, It is not for you to become acquainted with and know what time brings [the things and events of time and their definite periods] or fixed years and seasons (their critical niche in time), which the Father has appointed (fixed and reserved) by His own choice and authority and personal power.

8 But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

9 And when He had said this, even as they were looking [at Him], He was caught up, and a cloud received and carried Him away out of their sight.

*10 And while they were gazing intently into heaven as He went, behold, two men [dressed] in white robes suddenly stood beside them,*

*11 Who said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing into heaven? This same Jesus, Who was caught away and lifted up from among you into heaven, will return in [just] the same way in which you saw Him go into heaven.*

*12 Then [the disciples] went back to Jerusalem from the hill called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, [only] a Sabbath day's journey (three-quarters of a mile) away.*

*13 And when they had entered [the city], they mounted [the stairs] to the upper room where they were [[d]indefinitely] staying—Peter and John and James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas [son] of James.*

*14 All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves steadfastly to prayer, [waiting together] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*

*15 Now on one of those days Peter arose among the brethren, the whole number of whom gathered together was about a hundred and twenty.*

*16 Brethren, he said, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit foretold by the lips of David, about Judas who acted as guide to those who arrested Jesus.*

So, this passage in Acts was referring to the Word which was spoken to them after they (the disciples) doubted that Jesus had risen again. But, it also was the revelation of what Jesus was teaching them for 3 years and preparing/commanding them to do.

**Matthew 28:16-20 KJV**

*16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.*

*17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.*

*18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Doubts and fears will come but that is why the Word, Christ Himself, said cast all your cares upon me (1 Peter 5:7). He said in regards to the spiritually difficult times at the ***End Of Time*** through the Apostle Paul (2 Tim 3:1) that I, Jesus, I am telling you what it will be like (John 16, Matt. 24, Lk. 21). What the areas of manipulation/influence would be: media, government, education, liberal church (Ep 6/Mk 4) so we wouldn't be afraid or lose that which you have already gained.

Remember, Jesus all throughout the gospels told His disciples that He needed to go away so that the Holy Spirit could come and be inside of them and guide them into all truth - His Word. Jesus commanded His disciples to be a witness and go make disciples. Scholars argue unless you are making disciples you aren't a disciple. By definition, that is what a disciple does. A disciple is not just knowledgeable of the Word but applies it by being obedient to the command that Jesus gives His followers...

**John 14:15-17 KJV**

*15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

*16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

*17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

What is that command that He gave before He died and when He started His ministry? Repent! It started with John the Baptist and the enemy (Jezebel spirit) killed that message. The Jezebel spirit doesn't want sin talked about that John in the book of Revelation said or the Apostle Paul said would be an issue in the church at the time of the Rapture. Satan wants the church talking about how "we" can bring peace to a fallen, dark and godless world (tower of Babel) instead of bring peace between God and man through righteousness and what Jesus did on the cross.

**Mark 1:3-5 AMPC**

*3 A voice of one crying in the wilderness [shouting in the desert], Prepare the way of the Lord, make His beaten tracks straight (level and passable)! 4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness (desert), preaching a baptism [obligating] repentance (a change of one's mind for the better, heartily amending one's ways, with abhorrence of his past sins) in order to obtain forgiveness of and release from sins.*

*5 And there kept going out to him [continuously] all the country of Judea and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, as they were confessing their sins.*

John preached, repent and change your mind, your conduct and your actions because the kingdom of heaven is in the balance.

**Matthew 3:2 AMPC**

**2 And saying, *Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.***

Jesus, after fasting for 40 days, hearing the news of the murder of John the Baptist was offered to Him by satan media, government, education could all be His. Satan said speak my message and you will get even more followers by deceiving them. Although the enemy thought the seed was silenced, thought he could put fear into Jesus by what had happened to John.... Jesus led the remnant from John and added to it and preached the same thing and the Word, the message of the cross never changes.

**Matthew 4:12-17 AMPC**

**12 Now *when Jesus heard that John had been arrested and put in prison, He withdrew into Galilee.***

**13 And leaving Nazareth, He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali—**

**14 That what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be brought to pass:**

**15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, in the [a]way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles [of the peoples who are not of Israel]**

**16 The people who sat (dwelt enveloped) in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the land and shadow of death Light has dawned.**



**17 From that time Jesus began to preach, crying out, Repent (change your mind for the better, heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

The Word is the same for you and I today as well.

**Hebrews 13:8 KJV**

*8 Jesus Christ (the Word) the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

Well, Pastor Grant that says Jesus is the same not the Word?

**John 1:1 AMPC**

*1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.*

The command to preach the good news and repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand is not the only command in the Word or by the Word. Jesus also said, I command that you know the signs of the time or the “things” in my Word.

**Matthew 24:33 KJV**

*33 So likewise ye, when ye shall **see all these things**, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

Jesus is referring to the previous verses in Matthew 24 about the signs that will proceed His return, we need to know them.

Paul told us, the Church, in Ephesians 6, that we are to put on the whole armor. Jesus said go make disciples in the gospels and know what is currently happening, specifically at the Time of The End. He said to preach the Kingdom of God even though it may seem like a dry place, like the wilderness, the remnant needs to be bold and stop thinking about your natural feelings and emotions. Cast aside anything (pain, doubts, fear and pride) that God commanded us to so He can carry it, He can take care of it and we can get onto the expansion of the Kingdom or Government of God.

The Body of Christ has the command to expand the Kingdom of God into all the world.

**Isaiah 9:6 KJV**

*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

The Word says that Christ is the head and we, the Church or imitators of Christ, the remnant, is the body and it is our responsibility to expand the Kingdom of God. Why? Because the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. We are to go into all the world..... every place our foot shall tread shall by ours.

**Joshua 1:3 AMPC**

*3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses.*

So, what happened to Elijah from part 6 in our study... let's pick this back up and see what the spirit of Jezebel does to God's messengers, prophets, preachers and teachers who are truly following His Word. Remember, satan doesn't mess with religious leaders, they like the praise of the world too much, in the name of peace they have aligned with what the godless culture is saying in order to get followers.

There are pastors, preachers and teachers who do speak the truth, not wavering to a godless culture who needs a savior. There are also many who are and will deceive many and those who say nothing. Someone who says nothing, a rudderless ship is already dead, sitting in the ocean tossed by the sea, not wanting or willing to take a stand out of fear of conflict.

**Romans 1:22 AMPC**

*22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves].*

We have read about the never wrong Prophet Elijah and how he faced off with King Ahab, (a picture of the church) who was over God's People but changed what sin is, changed God's rules or laws. He was in alignment with his wife or Jezebel spirit (a picture of government or satan's kingdom) who wanted to stop God's message of repentance. She used Ahab to change God's commands and had many prophets align with her and Ahab. There were thousands of other Prophets who went and hid in the caves, who were afraid of the conflict and then, we have the never wrong Prophet Elijah.

Elijah went through what we do at times, he needed to rest and build up his faith again in God after a battle with Jezebel. So, what happened to Elijah? How does he parallel our lives as we face the Jezebels today?

## Elijah - The Drought

One day the prophet Elijah and King Ahab met. Elijah warned the king of the divine punishment that would be visited upon his land if he did not abolish idol worship and did not cause a general return of all Israel to God (His commands, His laws and what He said they should be concerned with).

Ahab scoffed at the idea, saying, "Didn't Moses already warn us in the Torah that the rain would cease and the land would not give forth its produce, if we should worship other gods? Yet, nothing happened as yet!"

### 2 Peter 3:2-4 AMPC

*2 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).*

*3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires*

4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

**Jude 17-20 AMPC**

17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.

19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions—merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.

20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [[a]make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;

"God has been patient with you, but you don't seem to realize it. Now you will see that not merely shall Moses' words be fulfilled, but mine also. I tell you in God's name that as from today there shall be no rain until I shall say the word!"

From that day, years of drought and famine began in the Land of Israel. The famine spread even abroad, beyond the borders of the land, so that no bread could be purchased for its weight in gold!

Then.....Elijah went away (gave them time to repent).

During this time of “repent, judgment is coming” and no rain, God provided for God’s Prophet (1 Kings 17:5-7). The same way He provides for those who today don’t hide in the caves or side with a one world government/religion which they provide for themselves for a season - it’s not from God. Just like the church in Revelation 2, God gives people a period of time to repent before judgment comes.

God was still performing miracles through the Prophet and He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Meanwhile, Jezebel was throwing into jail or killing anyone who spoke out against Ahab’s rules and laws. She, the government, was enforcing the religious rules that Ahab changed to line up with what his wife (government) wanted.

Then, during the third year of the famine God told Elijah to appear before King Ahab. The king had already recognized that the famine was God's punishment, but he was still wavering between right and wrong, and it was Elijah's task to let the king and all the Jews recognize the truth and cause them to return to God with all their hearts.

So, Obadiah sets up the meeting between Ahab, representing the religious leader/church of today, to meet with the Prophet, God’s mouthpiece, who was telling people to repent from their sins.

**1 Kings 18:17-46 AMPC**

*17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, Are you he who troubles Israel?*

**18** *Elijah replied, I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, by forsaking the commandments of the Lord and by following the Baals.*

*19* Therefore send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of [the goddess] Asherah, who eat at [Queen] Jezebel's table.

*20* So Ahab sent to all the Israelites and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel.

*21* Elijah came near to all the people and said, How long will you halt and limp between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if Baal, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.

*22* Then Elijah said to the people, I, I only, remain a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men.

*23* Let two bulls be given us; let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood but put no fire to it. I will dress the other bull, lay it on the wood, and put no fire to it.

*24* Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the One Who answers by fire, let Him be God. And all the people answered, It is well spoken.

*25* Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves and dress it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it.

*26* So they took the bull given them, dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, O Baal, hear and answer us! But there was no voice; no one answered. And they leaped upon or limped about the altar they had made.



27 At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is musing, or he has gone aside, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.

28 And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with knives and lances until the blood gushed out upon them.

29 Midday passed, and they played the part of prophets until the time for offering the evening sacrifice, but there was no voice, no answer, no one who paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near him. And he repaired the [old] altar of the Lord that had been broken down [by Jezebel].

31 Then Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be your name.

32 And with the stones Elijah built an altar in the name [and self-revelation] of the Lord. He made a trench about the altar as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 He put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood and said, Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 The water ran round about the altar, and he filled the trench also with water.

36 At the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and that I have done all these things at Your word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You, the Lord, are God, and have turned their hearts back [to You].

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice and the wood and the stones and the dust, and also licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and they said, The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!

40 And Elijah said, Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one escape. They seized them, and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and [as God's law required] slew them there.

41 And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up and looked and said, There is nothing. Elijah said, Go again seven times.

44 And at the seventh time the servant said, A cloud as small as a man's hand is arising out of the sea. And Elijah said, Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.

45 In a little while, the heavens were black with wind-swept clouds, and there was a great rain. And Ahab went to Jezreel.

**46 The hand of the Lord was on Elijah.** He girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel [nearly twenty miles].

This was a victorious time in Elijah's walk with God. Wherever his foot touched, where God told him to go not where he wanted to go, but where God wanted him to go, was his for the glory and Kingdom of God. He had shown through his obedience that God is in control, that He is the judge, that He is the lawgiver and is in control of the weather...man can't control it and can't save the earth - the Bible says so.

But then something happened... something changed, not God but Elijah.

**1 Kings 19:1-3 KJV**

*1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.*

*2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."*

*3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.*

Why did Elijah run? Why would Jezebel go after him if she just heard what God had done? Remember, satan tried to tempt Jesus during His 40 day fast but could not get Him to fear the future or the ridicule that was to come. The betrayal of his own family and friends where he grew up, the Word, Jesus Himself would not be accepted even though these people were taught to look for Him and be obedient to Him and why.

Today, we see this taking place in the Church. They are denying the very one who they were to watch for. The signs of Jesus' return are clear and there is no mistake that it is the Old and New Testament happening just as the writers said it would.

But, the Church has become like Ahab and wants to bring peace in its own house because it has married Jezebel. It has become the whore or harlot of Revelation 17 just as John said it would. It has prostituted itself out to the world and its laws in the name of peace and building (as in the days of Noah) the tower of Babel which is Revelation 13 coming to pass.

The Jezebel spirit always needs an Ahab and it is like a ravenous wolf in the Church devouring many through its trickery. It is making the Church focus on and divide it by things that God's Word never said. The pastors are trying to be liked by a fallen world and deceiving many by not loving them Biblically by siding/aligning with Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, White Guilt and Systemic Racism all while shutting their churches down and or segregating them by vaccinations in the name of health and peace.

Over the last 15 months the Church in general has been in lockstep with the one world government/religious movement with regards to the compliance with covid. What they will and won't talk about regarding sin, judgment and righteousness while calling the Believer, who is saying "this is that" spoken of by the Prophets, a conspiracy theorist.

We watched churches in America jump on the BLM bandwagon and placate to a fallen, wicked world thinking that "we" the Church, can make the entire fallen world just like heaven. No repentance required - this is the Tower of Babel (as in the Days of Noah) that I mentioned earlier.

These same leaders or Ahabs, preachers and pastors who called their church racist, who spoke on how terrible and racist their attendees were, are now opening their churches back up after mandates were lifted. Mandates that were never placed on their church regarding masks, social distancing and now separating their churches by vaccinated/non-vaccinated people. Masked and unmasked people are being segregated by the very pastors who supported the BLM movement and called their church out...

We are living Bible prophecy... Many pastors, preachers and teachers will come and deceive many...these are the words of Jesus (and Peter, Paul, Jude and John) about the End Times Church. This is the one world religion and government beginning to form and these leaders and church attendees are not even seeing or connecting the dots but reasoning away their own deception.

Jesus is coming! Don't be deceived and duped, a little leaven or error will spoil or lead many to hell. It is not political, it is Biblical what is taking place and we need to pray for those who are being deceived... call out the wickedness, the hypocrisy...sound the alarm and blast the trumpet, Jesus could come at any moment!

