

THE STUDY OF LAST DAY EVENTS

THE WORKINGS OF SATAN

In our last study, we have come to learn once again that Satan is working together with his forces together to remove those who worship the Lord according to their conscience. The united of churches are only part of his strategy for the final deception that will take the world captive. Tonight, we want to look at the final closing scenes that Satan will play in the great deception of humanity. What are his snares for the Christian? What part will Satan himself play in the final act? How can I protect myself from Satan deceptions?

- A. What is the final piece of the three unions that is to take place for miracles to take place?
1. Revelation 16:13, 14 _____

 2. a. Dragon - _____
b. Beast - _____
c. False Prophet- _____
 3. Three unclean Spirits like frogs are _____
(The False Trinity)
- B. What great miracle happened in the Old Testament to deceive a King? What events are to take place in the last days
1. 1 Sam 28:7-10 _____

(1 Samuel 28:1- 25)
 2. “When Saul inquired for Samuel, the Lord did not cause Samuel to appear to Saul. He saw nothing. Satan was not allowed to disturb the rest of Samuel in the grave and bring him up in reality to the witch of Endor. God does not give Satan power to resurrect the dead. But Satan's angels assume the form of dead friends, and speak and act like them, that through professed dead friends he can the better carry on his work of deception. Satan knew Samuel well, and he knew how to represent him before the witch of Endor, and to correctly utter the fate of Saul and his sons.” CC p. 172

3. "It is not difficult for the evil angels to represent both saints and sinners who have died and make these representations visible to human eyes. These manifestations will be more frequent, and developments of a more startling character will appear as we near the close of time." Evangelism p. 604

C. What should we beware of in the church?

1. 1Cor 11:13, 15 _____

2. "There is an emotional excitement, a mingling of the true with the false, that is well adapted to mislead. Yet none need be deceived. In the light of God's Word, it is not difficult to determine the nature of these movements. Wherever men neglect the testimony of the Bible, turning away from those plain, soul-testing truths which require self-denial and renunciation of the world, there we may be sure that God's blessing is not bestowed." GC p. 464
3. "I saw that God had honest children among the nominal Adventists, and the fallen churches, and ministers and people will yet be called out from these churches, before the plagues shall be poured out, and they will gladly embrace the truth. Satan knows this, and before the loud cry of the third angel, raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches." EW 261

D. What did Christ warn us of in these last days?

1. Matt.24: 23, 24 _____

2. Turning to the disciples, Christ said, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Many false messiahs will appear, claiming to work miracles, and declaring that the time of the deliverance of the Jewish nation has come. These will mislead many. Christ's words were fulfilled. Between His death and the siege of Jerusalem many false messiahs appeared. But this warning was given also to those who live in this age of the world. The same deceptions practiced prior to the destruction of Jerusalem have been practiced through the ages and will be practiced again." DA 628
3. The saints must get a thorough understanding of present truth, which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. They must understand the state of the dead, for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved

friends and relatives, who will declare to them that the Sabbath has been changed, also other unscriptural doctrines.” EW 87

E. How powerful will Satan deceptions be?

1. 2Thess 2:9 _____

2. Matt.24: 21, 22 _____

3. “Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of Heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ himself, and claiming the title and worship, which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from Heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.” GC 623, 624

F. The great final deception what is it?

1. Rev. 13:13, 14 _____

2. Not until the death of Christ was the character of Satan clearly revealed to the angels or to the unfallen worlds. The arch apostate had so clothed himself with deception that even holy beings had not understood his principles. They had not clearly seen the nature of his rebellion.” DA 758
3. But as the church approaches her final deliverance, Satan is to work with greater power. He comes down "having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12: 12. He will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders." 2 Thess. 2:9. For six thousand years that mastermind that once was highest among the angels of God, has been wholly bent to the work of deception and ruin. And all the depths of Satanic skill and subtlety acquired, all the cruelty developed, during these struggles of the ages, will be brought to bear against God's people in the final conflict.” GC 88

G. How can I protect myself from Satan deceptions? How do I overcome the great deception?

1. 2Tim 2:15 _____

2. 2 Thess. 2: 10 (latter part) _____

3. “The time is at hand when Satan will work miracles to confirm minds in the belief that he is God. All the people of God are now to stand on the platform of truth as it has been given in the Third Angel's Message. All the pleasant pictures, all the miracles wrought, will be presented in order that if possible, the very elect should be deceived. The only hope for any one is to hold fast the evidence that have confirmed the truth in righteousness. Let these be proclaimed over and over again, until the close of this earth's history.” MM 14, 15
4. 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. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all, the testing time will come. 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? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so that their... hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life, and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief.” GC 625

In Paul's second Epistle to the Thessalonians 4: he exhorts to be on guard and not depart from the faith. He speaks of Christ's coming as an event to immediately follow the work of Satan in spiritualism in these words: "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. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." The question is I'm I a student of scripture and do I live day by day it principles (doer of the word) to the glory of God.