

Four Doctrines That Must Be Corrected

Before the Church Can Embrace

The Day of Jehovah Tsaba and the Prosperity Phenomenon

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1. **The doctrine of the “imminent Return of Christ”** – This is a doctrine within the evangelical churches (including Baptists, Bible Churches, Pentecostals, and Word-of-Faith doctrines) that there are no more events pointed to in the scripture since Jesus’ advent into Heaven that must take place prior to the rapture of the church. (This includes the renewal of the nation of Israel, as it is a sign that heralds the End of the Age which does not come until the end of the 7-year Tribulation which ends the period of Adam’s authority on Earth, and ushers in the “Millennial Reign of Christ as King over the Earth.”)

This Doctrine blinds the prophetic vision or expectancy of any prerequisite “pre-rapture event,” thus putting 100% of the focus of the end of the age on the sudden, unannounced rapture that scripture clearly indicates will come “as a thief in the night.” The focus, therefore, includes next on the event schedule 1) the Rapture of the Church; 2) The seven year Tribulation Period, and 3) The second advent of Christ in His return to Earth with the Church ushering in the Millennial Reign of Christ.

(See Addendum #1 for Dr. David Jeremiah’s Comments on Imminent return doctrine. Here is one quote:

“...of Christ’s appearing for His Church, we do know something very important: It could be today! Why do I say that? Because nothing remains on God’s prophetic calendar except the unfolding of end-time events, beginning with the Rapture of the Church.”

Note: Dr. David Jeremiah is onboard in his belief of being “alive and remain” until the coming of the Lord in the rapture:

Dr David Jeremiah

“I tell people that I'm not looking for the undertaker, I'm looking for the uppertaker. I'm looking for the one who is going to come back and take me to be in heaven. So do I fear these events? No, I really don't, because they don't belong to the world I live in. I live in the world of the Rapture and the return of Christ.”

2. The doctrine of “Who is the god of this world.”— This is a doctrine unique to the Word-of-Faith movement stemming from the teachings of E.W. Kenyon and Kenneth E. Hagin, along with all of the present day “Word of Faith” leaders. It states that:

“When God made Adam, He gave Him the Earth as his possession, through an “Earth-lease.” They teach that when Satan deceived Eve and was tempted, at that time when Adam committed ‘high treason,’ he gave to Satan the authority God had given him over the earth. God had made Adam to be a ‘god of this world.” They believe that when Adam obeyed Satan’s suggestion to eat of the forbidden fruit, He gave away his authority to Satan, thus He gave away “God’s authority” that was given to him, leaving God to wait until ‘Adam’s lease’ had run out before retaking authority in the earth. According to their doctrine, ‘God is now locked out of any ability to be sovereign in world affairs, as Satan is now the “God of this world.”

3. Word-of-Faith belief that in New Testament doctrine, God cannot bring judgment on the world (mankind and its institutions) because this would break His covenant of Divine Grace through Christ. They do not understand the Seven-Fold Nature of God, i.e. “God of love, power, wisdom, righteousness, mercy, justice and judgment.”

Their view of a “Prosperity Phenomenon” is a great conversion of wealth coming to believers through sowing and reaping a time during which believers will “out produce” the wicked world in their ability to gather wealth through faith (that faith-filled, obedient “seed-sowing” will produce a harvest of wealth for the body of Christ). Of course we have great faith in the doctrine of sowing and reaping, however that is not The Prosperity Phenomenon revealed in prophetic scripture that will bring a great wealth conversion.

4. The combination of these two doctrines within the Word-of-Faith movement prevent them from opening their hearts to a “vengeance to comfort” and God’s angelic army creating the shaking of the nations. Because of this many attempt spiritual warfare against any shaking of the nations, especially the United States of America, (through rebuking, fasting and praying, and attempts at “national repentance”). They are unaware that it is God’s angelic army that is at work demolishing the stronghold of power in the socio/economic realms that is necessary for a great wealth conversion to occur.

ADDENDUM #1

Doctrine of the Imminent Return of Christ:

“Christ’s Return: How Soon Is Soon?”

Dr. David Jeremiah

Though we do not know the day or hour of Christ’s appearing for His Church, we do know something very important: It could be today! Why do I say that? Because nothing remains on God’s prophetic calendar except the unfolding of end-time events, beginning with the Rapture of the Church. Theologians call it the doctrine of imminence—the return of Christ is imminent, meaning it could happen at any moment.

If “perhaps today” is the watchword for our generation, what do we need to know? There are three areas of our faith that are impacted by biblical prophecy: trusting God’s plans instead of man’s, living victoriously for Christ in the face of mounting obstacles, and reaching out to those who are living without hope in Christ.

Because this hope is central to the life of every Christian and must never be allowed to fade from our awareness, I hope you will meditate for just a moment on that truth. Today, if you belong to Jesus Christ, you could be caught up to meet Him in the air and be with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

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As long as modern churches have been holding revival meetings, the imminent return of Christ has reminded Christians to concern themselves with the work of preaching the Gospel—all in anticipation of the return of Jesus Christ.

Jesus chided the religious leaders of His day for failing to understand “the signs of the times”—what God was doing in their midst (Matthew 16:3). It is imperative that we base our hope and knowledge of the future on God’s inerrant timetable in Scripture.

The two most important events in human history are the first and second comings of Jesus Christ. Rightfully, we invest great effort in understanding His First Advent. But we must give no less attention to the Second Coming and its eternal ramifications—especially since this world-changing event could happen at any time.” – <https://www.davidjeremiah.org/news/prophetic-times-report/christs-return-how-soon-is-soon>



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And
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Daniel 5:18*

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[Almighty God]**

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The Two Witnesses (Of Luke 4 & Daniel 4)

Luke 4:5-6 *“And the devil...shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world... (6) And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.”*

Daniel 4:31-32 *“There fell a voice from heaven saying... And they shall drive thee from men... until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”*

We have two statements, both identical, from two very diverse individuals (Satan and God), claiming the exact same right of authority in the earth.

It is quickly apparent that one party is either lying or mistaken about his position. I am certain that it is needless to have to identify the one in the wrong. Let's look further into this fascinating subject.

Satan's Words To Jesus Were Not Original

Satan has never originated anything, not one idea, not one thought has he ever had except that which he has heard or observed in his experience as a created being. God declared about the devil, Isa 14:13-14 *“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”*

Again we see the origin of Satan's ideas in Eze 28:13-14 *“Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (14) Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”*

In the context of these scriptures, we see that Satan gathered his ideas from the gifts and talents created within him along with what he observed as an angel of “*Jehovah Elyon*,” the Lord God Most High. He has patterned his unlawful kingdom after God's kingdom. He has copied and attempted to counterfeit all of the glory and majesty of God. His obsession is to be like the Most High God!

Let's go back and look again at Satan's statement to Jesus in the mountain of temptation.

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The word translated “*power*” here is the Greek word, “*exousia*.” It means “*ability as a*

right or privilege granted, delegated authority, jurisdiction, or potentate.”

So Satan was claiming that he had all of the delegated authority over this earth to possess the kingdoms of the world and to give them, and their glory, to whomever he willed.

In an article in his May, 2002 monthly publication, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin made the following statement reflecting a doctrine that, until now, has been held sacred by those of us in the *Word of Faith* circles. I preached it myself for many years. Brother Hagin wrote:

“Satan was not originally the god of this world; Adam was. In Genesis, God...made His man Adam and said, ‘Adam, I give you dominion over all the work of My hands. You dominate.’ Or, in other words, ‘I am making you god of this world. You run it.’ But Adam committed high treason and sold out to the devil. He did not have the moral right to do it, but he did have the legal right. Then the devil began to dominate upon the earth. He became the god of this world...the bible record of the temptation of Jesus sheds light...Jesus did not dispute for a moment that the world was delivered unto Satan...Who delivered it unto him? Adam did.” [Emphasis underlined mine]

Brother Hagin, in an interview with Charisma Media Magazine several years ago, went on record that he had never read after E.W. Kenyon, not a book or any of his writings. However Reverend Kenyon (1857-1948), who wrote his books around the turn of the 20th century, takes a strikingly identical stand on this same doctrine in his writings.

From his book, *The Father and His Family*, Kenyon writes, *“Adam evidently had a legal right to transfer this dominion and authority into the hands of the enemy. God has been obliged through a long period of human history to recognize Satan’s legal standing, and legal right and authority...We have shown how Satan obtained this authority,; let us now note some facts in regards to it...Before he committed sin, man had dominion over all angels and demons...God had conferred upon him the legal authority to rule the universe...The effect of this treason was that it gave Satan universal dominion over God’s creation.”*

E.W. Kenyon continues, *“Satan came to Jesus and declared to Him that the authority and glory of the inhabited earth had been delivered unto him and that he could give it to whomsoever he willed. If the Devil lied to Jesus and Jesus knew he lied, then it was not a genuine temptation...we believe it was a bona fide temptation. If that be true, the Jesus recognized that Satan had authority and dominion over the kingdoms of the world, authority which he could transfer at will to whomsoever he wished. This is a hideous fact to contemplate: That the human race had been under the dominion of the Devil, that his dominion is a legal dominion, and that God is unable to break it until such time as the Adamic lease expires. Satan is the god of this world.”*

According to both E.W. Kenyon and brother Hagin, Adam was given authority in the earth, making him the god of this world. He “sold” out his dominion when he obeyed the suggestion of Satan in the garden. According to this doctrine, at the time Adam did this he committed treason and delivered his authority (and god-ship or sovereignty) over to Satan, thereby making Satan the “god of this world.”

They believe this was what Satan made reference to in Luke 4:5-6 *“And the devil...shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world... 6) And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.”*

They believe that when Satan said, *“for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it,”* he was referring to Adam having *“delivered”* to him the authority and glory of the world. That since this was a legal transfer of authority, the devil could legally give it to whomsoever he willed.

But we have already uncovered a contradiction to this “scriptural theory” surmised out of several misstatements. Every mistaken religious tradition begins with wrong assumptions, then builds using that as a foundation for other outgrowths of that presumptive mistake.

Let me list several erroneous assumptions.

- (1) That God made Adam the god of this world;
- (2) That before he sinned, Adam had authority over angels and demons;
- (3) That God conferred upon Adam the right to rule the universe;
- (4) That when Adam obeyed the “suggestion” of Satan, the legal consequence was that the authority he was given was legally delivered over to the devil; and
- (5) That since Adam was made the *god of this world*, a legal transfer of that authority now makes Satan the *god of this world*.

A Lesson in Authority

Gen 1:26 *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”*

I am amazed at how an idea can get started and carry so much weight when it doesn't even make sense.

For example, the idea that a person under authority to another can give away his delegated authority or position by merely obeying the suggestion of another is ludicrous from a legal mind. For example, imagine that you owned a store. You were going away for a six-month vacation.

You called in your employee, a man, giving him authority over your store while you were away. Before you left you told him, *“I give you authority over this store while I am gone these six months. Open and close it each day. You are over the personnel. You may hire and supervise all of the store employees. You will be in charge of inventory, marketing, conducting sales, etc., as you deem necessary. There is only one thing you must remember to not do: **Do not open the store on Sunday.** If you do, I will have to dismiss you. Do you understand? **You will be dismissed if you open on Sunday!**”*

He acknowledges his understanding of your authority delegated to him and the strictness

of your instructions. Let's compare that to God's delegation of authority to Adam.

Gen 2:15-17 *“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. (16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*

What Exactly Was Adam's Authority?

Once thing is for certain, we *Word of Faith* folks are sticklers for not compromising the Word of God. We are very conscious of words spoken. We go back to the Word!

In our key verse of this chapter we read Adam's authority. Let's examine it more closely:

Gen 1:26 *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion (1) over the fish of the sea, and (2) over the fowl of the air, and (3) over the cattle, and (4) over all the earth [Hebrew — “*erets*”: to be firm; field, ground or land], and (5) over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”*

Now if words mean anything at all, this is the making of an agreement in which God is **delegating authority as a sovereign to his man under his authority.**

You will recall that the Centurion soldier said to Jesus in Luke 7:8 *“For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.”*

The Centurion recognized that he was not a sovereign, but rather a man “set under authority.” He knew that his ability to exercise authority was dependent upon his acting under the authority over him. He also knew that when he delegated the authority given to him to one under him, he was not giving any of his authority away.

You cannot give your authority away by delegating it!

There is a principle of law:

“Authority conferred binds the principal. Within the limits of the authority conferred an act by an agent is an act of the principal.”

You are not giving away authority when delegating it, you are “exercising your authority” by delegation of it.

Lets go back to our store owner analogy. You own the store, therefore you have the “sovereign” right of domain. We have to go back to you to understand the point of law in the authority delegated. Notice that you did not give the employee the right to sell, lease, or move your store to another location. Practically speaking, it would be absurd to think that you might return from a vacation perhaps and find your store moved to another location! Why? Because

the authority given was not absolute. It was a

measured authority. You are able to measure it by the words spoken when you delegated it. You can go back to those *words* if there is ever any dispute regarding it.

Adam's authority was clearly not the totality of God's ability over his creation. It was a measured amount. We listed it for you on the previous page: "(1) *over the fish of the sea, and (2) over the fowl of the air, and (3) over the cattle, and (4) over all the earth [Hebrew — "erets": to be firm; field, ground or land], and (5) over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*"

Did you read anything in the delegation of this authority over "*the whole universe,*" or "*over demons and angels,*" as E.W. Kenyon suggests in his writing?

If we are going to begin inventing our own measure of authority, why not extend it anywhere? That is what Satan attempted to do when he said, "*above the heavens...above the throne of God.*"

I submit that Adam's authority was extremely limited, especially compared to the authority given to the Church and every believer. Eph 1:19-21 "*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, (21) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*" Eph 2:6 "*And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*"

I declare that the authority given the believer is far superior to that which was delegated to Adam in the garden of Eden

Let's compare them.

Adams authority: "*...over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth [Hebrew - *erets*: to be firm; a field, ground or land], and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."*

Authority of the Believer: "*...Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*"

You can see the vast difference in these two positions of delegated authority!

Let's again go back to our store owner for more understanding of authority: So after you leave to go on your vacation, the store manager begins his work. Things are going smoothly for him and the store operation.

But then one day, a friend stops by to see him and asks, "*Why not open on Sundays?*" Your manager responds, "*Because the owner ordered me not to do so. He said if I did, I would be dismissed from the job.*"

The friend says to your manager, “*Oh! He would not fire you! In fact, if you opened on Sunday, you would break all records for sales and when he returned he would promote you to an even higher position.*”

That sounds favorable to your manager so he acts on the **suggestion** of his friend, disobeys your instructions and he opens up the store on Sunday.

Has anything changed regarding who has authority over the store? Has the store changed ownership? Of course it hasn't! To suggest such a thing shows ignorance of how authority works!

Let's say you return from your vacation early, after only two weeks. You stop by very early on Monday morning before anyone arrives. You attempt to use your key to get into your store but find that it no longer works. You wait until the manager arrives. You ask him what is going on and he replies:

*“While you were gone I disobeyed your instruction regarding opening on Sunday. A friend of mine **suggested** that it would be better for business If I opened, so that's what I did. Sir, it appears that I 'sold out' your store to my friend. My friend explained to me that he now has the legal right to run the store instead of me, making decision in the future as he wills, operating the store as he deems appropriate. I turned over your store to him whenever I obeyed his **suggestion** and disobeyed your instruction! For at least the next five and one-half months during which you had given me authority, the store belongs to him!”*

LUDICROUS! RIDICULOUS! You would laugh someone out of the room for falling for such a thing regarding anything except this so-called doctrine of “*Satan's authority over the earth during Adam's so-called lease.*”

However, Adam didn't have a lease on the earth! There is no such thing shown in the scripture. But even if was a question of a lease, you don't give a lease away merely by obeying the suggestion of a third party. There was no legal transfer of rights and privileges to Satan when Adam and Eve obeyed Satan's **suggestion**. Let's see what really happened when God showed up. You will see that God was yet in full authority over the earth and all its inhabitants.

Gen 3:8-9 “*And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. (9) And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?”*

Does that sound like “pore ole” God is locked out of his sovereign authority in the earth? No! In fact, he begins immediately taking charge over the affairs of Adam, over Satan and over the earth!

Gen 3:11-24 “**And he (God) said**, *Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? (13) And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? (14) **And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed** above all cattle, and above every beast of the field;*

upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: (15) And **I will** put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall** bruise thy head, and **thou shalt** bruise his heel. (16) **Unto the woman he said, I will** greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire **shall be** to thy husband, and **he shall** rule over thee. (17) And **unto Adam he said,** Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake;** in sorrow **shalt thou** eat of it all the days of thy life; (18) Thorns also and thistles **shall it** bring forth to thee; and **thou shalt** eat the herb of the field; (19) In the sweat of thy face **shalt thou** eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust **shalt thou** return. (21) Unto Adam also and to his wife **did the LORD God make** coats of skins, and clothed them. (22) And **the LORD God said,** Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: (23) **Therefore the LORD God sent him forth** from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (24) **So he drove out the man;** and **he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims,** and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

Now, every place I emphasized in the preceding scripture, you can see God ruling and reigning with complete authority over the earth, over Satan (declaring him to be lower than all other creation), over Adam and over how the earth would operate under His continuing rule!

Satan Comes Out Worse Off Than Before

Some have suggested that Satan came out of this deal with Adam’s authority *over the earth*. I submit that the devil came out *lower than he ever was* when the deal was done.

Gen 3:14 “*And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this **you are cursed more than all cattle and every beast of the field;** you will go flat on the earth, and dust will be your food all the days of your life.*”

Satan did not end up on top of everything, having delivered to him the glory of the world. Just the opposite is true. He ended up even lower than he was before — cursed more than the cattle and the beasts of the earth.

The devil did not step up to the plate and make an argument with Almighty God that Adam had given to him the God-given authority over the earth. No! He was speechless as God decreed, ruled and declared how things would now be.

We observed as God ordered Adam out of the garden and sent his mighty angels to keep them out of there. Satan did not claim any rights or privileges during all of this occasion. No! He might try to trick you into believing that he had some new great ability, rights or authority, but he knew he couldn’t pull it over on God.

Did Mankind Lose His Authority?

Recall with me how God delegated his authority to Adam: Gen 1:28 “*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:***

and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

Some say that when Adam sinned this authority no longer existed for mankind and that Adam delivered it to the devil. They declare that the authority given in Genesis 1:28 was lost.

Let’s see if that is true. Gen 9:1-2 *“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. (2) And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; **into your hand are they delivered.**”*

God Said To Noah [Mankind] “Into Your Hand Are They Delivered”

At this point we must go back to Luke 4:6 *“And the devil said unto him, All this power [authority, legal rights and privileges] will I give thee, and the glory of them: for **that is delivered unto me;** and to whomsoever I will I give it.”*

The devil said it was *“delivered unto me and I may give it to whomsoever I will.”*

Our leading faith teacher, referred to previously, suggests that Satan got it from Adam. He writes, *“Satan was not originally the god of this world; Adam was. In Genesis, God...made His man Adam and said, ‘Adam, I give you dominion over all the work of My hands. You dominate.’ Or, in other words, ‘I am making you god of this world. You run it.’ But Adam committed high treason and sold out to the devil.”*

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As all who study this out with us can readily see, mankind did not lose his delegated authority to Satan when Adam sinned. God revealed to Noah that it was still in the hands of his mankind!

David, in Psalms, was still celebrating it when he said, Psa 8:4-8 *“What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? (5) For thou has made him a little lower than the angels, and has crowned him with glory and honour. (6) Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all **things** under his feet: (7) All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; (8) The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, **and whatsoever** passeth through the paths of the seas.”*

Notice that the Psalmist also recognized the limitation of this authority given to mankind,

“cattle, beasts, fowl, and fish,” etc. God confirmed to Noah the Adamic authority, also we see that David still called it God’s “*crowning glory and honour*” upon mankind.

The Revelation of Nebuchadnezzar

You may recall in chapter one we revealed the statements of the *Two Witnesses*. We showed that the declaration of Satan to Jesus in the Mount of Temptation was not original to him. He borrowed it directly from the book of Daniel.

In this chapter we will take a closer look at how Daniel’s account unfolds. It is a revelation of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. Here are selected excerpts from the scriptural account. Nothing is taken out of its contextual setting.

Dan 4:1-5 “*Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. (2) I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. (3) How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. (4) I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace: (5) I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.*”

It is important to note in Nebuchadnezzar's introduction to this chapter that he recognizes God’s dominion in the earth to be everlasting (meaning from eternity backward to eternity forward) and that it has never been absent from the earth for even one generation.

We will continue with more scripture.

Dan 4:10-12 “*Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. (11) The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: (12) The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.*”

His dream was a visual similitude of the kingdom which he ruled. Later we will see that it was the Most High God (Jehovah Elyon) that gave this kingdom and the glory of it to him.

Dan 4:13-17 “*I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; (14) He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: (15) Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: (16) Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. (17) This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: **to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will,** and setteth up over it the basest of men.”*

Please mark in your thinking that this is the first time of four in the book of Daniel that the word of God makes the same claim spoken by Satan to Jesus in the book of Luke.

Luke 4:5-6 “*And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. (6) And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.”*

In Mat 24:15, Jesus gave his approval of the book of Daniel and hence, Daniel, a prophet, as being the infallible word of God when he made reference, “*When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*”

Dan 4:24-26 “*This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: (25) That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (26) And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.”*

So Daniel spoke these words over the king, declaring that he would be visited by God with this event until he acknowledged the truth about this matter.

We continue with our story.

Dan 4:28-33 “*All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. (29) At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. (30) The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? (31) While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. (32) And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (33) The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar.”*

After seven years had passed during which the King was given a beast's mind, his understanding returned momentarily to give him an opportunity to declare the truth.

Dan 4:34-37 “*And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: (35) And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? (36) At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom,*

and excellent majesty was added unto me. (37) *Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*”

Finally, in Dan 5:18-21 we have one other declaration by Daniel to the same effect.

“O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: (20) But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: (21) And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.”

Who is Shaking All The Nations of the World?

Our Missionary to the Philippines, Fred Porch, recently observed on FaceBook, concerning the Day of Jehovah Tsaba regarding the current upheaval in every area of society around the world:

Isaiah 2:19 “... when He (God, not Satan) arises to shake terribly the earth.

Isaiah 2:21 “... when He (God, not Satan) arises to shake terribly the earth

Haggai 2:6 “... and I (God, not Satan) will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land

Haggai 2:7 “And I (God, not Satan) will shake ALL nations ...”

Hebrews 12:26 Yet once more I (God, not Satan) shake not the earth only, but also heaven...”

Zechariah 2:9 “For, behold (heads up !) I (God, not Satan) will shake mine hand upon them (the nations), and they shall be a spoil (plunder) to their servants ...”

Isaiah 61:2,3 “and the day of VENGEANCE of our God (not Satan); to COMFORT all that mourn;”

“The FIRST attempt by the body of Christ to get this shaking of the nations to stop was to rebuke the devil. The SECOND attempt by the body of Christ to get this shaking of the nations to stop was to fast and pray. The THIRD attempt by the body of Christ to get this shaking of the nations to stop was to repent. Now, just stop and think for a minute ... did any of that work ? NO ! And none of that is going to work, because that's NOT what this shaking of the nations is about. I know you want to go to war ... right ? But what God is trying to tell you is ...**JUST STAND STILL!**”

For much more Study on this Subject read our Book:

Who is the God of This World?

ADDENDUM #3

The Seven-Fold Nature of God

Two Christians were talking on the job. *“How can I understand God in a way to be able to count on Him in every situation of my life as a ordinary person?”* His buddy replied, *“It seems to me that you can never understand what God is doing in your life. Maybe its just not for us to know the answers.”*

Unfortunately, this kind of conversation is much too common among believers in the Christian community. Is there an answer for these types of life issues? The answer is a resounding, “Yes!”

I want you to think of God with one nature, much the same as you might think of the temperament or disposition of a friend. By searching the record of God in the scriptures, we can identify and determine who He is, how He functions, and what is His divine nature.

Faith Demands that we Understand God’s Nature

Faith requires that we believe, trust in and rely upon God’s word to us. Believing demands that we know what to count on with God. How may we navigate through faith issues without knowing for certain His way of dealing with us and with humanity?

Unveiling God’s 7-Fold Nature

The most important thing to know about God’s nature is that He is the same all the time. He isn’t at one moment a God of love, and another, a God of Judgment with wrath. He is the Judge of all the earth, however, if He is passing a sentence of judgment it is “Love” who is doing it. He doesn’t have “Seven different natures;” only one, but it consistently is made of up “seven facets.”

1. Love - God is Love

*1John 4:8-9 “The person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing about God, because **God is love**--so you can’t know him if you don’t love. (9) This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him.”*

As “Love” personified, God can never do anything outside of His love nature. If God is doing it, “Love is doing it!” As we study His other six attributes, please keep this thought in mind.

2. Power - God is a God of Power

Psalms 66:7 “He rules by His power forever; His eyes search out the nations; let not the rebels exalt themselves. Selah.”

When God purposes to do something there is nothing that can stop Him. Daniel 4:35 *“And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?”* God will fight your enemies for you...and WIN! He is the **Almighty God**.

3. Wisdom - God is a God of Wisdom

Proverbs 3:19-21 *“Jehovah founded the earth by wisdom; He founded the heavens by understanding; (20) the depths were broken up by His knowledge, and the clouds dropped down the dew. (21) My son, do not let them depart from your eyes; keep sound wisdom.”*

You may always know for certain God’s wisdom is perfectly enjoined to anything He is doing in your life.

Unveiling God’s 7-Fold Nature

4. Righteousness - God is a God of Righteousness

Psalms 9:8 *“And He shall judge the world in righteousness; He shall judge the peoples in uprightness.”*

Righteousness is defined with several characteristics. Each of them identify an important aspect of this part of God’s nature. Definition includes: always behaving according to a set moral code; truth and correctness; virtuous; decent; and honest. With certainty, you may be sure that God is dealing in your situation with righteousness.

5. Mercy - God is a God of Mercy

Psalms 86:15 *“But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and loving-kindness and truth.”*

God never fails to extend mercy to us in every situation. There are levels of mercy extended, and God uses our personal standard of mercy towards others as part of His decision in how much mercy to grant to us.

6. & 7. Justice and Judgment - God is a God of Justice and Judgment

Psalms 89:14 *“Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.”*

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 *“Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. (4) He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a*

God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

A Word About Mercy, Justice & Judgment

When we accept Jesus, we receive the "Mercy" afforded Adam (humankind) through God's provision, and thus escape the eternal sentence of "Justice & Judgment," which came through Adam's sin. With Adam's sin, death passed upon all. God's wrath ("Judgment") required an eternal penalty (Death & Hell). But God, Himself, sent His only begotten Son, (a "Love" gift) to deliver us from His wrath of "Judgment." (John 3:36)

1Th 1:10 "And we look forward to...the coming of His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead--Jesus, Who personally rescues and delivers us...from the wrath... which is coming [upon the impenitent] and draws us to Himself..."

As God's divine nature engages His "Love, Power, Wisdom and Righteousness," it releases the fruit of His "Mercy," which triumphs over His sentence of "Judgment." Thus, in Christ we escape God's wrath! Praise God, (James 2:13) "...mercy rejoices over judgment. "

Mercy in the Life of the Believer

Just as in Christ, "Mercy" took hold and rescued us from eternal judgment, many times we need a more temporal application of God's mercy when we miss the mark, or our faith proves weak, and we need added help. For that, God has initiated, for the believer, what is called the "Law of Liberty." What we may do influences His "Mercy." Here is the Law of Liberty: James 2:12-13 *"So speak and so act as [people should] who are to be judged under the law of liberty [the moral instruction given by Christ, especially about love]. (13) For to him who has shown no mercy the judgment [will be] merciless, but mercy exults victoriously over judgment."*

Psalms 89:14-16 MESSAGE Bible *"Right and Justice are the roots of your rule; Love and Truth are its fruits. (15) Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise... (16) Delighted, they dance all day long; they know who you are, what you do-- they can't keep it quiet!"*