

The Birds, The Fishes, and The SNARE in 2011

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As we enter 2011, we are greeted by a strange global phenomenon: namely the mass deaths of birds, fishes, and other beasts of the earth. Some people blame it on global warming; others on freezing temperatures, still others say it is due to the pollutants in our air and water; but God says in Ecclesiastes 9:12 ***For man knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.***

Then, in the context of the last generation, Jesus gives a warning in the Gospel of Luke 21:34-36 *And take heed to yourselves, lest at anytime your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so **that day** come upon you unawares. Vs-35 **For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.** Vs-36 *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.**

After 20 years of intense Bible Study on the subject of end time prophecy, In my opinion, we are now in the middle of a “transitional period of time” between the Church Age of Grace and The Messianic Kingdom: or in other words, I believe the events surrounding Christ’s 2nd Coming are at the door, and could begin in as little as 15½ months from now! I have prepared a timeline that goes into detail about this subject, at this link:

<http://www.thewatchmanstime.com/7000%20Year%20Biblical%20Timeline%20Overview.pdf>

As you can see by this timeline, we find ourselves in January 2011, living almost at the end of “the last generation” Jesus spoke about in Luke 21:32 *Verily I say unto, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled;* which is the context of “the snare” in Luke 21:35!

To sum it up, as we enter 2011, I believe Almighty God is using the worldwide mass death of many birds, fishes, and beasts of the earth, to warn mankind, not to get “caught-up” in the snare of unbelief and ignorance, concerning what the Bible has to say about the signs and timing of **the Day** of the Lord!

The “snare” to the unsaved world will be their rejection of the Gospel of Christ, causing darkness of mind and spirit, which leads to a total lack of knowledge about the signs that precede **the Day** of the Lord. Signs like multiple wars, earthquakes, famines, pestilences, fearful sights, cosmic disturbances, eclipses on Jewish Holy days, distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, and now even the birds and fishes; all of which are at this present time, increasing in intensity, like the birth pangs of a woman preparing to give birth!

But what will be the “snare” that entraps the minds of Born Again Christians, that will allow **the Day** of the Lord to suddenly fall upon them without their knowledge? Jesus warns Christians in Luke 21:34 to not let their minds be weighted down and altered by surfeiting (the dizziness caused by alcohol), drunkenness (spirits & drugs = translated from the Greek word: *methe*), and the

cares of this life which are numerous indeed in the 21st. Century! Simply put, Jesus warns Christians living in the last generation to beware of allowing any outside forces to alter their minds, which will get them off track in looking for the signs that precede **the Day** of the Lord!

Jesus expects Christians to read their Bible (instruction manual) for themselves; because it contains everything they need to know about preparing for **the Day** of the Lord, when Christ will return. Paul, therefore, previously warned all Christians to beware of the wiles (deceitful strategies) of the devil in Ephesians 6:11, and to fight against them with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (6:17). In 2 Corinthians 11:3, Paul also warned Christians to be aware of “the possibility” of having their minds corrupted (altered) by the serpent’s subtleness: *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, **so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.***

We need to read and study Genesis 3:1, and look for clues in the text that reveal the serpent’s deceitful strategies (wiles) he used against Eve to beguile (deceive) her. Then, we need to guard our own minds, and not allow him to use those same tactics against us, to corrupt our minds against Christ, and misdirect our thoughts about **the Day** of the Lord!

The text says in 3:1 *Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field...**And he said unto the woman, yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?***

Notice, the serpent first created “doubt” in the woman’s mind, by questioning the Word of God, when he asked her ...**Yea hath God said...?** Then in 3:3, the serpent tricked (beguiled) Eve into adding to God’s Word during their debate. God did not tell her not to touch the fruit, did he? It is a dangerous thing indeed, when we add to or subtract from the Word of God. We literally open ourselves up to bad things like the serpent’s “snare” (Rev. 22:18-19)! Finally, as a result, the serpent moved in for the kill, by denying the Word of God to Eve. **The serpent told Eve the exact OPPOSITE of God’s Word**, when he said ...**ye shall not surely die** in 4:4. Eve bought it hook, line, and sinker, by receiving the words of the serpent as truth, and then encouraged Adam to eat the forbidden fruit also. This act of disobedience to the Word of God, and her influence over her husband Adam, sentenced Eve, her entire family, and the human race to death!

So could it be possible in January 2011, the serpent has already accomplished “corrupting” the minds of many Christians, by snaring them into actually believing Jesus Christ is the antichrist, in the most prophetically significant Scripture in the Bible? The answer unequivocally is YES, and I will now prove it to you!

A famous Christian author in 1895, by the name of Sir Robert Anderson, wrote a book titled: *The Coming Prince*. Simply put, this book is considered the standard work on the subject of Daniel’s 70th Week and the coming antichrist. Sir Robert Anderson attempts to “give a fresh exposition” of this “backbone” of all prophetic Scriptures: Daniel 9:24-27, and especially “focus” our attention on Chapter 5, where he says the “he” in Daniel 9:27 is the ANTICHRIST: “The Coming Prince”, who will “masquerade” himself as Israel’s Messiah coming from

Europe; and open the future 70th Week of Daniel, by making a 7-year covenant with Israel; and then breaking that covenant 3½ years later by slaughtering the Jews. Oh, and by the way, according to tradition, the true Christians will not witness the signing of the 7-year peace covenant, because they will be raptured out to meet Christ in the air, “before” any of the events of the future 70th Week of Daniel will begin!

Well, what’s wrong with that, you might be thinking? Every Christian believes that way, right? I mean, that is just the way it is! That’s what my Preacher, my Sunday School Teacher, my Seminary Professor, and even my Mom and Dad, have taught me all my life, why question it? After all, this book is “highly regarded” as the “standard work” on the 70th Week of Daniel, and is 100% correct, right?

Throughout the 20th Century, and now a decade into the 21st Century, almost every famous prophetic author, which has molded and taught the end time prophetic teachings the Church believes today, used “this book” as their **foundation and standard work concerning the backbone of ALL the prophetic Scriptures: Daniel 9:24-27!**

I have the book myself. Throughout almost the entire book, Sir Robert Anderson referred to and used the Authorized King James Bible (AV), except in the 5th chapter titled: “The Angel's Message”, where he substituted the King James Bible text (AV), with the Revised Version Bible text (RV), consequently “altering” the meaning of Daniel’s 70th Week; which has resulted in the “altering and twisting” of ALL the modern prophetic teachings we rely on as truth today! Please click on the link below, and see for yourself, where Sir Robert switched Bibles used as the **foundation for the 70th Week of Daniel:**

<http://www.fb institute.com/Anderson/Chapter5.html>

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalm 11:3

I have included a website that has made this book accessible to the public on-line. Please click the link below, and read the one paragraph preface to the book: [http://www.davidcox.com.mx/library/A/Anderson,%20Robert%20-%20Coming%20Prince%20\(b\).pdf](http://www.davidcox.com.mx/library/A/Anderson,%20Robert%20-%20Coming%20Prince%20(b).pdf) I will quote a sentence out of that paragraph:

“Sir Robert Anderson's book ***The Coming Prince*** has become a **foundational resource for all dispensationalists”** end quote.

Probably the most famous dispensationalist and preacher of the 20th Century was Dr. C.I. Scofield, Author of the famous “1917 Scofield Reference Bible”. Toward the bottom of the page on this link: <http://www.bbmhp.org/ra/rabio.html> you will find a list of 20th Century preachers Sir Robert Anderson enjoyed an “especially close friendship with”; one of which was Dr. C.I. Scofield.

I Quote: “He had a large circle of friends, including Lord Guthrie, Lord Salisbury, Lord Wolseley, Lord Blythswood, Sir Wm. Harcourt, Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, and many celebrities of days gone by. He was especially close to some of the greatest preachers of the time, including Dr. Handley G. Moule, J. Stuart Holden, Henry Drummond, James M. Gray, **Dr. C. I. Scofield...**” end quote.

Now I want to focus your attention on page 915, in my own Scofield Reference Bible, to the most referenced prophetic Scripture in the entire Word of

God, which is Daniel 9:27; in particular the last two words: “the desolate”. Below you will see an actual scan out of my personal Scofield Reference Bible, which I bought about 20 years ago:



As you can see in the above scan, Dr. Scofield changed the meaning of the word “desolate” to “desolator”, in his “note g” found in the center column of my Scofield Bible. Why do you think he did that? Could his “close friendship” with Sir Robert Anderson have influenced him to substitute the word “desolator” for “desolate”? Think about it!

Now I want to ask you, is there any difference between the phrases: “the desolate” and “the desolator”? For example, were the six million murdered Jews that were made “desolate” by Hitler: “the desolator”, one and the same? Of course not, they were totally **OPPOSITE** from each other, like day and night, or “Heaven and Hell”, right?

Your probably are thinking right now, what a foolish question to ask someone, right? **Well it is not foolish at all when you consider the prophetic significance of Daniel 9:27, wherein it is “the root and “foundation” Scripture” that ALL modern prophetic teachings spring up from!** Teachings such as: “The seven year tribulation period”, that is not even mentioned in the Bible”, “the pre, mid, and post tribulation rapture theories”, the antichrist making a 7-year peace covenant with Israel at the commencement of Daniel’s 70th week”, “the pre-tribulation rapture that occurs immediately before the signing of the peace covenant”, etc., etc.

So now, I am going to reveal “the snare” that has trapped the minds of “multitudes of Christians”, presently living in this last generation, which Jesus warned us about in Luke 21:35. The snare is the “popular belief” that the “he” in Daniel 9:27 is the ANTICHRIST, rather than CHRIST, and all the false teachings of men’s traditions that support that view!

Jesus, the “he” in Daniel 9:27, shall confirm (strengthen) the covenant (Abrahamic Covenant) with many (in Israel) for one week (7-years): and In the midst of the week (3½ years at the Cross) “he” (Jesus) shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease (Hebrew 9:26 thru 10:20 & Luke 23:44-46), and for the overspreading of abominations (Matthew 25) “he” (Jesus) shall make it desolate (70 A.D. until June 7, 1967), even until the consummation (the “sanctuary” will be “desolate” until Armageddon – Daniel 9:16-17), and that determined (3½ year great tribulation: “time of Jacob’s troubles”) shall be poured upon the desolate (Israel).

Hard to believe? Yes I agree; however, when we read the following Scriptures that absolutely prove Jesus CONFIRMED the Covenant, then you realize what a “grave error” Anderson and Scofield both committed, by teaching Jesus: the “he” in Daniel 9:27, was the antichrist! *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to CONFIRM the promises (made) unto the fathers: Romans 15:8, And I say, (that) THE COVENANT, that was CONFIRMED before of God IN CHRIST, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. Galatians 3:17.*

Show me one verse in the Bible that says the antichrist confirms anything! It simply is not there; however, I have shown you “two verses” that clearly state Jesus was the confirmer of the Covenant! ...*In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. 2 Cor. 13:1.*

Grammatically speaking, in Daniel 9:27, when you change the word “desolate” to “desolator”, you are also changing the identity of the “he” in the same sentence structure, to be the same thing: “the desolator” or **ANTICHRIST!** Why do you think the subtle serpent wants you to replace the “simplicity of Christ” in Daniel 9:27 with the antichrist? They are 100% OPPOSED to each other! Why does the subtle serpent want you to believe with all your heart, you will be raptured out before the start of the “7-year tribulation period”? After all, why even concern yourself and your family about the coming time of great tribulation, if you’re not going to be here, right? Why does the subtle serpent want you looking for signs of a 7-year peace treaty with Israel, to be signed in the fall of the year at Rosh Hashanah, by someone from Europe or even the USA; rather than looking for signs of a massive Islamic invasion of Israel, beginning in the middle of some future Passover? Why do you think the subtle serpent would want to corrupt your mind, by inserting a snare into it (like a virus), so THE DAY of the Lord will come on you unawares (Luke 21:34)? Where does the subtle serpent want you to focus your attention: Europe and the Revived Roman Empire, or on the Middle East? Please click on this link now:

<http://www.thewatchmanstime.com/images/Where%20Should%20Your%20World%20Focus%20Be.gif>

So I ask you, which are you going to believe: the “he” being Christ or the antichrist, in Daniel 9:27? A 7-year or a 3½-year future time of tribulation? The pre-tribulation rapture or the pre-wrath rapture: as in the days of Lot? A 7-year peace covenant with Israel, signed in the Fall by the antichrist, or a massive Islamic war and “great tribulation” in Israel, in the Spring (for 3½ years), beginning 5-months earlier in the middle of Passover? The antichrist being the Pope, or King Juan Carlos of Spain, or Prince Charles of England, or Obama in the USA; as opposed to the Islamic Messiah named the **Mahdi**, coming somewhere out of “Syria/Iraq/Turkey/Lebanon; which will be “**the Assyrian**” in Micah 5:5-6?

So to sum it up, Luke 21:35 mentions a SNARE that will trap all the people on the earth, concerning the soon approaching “Day of the Lord” (Vs-34). Even the “birds” and “fishes” are now clearly warning us by their deaths in 2011, about the soon approaching time of great tribulation, associated with **the Day** of the Lord (Ecc. 9:12)! To the unsaved, the snare will be their disregard for Christ and his

Gospel, resulting in their total blindness to the truth concerning **the day** of the Lord, its cosmic disturbances, earthquakes and the like. To the Christian, I am convinced the SNARE is believing perverted "end time prophecy teachings", which have been taught and received as the truth, over the last 115 years or so, that have filtered down to us through "unsuspecting" Churches, Pastors, and Bible Teachers alike; who "unknowingly" thought they were teaching the truth! The subtle serpent has accomplished his goal of "misdirecting" the thoughts of God's Children, concerning these vital end time prophetic Scriptures and knowledge! This is why **Hosea 4:6 states the Lords people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because they rejected knowledge and the truth!**

Please don't reject Christ the "he" in Daniel 9:27 anymore, by calling him the antichrist, since you have now been told the truth! Better yet, it would be good for all of us to ask Jesus Christ to forgive us for this grave error! I did about 18 years ago, and after I told the Lord how sorry I was for believing and teaching others back then he was the antichrist in Daniel 9:27, honestly, it was like scales fell off my eyes, that prevented me from seeing and understanding the truth of all this!

My prayer for you is that the Holy Spirit will establish this truth in your heart, and convict you of following "the traditions of men", rather than Christ, in the context of understanding the Prophetic Scriptures!

I would like you to watch a video I made a few years ago titled: **Which is it 7 or 3 1/2 "Future Years" Left to be Fulfilled in Daniel 9:24-27?**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIVz7QW0Wbs&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

I believe this video will put all we have discussed here in perspective. Now **Please don't get mad at me because I tell you the truth** (Galatians 4:16).

Finally, please pray and ask God to give you "eyes to see" the snare in Luke 21:35, and "ears to hear" his clear instructions of what to do, to be accounted worthy to escape (flee out of) all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man! May God richly bless you and your family, by removing the scales from your eyes, so that you can see the truth clearly.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Matthew 3:10.

In His Service,
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