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The Stone Kingdom, Part 5

If Isaiah 49:6 is speaking of the restoration of all things that have fallen to become as Jeremiah, chapters 50 and 51, which speaks of Babylon as being beyond remedy, then Acts 26:7 was the restoration of the 12 tribes which Matt 21:43 was speaking of. Yet this new Israel fell as well, and Rev 18:1-5 speaks of this apostasy, "fallen, fallen is Babylon." Israel of old fell and the nation which replaced it for this age is now fallen into the apostasy that 2 Thess 2:3 speaks of. The nation that fell away is described in Matt 21:43; 1 Pet 2:9; Eph 2:12; etc., especially Acts 4:32-35; 26:7; Eph 6:24; Rev 2:4,5.

Apparently Paul spoke about the falling away of the first church in 2 Thess 2:5 — since the church had to become corrupt before the antichrist system could come through "her," the woman of Rev 17:3. This woman is a harlot, she was unfaithful to Messiah. Satan uses her to deceive the whole world and once he gets in he rules with force — like all tyrants and tyrannical systems of government. In the time of those 10 kings the Spirit of YHWH (the Holy Spirit) and the spirit of Satan (the evil spirit) will simultaneously be raising up a kingdom. Satan cannot come in open display until the church is thoroughly deceived and fit to be used as a tool to deceive the whole world. (Rev 12:9; 20:3,8,10; Matt 24:24).

Matt 24:24 speaks of the elect race of people who will not be deceived. These are set apart — as Mal 3:18 says they will be in the last days. Dan 2:44 and Matt 24:34 are the 12 tribes of Israel of Is 49:6, which restores 1 Pet 2:9 to its rightful place before God of representing Him to all the earth. Matt 24:14 — Then the end will come when His Kingdom bears the fruit of the Kingdom to all the earth. Matt 21:43 will be restored as Messiah said in Mark 9:11,12 and Matt 17:11. He will return when Acts 3:21 is fulfilled, and He will return as Rev 19:11-20 says. He will return when Mal 3:1-3; 16-18; and 4:6 have been presented as evidence before all. (Heb 10:13; 1 John 3:8; Rev 20:1,2)

2 Thess 2:4 is a great deception. Verse 3 says the apostasy must come first so that the man of sin can be revealed to them and the world as even the messiah himself. (Rev 13:1-18, 2

Thess 2:4) The false prophet of Rev 13:13 and 19:20 is the so-called antichrist whose workings was already evident in Paul's day. So Paul knew that the church had to fall away before the false prophet could be revealed to the world as god in the flesh. This man will appear as a great leader, speaking great words of wisdom and will draw all Christians — except those in Rev 18:4 — to worship him. To these deceived Christians — Rev 17:3 — he will be the inspiration they need to gain for him his recognition as the Christ leader. To them and the world this man will be the sum total of all they need to bring into existence universal righteousness and the answer to all the world's problems, Rev 13:18.

2 Thess 2:11,12 (John 7:17) — Only those who are willing to do YHWH's will, the will of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, *will not be deceived*. Along with them are those of the nations who are as Matt 25:34, Gen 12:3, and Matt 10:42. Before the man of sin can come to power the apostasy must be full grown and mature, that is the church must be as thoroughly deceived as 2 Thess 2:3, 9-12. But to seal this apostasy the catalyst of Dan 2:44 must come at the same time as the movement of Satan to take over the world through the man of sin. The catalyst makes the 10th verse 2 Thess say *receive* — since they would not be responsible by merely reading the Bible or listening to one of their own prophets. They did not receive the love of the truth — John 7:17,18. Verse 18 distinguishes the true from the fake. (Rev 18:1-5) Only those in her who were willing to do God's will could distinguish between the true and the false, since they were given grace to make the distinction and the needed elimination.

2 Thess 2:9 and Matt 24:24 — with all the wicked deception among those who perish because they did not receive. Receive means to come into the possession of the truth. It means to welcome; to respond favorably; to accept as authoritative, true, accurate. Therefore it means to believe, to have faith in, to trust one's life to because all doubt was erased. Doubt never entered into the mind once revelation came from the Spirit of Truth (Luke 10:16). The people of the world and Christianity must believe something — the truth or the lie (2 Thess 2:11,12). You can see the pleasure people take in unrighteousness, they love it, it is written all over their face and in their actions and their words that spew out of their mouth.

Mystery

Mark 4:11 and 2 Thess 2:7 — The hidden truth is only revealed to the upright.

Lawlessness was already at work in Paul's day — he saw it, it was not hidden to him because he was upright. The upright among the nations don't believe a lie about us — Matt 25:34. But the forces that restrain lawlessness are gradually being removed from society. This is how corrupt politicians, senators, etc. are elected — living proof of 2 Thess 2:7. Then the lawless one will be revealed, verse 8, since verses 9-12. These things are a mystery only known to the godly. A mystery is something hidden requiring special revelation. John 7:17 supplies the needed illumination — something people who are not willing to do God's will will never understand or know by their own understanding because it demands revelations from God. (Deut 29:29; Col 1:16)

The great sign of moral degeneration and breakdown is the proverbial sign of Sodom and Gomorrah. It looks like 2 Thess 2:7 begins in any society with actions like those of Rom 1:24-26. (Lev 18:22 and 20:13) Likewise, men are to act according to the natural law of Rom 2:14-16. This is how all men will be judged by God. The natural law and God's law are recorded on stone and paper — and in the hearts of the saints (Col 1:26; 2 Cor 3:3; Deut 4:13). Lev 18:25 is a law for any nation or land. Rom 1:24-27 is for such "vile persons," who are "shameful" as a result of being given up by God to "vile passions."

In the Old Covenant Israel, those who practiced these things were removed from the nation by execution. 1 Cor 6:9 — Paul shows that homosexuality is a final order of rebellion against God when people exchange the truth of God for a lie — such people are given up to evil. Values are turned upside down and moral anarchy appears — men burn with passion and lust for one another as well as women for women. They all will receive in their own bodies the punishment for their actions (Rom 1:22-27). From the Biblical standpoint the rise of homosexuality (even to be called *homosexual*) is a sign that society is in its last stages, since Sodom is that sign for all societies.

Dan 11:37 and Rom 1:27 — The man of sin (Rev 19:20 — the false Messiah) could be a sodomite. The great sign of lawlessness is the man of sin, incarnate. The greatest rebellion against the Creator who made man in His own image — this man has now sunk to the depths of moral degradation.

Rev 18:2 — illuminates to the world the true condition of the Christian Catholic Church by which Satan has deceived the whole world. (Rev 18:23,24; 19:2,3) Rev 18:5 is her real essence. (2 Cor 11:14,15 and Rev 18:6-8) Satan's plan is to build Babylon out of the fallen church (spiritual ruins of Christianity), which he caused to fall in the 2nd or 3rd century, by getting himself in the door. He is now is ready to take over in order to build himself a magnificent civilization. He will use the fallen church to bring in this society. (Rev 17:3 will happen because of John 5:43) No one but Satan knows that the church is fallen — but there will be this prophetic voice (of Rev 18:1,2) all over the earth). Rev 17:6 — The woman must punish all opposition against her to bring about this advanced and most magnificent civilization.

Rev 17:7 — This is the mystery of the woman and the beast which carries her. The beast is the Satanic king and kingdom. The reason Rev 18:1 is so explicit in the word (illuminate) is that faith is the illuminator of the soul unto salvation — revealing the glory of Messiah. This is the last chance for those in Christianity to be saved. All who can hear His voice will be called out — John 10:14,27 — as Rev 18:4 says. Faith, Heb 10:38,39, is what we were saved by and what we live by after we are saved. Faith is how we are being saved — Acts 2:47 — sitting at the feet of the apostles (verse 42). Heb 10:38 says if anyone draws back from among us, "My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back, are we? NO! We are of those being saved by faith, by what we hear — Heb 2:1-3.

"The just shall live by faith." No other phrase of the prophets has such prominence as the words of Habakkuk — My just one shall live by his faith. That is, the faith that belongs to him, given as a gift when they hear My word. He needs it, he is an effective doer, not a passive hearer. Heb 10:36-11:40. So look around you now, Heb 10:39. The Greek says "shrinking back." Is that any among you, that you are a part of? Are they of your brothers and sisters who are shrinking

back to perdition? That is, who are not obeying the Master's words, i.e., Heb 3:13; 12:15; or 10:24. Encouraging one another is a deliberate act of love, 1 John 3:14.

Shrink — Living as a shrinker, not as one who has faith and lives. Shrink implies an instinctive recoil, as from something painful or unpleasant; to flinch; draw back for reasons of lack of firmness, steadfastness and resolution, (which can only come by having faith). Shrinking is a word which comes from an involuntary shrinking under pain. Matt 24:10-12. Matt 24:13 — Those who endure, endure by faith. They endure by hearing and by being encouraged by His voice, by His word, by believing what they hear. Shrink is to wince. Faith enables us to be unflinching. Guilt makes us shrink back.

Guilt and misery shrink, by natural instinct, from public notice. Our Master never flinched from the heroic task He undertook on our behalf. He never blanched from its fulfillment. Blanch is to deceive or to live a deception; it is a pretended faithful life without courage. To live as a shrinker or coward is to withdraw from danger or hardship, trouble or labor, which depreciates His worth or glory — Col 1:10. Heb 10:38,39 — One who shrinks back is not worthy of Him or His reign, Rev 20:4-6. (Rev 17:14 and 3:4,5)

The Last Call

So Rev 18:1 is the last call for salvation for the whole earth before the 144,000 are sent out with their message. Rev 14:6-11 — This is the final message. It is only for those of the nations to avoid the lake of fire by not taking the mark of the beast. Verse 7 is the gospel to the nations — not the gospel of Messiah's redemption. (Matt 25:34) Verse 6 is the everlasting covenant, going back to the beginning — Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7. Rom 2:14-16 is the natural law — age lasting for six thousand years — unchanging law in the heart of man. It is unchanging in the heart of men who have not rejected the good news of Messiah, but were preserved by God for the nations. (Matt 25:34; Gen 12:3)

Rev 14:8 (Verse 7 is to the nations) — She has made all nations drink of the wine of her fornication — Rev 19:2; 18:23. She practices sorcery and fornication. (Luke 18:21; Jer 51:63,64; Rev 17:2) Jer 51:45 and Rev 18:4 — My people, go out from her midst. Rev 14:8 is after the 12

tribed holy (woman) people have fled to the wilderness, and after Rev 18:1 and the call for His people to come out of her. But Rev 14:8 is before all nations have taken the mark of the beast in verse 9. Rev 18:1 is before verse 4 or else it would be too late to be saved and come out of her and into the Body of Messiah. So in Rev 14:6 the 144,000 are sent out. Rev 12:5,13 — The woman gave birth to the male child and then she fled to the wilderness right after she gave birth to the male child to be sent out for his ministry.

The messianic community is a woman who brings forth the witness, or the fruit of the Kingdom of Matt 21:43. But from the very beginning, Gen 3:15, the obsession of the dragon has been to thwart the purpose of God. This has kept Matt 21:43 in abeyance, even as it has kept the ultimate purpose of God in abeyance — Gen 1:26-28. Through Israel God will work out His purpose even though down through history it has been thwarted or put off to a future generation. (Is 53:10; Ps 102:18) Matt 21:43 waits for Is 49:6 to actually be fulfilled, so that not only will the promise to Abraham be fulfilled — Is 49:8, Gen 15:18, and 18:19 — but Gen 1:26-28 as well.

Rev 11:15 is a Jubilee for all the earth. Dan 2:44 is the means by which God works out His plan. It will not be left to another people (1 Cor 15:23-28; Rev 20:1,2,7,10; Dan 12:2,3) to bring about the end of this age. (Matt 24:14; Heb 10:13) Rev 12:11 is the final expression of the messianic (woman) community producing those like a child who will rule the nations with a rod of iron. That rod of iron is unbending, unyielding loyalty to God, even unto death. They overcome the Satan, the red dragon — Rev 12:3, which has the head of ten horns.

Rev 12:11 (verses 9-11) — These male children had been trained in the way they should go by faithful parents. From the very beginning (Gen 3:15) this fiery red dragon has been obsessed with deceiving the nations, with deceiving Israel, with deceiving the Church, so that God's will could not be worked out and Rev 20:3,10 could not be executed. But this woman in Rev 12 obeyed — as Abraham's seed (Gal 3:29; Gen 18:19). The woman is the messianic community and she produces the fruit of His words and of His kingdom — her child through the power of the Spirit of Messiah Yahshua.

The red dragon of Rev 12:3 is identified in verse 9 (the serpent of old who is called the devil — Is 27:1) The seven heads represent complete authority, intelligence and cleverness. Ten represents earthly completeness. Horns are a symbol of physical or political strength. Seven diadems represent political authority.

The Community of Jer 30:20

Rev 12:1 — is the *authentic and genuine* sign to be opposed by Satan and the world he rules. The woman is the messianic community of Eph 2:12, just as Acts 26:7 describes. Is 49:6 is the remnant of Rom 9:29 — the Edah. The Edah is the faithful remnant of Rev 17:14, who are taken up to be with their Master whom they serve — John 12:26. (Jer 30:20 — NIV) The birth of this male child is the final purpose holding the Edah in the world for public view. Only after he was produced and made ready for his purpose — Rev 14:6-11 would the Edah be removed to the wilderness. There she would stay the remaining days until He comes and takes them up to be with Him for the final hour — 1 Thess 4:16; Rev 20:1,2; Rev 19:11-20. Rev 17:14 is the Stone of Dan 2:34,35,44,45.

John 12:27-32 — The cross must be preached if anyone is to be drawn to Him by the Father, John 6:44.

They (the make child) overcome him in Rev 12:4 the same way their parents overcame him — but their overcoming was finally conclusive proof of Messiah's victory on the cross over Satan by the overcoming saints who believe in Him. They overcome by appropriating His grace and faith — demonstrating the victory of the finished work of Messiah. They do so by the public confession of their faith and patient endurance — Rev 1:9 — in the face of martyrdom (true witnesses), Rev 13:10. They continually stand under the authority of the cross and the blood of the Lamb, and they are steadfastness to the promise and authority of the word of God. The word of their testimony is the key to their overcoming, Rev 12:12. As a result of this heaven rejoices for Heaven is about to come to earth for the reign of Messiah, Rev 5:9,10 and Rev 20:5,6.

NOW His salvation and strength and kingdom of God and His messiah have come (Rev 11:15) — because of their overcoming. This is the year of Jubilee for Israel, carried out by the

nations (Mal 1:5,11; Is 49:6) who were engrafted into the olive tree — (Matt 19:28; Gen 15:18) the fruit of the kingdom — Matt 21:43 — which natural Israel could not produce. (Rom 8:7-9 and 15:9,16)

Rev 3:10 — "I will keep you because you have kept My commandments to persevere as I persevered, and because you have overcome as I overcame." Keeping the word of His perseverance causes us to become worthy of Him, — verse 12 — Col 1:10; 3:12; Matt 24:22,24,31- the elect. Such a one will be glorified, Rom 8:17. We take complete identification with His sufferings — Col 1:24; 1 Pet 4:12,13; Rev 3:21.

The Coming Dictator

2 Thess 2 speaks of a coming dictator, verse 4, who opposes and exalts himself, even claiming to be God. He sits as God, showing himself that he is God. It will be without a doubt an exhibition and a display that is irrefutable and undeniable — verses 9,10. (Matt 24:24)

Tyranny is a system which comes in by the power of deception and remains in power by force. Babylon in the Hebrew is #894; it means confusion. Babylon in the Greek is tyranny, but in a mystery form. 899 — It is a profundity, a deep mystery, how could it be when he is so nice, when he offers the solution to all the world's problems, that he is so wicked? 3466 in the Greek means mystery to shut the mouth of all who question, and put all to silence — since he shows himself to be God by display and exhibition.

Mystery — Satan is a deceiver of the world, Rev 12:9, and of Christianity, 2 Cor 11:15. Satan uses Christianity to deceive the world — Rev 17:3. The seduction of the harlot is the plan to make the world a better place to live in through social betterment — as if the world can be saved better when all is well. The world cannot be saved through culture and when the church lends her aid to such methods she confesses her Christ is insufficient and she discounts the power of the gospel. The common opinion is that all one's ills and society's and the world's problems lie in the surroundings and the environment instead of in man himself. The betterment of society will never happen in this age regardless of the veneer or plaster of Paris that is applied to make it

look better. The only society that can be ridden of all the world's problems is the society of the redeemed, the community, the commonwealth of Israel — Eph 2:12. (Acts 4:32-35)

Satan's program is to build the great society, the new world order, a magnificent civilization — Rev 17:3. In this way he will advance upon the world to be as 2 Thess 2:4 by using the church to seduce the world. The church and the world should be two mutually antagonistic kingdoms — John 18:36. 2 Thess 2:9 is the coming of the lawless one. "Coming," means the spirit of Satan is working now in the world to bring him to fruition and to get people to believe the lie. Verse 10 — By the working of Satan, with all power to deceive. Just like God energizes the gifts of the Holy Spirit, 1 Cor 12:6, Satan will deceive the church as he did in 2 Cor 11:14,15 and 3,4. He brought the church of 2,000 years ago to the point of no return, to the point of having been thoroughly deceived. He will do it to the church today to bring it to the point of Rev 17:3. Satan will empower her to influence the governments of the world by producing compelling but deceptive signs and wonders. (Matt 24:24) 2 Thess 2:3 -The falling away happened 1,900 years ago, but Satan waits all these years to thoroughly deceive her and the world. (Rev 18:24 — 19:2)