

Gods Dressed as Humans

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We live at a time in history when science and technology can be harnessed by the rich and powerful to further an agenda that removes as much wealth and independence from the citizenry of the world as possible. This trend is being advanced under the guise of worthy causes such as “*protecting the environment*” or “*reducing the impact of climate change*”, or “*developing vaccines to eliminate certain diseases*”, or “*creating new and innovative food products*” etc. Therefore, these “*just and righteous causes*” make those who “*champion them*” sound godly. However, anyone who believes that God’s word is relevant to every generation, understands that this subterfuge was predicted to happen,

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! (2Tim. 3:1-5; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

In verse 5, these rich and powerful people “*have a form of godliness*” associated with their endeavors, but they deny what true godly power is supposed to do, and that is, serve and protect the citizenry from any and all forms of harm. There is an ancient precedent for the consequences that come when wealth and power is vested in the few, and used against the majority, whether it is through politics, commerce, the military, or religion. In the following example, Ithobaal III amassed great wealth and power, which in turn went to his head and it was used for nefarious purposes. He was so successful as the leader (prince) of Tyre that he regarded himself “*as a god*” who could do whatever he wanted,

regardless of the consequences to other people. His story is placed in juxtaposition to his counterpart who functions in the spirit realm, and although this counterpart is referred to as the King of Tyre, it is actually Satan. But first, we will look at the prince of Tyre,

The word of the Lord came to me (Ezekiel) again, saying, ²“Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,’ Yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god ³Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you! ⁴With your wisdom and your understanding you have gained riches for yourself, and gathered gold and silver into your treasuries; ⁵By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches,” ⁶Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Because you have set your heart as the heart of a god, ⁷behold, I will bring strangers against you, the most terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and defile your splendor. ⁸They shall throw you down into the Pit (grave), and you shall die the death of the slain in the midst of the seas. ⁹Will you still say before him who slays you, ‘I am a god’? But you shall be a man, and not a god, in the hand of him who slays you. ¹⁰You shall die the death of the uncircumcised (unrepentant) by the hand of aliens; For I have spoken,” says the Lord God.”” (Ezekiel 28:1-10; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This same mindset of being specially endowed, and virtually invincible, is often associated with the rich and powerful in this world who can be blinded to the point that their judgment is clouded, which can lead to hardship and death for many people. In the case of Ithobaal III, his fellow citizens endured a thirteen-year siege at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar II; after which Ithobaal died and was replaced by Baal II who ruled as a vassal of Babylon. The chronological placement of Ithobaal as prince of

Tyre, just before the King of Tyre, as mentioned in the 28th chapter of Ezekiel, is very important because Ithobaal's attitude reflected that of the King of Tyre. And, as mentioned previously, the King of Tyre represents Satan who continues to influence leaders in the physical realm even to this day,

Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'This says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established (appointed) you; you were on the holy mountain (symbol of government) of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity (sin; 1Jn. 3:4) was found in you. ¹⁶By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God (cf. Lk. 10:18), and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. ¹⁷Your heart was lifted up (became proud) because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you." (Eze. 28:12-17; Ed. notes in parentheses)

Because this King of Tyre represents Satan, it would be easy for him to deceive Ithobaal, who in turn could take actions that would have negative consequences for the citizens of Tyre. Anyone who is deceived, whether they are a giant of industry, a successful politician, or someone with immense private wealth, their success does not shield them from being deceived. The following scripture confirms that everyone is deceived to one degree or another,

So the great dragon was cast out (of heaven), that serpent of old (who was in Eden), called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world... (Rev. 12:9a; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Therefore, anyone in a position of power can be deceived on one or more very important points/facts. And, if they take matters into their own hands, because they believe they are 'a god' who can do no wrong, the result can be catastrophic for many people. The following excerpt from Popular Mechanics is just one example of this,

Bill Gates, who recently suggested the world should eat 100% synthetic beef and said bitcoin is bad for the planet, has set his sights on a new foe: the sun. Gates and other private donors are backing Harvard University's Solar Geoengineering Research Program, which will soon launch a new study researching the efficacy of blocking sunlight from reaching Earth's surface. Geoengineering is a blanket term for technologies that try to alter Earth's physical qualities on the largest scale possible. One example is cloud seeding, where airplanes flush clouds with particulate matter in order to coalesce into rain. Carbon capture, where emissions are taken and sequestered beneath Earth's surface, is another major form of geoengineering
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However, just because we can do something on a monumental scale does not mean it will work out well for mankind. In fact, it was for this very reason that the united forces of mankind were hindered from progressing any further during the time of Nimrod because they would have reached the same point, we are today in just a few generations, and the result would have been catastrophic,

And they (people living at the time of Nimrod's leadership) said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let

us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth” (Gen. 11:4; Ed. note in parenthesis).

And the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this they want to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them” (Gen. 11:6).

Some will argue that it was not fair for God to limit the scientific and technological advances that would have come to fruition thousands of years ago, but what these same people don't understand is that mankind lacks God's knowledge, which includes having a complete understanding of consequences related to one's actions. Eventually, God's knowledge will be readily available, and peoples' lives improved through the action of His Spirit. Once this occurs there will be advances, the likes of which mankind has never experienced, but with no negative side effects,

“I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts (teachable/receptive attitude), and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more” (Jer. 31:33b-34; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Currently, the most successful and brilliant people are still being influenced, to one degree or another, by the unseen King of Tyre whose values are anti-human and antinomian. Therefore, until his influence is removed, and God's values taught on a universal scale, mankind will end up using science and technology in a manner that does not truly serve and protect earth's population, despite any arguments to the contrary. In fact, it will be our science and technology that is used against us in a future world war. However, the good news is that mankind's unseen enemy will be removed when

Christ returns to stop this future worldwide destruction (cf. Mt. 24:21-22),

Then I (John) saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years (of Christ's reign on earth) were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while (Rev. 20:1-3; Ed. notes in parentheses).

In the meantime, the gods of this age are metaphorically “dressed as a humans” when they are able to negatively influence our attitudes, which left unchecked can cause serious harm,

“The gospel (message of good news) is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴whose minds the god of this age (Satan + his demons) has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the good news of the glory of Christ, who is the image (likeness) of God (the Father), should shine on them (2Cor. 4:3b-4; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Given our current lawless trajectory and corruption, the removal of mankind's archenemy appears imminent, which is very good news for our future.

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