

#76 FORUM POST ON THE ENDTIMES AND BEING “BROKEN”

Dear H _____,

I read your posts on the “end-times” and I cannot agree with your comments. You are understanding the teachings of Christ in a carnal way (outwardly) rather than in a spiritual way (inwardly).

Paul made this same statement to the Corinthian church:

1Cor 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Also, God's Word says that when Christ came into the world, He taught in a different language:

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another language (spiritual language) will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; **that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.**

The only people who can understand Christ's spiritual language are the ones who have been weaned from milk. These are believers who have received both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit and have been converted. For believers who have only received the Early Rain, they will remain carnal in their understanding of Christ (God's Word). Because they remain carnal, they will "fall backward, and be broken, and snared (by Satan) and taken". This is what caused the first century churches to become apostate after the deaths of the Apostles.

Consider these statements below by Christ:

Mar 18:8 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

Mar 7:16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

Physical eyes and ears represent that a person can only understand Christ (God's Word) in a carnal and outward way. Spiritual eyes and ears represents when a person can understand Christ (God's Word) in a spiritual and inward way.

The Old Covenant of Law was carnal (outward). However, the New Covenant of Grace through Faith is spiritual (inward). When a person tries to understand the teachings of Christ under the New Covenant in a carnal way, they will not understand His teachings. But since the church (like the Corinthian church) is full of only Early Rain believers, the church remains carnal. And

because the church is carnal, they cannot understand God's Word. They are places where the blind lead the blind. Because the church is blind, the church has splintered into over 2,000 different denominations and sects.

As for your understanding of the 1000 years reign, it is carnal and incorrect.

This is what the spiritual symbol "1000 years" actually means:

2Pet 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

Peter is teaching about judgment. And as you will later see, John is teaching about the same subject.

When Peter compares a thousand years to a day, the "day" Peter is referring to is the Day of the Lord. Both the "Thousand Years" and the "Day of the Lord" are spiritual symbols which represent Christ's judgment. They do not represent any specific amount of literal time - that is a carnal understanding of the symbols.

2Pet 3:10 But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

When Christ's judgment arrives, it comes as a thief in the night and will destroy the "heavens" and the "earth" of the believer. The earth represents mankind's spiritual nature. The heavens represent mankind's mind. In the verse above, Peter is speaking about mankind's carnal spiritual nature and carnal mind. These are the Old Heavens and the Old Earth.

When Christ comes a "second time" to a believer and gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit, it will immediately be followed by the arrival of the Day of the Lord/Thousand Years. Christ's judgment will destroy the Old Heaven and the Old Earth. Once they are completely destroyed, the Elect believer will be governed by a New Heaven and a New Earth which will come from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

This verse below applies to what Peter stated about the Thousand Years:

Psa 90:3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

Though the above verse is clouded in spiritual language, it is similarly teaching that the Day of the Lord is like a Thousand Years.

This verse also applies:

Ecc 6:6 Yea, though he live a Thousand Years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

The above verse is speaking of the Elect who will reign with Christ in judgment "twice told". The first time they reign with Christ is over their own judgment (**Rev 19:11-14**). The second time they reign with Christ is in the final age when the lost are judged (**Joel 2:1-11**). During both judgments, the Elect do not see any good and all who are judged go to "one place" (Lake of Fire, destruction).

Rev chapter 20 is a continuation of chapter 19 and the thousand years taught there carries the same meaning as Peter taught.

When judgment comes to an Elect believer, Satan will be bound and not allowed to tempt the believer until they are converted. This time of judgment for the Elect believer is called the Day of the Lord. But since the believer is "born again" prior to their judgment occurring, they do not experience wrath but instead reign with Christ over their own judgment (as shown in Rev 19:11-14) as a newly born child of God. This time of judgment for the Elect is also called the 1000 years reign. After their judgment is complete, Satan will be loosed for a "little season" (shown in detail in Rev 20:7-10) to test the newly converted believer. This time of testing for a believer was "typed" by Christ when Satan came to Christ at the end of His 40 days fast. And like Christ, the converted believer will not fall for Satan's deceptions.

Also, the spiritual term "First Resurrection" represents the complete spiritual process of conversion. The full process of the First Resurrection is taught in the previous chapter (Rev 19:7-21) using the marriage analogy. It consists of the birth of the child of God and the judgment of the believer. After the believer is converted, they will have eternal salvation.

The book of Revelation says this about the Elect:

Rev 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The "sayings of the prophecy" teach the pathway to salvation that the Elect (the blessed) will travel to be converted and saved. Each Elect person, since the time this prophecy was written, must experience the "sayings" of the prophecies. The prophecies are not one-time "outward" world events which will occur at the literal end of this age. This is a carnal and false understanding of the prophecies. The end-time prophecies are spiritual and they have been occurring "within" the Elect for the past 1900 years. That is why the book says it is not sealed and is why the time for the prophecies are said to be "at hand". And likewise, that is why the book says Christ will "come quickly". Christ must come quickly during the lifetime of each of His Elect or they will not be saved. If Christ does not come a second time to a believer who has only received the Early Rain of the Spirit, they will not be saved in this age and will not be an heir to the promises of Abraham. They will receive their portion with the unbelievers (**Luke 12:46**).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

So what do you follow, a 'spirit' language that doesn't agree with Gods Word, or what scripture shows. Need to think about that...

H

Dear H _____,

Christ said this:

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are SPIRIT, and they are life.

Christ's words are "spirit" words. Spiritual words carry meanings that are different than what man's wisdom teaches:

1Cor 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Paul says that even he teaches using Christ's spirit words which carry meanings that are different from how man defines them. Paul says that the meaning of spirit words can be discerned by the Holy Spirit when we compare a spirit word with how it is used elsewhere in scripture (comparing spiritual things with spiritual).

Here is a simple example where Christ uses the spirit word "sword":

Mat 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that

take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Does Christ really mean that if you use a sword to kill others, then you must likewise be killed with a sword? Literally, that is what He is saying. However, if we understand this verse literally, that statement can easily be proven to be false. There are countless examples of people who have used violence to kill others but then do not die from that same type of violence - it almost goes without saying.

Is Christ mistaken or is His message something else?

In **Matt 26:52**, Christ is using the spirit word SWORD to teach us a spiritual message. To understand what this spiritual symbol represents, we must look at how it is used elsewhere in scripture. In other words, we must compare spiritual things with spiritual.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edge sword...

Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword...

From the verses presented above, it is easy to understand that the spirit word SWORD represents the Word of God who is Christ.

Christ's hidden spiritual point He is making in **Matt 26:52** is that all who take up the Sword (those who receive the Early Rain and are "called out"), will later perish by the sword (death of the carnal nature when Christ "comes again"). This spiritual death is a necessary part of the conversion process which happens when the Word of God (Christ, the Sword) comes to a person and gives them the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Fire (judgment of the carnal nature):

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire.

This conversion event is what the Apostles experienced on the Day of Pentecost:

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of FIRE, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with

the HOLY SPIRIT, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In the spiritual language of Christ, the Apostles took up the Sword when they began following him in the flesh (Early Rain of the Spirit). They then died by the SWORD when Christ came to them a "second time" and gave them the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain of the Spirit) and the baptism of Fire (judgment).

The baptism of the Holy Spirit gave birth to the new child of God (new holy nature and mind of Christ) and the baptism of fire destroyed the child of the devil (carnal nature and carnal mind).

In 2Peter chapter 3, Peter teaches using Christ's spirit words. In that chapter, Peter refers to the carnal nature as the old earth and the carnal mind as the old heavens. When a person is converted, their old earth and old heavens are destroyed by fire (judgment), leaving the person with only a new heavens and a new earth by which they will be governed.

2Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

This truth is confirmed in Rev chapter 21 when the Elect (the Bride) are presented in their new glorified spiritual bodies as the New Jerusalem:

Rev 1:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

The spirit word "sea" represents carnal mankind which is "no more". The Elect are now children of God in the Kingdom of Heaven. They are represented by the New Jerusalem (the Bride) and are described in detail by other spirit words later in the chapter.

New Jerusalem is not a literal city with streets of gold where the Elect will dwell. This is a carnal understanding of the spirit word "New Jerusalem".

Until a person has their spiritual blindness healed, they are not going to be able to understand the truth that Christ teaches in scripture.

Paul "typed" the healing of a believer's spiritual blindness by His conversion experience. Paul received the Early Rain on the Damascus Road. His blindness represented his spiritual blindness and because of such, Paul had to be led by the hand (the blind leading the blind) into Damascus (represents Old Jerusalem). Paul then spent three days (a spiritual process) in Damascus where he remained blind and could not eat (truth) or drink (blood of the New Covenant). After his three days were complete, Christ came to Paul a second time (typed by Ananias) and gave Paul the Latter Rain. It was then that Paul's spiritual blindness was healed (the scales fell off his eyes) and when Paul was able to start consuming "meat" (truth of God's Word).

The healing of the blind man in Mark 8:21-25 also teaches when a person's spiritual blindness is healed. You should read the story and see if you can understand what it is actually teaching. It matches with Paul's conversion experience.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Yes, but you cannot "spiritualize" the whole Bible away, otherwise there never was a Creation, a Garden of Eden, a worldwide Flood, etc.. to say nothing of the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation. All of it is thrown away and the Bible is no longer to be believed and only the Devil benefits and is pleased, not God.

H

Dear H _____,

The actual history of scripture is absolutely true and happened just as scripture lays out. The creation in six literal days, the Garden of Eden, Noah's flood, etc. all actually happened but those events are also "types" which teach spiritual truths that are presently being fulfilled under the New Covenant.

For instance, why did Christ mention Noah's flood in His "end-time" teachings? Why did He mention Lot and His wife? What do they have to do with the "end-time"? Those events were literal and historical events but they are also "types" which teach the pathway to salvation the Elect will travel up to the time the "ends of the ages" come upon them:

1Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as TYPES, and have been written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.

Here is how to understand the "type" taught by the story of Noah:

Noah and His family (a total of 8) represent one Elect person. The number eight is a spiritual symbol which represents a new spiritual condition. It can be either positive or negative. The positive is a new child of God. The negative is a man of sin (a worsened child of the devil).

When Noah received his commission to build the ark, it represents the time when an Elect person is given the Early Rain of the Spirit and is called out from the world. This is when they enter the church. But because an Elect believer will remain carnal and spiritually blind after receiving the Early Rain, they will mix their own "works" with faith. Noah typed this truth by his work of building the ark. He had not yet entered into the "rest" of Christ.

When Noah and his family entered the Ark (Christ), it represents when a called out Elect believer is given the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This is also called the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and is what the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost and what Paul received after being in Damascus for three days. After an Elect believer receives the Latter Rain, they are "born again" and will then enter the "rest" of Christ (no longer will they mix works with faith). This is also the time when Christ heals their spiritual blindness. After this salvation event, the Elect believer is spiritually gathered to heaven (**shown in Mat 24:29-31**). In other words, Christ no longer considers the Elect believer to be a part of mankind who dwells upon the earth (represents mankind's carnality) - Christ now considers them to be a "new creation" who dwells with Him in heaven. The term "earth" and "heaven" in this case represent the spiritual state of being of the person and not a literal location.

After Noah entered the ark, judgment falls to complete the conversion process for the newly born again Elect believer. This judgment is called the Day of the Lord (also the 1000 years reign) and is when judgment falls upon the Elect believer's carnality (symbolized by the "world" outside the ark). And since the Elect believer no longer dwells upon the earth where judgment falls, the Elect believer will not experience the wrath of the judgment. Instead, they will reign with Christ during the time of their own judgment (see Rev chapter 19). After the judgment is complete and the believer's carnality is completely destroyed, they are eternally converted and saved.

The story of Lot is also a "type" which teaches the same spiritual process of conversion. Lot and his wife represent "one flesh" (one Elect person) after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit. Lot represents the head (carnal mind) and Lot's wife represents his carnal spiritual nature. Before judgment falls, Lot receives the Latter Rain and is told to flee to the mountains because judgment is coming (taught by Christ in **Mat 24:16 & Luke 17:28-32**). Since Lot's wife (the woman) is guilty of the transgression (**1Tim 2:14**), she will be destroyed (symbolized by turning into a pillar of salt). However, since Lot represents the carnal mind, his mind will not be destroyed but will be "transformed" into the mind of Christ (**Rom 12:2**). This transformation happens by the chastisement of Christ and is what matures the newly born babe into a mature son of God.

All the events of the Old Testament are "types" which are spiritually fulfilled under the New Covenant. As for the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, they are not prophecies of literal physical events which happen out in the world. They are prophecies that are spiritually fulfilled within each Elect person. And like the events of Noah and Lot, those prophecies teach a portion of the pathway to salvation that the Elect will travel. For that reason, Revelation says that the Elect will "keep" the sayings of the prophecies:

Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. 10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Also, the prophecies were NOT SEALED even at the time John received the vision. The things the prophecies taught were already taking place within the Elect of that day. That is why John was told the "time is at hand". The prophecies are not one-time spiritual events - they are reoccurring spiritual events which have been happening within all the Elect since the prophecies were given to John.

The second coming of Christ is also understood in this "reoccurring" spiritual manner. Christ's second coming is a spiritual coming when He comes to each of His Elect to convert them. Christ's second coming happened to the Jewish Elect on the Day of Pentecost and it has been reoccurring within the lives of each of the Elect ever since.

Christ "is, was and will be coming" to all the Elect during each of their lifetimes:

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Rev 11:17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because you have taken your great power and reigned.

Understanding the prophecies as being one-time future world events is a "carnal" understanding of the prophecies. To properly understand the prophecies, they must be spiritually understood and that takes "ears that can hear" and "eyes that can see" spiritual things.

Does any of what I have presented above make any sense to you?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

So what history shows us on what was prophesized in the Bible and is coming, is just 'spiritualized' away. Once you start down that road it opens you up to wiping out what you please or don't understand, as seems to be what you are doing. Need to go through history and see how it matches up directly to what Daniel and Revelation show us. Here is a good study on this.. <http://www.historicism.org/Documents/Jrn/EmpireMotif.pdf>

H _____

Dear H _____

I used to teach a carnal understanding of end-time prophecy many years ago but after I was converted back in 2005, all my understanding of end-time prophecy changed. When you try to understand end-time prophecy carnally, there are many scriptures that you have to ignore or change what they teach. But when you understand them spiritually (happening within a person), the contradictions disappear.

Consider this: The Old Covenant is physical. The New Covenant is spiritual. It is vital to divide the Word by the two covenants if you have any hope of understanding bible prophecy.

All the prophecies that were fulfilled under the Old Covenant were physically fulfilled. Those prophecies include Christ's birth & ministry and all of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy up until Christ was cutoff in the midst of the final week. The last 3 1/2 years of Daniel's prophecy are now being fulfilled spiritually by Christ under the New Covenant. After the last Elect person is saved and converted, Daniel's prophecy will be fulfilled.

FYI, the last 3 1/2 years begins for a person when they receive the Early Rain. It ends when they receive the Latter Rain. It is not literal time.

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the EARLY and LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

James believed that the "coming of the Lord draweth nigh", but you say that the Lord still has not come even to this day. Who is right? You or James?

All the scriptures that mention 3 1/2 years, time, times and a half, 1260 days or 42 months are teaching on the time an Elect believer spends between the Early and Latter Rains. This time period is also the time of Elijah's 3 1/2 years of drought.

Since you believe in a carnal understanding of prophecy, how do you explain that Christ said He would "come quickly"? It has been almost 2,000 years and He still has not come according to your understanding. 2,000 years is 1/3 of the time since this creation began - that is not a short period of time.

By your understanding of end-time prophecy, the prophecies have not applied to any Christian who has ever lived. However, John said that the time for the prophecy was "at hand" (happening now) and that the prophecies are not sealed. You have to ignore those verses to believe that the prophecies are only fulfilled at the end of the literal age.

Also, many verses describe Christ's coming as "is, was and will be coming". Why do you believe that Christ's coming is a future one-time event in light of these verses? You are ignoring these verses, too.

What about this verse below?

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Don't you consider yourself already saved? Why does this verse teach that Christ brings salvation with him when He comes the second time? Are you still waiting for your salvation along with all the believers who have lived the past 2,000 years?

As I have been saying, the second coming of Christ is when He comes to bring the Latter Rain of the Spirit to those who have only received the Early Rain. The Early Rain believers are the ones who are waiting for Him to return (waiting for the Bridegroom) and pour out the baptism of the Spirit. This is the moment of an Elect believer's eternal salvation.

If Christ doesn't "come again" before an Early Rain believer dies, they are not one of the Elect. Scripture says that "many are called" (Early Rain) but only a "few are chosen" (Latter Rain).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

History shows you that the prophecies are just as God laid out, and we see them coming now to the end which the Second Coming of Christ will be the stone that was cut without hands which Daniel prophesied.

Daniel 2:45

“Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.”

H

Dear H _____,

The statue with the head of gold represents carnal mankind in our "worse than the first" spiritual condition (**Mat 12:43-45**). This worsened spiritual condition is called a "man of sin".

Below, Christ describes when and why the man of sin (statue with the head of gold) is formed:

Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself SEVEN other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

The spiritual symbol of an unclean spirit represents a spirit which teaches Satan's false truth through lies and deceptions.

Since a new believer remains spiritually blind (**Mark 8:21-25**) after receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit, they cannot replace their worldly false beliefs with the truth of Christ. ONE unclean spirit leaves but comes back with SEVEN more. The number "seven" represents perfection. In this case, the number seven represents the perfection of Satan's lies/deceptions which come to a believer by the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. Now, instead of ONE unclean spirit within the believer, they now have EIGHT. The number eight is a spiritual symbol which represents a new spiritual condition. In this case, the new spiritual condition is worse than the first.

This "worse than the first" spiritual condition causes the believer to become a False Prophet, a Man of Sin, a Minister of Satan and a Seven Headed Beast with Ten Horns & Crowns.

This worsened spiritual condition is the end product of the spirit of anti-Christ indwelling a new believer shortly after they have been given the Early Rain of the Spirit.

This devolution of a believer into a man of sin has been happening to all new believers since Paul's death. None of the flock has been spared:

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

It is after Paul's death that all the churches the Apostles started became apostate and they remain apostate even to this day.

Christ stated this about the power of Satan's deceptions:

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs

and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

The only reason that the very Elect (the Apostles) were not deceived is because they were converted prior to the spirit of anti-Christ coming into the church. However, for unconverted believers (Early Rain only), they will, without any doubt, fall prey to Satan's spirit. Satan's deception is that strong!

Paul added this to what Christ said in Mat 24:24:

2Thes 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion (the spirit of anti-Christ), that they should believe a lie (believe in "another Jesus", 2Cor 11:4): 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (mixing works with faith).

When an Elect believer has fully become a man of sin and has fully accepted Satan's "another gospel", the time will be right (signs of the time) for Christ to "come again":

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom (Satan's "another gospel) shall be preached in all the world (the believer) for a witness unto all nations (the nations are the thoughts and beliefs of the believer); and then shall the end come.

When Christ comes, He will bring the "ends of the ages" (1Cor 10:11) upon His chosen believer. This is the second coming of Christ when Christ will bring salvation to the believer (Heb 9:28). Christ brings salvation by pouring out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon the believer and then by judging the believer. This is the spiritual process of conversion (baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire, Mat 3:11).

The judgment of Christ during the conversion process is what Daniel's prophecy of the uncut stone foretells. The stone made without hands (no works from mankind) represents Christ when He destroys the man of sin. After the man of sin is destroyed, all that will remain is the newly birthed child of God.

This verse below restates Daniel's prophecy when the stone falls on the statue (man of sin). When it falls, it will grind the man of sin to powder:

Luke 20:18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be BROKEN; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to POWDER.

But before that happens, a believer will fall upon the stone and will be "broken". This event is describing what Christ described in Mat 12:43-45 which I explained above.

It is also taught in the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares. Shortly after Christ plants his seed of the Holy Spirit (the Early Rain) in a new believer, Satan will come at night (time of spiritual

blindness) and plant his seed (spirit of anti-Christ) within the believer, too. After Satan does this, the believer will be "broken".

This time of being "broken" is also described in this scripture from Isaiah:

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another language (Christ's spiritual language) will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be BROKEN, and snared, and taken (by the spirit of anti-Christ).

Can you see how scripture all ties together when it is spiritually understood?

Joe

H_____ never responded again.