

GOOD MORNING!

**The Manifestation of Messiah:
Going Into Battle With Jesus
The Satanic Stronghold in the North
(Mat. 8:18-34)
Pt. 3**

The Twelve Tribes in Canaan



TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

- 1. We must not spiritualize away God's words and replace them with our own words, trivializing God's Word.**
 - God's "Nation of Israel" cannot be erased and replaced with the Body of Christ. God's believing remnant of Israelites cannot be erased and replaced with believers in the Disp. Of Grace. God's "Jerusalem" cannot be erased and replaced with Chicago or your hometown.**
- 2. Doing so is NOT a spiritual response in faith as Historical Christianity claims. It is a carnal and fleshly response in unbelief and presumption no better than that of pagan superstition. It nullifies God's Word.**

- 3. The Israelites did not suffer illness and sickness for the same reason we suffer sickness and illness:
 - a. We suffer sickness because we (and all Gentiles since the time of Adam) are under the Curses of the Fall. (Gen. 3-4)**
 - b. For their 1500 yrs. under the Law, including the days of Jesus, the Israelites suffered sickness because they were under the Curses of the Law.****

- 4. Israel was suffering heightened Satanic activity because Jesus was about to begin re-possessing the nation of Israel, unto the glory of God.**
--Again, this was or is not something going on anywhere else in the world.

Matthew 8:18-22: DAN--THE SATANIC STRONGHOLD

- 1. This area had been a Satanic stronghold for through the tribe of Dan Satan corrupted the whole nation, leading to the Assyrian captivity of the Northern Kingdom and the Babylonian Captivity of the Southern Kingdom. (2 Kgs. 17:14-23)
--Satan is marshaling his legions in the land of Israel because Jesus is there.**

- 2. The most fundamental of the 10 Commandments was (Ex. 20:3-4):**
 - a. Thou shall have no other gods before Me.**
 - b. Thou shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

- 3. The Danites did both and brought them into the rest of the nation as well. (Judges 18:30-31)**

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- 4. These men were being used by Satan to maintain control over the land of Israel. Israel is ensnared in the Satanic worship system. He is practicing the rites and rituals of idolatry. (Mat. 8:28-29; Mk. 5:1-10)**

- 5. The man in Mark worships Jesus—not out of true faith but in line with their idolatry, adding another god to their panoply of gods.**
 - a. 2 Kgs. 17:33—they feared the Lord and worshipped Baal.**
 - b. We would call this assimilation—he recognizes the Most High God, Possessor of Heaven and Earth—this is the position Satan desired and hoped to steal away from Christ (Gen. 14:11; Is. 14:15).**

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- 6. Satan has brought his legions of unclean spirits to contaminate and maintain control over the land, fighting back against what Jesus is doing. But Jesus not only delivers Israel, He destroys the Adversary.**
 - a. Jer. 31:8-11—The north country will be delivered from the strong man that holds Israel captive.**
 - b. 1 Kgs. 18:21-41--Elijah delivers (temporarily) Israel from the human element of this strong man—no more wavering.**
 - c. Mat. 12:29-30-Jesus gives a foretaste of complete deliverance from the Satanic element of the strong man—no more wavering.**
 - d. Rev. 20:3—Satan will be cast into the pit at His 2nd Coming.**
- 7. Pictures of Baal worship:**
 - a. Is. 8:19-22; 9:1-2—Darkness—they rejected God and His Word and were turning to false gods and their words.**
 - b. Is. 65:1-4; 66:17—Eating swine.**
 - c. Ps. 82—Most-High God—Satan the usurper.**

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- 8. These men were doing the things that the nation of Israel was sent into captivity for doing. (Mk. 5:1-20)**
 - a. Is. 65:2-5; 1 Kgs. 18:25-29**
 - b. He is possessed by unclean spirit, which makes him do unclean things to keep Israel unclean and unusable to God.**
 - c. Just as religious systems today make people do all kinds of strange things, so too with Baal worship in that day.**

- 9. God will deliver those in the north country, esp. associated with demonic activity and darkness, delivering it from “the hand that was stronger than he.” Jer. 31:8-11; Ezek. 36**
 - a. This begins to happen at Christ’s First Coming (Mat. 4:15-17)**
 - b. And will be fulfilled completely at His Second Coming.**