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"BLINDED"

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"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (II Corinthians 4:4) It is evident from both the Scriptures and history that Satan is more desirous of having people, especially God's kingdom people, blinded to the gospel of the kingdom than to the gospel of personal salvation. In the gospel of the kingdom Satan loses his possession and his dominion over the kingdoms of this earth. In the gospel of personal salvation Satan loses his possession and dominion over the individual Christian.

Satan's rebellion and why he was cast out of heaven is stated in Isaiah chapter 14, verses 12 through 14. Verse 12 states: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" The rebellion and conspiracy were to weaken the nations. The strategy of the communists and the one worlders today is to weaken the nation they seek to take into their control. This they are doing in our nation today. By establishing his throne above the rule of God, Satan would also be able to influence and control congregations. Satan and his agents are also doing this at the present time.

When Satan was cast out of heaven, he was cast down to the ground or to the earth. In verse 14 Satan states: "I will be like the most high." Having been cast down to the earth Satan's ambition was to establish himself as the ruler of this world. Christ called Satan the prince of this world. A prince is one who is involved in ruling and reigning on the earth. In Daniel 10 Daniel was told that Satan, the prince of Persia, hindered the thing Daniel was praying for for one and twenty days. He also was told Satan was prince of Grecia. Persia is Iran today, and it seems this still evil prince has great influence over Iran.

Ephesians 6, verse 12, states: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Through his principalities, and his rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places, Satan has come closer today to establishing his throne throughout the earth than at any time in past history. The Reds, the one worlders and the antichrists are also Satan's agents in his effort to establish a one world rule under his control.

Thank God, the Almighty has already begun to bring forth His kingdom upon the entire earth. God will use fire from heaven, consuming the wicked and the rebels. He will send forth mighty angels, and He will also send back to the earth men like Elijah, Moses, Daniel and a great host of others who devoted their lives to civil administration and righteousness in the nation. One angel slew 185,000 Assyrians in one night.

Verses 14 and 15 in the Epistle of Jude state: "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesies of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints. To execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." The coming of the Lord with ten thousands of his saints was revealed to Enoch, the seventh from Adam. Ten thousands of saints in glorified bodies, that can appear in rooms where doors are locked and disappear at will, will have no difficulty in dealing with the ungodly sinners in our nation today nor with the hard speakers against the Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 25, verses 6 through 8, are clearly an end time prophecy. Verse 6 states: "And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined." "Mountain" symbolizes a nation. There is only one nation in this end time where God has provided an abundance of good food, and it is being sent over all the earth. Verse 7 states: "And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations." "The covering cast over all people, and the vail over all