I pray to God that you will not be fooled into believing that you can circumvent the long hard road to repentance in the restoration of our nation under Jesus Christ and Bible Law. Those who believe that the easy quick fix to our nation's problems is for the super patriots to unfurl their flags on the steps of the capitol building, intercept the plans of the CIA, or hang the heads of the Federal Reserve Board are fooling only themselves. The problems of America go much deeper than the Club of Rome, the Bilderbergers, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Brookings Institute, the Protocols, the Rothchilds, the Rockefellers, and the Kennedys. America is inflicted with the sin problem. We have departed from the covenant law of Yahweh and the heritage of our forefathers. We are several generations into sin, and the family and church life in this nation will confirm how deep our problem is.

Until there is confession of our sin, the sins of our fathers, an acceptance of the punishment of our iniquity, and a desire to repent, be washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, and ***walk in obedience to His law***, first in our own lives, then our families and the Church, we cannot expect any great changes to take place in the direction toward which America is moving at the national level. ***After Repentance, What?*** I pray that this discussion will inspire you to move forward on the long but rewarding road to true repentance.

SATAN IN OVERVIEW

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A study of the Bible is incomplete without a knowledge and understanding of the fallen angel whose name is Lucifer. His more common appelations are Satan, the Devil, the Serpent, and the Dragon. Soon after the creation of Adam, Satan makes his appearance in the Garden of Eden to challenge the plan of God and change human history. After he deceives Eve with the Big Lie, he is busy conforming to the meaning of his name, adversary. Satan, according to Joseph Thayer, is a superhuman adversary or one who opposes another in purpose or act. Devil, the other common appelation for Satan, also means false accuser. Joseph Thayer, writing further in his GREEK—ENGLISH LEXICON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, says that Satan is the prince of demons. Finally, he notes that the Devil is the malignant enemy of God and Messiah. It is clear that Satan is the enemy of God and God's creation. Because he is an enemy of God, the study of Satan becomes high profile for the Christian.

The Scriptures speak of Satan in terms of his fall from the Grace of God, his realm, his purpose, his power, and his destiny. These, then, become the areas of this study.

God is the only uncreated being in the universe. This makes Satan a created being. Thayer says that he is a spirit being inferior to God; superior to man. He was created an angel and given the name of Lucifer. As Michael and Gabriel were special angels, so was Lucifer. His home was heaven. But, ***"There was war in the heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven"*** (Rev. 12:7,8). One third of the angels fell in this assault upon God (Rev. 12:3) from the grace of God. Jesus said: "I beheld Satan as lightening fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Satan and his rebellious angels were sent in their defeat to the earth and hell (Isa. 14:9-21). What prompted this warfare?

Warfare comes when one person or a group acting as a nation chooses to take something that is or is not theirs. This is an act of offense. To defend against an offensive act, where offense and defense meet, is warfare. Satan, prior to the creation of Adam, went on the offensive and said in his heart: ***"I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High"*** (Isa. 14:13,14). From this point, sin entered into the creation of God. Satan was the first sinner.

The warfare that started in Heaven continues upon the earth. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8), who brought death into the world by deceiving Eve. As a result of Satan's deception of Eve and Adam and Eve sinning, Yahweh put hatred or warring attitudes between the seed of Satan and the seed of God (Gen. 3:15). God gave the world Adam and Eve. Satan gave the world Cain, who has been raising cain since as his descendants war against the seed of the woman--Israel.

THE REALM OF SATAN

"Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12).

The realm of Satan is the Earth and Hades. He brought wickedness into this world, and he watches over the wicked in Hades as they await judgment. The earth is punishment for Satan. God said that he would have to eat dust of the earth all the days of his life (Gen. 3:14). This is a special curse put upon him for his wickedness in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:13). Satan will be without the living water of Jesus Christ. He is under the greatest curse upon all living. He battles without hope of winning. Even now he knows that he is defeated.

Paul writes that Satan is the Prince and Power of the air (Eph. 2:2). John records that he is the prince of this world (John 12:31, and 14:30). The evil world of demons, wicked angels, and Canaanites is under the control of Satan: "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" (Eph. 6:12). St. Paul refers to Satan as the god of this world (II Corn. 4:4). This does not mean he is the GOD, Yahweh, or that he is equal in power and opposite in presence. There are not two Gods vying for power over the creation with everyone awaiting the outcome of the battle. There is only one God, Theism(Deu. 6:4 and I Cor. 8:4). The Bible teaches that the earth is Yahweh's, and He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Compared to God, Satan is second rate. The unique world of Satan is the world of demons and fallen angels. He is the god of them. But the earth is Yahweh's and the fullness thereof (I Cor. 10:26). In terms of ownership, all is Yahweh's.

The synagogue of Satan (Rev. 2:9) is his special false church. This pseudo church is to trick Christians into believing lies and following false counsel. Watch for this real appearing but false church. It is a leading force in undermining the Christian world. The devil can fool Christians because he is transformed into an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14). The unreal appears real. For example, Eve thought that Satan was God. She quickly learned he was not. Most people believe that the Canaanites are Israelites, just as many Christians believe that they are under grace only and that the law is for ancient Israel. These ruses and many more are of the synagogue of Satan working overtime to delude Christianity. Paul warns the Christian not to let Satan get an advantage (II Cor. 2:11). A weakened spiritual life gives Satan an advantage. The defense against the forces of evil is the Truth of the Word (John 8:32). Christ taught this is in Matthew 4:4 when he countered Satan by saying. "It is written".

The work of destruction cannot be done solely by the Devil. He is not omnipresent as God is. He may appear to be everywhere like the Scarlet Pimpernel, but neither were. The Devil used his cunning. He planted tares (devils) to grow with the wheat (Israel) (Matt. 13:39). These tares are trying their wicked best to destroy the wheat. They are an active part of the synogogue of Satan. Since he knows that his time is short, he is always marshalling all of his tools to do maximum damage before the Second Coming of Christ. Demons, tares, devils, and himself are his workers.

THE PURPOSE OF SATAN

Opposing the plan and purpose of God is the purpose of Satan. This makes him an enemy of God, rejecting his Creator. The ways of God are not important to him. What is important is to interrupt and usurp the original design of God. For example, Yahweh's original design for Adam and Eve was that they "shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). Satan broke into that marriage union in Gen. 3:6, bursting the marriage bond between Adam and Eve. Getting an idea of how Satan opposes God comes easiest by briefly looking at nine Biblical passages.

Many of the tools and tactics Satan uses are summarized in these passages of Scripture:

1) He resists (Zech. 3:1). This means to act as an adversary.