

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TRUTH & LIES

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PART 1: DROPPED INTO HELL

SPIRITUAL LAW OF DECEPTION

God has created a spiritual law that when people refuse to believe him and turn to lies, He will send delusion so strong that they will defend the lies with their lives, completely unable to know the truth. **Deuteronomy 29:4; Isaiah 6:9-10; 29:10**

Jesus confirmed this spiritual law is a reality and should be taken seriously. **Matthew 13:13-15**

The apostle Paul warned that in the end times, God will send strong delusion to those who refuse to accept the truth as revealed by the Holy Spirit. **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

Jesus warned the disciples that people would be offended to the point that they would betray and hate one another during the end times. **Matthew 24:9-10**

DECEPTION IN HISTORY

In examining history, we can see that this spiritual law is real. The heathen nations from the time of Moses hated the people of Israel and tried to kill them.

When the people of Israel rejected God's truth, they were blinded and viciously attacked the prophets sent by God. **Matthew 23:29-35**

When the Jewish leadership rejected Jesus as the Messiah, they cruelly demanded His death on the cross. **Luke 23:1-23**

When the Roman Catholic Church was founded in the fourth century, it immediately started to persecute and kill those who had not bought into the lie propagated by the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church.

The same holds true for the Greek Orthodox Church and the Russian Orthodox Church. The official church of England was ruthless in its persecution of born again believers like the Puritans and Pilgrims.

Once the Lutheran churches had been established in Northern Europe, they began to horribly persecute believers in Christ like the Baptists, who in turn would later oppress the Pentecostals.

All religions hate one another and most of all they hate true believers in Christ. This holds true for Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, etc.

Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses despise Christians and their members will die for their false beliefs.

Let's turn our attention and examine the deception of individuals in the Old Testament.



KORAH, THE SON OF IZHAR

In reading the Bible, it is clear that God called Moses to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt. It was also plainly stated that Aaron was called by God to become the high priest of Israel.

Korah was a cousin to Moses and Aaron. Korah's father was Izhar, who was a brother to Amram, who was the father of Moses and Aaron. Izhar and Amram were descendants of Levi and thus part of the priesthood that God had set up for Israel.

THE REBELLION

Korah was assigned by Aaron to serve in the tabernacle with the other priests and he eventually became unhappy with his position. Once a person becomes discontent, Satan will seize the opportunity and a spirit of jealousy entered Korah. **Numbers 16:1**

Korah knew that God had chosen Moses and Aaron to lead Israel and he also knew that these two men walked with God on a daily basis. Korah's assignment was to submit to his cousins and do the will of God. He knew the truth, but in order to take control of Israel and remove Moses and Aaron from their leadership, he concocted various lies, and as a result, God blinded and turned him over to deception. We don't know how long Korah's conspiracy lasted but he was able to persuade 250 tribal leaders to join him in rebellion against Moses and Aaron. **verses 2-3**

It is amazing how Satan tried something old to break up the people of Israel. **Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-18**

We are told in the Bible that rebellion is the same as witchcraft. **1 Samuel 15:22-23**

Satan has an established pattern in his efforts to stir up rebellion among God's people. First, he finds a person that is not content and moves upon that person to find people of like mind. In this case, Korah found companionship with Dathan and Abiram from the tribe of Reuben. **Numbers 16:1**

RESPONSE FROM MOSES

Moses was crushed when he found out about the rebellion. He had a hard time believing that his cousin was trying to remove him from leadership. **Numbers 16:1**

Moses was confident that he was in God's will for his life and turned over the matter to the Lord so the matter could be settled once and for all. **verses 5-7**

Moses tried to reason in vain with Korah and his followers. **verses 8-12**

The following charges were leveled against Moses:

1. Moses had elevated himself to a prince. **verse 3**
2. Instead of leading the people into a land flowing with milk and honey, he led them into a desert area and was in the process of killing them all. **verses 13-14**
3. Moses was essentially accused of a failed leadership and not being led by God.

When Moses heard these accusations, it cut deep into his soul and he became very angry. **verses 15-18**

BELIEVE A LIE

People operating under strong delusion will always believe a lie rather than the truth. Korah and the men that followed him had been blinded by God and they were convinced they were right and that Moses and Aaron were in error. The lie spread to the entire congregation and they all sided with Korah and his group. **verses 19**

When God saw that everyone had sided with the rebellious leaders, He was ready to kill the congregation and only the prayers of Moses and Aaron spared their lives. **verses 20-22**

The fear of God fell upon the people and they moved away from Korah and his group. **verses 23-27**

The Spirit of the Lord fell upon Moses and he pronounced judgment on Korah and his group. **verses 28-30**

Korah and his followers were not impressed by Moses' speech and they defiantly stood at their tent openings and glared in hate toward Moses. Their hearts had been hardened and they could no longer repent and then the judgment of God fell on them. **verses 31-33**

The rest of the congregation scattered in horror. **verse 34**

God remembered the other 250 rebellious men who had offered sacrifices. **verse 35**

Satan sent out a horde of demons to stir up the people a second time. **verses 41**

Moses had to intercede again for the people, but God killed 14,700 of the people, who most likely were the rebel leaders. **verses 42-50**

SUMMARY

Ask the Lord every day to help you discern truth and lies. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to keep you in the truth. **1 John 4:6**

You do not want to run afoul of God's spiritual law that causes blindness if you start believing a lie. Before you join any person who is trying to overthrow and destroy the works of someone else, think twice and pray hard that you will not be deceived. **1 Corinthians 10:5-11**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?