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Questions and Answers

"Will the Battle of Armageddon come before the tribulation, during it, or immediately following it?"

The description of this significant onslaught appears in Revelation 15. It comes at the end of the Tribulation period. Note Revelation 19:20: "And the beast [or the anti-Christ] was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him . . . These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." The anti-Christ and the false prophet, are here described as being cast into the lake of fire, immediately following the Battle of Armageddon. Satan is cast into the bottomless pit and is chained for 1000 years. Incidentally, following the millennial reign of Christ, Satan will be loosed again and will go out to deceive the nations, Gog and Magog, and gather them together to battle. Revelation 20:9, "Fire came down from God in Heaven and devoured them." This is the battle of Gog and Magog, not the Battle of Armageddon, which comes at the conclusion of the tribulation period preceeding the millennial reign of Christ. The battle of Gog and Magog comes immediately after the thousand-year reign of Christ and just before the eternal ages are ushered in. The triad of evil is Satan, the anti-Christ and the false prophet.

"Where will believers be during this time?"

With the Lord, for by that time, I Thess. 4:13-18 will have been fulfilled. The Lord is going to catch out His people according to His promise before the terrible day of the tribulation comes, having been counted worthy to escape all these things that are going to come upon the earth. Luke 21. These precious promises are for born-again believers, the true church, all those from all denominations, those who name the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and who have accepted Him and His finished work on Calvary as the only atonement for their sins.

"Why didn't Saul know David after he slew Goliath? It seems to indicate from I Sam. 17:55-58 that he didn't know the young shepherd boy who had previously played in his palace."

Apparently up to this time Saul did not recognize the identity of young David. During the time of Saul's depression, hardly anything registered upon his mind and memory. Young David was

called into Saul's presence during the time when the king was suffering from melancholy.

"Please explain the 'sons of God' mentioned in Job 2:1. Is Satan included among them?"

The clause, "Satan came also among them," means that he was not numbered among "the sons of God." The phrase "sons of God" in this particular passage refers to the angelic host, who are the sons of God by creation, not redemption. Satan is a created being, but there is a degree of relationship here referring to those on friendly terms with God, the righteous angelic host. The phrase "sons of God" does not always refer to angelic host, but certainly does in this particular passage.

"How could Peter's friends have told James of his release, Acts 12:17, when verse 2 states James had been killed by Herod?"

There were two James involved here. Acts 12:2 speaks of James, the brother of John, while Acts 12:17 refers to the half-brother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"What does the phrase: 'Jerusalem, which is the mother of us all,' found in Galatians 4:26, mean?"

Jerusalem referred to here is the heavenly Jerusalem, described in detail in the Revelation 21 and 22. This verse suggests that entrance to this celestial city is free through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The word "mother" has the sense of "protector," one who provides for, keeps and hovers over.

"Were Cain and Abel twins?"

The record in Genesis 4:1-2 certainly does not indicate that they were, "Adam knew Eve, his wife, and she conceived, and bare Cain and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground."

"If the Bible says, 'Do not kill,' then how can we reconcile the many service men who went to war to kill?"

During World Wars I and II that question was raised frequently by many conscientious people. There are two ideas expressed

throughout Scripture concerning the fact of killing. In the ten commandments we read, "Thou shalt not kill." And all through Scripture that is reiterated and emphasized. This commandment has to do with an individual's taking justice into his own hands. "Whoso sheds man's blood by man shall his blood be shed," Genesis 9:6 contains the great basic principle of all law and justice. This is not individual revenge, but judicial or legal killing — "a life for a life."

God uses certain nations in the judging of other nations. He commanded the children of Israel to exterminate those who lived in the promised land. Those nations had degenerated into unbelievable immorality and corruption. Had they not been judged of God, the human race would have been wiped out by disease resulting from sin.

"If you believe that the principle of 'Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed,' then what about capital punishment?"

There is a great deal of sentimentality today about murderers. That divine plan of God has never been abrogated. In Romans 13 we read: "He [the magistrate] beareth not the sword in vain." We are distinctly commanded to pronounce judicial punishment upon those who violate the laws of society and who commit murder. There certainly must be capital punishment. Anything else is anti-scriptural."

"Has Mark 13:6 been fulfilled yet?"

Jesus said, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." There is a very important principle of Bible interpretation. A verse must always be considered in the light of its context. In this verse our Lord Jesus Christ is talking about the end time. In fact, He is talking about the tribulation period, for in verse 19 we read, "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, neither shall be." This portion of Scripture does not refer to the destruction in 70 A.D., because there have been events which have far transcended that one in tragedy and horror. One has only to recall the wars of the 20th century. During the tribulation period there will come Jewish leaders who will say, "I'm the Son of God, I'm the Messiah. I'm the destined leader of Israel to bring them out from the yoke of Gentile dominion." The Lord Jesus is predicting that development here in this text. Coming events cast their shadows before. The development of the anti-Christ doctrine, the develop-

ment in this day of religions that offer salvation without the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, are a prelude to this coming false messiah.

"Will the Jews be under the law during the Tribulation period?"

Perhaps this question is suggested by someone who feels that this present dispensation will end with the rapture. The age of grace will not close, however, until the end of the tribulation period with the actual, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world. Now, in a certain sense both Jew and Gentile are under the law if they're unbelievers. "That as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, 'Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.'" Galatians 3:10. Then in verse 13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.'" Both Jew and Gentile right now, and during the tribulation period, who are unbelievers, are actually under the curse of the law. But, thank God, any moment that a Jew or a Gentile will put his personal faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, that man will have his guilt removed and he will be born again, and he is not under law but under grace.

"How can we hold to the Biblical theory of Adam and Eve, when we hear of cave men?"

No one knows when Adam was created. He was made by God a perfect being and with Eve, whom God also formed, lived in the Garden of Eden. But Adam fell because of sin. During the period that followed, many, perhaps thousands of years, men wandered upon the face of the earth. It is the "cave men" who emerged from the descendants of Adam who were sinners and degenerate. Adam was in the Garden of Eden before the fall and was not a "cave man" at all. Civilization perhaps has gradually emerged out of the caves of the earth, but in another sense many have emerged into the caves of modern cities!

"Is it wrong to dye one's hair?"

There is no verse in the Bible that tells you it is wrong to dye your hair or right to dye your hair. As a matter of fact there is no verse in the Bible that tells you you should brush your teeth in the morning or comb your hair either. There is an important principle found in the Word of God. 1st Timothy 2:8 and 9. "I will

therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamfacedness and sobriety." A recent news release recorded the number of automobile accidents in the east which are being laid to one cause, — the fact that the attention of so many men is distracted because of the unusual dress and fashion of women!

"What does it mean in Matthew 6:13, 'And lead us not into temptation'? I thought God couldn't or wouldn't be tempted."

It is clear that the word "temptation" has a two-fold meaning. The Greek word used in James means to solicit to evil or to test, prove or put to trial. Now God can never be said to tempt in the sense of soliciting evil. God ever and always will give motivation to the outcome of good, never evil. So lead us not into temptation is not a prayer saying "Lord, don't lead us into anything where you solicit us to evil." The verse rather means, using another Greek word, "Do not lead us into testing, as God allowed Job to be tested. Deliver us from every device of Satan." Read that beautiful prayer over and see the basic needs of man expressed there. "Lord, do not lead us where we are tested." It's as the Psalmist often said, Don't test me beyond my strength. Thou knowest my frame, Thou knowest I'm dust and Lord see that I'm not tested beyond endurance.

"Please explain what James 5:12 and Matthew 5:34 mean, as we are told not to swear. Does this mean a court oath?"

These two passages are not referring to an oath in a court of law which expresses the authority of the state. We are told to be subject to matters of authority and law. These verses speak of the flippant swearing and taking of oaths in every day transactions and in every-day routine. God does not want us to swear and the thought there is that it is taking the Lord's name in vain. When you take an oath in a court of law, it is that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

"Someone told me that Satan is in Heaven today. How can he be since he has already done so much harm?"

Satan is not omnipresent. He has so many helpers and such a vast spiritual kingdom that he appears to be omnipresent. It is true, Satan is in heaven today, not in the third heaven, where God is but in the second. (Rev. 12:7). How can he be there when he

already has done so much harm? If it were on the basis of the harm he has done, he would never have remained in heaven after his fall which is indicated. Read Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28. He has done a great deal of harm but in the providence of God, in God's infinite wisdom, God allows him to be in that second heaven where he is permitted to carry on a conflict in the heavenlies. Read it in Eph. 6. God wants us to be alert and to know that we can call on His power. "Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world." If Satan were not attacking us, we would become more self-sufficient and self-complacent than we are. God doesn't direct him in his wickedness, but Satan is permitted to go on until the time of God's final judgment upon him, when he will find his everlasting habitation in hell.

"Was Judas Iscariot present at the Lord's Supper?"

The key answer is in the Gospel of Luke. Actually there was a two-fold supper. The Lord Jesus Christ, with His disciples, began to celebrate the Passover Supper as a godly Israelite. Under the law, and our Lord Jesus kept the law, He was celebrating as any godly son of Abraham would, the Jewish Passover. But He knew that was all predictive of His coming finished work. He knew the next day He was going to be dying on the Cross to fulfill the real meaning of the Passover. But, realizing that He was going to fulfill that, He wanted to leave to all the coming generations of believers another memorial, not of a redemption to be, that was completed in Egypt, but one that was completed spiritually for all eternity. He wanted His church, in other words, the body of Christ, to have a memorial of a completed spiritual redemption. So He instituted, right after the Passover Supper, what we now know as the Lord's Supper, or the Lord's table. The Passover Supper merged into the Supper that speaks of fulfillment. You can tell it by the two cups in Luke. One is the cup of the Passover, and the other is the cup of the Lord's Supper. Judas Iscariot was present at the Passover Supper. That's clear from the sop, for the sop is not part of the Lord's Supper. But when the Lord Jesus Christ gave the wonderful memorial of His death, Judas had already departed. He went out between the Passover Supper and the Lord's Supper.

"Did Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, die the second time?"

Before the miracle of the Lord, Lazarus actually died. He underwent physical death because when our Lord Jesus said, "Lazarus sleepeth, let's go and awaken him," they thought that He was

taking sleep and rest in the affliction that he had. But Lazarus actually died and the Lord raised him from the dead. Did he die a second time? Unquestionably he did, just as those died who were raised by Elijah and Elisha. They await the resurrection of the righteous.

Should storehouse tithing be practiced today?

No one who studies the Word of God in its proper aspects could say "store-house tithing" belongs to our day. The only mention of it is in Malachi. It has no reference to us. If portions of scripture are taken regardless of context, then we could go back to Joshua and start arming ourselves to fight the Canaanites. But that is not for us today. Storehouse tithing isn't either. The New Testament never likens the church to a storehouse.

"In Exodus we are told to love our father and mother. Yet in Matthew 23:9, it says 'call no man father.'"

This is another example of having to read a passage not only in its context but also in the broader context of all Scripture. Matthew is talking about the Pharisees and Sadducees, religious authorities, who tried to assume the authority that belonged to God Himself. They wanted to be father in the sense of sole spiritual adviser and put themselves practically, in their authority, on a basis with God. It does not mean that you can't call your own father, "father." It's religious authorities who want to have this kind of complete, and ultimate, and absolute authority which belongs only to God, who is our spiritual Father.

"Did Ruth and Boaz have any other children beside Obed?"

There is no statement in Scripture that Ruth and Boaz had any other children besides Obed. The Bible does not give us all the historical events in any one age. In all probability, Ruth and Boaz had a number of children. The important thing in the book of Ruth is that Obed was the grandfather of David. Obed was the father of Jesse who was the father of David. The book of Ruth has among many other important features to it, giving us the direct line from Ruth to David and ultimately to our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus Obed was an ancestor of Jesus Christ.

"What exactly is a soul and what use does it have during life?"

Man is made up of two parts at least. He is made up of a material part which is his body, which we see. Then he is made up of an

immaterial part, sometimes called the soul. It is this immaterial part, a portion of which is the Spirit. The body is what makes us world-conscious. The spirit is what makes us capable of contact with God through His Holy Spirit. Now there is the human soul and there is also the animal soul. If you step on the paw of a cat or a dog, it will indicate pain. It has a soul, but not the kind of a soul that a man has. Man has the spirit, whereby there is fellowship with God. Soul is also used in Scripture to speak of the entire personality.

"Is the soul immortal?"

The Bible does not say that the soul is immortal. Now that does not mean that the soul gets out of existence or can be out of existence. That's not true. We speak of lost souls, which means they are out of touch with God. But there is no soul that has ever been born that will go out of existence or be annihilated. Never use the word immortal in regard to the soul. The Bible uses the word immortal with regard to the body. Our spirits never go out of existence since they are undying. Look at Luke 16 where Dives is seen after this life, able to feel, able to experience pain.

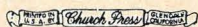
"But what about the phrase: 'The soul that sinneth, it shall die?'"

That passage is found in Ezekiel 18. They had a saying in Israel that the fathers had eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth had been set on edge. This means that the fathers did deeds of violence or iniquity. It means that that whole personality is lost or is in spiritual death. It doesn't mean that that soul goes out of existence. It means exactly what happened to Adam and Eve in the garden. We are all born lost. God speaks of spiritual death. What kind of death is it? Ephesians 2:1 "You, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

"Why did the Lord Jesus say He was the 'Prince of Peace,' when He also said He had come to set a man against His own relatives?"

Both statements are correct. Some of the deepest truths in the Word of God appear at first glance as paradoxical or contradictory. Now our Lord Jesus did come into the world with the gospel of love. John 3:16 shows that. He is called the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9. But the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 10:34 to 37 are also true when He said He didn't come to bring peace to the earth but had come to set a man against his own relatives.

How can they both be true? One is the near view, the other is the far view. Ultimately the Lord Jesus Christ is going to bring peace throughout the earth when he rules in righteousness. In the meantime, the Lord Jesus Christ has come with His gospel of love, which will issue in not only individual peace but also universal peace. There can never be any harmony and concord when one says yes and another one says no. There cannot be any concord between light and darkness. It's because men have set themselves against God that they are set against those who trust the Word of Christ. The gospel does bring a cleavage in between those who adhere to it and those who are against it. But ultimately when Christ rules, it will be seen that His primary ultimate objective is to bring peace to every heart.



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