

# Proverbs 30

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Last time we were together, we saw a picture coming through Proverbs 30. We saw a picture of the Jew in the Tribulation, and it was illustrated, if you remember, by four little things that are on the earth. In the world system, you are going to find that the nation of Israel will always be portrayed as somebody that is small, feeble, and weak. You will see this. The greatest example of this is in Matthew 5-10, where He preaches what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. He talks about the nation of Israel being needy, poor in spirit. They are always portrayed as weak because they are under the oppression of the Gentile nations, and they are literally nothing now compared to what God wanted them to be.

We saw this the last time we were together because of God's divorcing His wife, Israel, and turning the world over to the Gentiles. We know that to be what is known as the Times of the Gentiles. The Times of the Gentiles run from about 606 BC with the demise of the nation of Israel, up and through the times that we are in right now, on into the Tribulation, and then end at the Second Coming of Christ. Probably the greatest chapter in the Bible showing you how this thing really fell apart in 606 would be Psalms 78. It clearly says there that God has now taken the crown from the nation of Israel.

Yet, in the Tribulation period, the Jew, and this is the context of what we are looking at, the Jew finds something that, though weak as they are portrayed, will get them through and make them a strong nation again. You will want to notice that when we looked the last time together, it said they were little, but they were exceedingly wise. What gets them through, what they find that sustains them, is the wisdom of God. The book of Proverbs is that book of wisdom.

From a practical standpoint, that is a great lesson and a principle in itself for us as Christians in the New Testament. Basically, the weaker we are to ourselves, the stronger we are to the Lord.

*Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.*

That was Israel's, one of their fundamental problems that got them into trouble. You remember back in the Old Testament, David numbered the people. The nation of Israel received a great plague because of that and some real serious problems. Most people, when they see that, do not really understand how just numbering the people. I mean, I do not know about you, but I have got my census thing in that they want to know how many people in my family, and they want to know in the country how many people are living here, which has just topped about seven, we are up there in the millions. About 230 million in America. So, what is the deal with that?

For the nation of Israel, them numbering the people was a display of their not trusting in God and trusting in their numbers. God never wanted them to rely on a great army. God wanted them to rely on His wisdom. Of course, we see that, and it is so true of us today too. The weaker we are

to ourselves, the stronger we are to God. I said this a couple of weeks ago, somebody gave me this a couple of weeks ago, which I think is very profound. You want to remember that we are at our best for God when you are not trying to be anything. That is so true, and that is a great piece of advice.

*And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Always through the wisdom and understanding of God and His Word, and you become principled in those things, and a principled life, it really, so there is a practical side to this too, as there is everything in the Bible. But for the Jews, going back to them now, surviving the Tribulation will not be by their own power or ability or strength, but they are getting the wisdom of God to follow and to survive.

Right now, the nation of Israel probably has a very small army. In fact, in Israel, every citizen is a part of the army. They are men, women, everybody, girls, teenagers, and it could be called up at any time. They have had to do that because of how many times they have been attacked. They have been attacked, as I showed you several weeks ago, four or five times down through history in major wars, and they have always won them. That is because the Israeli military, as small as they are, is unbelievable in their execution. Their special forces group is better than anybody on this planet. I know we have our Special Forces and the Navy Seals, but the Israeli commandos, there is nobody in the world like them.

One of the greatest things you will ever study, and one of these times I want to show the movie here and we can all watch it together, is called \*Raid on Entebbe\*. When the Palestinian terrorists hijacked a TWA flight and took it to Uganda, with the purpose of killing all the Jews on it, and there were like, I do not know, 200 Jews on it, they sent the Americans on their way, or the foreigners on their way, but kept the Jews as hostage and were going to kill them. Now, Uganda is down in South Africa, a long way from Israel. Yet, the military leaders in Israel sat down and put together a plan with their commandos to rescue those people. In military history, it was probably the greatest single military covert operation, and they rescued every one of those people. There were a few that were killed in the crossfire. One woman that they had had a heart attack two days before, they took to a hospital so they could not get her, but they got everybody out of there, wiped out all of the terrorists, wiped out all of the Ugandan guards. The study of how they did it was one of the most incredible, but that is what the nation of Israel does. They are small.

Even though they are a long way from God, you can still see God's hand in guiding them, because God is going to bring them back, as we saw a couple of weeks ago. They are quite incredible. They can get things done, and that is why nobody, that is why they have a fingernail hold on Jerusalem. They do not even have all of Jerusalem. Where the temple is going to be built is now under Muslim domination, the Dome of the Rock. They do not have hardly anything, but they have God, and God is bringing them and restoring them in His own time, and He is

protecting them. Even though they are small, and even though they are weak from the world's standpoint, as armies are concerned and governments are concerned, they are quite incredible.

## I. The Four Little Creatures

Last week I showed you that the nation of Israel is like four little small creatures. Each one, when we studied it, gave us a different aspect to the Jew going through the Tribulation period. I want to say a word about this. This is the Greek key.

*But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.*

That is one of the greatest sets of verses that will open up for us incredible understanding and incredible studies. That is the key to so many things: simply studying the animals in the Bible.

So we looked at the ant. We saw how that the ant was wise in her work. I showed you how that that is a picture of the 144,000 that are going to do the work in the Tribulation period, evangelizing the Gentiles.

We looked at the coney, which is a rabbit, or a hare, and how that it is wise in its ability to hide. I showed you how that that is the Jew in the Tribulation in the rock city, which is Sela Petra.

We talked about the locust. I told you that they represent the plagues in the Tribulation and how the nation of Israel has the wisdom of God to get through those things and to avoid them.

Then we talked about the spider. I showed you how that that is a picture of their wisdom to be able to take hold and hold on, enduring to the end. The Bible says that they hold on to the covenant that God has given them, and that covenant is in Hebrews 8-9. We saw how that these four little things that are weak and are small illustrate each of them an aspect of the nation of Israel.

## II. The Structure of Proverbs

By now we should understand the outline of the book of Proverbs, chapter 1-7. As I have told you many times, he illustrates that by saying "my son" almost in every beginning of every chapter. He is giving him advice and instructions on what is going on in life around him and what he should do and what he should not do. He does that for the first seven chapters.

Then in chapter 8, all the way up to chapter 30, now we have the Proverbs themselves. So the Proverbs really do not start until chapter 8. They end in chapter 30 where we are at today. Then of course you have the final chapter, that is chapter 31. That shows the end result of where the nation of Israel is going to wind up, and in an inspirational application, where we are going to wind up once we get God's wisdom. It is all dealing with the nation of Israel in a doctrinal sense, them going through the Tribulation through the generation that we started with and getting restored back to God as the virtuous woman in a doctrinal sense.

Proverbs 30 has been an incredible breakdown for us of the Tribulation and all of the things that we have seen fitting into the overall picture and giving us our understanding of what this time is really going to be like. Today we are going to finish out Proverbs 30 and look at the last four things. Again, this is going to be three plus one. The one plus one always kind of puts everything else into a context.

### III. The Simplicity of God's Word

I am going to read for you Proverbs 30:29-33. Here is what it says:

*There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going: A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up. If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth. Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.*

Now here again, we are just using our Bible. We are not going to any commentaries. We are not going to the Hebrew. We would not be going to the Greek unless we were in the New Testament. We would not be going there either. But allow me to show you how to simply unlock these verses here. What a great word "simply" or "simplicity" is. That is a word that most people would never equate to the Bible, because men like to tell you that the Bible is really a hard book and take hundreds of thousands of dollars out of your life to try to teach it to you because they think they know it, when actually you can get a dollar Bible from Dollar General if it is a King James Bible, and you can get everything you want out of it if you just follow a few basic simple things. Because the key word is simplicity.

In 2 Corinthians 11, this was Paul's fear for the church at Corinth. Of course he is speaking to all churches. He was afraid that what was going to happen, that the devil was going to beguile the church from the simplicity that was in Christ Jesus. Boy, was that a well-founded fear, because that is exactly what has happened. We make the Bible today a hard book to understand when the key word, the watchword for the Bible, would be simplicity. Any other way that you study the Bible other than God's way of laying it out makes it very complicated. But if you just follow the Bible itself, follow the natural things.

Yesterday in Bible Institute I gave them some great verses on patterns and showed them the definitive passage in Hebrews and how that God is always working through patterns. You find the patterns and it will open itself up to you. One of the greatest studies that you will ever take in the Bible will be a study of the mind of God. The mind of God is one of the greatest concepts anywhere in the Bible. Somebody said one time years and years ago, and boy, I will tell you, and I know that collectively the whole Bible is the mind of God. I get that. But somebody said years and years and years ago when I was a young man just growing up, he talked about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are all connected but each have a different job and each have a different mindset about their job. He said, the book of Solomon would be the mind of Christ. The book of Ecclesiastes would be the mind of the Spirit. The book of Proverbs

would be the mind of God. There is no question about it, in that sense, when you get into the Proverbs, you are actually getting into the mind of God.

When you get into the first seven chapters, you are getting into God's mind of this is what He is, the instruction that He is telling you, if you do this and do not do this, it is God's take on life. Then when you get into chapter 8 through chapter 30, He is giving you His mind on every issue that you are ever going to face in life. It is one of the greatest studies in the Bible, the mind of God. Of course, that will be in particular in the book of Proverbs. Then we are told that to let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus. Of course that is the mind of God. It is an incredible study.

## IV. The Antichrist in Proverbs 30

Our last four things here will all deal with the Antichrist himself. It is an incredible four key things about him. So far in Proverbs 30, a chapter that has incredible insight into it, here is what we have seen:

- We have seen and defined the generation. We know that to be 1948, and that is the beginning of the last generation.
- We have defined the horse leech. We know that to be the Roman Catholic Church connected with the Antichrist.
- We have looked at the grave and realized that during the Tribulation, the grave will not be full. Many people are going to die.
- We looked at the barren woman, barren Israel. I showed you how there are seven women in the Old Testament and the New Testament that picture barren Israel.
- We looked at the fact that there was no rain. I showed you how that is James 5, the former and the latter rain that comes from Elijah.
- We looked at the eagle. I took you back to Deuteronomy 32 and showed you that represents God fluttering His wings over His little nation of Israel.
- We talked about the rock city, Sela Petra, a couple of times.
- We looked at the sons of God in Genesis 6.
- We looked at Abraham and Hagar and how that brought about the two things that the earth will not bear.
- Then last time, we looked at four pictures of the Jew: the ant, the coney, the locust, and the spider.

Lastly now, four things about the Antichrist himself, completing our study of the Tribulation period, if you are paying attention, all in one chapter, Proverbs 30, all from a King James 1611 Authorized Version, all from just getting God's mind.

## V. The Devil's Nature and Imitation

In your Bible, talking about the devil here, and you should already know this if you have been around here any length of time, there are four key chapters on the devil. These would be the four definitive chapters on him. There are two in the Old Testament: Job 40 and Job 41. There are two

in the New Testament: Revelation 12 and 13. Those four chapters will coincide together as far as the material is concerned and unlock everything about him that you need to know.

In Job 40, which primarily deals with the Antichrist, he is called the behemoth. In Job 41, which predominantly he is pictured as the devil himself, he is called Leviathan. Of course, again, modern scholarship fails the test as every test and flunks with an F and goes home and has to repeat classes over and over and over again. When they go to Job 40, which talks about behemoth, and a behemoth means composite monster, which when you get over to Revelation 12 and 13, you see that is exactly what he is. But our great scholarly minds and our great pastors and our great neo-evangelical mindset and all the Bible colleges, they all will tell you that they will miss it completely that it is talking about the Antichrist and they will tell you that the behemoth is a hippopotamus or maybe a whale or an elephant.

When you get into Job 41, you will find that the Leviathan, who is clearly defined in Isaiah 27:1 and Revelation 12-13 as the devil. But oh, no, no, no, no, they will lay him out as a whale and a whirlpool. Of course, nothing is more ridiculously stupid than modern scholarship when it comes to the Bible. If you have an NIV out there, when you go to Job 40 or 41, you will have that note in there telling you what these are or what they are not really. It is just that crazy. In Revelation 12 and 13, he is laid out as the beast, the false prophet, and then of course the Antichrist, which makes up for us the unholy trinity.

The devil, and I have got to give you some of this before we get into these four things to look at here, the devil will be the greatest imitator of Christ anywhere in the history of the world. Most people do not know this because once you lose your Bible, then you lose any point of reference to figure out what is going on.

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

When it is all said and done, you will find that the devil transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, he has a minister, he has ministers, he has a church, he has a choir, he has a city just like Christ does, and he certainly has a Bible. You are going to find that in Genesis 3, when the devil, the first time he shows up, law of first mention, he imitates God in every way, shape, or form. He clearly says to Eve, "Yea, hath God said?" and then he conveniently changed what God said. That is the pattern that you want to look for. The pattern is, it is not how he looks, but what he says.

If you put an NIV here and a King James Bible here, they both look like Bibles. The only way you find one is out of the pit of hell and the other one is out of the stands of heaven is by seeing what they say. If you have a Bible like an NIV that makes the devil Christ, who in his right mind would want that? But they do. Of course, I guess it just goes back to John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do."

But he imitates Christ in so many ways.

- In John 8:12, Jesus Christ is called light. In 2 Corinthians 11:14, the devil is called light.
- In Revelation 9:16, Christ is called king. In Job 41:24, the devil is called a king.
- In Revelation 21, Christ has a city that is a bride. In Revelation 17, the devil has a city and it is his wife.
- In Isaiah 9:6-7, Christ is called the Prince. In John 14:30, the devil is called a prince.
- In John 20:20, Jesus Christ is called God. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, the devil is called God.

You are going to find that both ride white horses in Revelation 19:11, and the devil in Revelation 6:2. You will find that they both have a crown. You will find that they both are called Christ. You will find that they both quote scripture. You will find that they both have a Bible and a church. They both have a Trinity. God has God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Of course the Antichrist has his unholy Trinity that are likened to unclean frogs over there in the book of Revelation.

A couple of nights ago, somebody asked a question out of John 17:12 about the son of perdition. I showed them how that it is only found three times in the Bible: John 17:12, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, and then Revelation 17:11. I showed you how that Judas is the Antichrist. The Bible says, talking about the Antichrist, it is a mystery, it is called the mystery of iniquity. It is one of the seven mysteries that are given to the church. The mystery is how in the world did this thing come down through the history of man and the history of the Bible. I showed you that Judas is the Antichrist and how from Genesis 3, and then we moved up to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and then into the Tribulation, how the devil brought it all into this world and through his master plan of deceiving the world.

From Cain, remember now Cain is the first type of Antichrist in the Bible. Cain gets a mark, Cain kills his brethren like the Antichrist is going to do. Cain is of the wicked one over there in 1 John. Then I took it up to Judas and I showed you how that the Bible says in John 6:70, "Jesus said, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" Judas. Then I linked that all the way into the man of sin. I showed you the process by which that worked. It was an incredible night of laying out that truth and how it all works.

Without question, the two main characters of the Bible, not only the Bible, but down through the history of man, will be one, the Lord Jesus Christ, and then his majesty, the devil. All history will revolve around those two in a kingdom. One of them rightly deserves the kingdom and is going to get it, the Lord Jesus Christ. The other one wants to usurp the kingdom and he will do everything in his power to get you as Christians, you as unsaved nations, to help him do it. Honestly, this is why the devil hates the Bible. This is why the devil had to get rid of the King James Bible and get all of you idiots out there to believe that the new NIV or the New King James Bible, the ASV, whatever it is, it is your choice, was a better Bible than what God gave us. Because in every one of those Bibles, the devil is able to do two things. He is able to destroy all the references that point to him that lay out who he is. In every one of those Bibles, they make him Christ. Boy, that is so true. In the NIV, in the New King James Bible, all of them take the preeminence verses that simply mean are given to Christ and they put the devil right in the middle of them. It is quite incredible. So incredible, it is hard to believe how anybody with a

brain could ever stand and not see that. But I understand what happens when you get educated outside your intelligence. So I get that pretty well.

At some point in your life, you will want to take a study of the devil. He is the premier guy in the Bible outside of the Lord Jesus Christ. So you ought to learn about him and you ought to study about him. I have come years and years and years ago, an easy way to do that. I am always looking for the easy way in the Bible and usually the easy way is God's way, which is the most simplistic way. I have read Clarence Larkin's book on the spirit world and it is a good book, but it is very complicated. I have seen other guys' books on the devil and all that stuff and I am not downing them. They are okay. But it is not the easiest thing to put out by going through that. For me, I am a very simple person. I am not very smart, I am not educated very much. I was in the sixth grade so long that the kids brought me the apple. They thought I was the teacher. My stupidity, my ignorance has really been an asset to me because I have learned early on that the dumber you are, the better off you are when it comes to learning the things of God.

So years ago, I was looking at this and I went through Clarence Larkin's book on the spirit world and some of the other books, and I got some good information. But I wanted to, as always, I wanted a systematic layout of it that would be biblical. Obviously, I have told you many, many times that the key to balance is the number three. So I simply found that the best way to study the devil is to realize and understand that the devil is kicked out of heaven three times. If you want to study him, you just study each one of those times. When it does, it divides it up, rightly dividing the word of truth, and gives you a component of studying it here, and then here, and then here, and then being able to bolt them all back together.

1. The first time he is kicked out is in Genesis 1:1-2. Here, the devil is kicked out positionally. He loses the covering cherub hat, and now he is no longer the cherub that covered the throne of God. Now he is called Lucifer and the devil, and he is kicked out of heaven positionally. He loses his position. Now what he does is he becomes the accuser of the brethren. From Genesis 1:2, up to the middle of the Tribulation, he travels back and forth between heaven and earth, as we saw in Job 1 and Job 2, and he becomes the accuser of the brethren before the throne of God. He still has access to go into heaven, but he lost his position the first time he is kicked out. That will take us from Genesis 1:2, all the way up to the middle of the Tribulation period, which will be Revelation 12-13. So that is one way you will want to study him. Oh, there is a lot of material. Isaiah 14 is equal to Ezekiel 28. Man, there is a lot of stuff in that first kicking out positionally.
2. Now, he goes all the way up to Revelation 12-13. In Revelation 12, at the end of the chapter, here he is kicked out the second time. This time he is kicked out bodily, never to get back in again. In Revelation 12, toward the end of the chapter, you are given a warning and you are told that Michael the archangel takes him and throws him out of heaven. Now in Revelation 13, he shows up on earth as entering into the Antichrist and the devil takes charge just like he did when Judas betrayed the Lord to have him crucified. The first time he is kicked out, he is kicked out positionally. The second time he is kicked out, he is kicked out bodily.
3. Now, he runs the course of all the way through the Tribulation period and then comes back out at the end of the Millennium. But the third time that he is kicked out is Revelation 20:11,

and now he is kicked out eternally. He never, never, never comes out of the bottomless pit ever again. So when you want to study and you break it down into three, he is kicked out positionally, he is kicked out bodily, and then he is kicked out eternally. That is just the way you study it. It makes it a lot easier than going through Clarence Larkin's book and getting all that stuff, though there is a lot of good stuff in it.

## VI. The Four Characteristics of the Antichrist

Our text today will lay him out in four ways. Again, we will unlock all of this by key words, just getting into God's mind, Isaiah 55:8-9, and seeing things the way He sees them.

Our first key word here that I read will be in Proverbs 30:29, and it says, "comely in going." So our first word is going to be "comely." Now, "comely" means natural or suitable to be able to fit into something and take control. Somebody that is comely, we always think that they are homely looking. That is not really what it means. Comely means somebody that is unassuming, but has the ability to pull people to follow him, to come along with him. Hence the word comely, to come along, see. It is a man who gets people to come along with him and buy into what he is doing. That is what the word comely means.

In Job 41:12, going back to one of our great chapters, here is where you match up these key words. It is a great verse on the devil and the Antichrist in the Old Testament.

*I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.*

See that? You match those two words up. Then in the next verse, Job 41:13, based on what he said in verse 12, he says this:

*Who can discover the face of his garment?*

Of course, this is completely destroyed in all of the new Bibles. Once you start reading it and they send you down the crocodile or the whirlpool or the elephant or the whale trail, you are lost. I want you to notice that in Job 41:12, there are three things that God says that He is going to reveal to us about him, the devil. This is again why the devil hates, hates, hates this Bible.

The first, and again, notice it is three, gives you a balance.

4. The first thing will be his parts. His parts will be the men down through history that he has used. You will find recorded in the Bible that there are 18 of them in particular. Once we get into the New Testament, you will find out that there are five of them that carry on into the New Testament. Even though they are not recorded in the New, well, one of them is. But then the other ones are after the New Testament closes, but all you have to do is look down through history and you see who they are.
5. The second thing will be his power. The power will be the nations that down through history he has used. He uses those nations that, and those nations are laid out for you very clearly in Daniel 2, which ushers in the Times of the Gentiles, and he uses those nations.
6. The third thing is his comely proportion. This will be his religion. This will be how he persuades people to follow him. This is how he will persuade people to follow him. It will be

through religion. The comely proportion of getting people to come along with him. We know it as Baal worship in the Old Testament, which all the nations followed, and we know it as Roman Catholicism in the New Testament, on which all the world is following.

It is a thing where, another key thing here, in Daniel 1, notice comely proportion. We have already looked at the key word "comely." Now look at the word "proportion." In Daniel 1, we have Daniel and the Hebrew children who are taken into captivity. They go into captivity, this is the 606 captivity with Nebuchadnezzar, and they are taken down into Babylon. Now Nebuchadnezzar is one of the types of the Antichrist in the Old Testament. What happens is, when he takes them down there, the Bible makes it clear that these are kids of the king's seed. Every one of these kids, at least Daniel, is in the line of Christ. The devil, Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar being his parts, Babylon being his power, wants to destroy that. So he takes these kids in, and he says that every day, Nebuchadnezzar wants to give them a daily proportion, portion of the king's meat. Going into studying that would be the meat that is dedicated to the idols, and it just simply represents all of the filth and ungodliness of their religion, of Baal worship, and how that they want. I am telling you something, this world every day has a daily portion for you. Most people slop it up like pigs eat slop.

Now with that little basic intro there, let us look at our four here.

7. Proverbs 30:30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; Now we all know that the lion is the king of the beasts. Lion makes great movies, \*Lion King\*, and all that stuff. The lions are very stately, they are very beautiful, and they are very powerful. We say that the lion is the king of beasts. It is a statement that goes along with everything that they are. Here is your first counterfeit. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: So both are likened to lions. The question is, can you tell the difference between the two? In the world today, they cannot. In most of the religions today, including Baptists, they cannot. The Neo-Evangelical world has not got a clue. Obviously the rest of the world is completely out in the dark. They cannot see the difference of the real lion versus the counterfeit one. Of course that is just the way it works. The devil in the world will work two ways. He manifests himself as an angel of light. He does this through religion. He does this in America, Europe, Central, South America, through the Roman Catholic Church in Europe, through the Lutherans, the Episcopalian, the Church of England, and all that crowd. In America, he does it through the Jehovah Witnesses, and the Mormons, and the Neo-Evangelical, Charismatics, and all that crowd. He counterfeits himself in that way as an angel of light. But in the third world countries, places like in Africa, Haiti, in South America, he comes on as a roaring lion, and he holds them in the fear and superstition of witchcraft, voodoo. When I was in South America, in Rio, a number of years ago, when I had a whole group of people, I think there are probably people in our church that were with me on that one. We were down there in Rio, and we were doing discipleship, teaching the largest church of about 25,000 people how to disciple. We were staying in Rio, and they put us up on a, it was beautiful, the hotel, it was way up on the top of the deal here,

you could look out the bay and everything. Word got out that we were Christians, and we were here teaching the Bible. Every night, if you would go out on your little terrace and look down the road, kind of wound around down, and there was the area down here with a little marketplace, you would see that all of these Satanists and all of the witch doctors were ringing the hotel with little candles and doing their chants to stop us from doing whatever we were doing. When you would run in the morning, you would see all kinds of dead chickens laying down there where they were sacrificing chickens and everything, trying to stop us. That is the way the devil works in third world countries, like a roaring lion, he holds them in fear. You go to Haiti sometime, and Haiti is absolutely taken over by the devil as a roaring lion. I sent teams down there one time, and they got into the airport, Port-au-Prince, and then they had to drive about eight hours to the mission station. So they rented a van, I had about, oh, I do not know, eight or nine, I was not with them, eight or nine young single guys and gals, and they were going down there to do discipleship work too. The missionary told them that whatever you do, you are going to pass through this town. He said, "Do not, under any circumstances, go through this town at night." He said it is the demonic hub of, and he says, "Outside the city, you are going to see the scariest, ugliest tree you ever saw in your life that everybody equates as being haunted." Now we know it is not haunted, but it is demonic. He says, "Do not get stuck in that city anyway." So they are going through the city, this is a true story, they are going through the city, and it is about four o'clock in the afternoon, and it gets dark down there about six, six thirty. So they are going to hightail it through that thing, and they have got to go right past this tree on the road. As they go past this tree, their engine stops. The car dies right there in front of that tree. They tried everything in the world to get that tree together. Now, if I had been there, it would have been the time to break out the Uzis and the M16s and put up a position and hold the line, but they did not have any of that. So their greatest asset was prayer. So all the people got on the ground and just started praying and prayed and prayed and prayed. You could not find anything wrong with the car. Prayed and prayed and prayed and prayed, prayed and prayed and prayed. After about an hour, somebody got in and the car started right up and off they went and they got out of that town. I am telling you, that is how they do it, that is how he does it. He comes in sophisticated society as a comely religion, proportion. He comes down in the third world countries and the undeveloped countries as a roaring lion holding them in fear. Proverbs 30:30 says, "he turneth away from none or any." He has complete control. 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. He is called the God of this world and he is. No power on earth can stop him at this point in time, but there is one coming that is going to stop him, but not today.

8. Proverbs 30:31 A greyhound; and an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up. Now there are three things here. We want to look at each one of these. The first one is a greyhound. Now the greyhound is the fastest dog alive. If you would go, you know, they have horse races. Most people do not know that they have dog races. The dog races are all Greyhounds. You go there and you bet on them just like you do horse races. The Greyhound is such a fast dog that when the bus line wanted to show you how fast they were going to get you wherever you were going, they called it a Greyhound bus line with a big Greyhound on

the side of it. A Greyhound will represent the speed by which the Antichrist moves through the world to take over just in three and a half short years. So he is likened to a greyhound because a greyhound is associated with speed. I told you that in the New Testament, there are five types of the Antichrist. That is like there are 18 types in the Old Testament. The fifth type was Adolf Hitler. A couple of weeks ago on a Thursday night, I gave you, I showed how that his National Socialist Party Card number was 555. In fact, John Bousquet printed them up. There are some back there. You can actually get a picture of it. He photographed it and printed it off back there. And 555, because the next one coming is going to be 666. So, but he is the last type of the Antichrist in the 20th century. I mean, there are other guys that do things, but in a major scale, he is the last one. In 1939, he invades Europe. When he invades Europe, he takes in just three or four weeks, he defeats France, he takes the Netherlands, he goes in and takes Belgium, and he knocks off Poland. A little bit later on, shortly thereafter, he takes Denmark and Norway, and he defeats both those countries in four hours. But he took France, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Poland in three or four weeks. His attack mode was called a blitzkrieg, which means lightning war. He took all of those countries through a tactic of blitzing them in a lightning fashion and took them all. When the Antichrist will conquer the world, he will have his own blitzkrieg. He will take this world in a storm, and we will see that just a little bit more as we get into it.

9. Then the third thing here is the he-goat. You will find that as a he-goat or a ram, they are called, it is called, the technical name is a he-goat, that is a male goat, but then they also call it a ram. They call it a ram because if you have ever been rammed by one, you know why they call it a ram. They will butt you and they put their head down and they have got horns and they will nail you. So the Antichrist is likened to that because he is going to knock down all the opposition. He is going to ram his way through. In Daniel 8:19-21, he is actually called the he-goat and the ram. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now, historically, this is all we are talking about, the rough he-goat is Alexander the Great in the Medes and Persia, or all in Daniel 2. But doctrinally, these are all types of the Tribulation. The Antichrist is likened to a ram or a rough goat, he-goat. You also see it in Daniel 11. And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. Now, Daniel 11 has never fully been

unearthed because as you know in Daniel 12:4, Daniel is told to seal up some things, so you do not get it all. So there is a lot of historical, they are not sure about all this, but doctrinally there is no question about it, it is telling them what the Antichrist, the issue is is how you coincide them, and nobody has ever really figured that out. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. Now, there is why homosexuality is so prevalent today, because when the Antichrist shows up, he is either gay or he simply is connected because that shows you how satanic the whole homosexuality and lesbian thing is, but here it clearly tells you that he has no regard for women. "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire." See, the desire, he has no desire for a woman. "Nor regard any god, for he shall magnify himself above all." And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. All dealing with the Antichrist as the he-goat, knocking down, ramming down all the opposition.

10. Then the fourth thing, Proverbs 30:31 says, "A king against whom there is no rising up." Now this king in your Bible will be found in Revelation 6:2. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. Now this will be in the book of Revelation, our introduction to the man of sin. This is the first time he pops up right after the rapture of the church. Remember now, chapter 1-3, the church age, chapter 4-5, the rapture. Then in chapter 6, the Antichrist showing up and taking over the world, as we just saw in Daniel 8 and Daniel 11. At first he does it peaceably. He does it with flatteries. You are going to find all this information in 1 Thessalonians 5, Zechariah 11:14, and 2 Thessalonians 2. The devil is such a good counterfeit and imitator of Christ. Notice that there are two white horse riders in the Bible. One of them Revelation 6, one of them Revelation 19. The devil is such a good imitator because through the higher realm of education and taking the Bible from us, he has destroyed all the references to the face of his garment, that today nobody can tell the difference. Without exception, at every Bible college and seminary and most of the pastors and most of the teachers of the Bible, the book of Revelation today, will teach you that the white horse rider of Revelation 6 is indeed the Lord Jesus Christ, when he is indeed not. If you have an NIV in the footnotes, it will tell you that it is Christ. Of course we know that it is not and all anybody would have to do is comparison. In Revelation 6:2, he has a crown. But in Revelation 19:12, the other white horse rider has many crowns. All you have to do is compare the two and then put the book of Revelation in its proper context. They are not the same. The Bible says that he is a king. He shows up on a white horse as an imitator of Christ. He is a king who wants to be God. So Job 41:34 says he is the king of the children of pride. Of course he wants to be God. So the Bible tells us that he is the God of this world, 2

Corinthians 4:4. You see in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, where he says, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God and I will be like the most high." He wants to be God. That is what this whole thing is about. When he comes to power in the Tribulation, he is unstoppable until the Second Coming of Christ. Remember now 2 Thessalonians 2 tells us that right before he takes over, the rapture of the church takes place and the Holy Spirit of God now is gone. Now the world is his for seven years. Nobody on earth can or will stop him. He will pull all the world, the whole world together under his influence, comely proportion, and his influence, and they will see him as Christ. Remember now, there are two Christs in the Bible. The word Christ comes from the word anointed one, which is \*Christos\*, which means Christ-like. People have a hard time sometimes thinking the devil is Christ. No, hello, he is called the Antichrist. There are two Christs in your Bible. There is the Antichrist and in three times, Revelation 11:15, Luke 2:26, and in Acts 4:26, when he talks about the Lord Jesus Christ, he says the Lord's Christ because there is another one. As we speak today, the whole religious world right now, you know what, they are all, this is why you find that the neo-evangelical crowd and many, many Baptists are now teaching the fact that there is no rapture. Because if you have no rapture, then it destroys everything that the events are going to be built around to allow the man of sin to come in. That is why all of these guys, from the Catholics to the neo-evangelical, to the new orthodoxy, to many Baptists, to the Methodists, Presbyterian, the Lutherans, the Episcopalian, and all of them, they all believe that there is no literal return of Christ, that they are going to get the world in a great, great, great place, and then Christ is going to come back. That is exactly what the devil is going to do. He is going to play to that. Right now, as we speak, his church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the whole religious world, the neo-evangelical crowd, the Charismatics, and many Baptists have are in setting you up for the king against whom there is no rising up. Every Sunday, this morning, probably most of them are doing what we are doing, going out over the YouTube channels or whatever their mode is of getting it to their people, but they are all doing the same thing. They are giving their people a daily proportion to prepare them. When the rapture takes place and the saved people are gone, they will look at him coming, just like the people it was Christ and nobody will stop him until the Lord comes back.

## VII. The Consequences of Rejecting God's Wisdom

Lastly, look at Proverbs 30:32-33.

*If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth. Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.*

In other words, what they are saying here, if you are in the Tribulation and you now realize what the man of sin is and you have aligned yourself with him, he says, "lay thy hand upon thy mouth." It would be like this: "Oh my God, what did I just do?" It is somebody coming to the realization of what they did. Because Proverbs 30:33 says, "Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter: and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood." Now those are two sure things. If you churn butter, it is going to turn, milk is going to turn to butter. If you grab the person's nose

next to you and squeeze it off, you are going to get blood. Those two things are a certainty and so is the third. "So the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife." In other words, you keep doing what you are doing and you are going to experience the wrath of God just as surely as somebody churning milk gets butter and somebody grabbing somebody's nose gets blood.

I say this to you. Proverbs 30:32-33 kind of goes along with the teaching in the Bible. I have never really taught it because it is so out there. I may have talked about it individually, but there are so many things out there in the Bible that are so deep that most people cannot even get to them. But Proverbs 30:32-33, "If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thy hand upon thy mouth." This kind of goes along with some of the other places in the Old Testament that actually teach and it looks like that if you are a Jew, I may be a Gentile too, but I would say for sure the Jews. And you took the mark of the beast and you did not know what was going on. Then you hear 144,000 preaching. This verse says, "now you have done foolishly in lifting up thyself" and you recognize what you have done. In the Tribulation, it looks like there is a way to get rid of that mark. It is one of those great unknown things, man, that back in my day, Bible 101, but we have come a long way from then, have we not? So it looks like there was a process to get rid of that mark that you took if you took it in ignorance and did not know what you were doing. That is a pretty heavy doctrine into itself.

Here is what he is saying. He is saying, you better see and understand who you have hooked up with. Because just as you churn milk and you get butter, said that, and you wring somebody's nose and you get blood, said that, you are going to force God's wrath upon yourself, the Second Coming, because of what you have done to His people and you are hanging out and going with the Antichrist and you are going to get the strife, Second Coming.

You can see how these four things really, really give us a deeper insight. We have learned a lot about the devil and the Antichrist today. In closing out this chapter, we want to see four things about the man of sin.

- The lion, Proverbs 30:30, is brave and bold, Proverbs 28:1.
- The greyhound, Proverbs 30:31, moves like a streak of lightning. In Luke 10:18, the Bible says that, "I saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven."
- The he-goat, Proverbs 30:31, batters down all the opposition.
- The king of our passage, Proverbs 30:31, is the most prominent character in the entire Bible outside the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Tribulation, the Antichrist will get everybody to join his church. That is what he is going to do. In the last generation, the one we are in right now, Matthew 24, in preparation, he will get everybody to use his Bible. So it will just be a hop, skip, and a jump, paving the way for a man of sin by hiding his face of his garment, and not showing you his parts as power as comely proportion of people just following into it. Wisdom and understanding will be your key. You get that through a King James 1611 Authorized Version.

Of course, I have told you many times, the job of every child of God is to when he gets saved and begins that transformation process talked about in Romans 12:1-2. That process is a process of you transitioning from your mindset to God's mindset. You begin to see everything in life,

everything around you in history today and in the future through God's mind, the Word of God, and getting His perspective. That will be the understanding and the wisdom that God has for you. It is just that easy.

Then the Bible says in Philippians 2:5, once you do that, and you see that and you understand that, then you let this mind be in you, it was also in Christ Jesus. You know, we mis-define the battle today. I understand there is a great battle for the Bible. There is no question about that. But honestly, that battle has already been lost because there is going to be no reversal on that. There are going to be a few pockets of people out there, a remnant like us who hang on to the right book when the whole world goes the other way. But the real battle for that has been already done. It is over.

But the real battle that goes on day after day is the battle for our minds. What we are going to allow into our mind, one or the other, will take over your mind. I want you to notice that there are no instructions without God's mind for a Christian. That is why so many people get into trouble with the Bible and heresy with the Bible because they will not take any instruction from it. You are going to, and you know, you will find people in life who are going to try to tell you that this mind is not important, that it is not vital. Absolutely, it is the most vital single concept of any concept in the Bible. That person will be a deceiver. As 1 John 2:18 says, there are many antichrists around us. That guy may not be the Antichrist, but he will be an antichrist. What he is teaching is against what Christ told you to do.

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Really? Do you know the mind of the Lord? Well, he says that he may instruct him. Now he was saying that if you do not have the mind of the Lord, you can get no instructions. Then he says, "But we have the mind of Christ." Now the mind of Christ is what you have inside of you because you got saved because Christ is living inside you. But then he says, Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind which was in Christ," that is God's mind, "also be in you." Of course you can see that that is the real key.

The battle today is not the battle for the Bible. That battle has been lost. Christianity has lost its Bible. So there is no battle for the Bible today. There are little skirmishes going on, but on a Christianity scale around the world, that battle has been lost. The real battle today is the battle for your mind. Are you going to have God's mind? Or are you going to have the world's mind? Are you going to get God's wisdom and understanding through the instructions of His mind? Isaiah 55:8-9, His ways are better than my ways. His thoughts are higher than mine. Are you going to get that? Or are you going to go with the wisdom of men? And just be and do whatever you are going to do without the instructions of God.

As we close out this chapter, we now see we have come full circle with this. We now have come through every aspect of the Tribulation and we ended with the man of sin. You have got a lot of information today, be able to go back and lay all that out. I give you probably eight or nine outlines in here if you want to take the time to do it. I will help you any way I can. We have Thursday night and call in your questions or ask your questions and I will help you put all this

stuff together for you. So we will hold up there, let us have a word of prayer. Then we will be dismissed and I encourage everybody to bring your offerings at the meet site at three o'clock with Danny and let us pray. Father.