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PERSONATION OF CHRIST BY SATAN

- **SEVERAL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ABOUT TIMING OF PERSONATION OF CHRIST BY SATAN**
- **IS IT BEFORE OR AFTER THE CLOSE OF PROBATION?**



PERSONATION OF CHRIST BY SATAN

- **THIS IS A DISPUTED POINT**
- **CREDIBLE SOURCES ON BOTH SIDES**
- **HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THE BIBLE AND SOP OFFER CLARITY ON THIS ISSUE**



We are warned that in the last days he will work with signs and lying wonders. And he will continue these wonders until the close of probation, that he may point to them as evidence that he is an angel of light and not of darkness. (2SM 50.4)

"In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. THEN will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator's prophecy." [Revelation 13:4-18, quoted.] (19MR 282.1)

REVELATION 13 IS NOT CHRONOLOGICAL

BUT REVELATION 13:4 IS RIGHT AFTER DEADLY WOUND IS HEALED; REVELATION 13:8 IS STILL FUTURE

When Christ ceases His intercession in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Revelation 14:9, 10), will be poured out. The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people. Says the revelator, in describing those terrific scourges: "There fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshiped his image." – GC 627

CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **1. QUOTE FROM GC 627 SHOWS THAT THE PLAGUES BEGIN TO FALL WHEN PROBATION CLOSES.**
- **REVELATION 16:2 IS QUOTED IN GC 627 AND THIS IS THE FIRST PLAGUE.**
- **HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO SATAN PERSONATING CHRIST?**

Satan has long been preparing for his final effort to deceive the world. The foundation of his work was laid by the assurance given to Eve in Eden: "Ye shall not surely die." "In the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4, 5. Little by little he has prepared the way for his masterpiece of deception in the development of spiritualism. He has not yet reached the full accomplishment of his designs; but it will be reached in the last remnant of time. GC 561

Says the prophet: "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs; ... they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:13, 14. Except those who are kept by the power of God, through faith in His word, the whole world will be swept into the ranks of this delusion. – GC 561, 562.

CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **THIS QUOTE FROM GC 561, 562 SHOWS THAT SATAN'S MASTERPIECE OF DECEPTION INVOLVES SPIRITUALISM (THREE UNCLEAN SPIRITS LIKE FROGS) IN REV. 16:13, 14**
- **REVELATION 16:13, 14 IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE SIXTH PLAGUE AND OF THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON**
- **PROBATION HAS CLOSED YET ONLY THOSE KEPT BY FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD WILL NOT BE SWEEP AWAY BY DELUSION. WHAT IS THIS MASTERPIECE OF DECEPTION?**

CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **ELLEN WHITE'S
CLEAREST STATEMENT
ON THE PERSONATION
OF CHRIST IS FOUND IN
GC 624. THIS IS IN THE
CHAPTER ENTITLED
"THE TIME OF
TROUBLE"**
- **THE CHAPTER BEGINS
WITH THE CLOSE OF
PROBATION ON GC 613**



Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world (Rev. 16:14), to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures. (GC 624.1)

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Rev. 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. GC 624.2

His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "the great power of God." Acts 8:10. (GC 624, 625)

But the people of God will not be misled. The teachings of this false Christ are not in accordance with the Scriptures. His blessing is pronounced upon the worshipers of the beast and his image, the very class upon whom the Bible declares that God's unmingled wrath shall be poured out. (GC 625.1)

CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **GREATEST OBJECTION TO BEING AFTER CLOSE OF PROBATION IS THAT GOD'S PEOPLE ARE ALREADY SEALED AND THE WICKED ALREADY HAVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST**
- **WHY WOULD IT BE AFTER CLOSE OF PROBATION?**



Satan sees that he is about to lose his case. He cannot sweep in the whole world. He makes one more, last, desperate effort to overcome the faithful by deception. He does this in personating Christ. He clothes himself with the garments of royalty which have been accurately described in the vision of John. He has power to do this. He will appear to his deluded followers, the Christian world who received not the love of the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (transgression of the law), as Christ coming the second time. (Ms16-1884.1)

THIS IS ANALAGOUS TO DRYING UP OF RIVER EUPHRATES IN REVELATION 16:12 (SIXTH PLAGUE)

He proclaims himself Christ, and he is believed to be Christ, a beautiful, majestic being clothed with majesty and, with soft voice with pleasant words, with glory unsurpassed by anything their mortal eyes had yet beheld. These, his deceived, deluded followers, set up a shout of victory, "Christ has come the second time! Christ has come! He has lifted up His hands just as He did when He was upon the earth, and blessed us." (Ms16-1884.2)

Here it was [that] the masterly effort of Satan would have deceived the very elect. But who were the ones blessed by him? Whom did he make glad? Whom did he honor? The combined powers of earth, the churches fallen by rejecting light and the messages of mercy Heaven had sent to heal Babylon but she refused. (Christ had declared the friendship of the world was enmity with God. Whosoever would be a friend of the world was the enemy of God.) The papal power, the man of sin which thought to change times and laws, that had presented a rival sabbath to the world to be worshiped, the apostate power who sits in the temple of God showing himself that he is God, the power that drank the blood of the saints is united with the Protestant churches, having two horns like a lamb but speaks as a dragon; the deceptions of spiritualism which have perpetuated Satan's lie uttered in Eden, "Thou shalt not surely die" [Genesis 3:4]—all these are bound up in bundles, a corrupt harmony under a corrupt leader. The blessing is pronounced by this false christ upon the worshipers of the beast and his image, [the people] who have received the mark of the beast and the mark of the image of the beast. (Ms16-1884.3)

Jesus is looking from His throne upon His people. His interest is identified with His suffering brethren. With joy the angel hears the word from Jesus, "Take away the filthy garments from him and clothe him with change of raiment." And He said, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." [Zechariah 3:4.] Satan sees that he is about to lose his last chance of subverting these souls and he brings all the powers of his satanic generalship into intense activity. This last great act in the drama is in personating Jesus Christ. His disguise is discerned by none but those who are established in the Scriptures and acquainted [with] the word of God. (Ms16-1884.7)

One effort more, and then Satan's last device is employed. He hears the unceasing cry for Christ to come, for Christ to deliver them. This last strategy is to personate Christ and make them think their prayers are answered. But this answers to the last closing work, the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place. (Ms16-1884.11)

THE PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE SAINTS COMES ESPECIALLY DURING JACOB'S TIME OF TROUBLE.

Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. – SpM 2.1

Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head. –SpM 2.1

CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **SATAN PERSONATES CHRIST IN HIS LAST DITCH EFFORT TO WIN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY**
- **SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE FAIL HERE, THERE WILL NOT BE A PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THE FAITH OF JESUS**



CIVIL WAR?

India, China, Russia, and the cities of America, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer 306 classes, and will result in a civil war. 5MR 305.4

- Where does this fit in the timeline?**
- Notice the very next sentence:**

There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.... Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."—Manuscript 114, 1899. (General manuscript, untitled, typed August 13, 1899.) (5MR 305.4)

