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PART 59: RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

THE HIDDEN DOCTRINE IN ISRAEL

The descendants of Abraham have three major written doctrines:

1. The Old Testament is the revelation of God to humanity – which included the family of Abraham (twelve tribes of Israel) – and includes the history of the creation.
2. The Talmud is a commentary by Jewish rabbis dating back to the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity.
3. The Kabbalah is the hidden knowledge dating back to king Solomon and the story of the messiah (anointed one).

There is no specific name reference to the Talmud in the Bible, but Jesus did not speak in glowing terms when He referred to the “Tradition of the Elders.” **Matthew 15:1-3**

The word “Kabbalah” is also absent in the Bible and this is why Christians are ignorant about its pernicious existence and its devastating effect on the Jewish people.¹

False messiah

The different Jewish political and religious parties some 2,000 years ago had embraced the teaching of a Kabbalistic messiah. He would be a Jewish man instilled with supernatural power that would enable him to conquer the world and re-establish the Kingdom of Israel. He will reign out from Jerusalem and all the nations would serve him and the Jewish people. The Bible labels this man the “Antichrist” and “Man of Sin.”

Real Messiah

In contrast, when Jesus was incarnated as the Messiah, He displayed supernatural power, healed every disease, cast out demons, and resurrected the dead. The common people flocked to the God-man, but the Jewish leadership rejected Him because He did not fit their agenda of what they thought the Messiah should be.

KABBALISTIC DOCTRINE

The Kabbalah teaches that when God was creating the universe, he became confused and a portion of him fell into the bottomless abyss on earth. God did not have the power to bring this portion of himself back to heaven, so the part in the abyss took the form of a holy serpent (messiah).

Furthermore, when Moses walked up the mountain alone to receive the Ten Commandments, he met the bad god (Lucifer). The good God actually met with the 70

¹ Torell, John S. *The Kabbalah - Book 1: Sabbatai Sevi*. (Sheridan, California: EAEC, 2017)



elders at the bottom of the mountain and they received the teaching that became known as the Kabbalah.

It is up to the descendants of Abraham to bring the holy serpent up from the abyss so he can re-establish the Kingdom of Israel. The Kabbalah does not have any teaching about sin and the need for atonement.

Ironically, the Kabbalah teaches that everyone on earth must become good and give up their sins. However, the leadership of Israel came to the conclusion that it was easier to corrupt humanity and they chose what became known as the “low road.”

Thus, all the commandments of the Old Testament were negated and the people were instructed their evil depravity (low road) was a form of serving God. They were to fan out and destroy all goodness, causing Gentiles to sin against the Lord.

Jews at the time of Jesus had this twisted knowledge embraced by the high priest, Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The prophet Isaiah was active from 740-700 B.C. With his knowledge of the Kabbalah, God had him speak against this damnable teaching. He loudly told the people that the Kabbalah was blasphemy when the leadership urged the public to sin.

Isaiah also addressed the satanic teaching sinning more (low road) so the holy serpent would rise up and begin his kingdom.

The Kabbalists reversed everything; they substituted good for evil; exchanged light for darkness, and traded sweet for bitter. It got to the point that they completely perverted truth in their effort to usher in the Holy Serpent from the abyss. **Isaiah 5:13-20**

Isaiah exposed the Kabbalists again years later because they had made a covenant with death and made lies a refuge in which they hid. The prophet stated their covenant would not withstand the judgment of God. **Isaiah 28:14-18**

It is impossible to read the aforementioned references with the proper understanding Isaiah wanted since Christians are oblivious to the wicked writings of the Talmud and Kabbalah. They fail to comprehend the Antichrist will be none other than the Kabbalistic messiah – the holy serpent!

With this in mind, let us examine the Pharisees and their implementation of an oath system that coincides with the Kabbalah and what Jesus had to say about it.

FALSE OATHS

Jesus equated the Pharisees with blind men for their corrupt teaching. They pretended to be spiritual guides, but the irony is that they were just as blind themselves. How can a blind man lead another blind man? **Matthew 23:16a**

The Pharisees had devised their own legal system in order to swindle people out of their properties and money. If they made a business deal and closed it by swearing an oath by the temple, that oath had no value and could be broken. **verse 16b**

But any business deal closing with an oath concerning the gold of the temple was legally binding. Such an oath revealed the disposition of these evil men. Gold was the object of their lust. What does it say about these men who considered a metal more valuable than the temple itself? **verse 16c**

Jesus ripped into the Pharisees and asked them if the gold was greater than the temple that sanctified the gold. The temple was dedicated to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It existed as a place of worship and sacrifice. The holy of holies was reserved for God and the high priest only entered it once a year. To say that the temple was a holy place would not be an understatement. **verse 17a**

Sanctify means to make holy. Gold in and of itself has no holiness. The gold of the temple was considered special because of where it resided; it took on the attributes of the building in which it was housed. If it was kept anywhere else, it would be no different than any other gold. Jesus was implying it was foolish to suggest that the gold was holier than the temple itself. **verse 17b**

MORE OATHS

The Pharisees had yet another corrupt setup. Any business deal sealed by an oath on the altar of the temple had no legal standing if one party broke the promise. But if an oath was sworn on the gift that lay on the altar, then that particular oath was legally binding. Such a course of action was ridiculous because the altar belonged to God even if it resided with men; the sacrifice was also pledged to God and not reversible. In short, it was a play on words. **verse 18**

Jesus asked a rhetorical question. Which is greater, the sacrifice, or the altar that sanctifies the offering? Logic would dictate that the altar, which is dedicated to God, is what sanctifies the sacrifice. The altar is synonymous with holiness and hence it is the altar which furnishes value to the offering. **verse 19**

The Pharisees loved loopholes from which they could escape accountability. Swearing an oath meant nothing to liars. As we have already examined, they swore by the temple or its gold (verse 16), by the altar or the gift laid on it (verse 18), and Jesus circled back around and closed the argument. Any man that swears by the altar should realize that his oath is not only binding to the altar, but to the offering laid upon it. God is holy, the altar is holy, and the sacrifice becomes sanctified as well. God will therefore hold a man responsible for any contempt against His divinity. **verse 20**

The temple was God's chosen dwelling place on earth. The holy of holies was where the famous Ark of the Covenant was located and once a year the high priest would enter to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat to atone for the sins of the Israelites. How

careless and arrogant of the Pharisees to swear an oath by God and not fear reprisal when they broke it. **verse 21**

To swear by heaven is a direct appeal to God. Heaven is where God's throne exists. Anyone that swears by heaven and takes an oath that invokes the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, such a vow is irreversible. **verse 22**

SUMMARY

With this public speech directed to the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus made it clear that He was aware of their wickedness; they had been weighed and found wanting. The common people standing around must have been shocked as the God-man boldly told the truth about the corruption within the Jewish leadership.

As the Son of God, Jesus was obviously aware that He had sealed His fate with these immoral men because they would soon demand His crucifixion.

This should serve as an example that we are to call out sin and corruption in our leaders, even if it is not expedient or politically correct to do so.

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?