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“NO MAN CAN BE TRUE TO GOD AND ESCAPE UNPOPULARITY.”

(Author Unknown)

ARE WE IN THE “LAST DAYS?”

In some church circles the final onslaught of the enemy of God and His people will seemingly never happen. In some, that time frame is just around the proverbial corner; and in others, that time frame is right now, as in, we’re living it.

Many evangelicals have heard, even read, of the signs given by Jesus in answer to His apostles who wanted to know about the end of the age. This teaching of Jesus is known as the Olivet Discourse and is recorded in the synoptic Gospels **Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21**. Most know about the wars and rumors of wars, pestilences, a knowledge explosion, people going to and fro, etc. Interestingly, not many realize that Jesus starts the list out by warning that **deception** will be Satan’s first and foremost strategy; just like it’s always been.

The Prophet **Daniel** recorded in **chapter 9 verses 25-27** events that were told to him by an angel after he had inquired, just like the disciples of Jesus did, about the fate of his beloved Israel, the covenant people of God, the Jews, only several centuries prior. This is known as Daniel’s 70 week prophecy where week refers to a seven year period of time. One week of years is seven years just like one week of days, to our understanding, is seven days in duration. Seventy weeks of years total 490 years; 483 of those years have been fulfilled up to now in history. Daniel’s 70th week is yet to come to pass. Other names for this week of years are the great tribulation, **Matthew 24:15-28**; time of trouble, **Daniel 12:1** and hour of temptation, **Revelation 3:10**. This tribulation is concerned wholly with Israel and the rest of the world’s unbelievers since the true Church will have been raptured to heaven just prior to the beginning of this time period.

“The seventy weeks are divided into seven, sixty-two and one in verses 25-27 of Daniel. In the seven weeks – 49 years – Jerusalem was to be rebuilt in “troublous times.” This was fulfilled in Ezra and Nehemiah.

The sixty-two weeks – four hundred and thirty-four years – thereafter Messiah was to be cut off. This was fulfilled in the crucifixion of Christ. This in turn was followed by the destruction of Jerusalem. From that event on to the end, wars are determined. This is what Jesus confirmed in Matt. 24:6 & 7.

Verse 27 of Daniel 9 deals with the last week, the “he” of verse 27 is the

*“prince that shall come” of verse 26, whose people (Rome) destroyed the temple, A.D. 70. He is the same as the “little horn” of chapter 7. He will covenant with the Jews to restore their temple sacrifices for seven years, but in the middle of that time he will break the covenant and fulfill **Daniel 12:11; II Thess.2:3 & 4.***

Between the sixty-ninth week, when Messiah was cut off, and the seventieth week the entire Church age intervenes. In the seventieth week the “little horn” of chapter 7, called the “man of sin” in II Thessalonians 2 and the “beast out of the sea” in Revelation 13, will run his awful course. Meanwhile, the Church age is a parenthesis not seen by the Old Testament prophets. (Ephesians 3:1-10)”
[Excerpted from Scofield Bible Correspondence Course, Vol. II; pp. 414,416]

Before Daniel was given the information about the Tribulation he was given the rundown of the world’s major empires that would rule until the “**times of the Gentiles**” be complete (**Dan. 2:37-45**). There were seven major empires that ruled the then known world:

1. **Assyria** (northern part of much of today’s Iraq)
2. **Egypt**
3. **Babylon** (today’s Iraq; southern part originally)
4. **Medo-Persia** (today’s Kurds and Iran)
5. **Greece**
6. **Rome 1** (ancient Rome)
7. **Rome 2** (modern revived empire; the European Union)

Daniel lived and served Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, as a Hebrew slave. He was deported when the Babylonians captured Jerusalem in the third year of Jehoiakim’s reign, 605 B.C.; this was the first of three deportations. The Prophet Ezekiel was deported to Babylon in the third siege or deportation. Assyria and Egypt’s role in history, as conquering empires, had already ended by the time Daniel lived.

It is important to define some terms found in the Scriptures concerning this period of great distress, the understanding of these terms is most important in order to evaluate *in what time we are currently living*.

The times of the Gentiles [Luke 21:24; Dan 2:31-45; II Kings 24:1-25:21; Rev. 13:1-17; 14:15-20; 19:11-21] This time frame begins with the reign of Nebuchadnezzar and ends with the final destruction of the last world empire under Anti-Christ.

The fullness of the Gentiles [Romans 11:25] – this is the only place where this term or expression is used. This term speaks of the completeness of the Church as far as the Gentiles are concerned. Remembering that Jews and Gentiles make up The Church, but also realizing that the Jews who have not chosen to be part of Christ’s bride (The Church) have no choice but to adhere to the law of Moses, since they rejected the free grace of God brought to us all

through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. "...to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (KJV-Romans 1:16)

The last days – as they relate to the Church [I Tim. 4:1-3; II Tim. 3:1-8; Heb. 1:1,2; I Peter 1:4 & 5; II Peter 3:1-9; I John 2:18,19; Jude 17-19] In one sense, this expression refers to the whole Church Age, but also is understood to mean the final part of that age when apostasy and declension are common place.

The last days – as they relate to Israel [Isaiah 2:1-5; Micah 4:1-8; Acts 2:17&18; James 5:1-5] This primarily refers to Israel's restoration as the leading world power with King Jesus ruling the planet from the throne of David in Jerusalem just after the great tribulation period. Israel's prophesied earthly blessings come to pass during this 1000 year reign of Christ.

The last day (singular) [John 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:24; 12:48] also known as "**the day of Christ**" [I Cor. 1:8; 5:5; II Cor. 1:14; Philippians 1:6; 2:16] This is the day that all of us believers are waiting for, namely to meet Him in the air at the first phase of His "Second Coming" known as the "Rapture of the Saints" or the epi sunagage in Greek. The Greek term means a meeting around. We, all of the true Church, His bride, are going to meet around Christ in the air. This "**day**" is just for His bride and is associated with her glory, reward and "marriage of the Lamb."

The day of the Lord [Isaiah 2:12-21; 13:6-9; Joel 1:15; 2:1-11, 30-32; 3:1-16; Amos 5:18-20; Obadiah 15; Zeph. 1:7-18; Zech. 14:1-9; Malachi 4:5 & 6; I Thess. 5:1-9; II Peter 3:10-12] According to **J. Dwight Pentecost**, the day, "begins immediately after the rapture with the divine judgments in preparation to Christ's return in glory. It extends through the Second Advent, the millennial age, the great white throne judgment to "a new heaven and a new earth." (Rev. 21:1)

C. I. Scofield adds, "It includes all unfulfilled prophecy about the earth, beginning with the tribulation period. Israel and the Gentiles only will be dwelling on the earth in "the day of the Lord," as the rapture of the Church precedes it." [Quoted in SBCC Vol. 6, p.1610]

Earth dwellers This term, coined by end-time theologian **Dr. Tommy Ice**, reads in the Scriptures, "... those who dwell on the earth." It is used eight more times in the book of **Revelation**. The O.T. also has numerous references to this particular group of people. According to **Dr. Ice**, a definition of the meaning of the phrase is "It is clear that the Bible views earth dwellers, in its eschatological use as those persistent unbelievers during the tribulation who, come hell or high water, will not place their faith in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God no matter how clearly God's plan of salvation is presented". (*Earth dwellers presentation, Ice, 2008 16th annual Pre-Trib Conference DFW, Texas*) This is borne out by many other passages of Scripture.

Those Gentiles and Jews (who are not part of the one-third remnant) who have not been raptured will persistently choose to follow Satan in the person of Anti-Christ rather than believe the Gospel of the Lord. Each denial of the truth earns for them greater and greater punishment on earth which is indeed the reason for the Tribulation in the first place. The first three and one half years of the Tribulation will be horrible as far as we, who are saved and are kept FROM the hour of temptation (Rev. 3:10) via the Rapture are concerned; but mild compared to the last three

and one half years which will be more viscous and terrible than anything the world has seen up to that point, according to the words of our Lord Jesus Himself. (Matt. 24:21)

Contrary to those who teach that the Church will go through all or a part of the Tribulation, the Spirit of God counters with the Greek word ‘ek’ which means ‘out of’ and is translated “from” in **Revelation 3:10** mentioned above.

No matter which side of the Rapture scenario one adheres to, be it pre, mid, partial, or post, the fact is that we’re speedily heading toward a time when things, as we know them, will be no more.

Already our young people are ignorant of the truth of Scripture thanks to decades of misinformation and outright lies which were pumped through organizations like Navigators, Youth with A Mission, Campus Crusade for Christ, etc. Also “Sunday school” materials geared for the youngest members of Church including the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, *Veggie Tales*, et al. have twisted the truth of the Word to supposedly make it more palatable and understandable for children and the youth.

All this “marriage with our culture” has steadily eroded the moral and spiritual fiber of the minds of those who were the deliberate target of the organizations mentioned above; not to mention the secular media, sports, and of course, the music and film industries.

Spiritually, the teaching that’s prevalent is, don’t be religious rather be “spiritual” so you can get in touch with your inner self. Morally, the teaching is, there are no absolutes; therefore, do what feels right for you. Socially, the teaching is, whatever you want to do is OK, as long as nobody gets hurt and accepts whatever comes down the pike without any judgmental attitude.

All of this deaf, dumb, and blind behavior has resulted in exactly what Satan “*the god of this world*” (**II Cor. 4: 4**) is after; namely, a general blind following of the desires of the flesh. Those misled believe that they do all the above with love; and worse yet, “in the name of the Lord,” if they call themselves “Christians.” In the name of Gaia, or mother earth if they are into New Age; or the Cosmos if they adhere to pagan anti-Christ’s like major atheist Richard Dawkins. Dawkins’ books are all best sellers and read by not just secular people, but also by those who profess to be born-again.

In truth, no one denies the Gospel of our Lord Jesus based on philosophical grounds, though they may make this claim, just as no one denies the Gospel on scientific grounds, though they may make this claim. The same is true of those following various religions and cults. When one considers that there are more than six thousand known cults just in the USA, let alone the entire planet, it becomes apparent that the deceptions of Satan are truly powerful. Scripture is clear that Satan has “blinded” those who reject or pervert the message of the cross. (**II Cor. 4: 4**)

The Bible has long been proven to contain true philosophical wisdom which is expressed most in the books of Proverbs, Psalms and Ecclesiastes, as well as true scientific principles to be found throughout; such as, the **second law of thermodynamics-entropy** found in **Psalm. 102:25, 26** and that our **Planet is a sphere** found in **Proverbs 8:27**.

Satan has successfully blinded many in the Church to the prosperity gospel of the “name it and claim it” Word of Faith movement, yet **Psalms 19: 9b-11** declares: “*The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yeah, than*

much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward”.

It seems crystal clear that desiring the judgments of God, the very thing no one really wants, and which desire is borne out of the wrong kind of fear, is to be treasured and coveted for the very reasons described in the above Scripture. Because the coming last judgments are harsh, many ignorantly shrink from the study of eschatology or the end times. The main book foretelling how this is all going to end is of course the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. It was placed last in the canon because its message culminates all that was recorded before; and tells of a victorious end for all those who believe the gospel to the end.

Revelation 1:3 details a personal benefit to him who reads this book, *“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”*

The above is the first of seven blessings promised to those who read, hear, and keep/do those things which are written within. (**Chapters 14: 13; 16: 15; 19: 9; 20: 6; 22: 7; 22: 14**)

The testimony of Jesus Christ IS the spirit of prophecy. [**Rev. 19:10**] This truth flies in the face of those who relegate prophecy to someone telling someone else what is going to happen to them personally or about some sort of event or happening that’s supposed to be astounding. Nothing could be further from the truth.

On the current geopolitical world scene we see Germany in charge of the European Union, from almost immediately after the close of WWII to the present day. Germany has been Europe’s financial powerhouse due to its ability to outperform the rest of Europe and much of the world in exports, especially high tech machinery as well as other top of the line products.

Germany led the charge to create the Euro which was designed to destroy the dollar. Along with China, the only other world power with significant clout, seen in the fact that China owns most of our US debt, Germany is calling the shots on a world stage so much so that even **Vladimir Putin of Russia** recognized the two world powers, **Germany and China** and called them such during an Economics forum held in Berlin on November 26, 2010.

Consider the statement made by **Max Keiser** who is the anchor for the Russian News Channel *Russia Today*, concerning the world wide monetary crisis we’ve all heard so much about in the last two years, **“The crisis is only adding to Germany’s ability to ultimately break away from the Euro and to compete head to head with China for competition in terms of being the 21st Century super power. The U.S. is gone, the U.K. is long gone, continental Europe, outside of Germany, doesn’t produce anything.”**

Ever since the financial crisis hit, Germany has practiced what it preached. The Germans have made short-term sacrifices to gain long-term stability and gain; while the U.S. and some others have gone into drastically more debt to insure short-term supposed gain, but by doing so have totally removed any assurance of lasting long-term sustainability.

German exports increased by 28.5% in 2010 compared to the same month of 2009. The revived Roman Empire “powerhouse” was the # 1 exporter in the world for almost two years and was finally dethroned by none other than China in early 2010. Germany and China have forged strong business relationships even as they are competing for the world’s last reserves of

raw materials in South America and especially in Africa where Germany has had influence politically and economically due to the colonies the Fatherland had prior to WWI.

Top geopolitical news agency **Stratfor** comments concerning Germany, **“Germany is beginning to see itself as one of the world powers again – with grand strategies, pawns to sacrifice, and everything else that goes along with the title of a chess grand master”**. (Nov. 10-2010)

German clout is further seen from the Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi who is slated to take the role of the E.U. Presidency which rotates to different member states every 6 months. He said, **“A strong and successful Germany is vital for the strength of Europe”**. He also told business leaders in Berlin that whatever was in Germany’s interest, Hungary would back them. (Hungarian Newswire Service MTI, Nov. 4, 2010)

The boldness of Germany’s leaders is seen in every aspect of global politics. **Chancellor Angelica Merkel** responding to President Obama and his entourage during the last G-20 meeting was right in his face, **“The U.S. is the one that must take the necessary steps to increase its competitiveness. The U.S. should not try to put limits on countries that have figured out how to get the world to buy their goods. In the task ahead, the benchmark has to be the countries that have been the most competitive, not to reduce to the lowest common denominator.”**

Merkel also poignantly stated, **“It is our duty, both legally and morally to reduce our debt.”**

When was the last time we heard Bush Sr., Clinton, Bush, or Obama speak thus? On MS NBC front page news on Dec. 6, 2010 was the story how Obama and Congress were going to continue the Bush tax cuts at a cost of more than the so-called stimulus package. The stimulus package will print 600 billion U.S. dollars, out of thin air, thus inflating our currency ever more and greatly reducing the purchasing power of American citizens. This is on top of the trillions that were printed, out of thin air, to fund the big banks, just a year or so ago with the so-called sub-prime mortgage crisis. These very banks are the real culprits for they are the very ones that created the Federal Reserve which of course everyone by now knows is not federal and there are no reserves. We’re talking about Chase Manhattan, Citibank, et al.

The principals behind these gigantic money moguls are the same families that have controlled the world’s money supply for at least the past 100 years, namely the Rothschild’s, the J.P. Morgan’s, the Rockefeller’s, the Warburg’s, et al.

Bailout is a banking term that’s been used by the above named since the creation of the FED to steal money from the populace, of whatever country, in order to enslave the people by putting them under the yoke of massive debt. The irony is that the people have no clue that they are paying exorbitant interest on thin air. No real money was ever given them on which they owe interest, all they got was CREDIT.

What makes the credit worth anything at all is the labor behind those interest payments. Lest anyone assumes different, no war, no political race, no high ranking appointments, no major decision or outcome on this planet happens without the use and control of massive amounts of

money, capitol in banker's terms. Therefore, whoever controls the money controls whatever political party or whatever form of government exists.

Mayer Amschel Bauer, the goldsmith/banker who started the greatest financial family dynasty, the Rothschild's, in the 1750's is known as stating, **"LET ME ISSUE AND CONTROL A NATION'S CURRENCY/MONEY AND I CARE NOT WHO WRITES THE LAWS"**.

On that mindset the FED was created. The goal is for the U.S. to be reduced to a third world nation. This plan, though many decades old, is about to be completed.

Wolfgang Schaeuble, Germany's Minister of Finance said, **"It's inconsistent for the Americans to accuse the Chinese of manipulating exchange rates and then to artificially depress the dollar exchange rate by printing money"**. He also described American policy as **"clueless"** and **"the American model is stuck in a deep crisis"** and **"the U.S. lived off credit far too long, inflated its financial sector massively and neglected its industrial base."**

The fact that these accusations are "right-on" is indisputable. The question is: how did we get here? Who is responsible for getting us here? The answer lies in those who control the money and the agenda that they adhere to; namely to reduce the American way of life by enslaving its citizens with massive debt. While admittedly, this is not felt by many Americans to be so, just yet, it will be soon enough, and when it comes, all the negative byproducts of such realization will accompany it as well.

We have quote after quote from American leaders of the past 4-5 decades who adamantly propose the deliberate lowering of American standards of living under the guise of lifting the third world nations.

We said all of this to inform the reader that there is a plan which is right on schedule to turn Europe into a super state headed up by the revived Roman Empire, which is in turn headed up by Germany, while China is developing super state status in the Far East thus being able to finance a march toward the Holy Land as Scripture says it must. China is undoubtedly the leader of the "Kings of the East".

It behooves every Christian to stay away from sensationalism and dig into the meat of the Word of God. We would think that what was prophesied and has come to pass, along with what was prophesied and is yet to come to pass in the very near future, is sensational enough. **To be truly born-again of the Spirit of God is the only antidote for the wrath of God.**

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BIBLE STUDY AND WORSHIP SERVICES

Monday Night Bible Study: 6:30pm, Calvary Chapel - Lafayette, 2111 E. State St., Lafayette, Subject: **Biblical Doctrines**. For more information, call: 765-714-5113.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7pm in Clinton County, call 765-714-5113 for directions.
Subject: **Universal & Local Church**.

Victory in Christ Fellowship 10:00am /Sunday, Burlington
Calvary Chapel – Lafayette 10:30am / Sunday, 2111 E. State Street, Lafayette, IN
Harvest Chapel – Attica 11:00am / Sunday, 129 N. Perry St., Attica, IN

Harvest Chapel – Logansport 10:30am / Sunday, 212 S. 6th St, Logansport, IN
WCCLP – 97.3 FM - Lafayette radio for sound biblical teaching and contemporary music.

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Q&A – from the email bag jw.hartwich@gmail.com

Hi Jill,

Do you and Walt know anything about Morningside Ministries? I've been talking with a young lady for a few days who is new to the faith. She feels the Lord may be leading her to Morningside Ministries, some kind of university. She's asking my opinion, and I had not heard of them, she saw them on TV. I looked up their statement of faith on their website, and it looks good. And I listened to a few of the interviews from their TV section. Gen. Boykin sounds OK, Rick Joyner seems to be a big part of it, and some of his statements seem odd to me. He "predicts" things about Egypt, but refers to Isaiah 19 as he does so.

Anyway, if you know anything about them, I would appreciate your comments. I don't know enough to give advice about them, and she's young and pretty emotional in her thinking right now. Kh

Dear KH,

We have reported on Rick Joyner a couple of times in the past. I will attach our VSM #10 from 2005 on The New Apostolic Reformation. [*For purposes of this newsletter the following is an excerpt.*]

“... One of the major movements in today’s Evangelical circles is what is known as the **New Apostolic Reformation**. This is a term covering a vast number of “Christian” groups that believe that we are now in a “new” era of Christianity in which we have individuals that claim to be the “new and improved” version of the original twelve apostles who followed the Lord Jesus.

The NAR is comprised of many organizations and their movements include: Manifest Sons, Latter Rain, Dominion Now, Joel’s Army, Word of Faith, etc. Other expressions used for these groups are Third Wave and Reconstruction Movement. It is important to note that these are not small time fanatics, but are instead highly organized associations with millions of devoted followers each, on a worldwide scale, with headquarters on every continent.

It is representatives of these groups that are today’s televangelists for the most part, although there are still a few good preachers that are not involved with these movements, on the air... Contrary to popular belief, even among Christians, *the Bible tells us that we are to judge those inside the Church. I Corinthians 5:12- 13 states, ‘For what have I to do with judging those also who are on the outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside, God judges. Therefore put away from yourselves the evil person.’* Chapter 6:2-3 declares that we will judge the world and angels.Names like The Restoration Movement, Kingdom Now Theology, New Anointing, etc. are commonplace within their literature and meetings. Individuals like Cindy Jacobs, Mike Bickel, **Rick Joyner**, Rodney Howard Brown, George Barna, Rick Warren, Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, Bill Hammon, Ted Haggard, Rick Godwin, Dutch Sheets, John Eckard, Barbara Yoder, Chuck Pierce, etc. are advocating a new anointing, a new worship, new terminology, new healings, new prayer, a changing church. They profess unscriptural ideas like, ‘the prophetic spirit is transferable and can be imparted’ without any biblical proof whatsoever.....

A simple study of Deuteronomy 18:22 gives clear indication that if a ‘prophet’ was wrong, God did not speak through him and that he should be stoned to death for lying.

Rick Joyner is especially well known for his false predictions.....” [end of excerpt]

Do a search on <http://www.thebereancall.org/> (that's Dave Hunt's website) for Rick Joyner and you can get a lot of information on him. If Rick Joyner has anything to do with Morningside, then I wouldn't want anything to do with it.

Seeing "good stuff" on an official website does not mean their biblical doctrine is right on.

Thanks for asking. If we can be of more help, let us know.

Anyone with a question can email it to us at jw.hartwich@gmail.com or you may write to us at our new address: P.O. Box 823, Frankfort, IN 46041.

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Recommended websites and reading:

www.christianworldviewnetwork.com – Brannon Howse

www.thebereancall.org – The Berean Call, Dave Hunt & T.A. McMahon

www.WorldNetDaily.com – Joseph Farah

www.moriel.org – Moriel Ministries, Jacob Prash

www.ariel.org – Ariel Ministries, Arnold Fruchtenbaum

www.watch.org – Bill Koenig, White House Correspondent

1. *The Last Christian Generation* – Josh McDowell
2. *Seduction of Christianity* – Dave Hunt & T.A. McMahon
3. *Fox: Voices of the Martyrs* – John Foxe and The Voice of the Martyrs
4. *Apollyon Rising 2012* – Thomas Horn – This book is highly recommended for understanding the days that are upon us.

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We currently have several of Walt's teachings available on CD & DVD.

1. "The Day of the Lord"
2. "Spiritual Warfare"
3. "Mammon – the other god" & "Federal Reserve Briefing"
4. "What Time Is It?"

Item numbers 3 & 4 are available on DVD.

For prices and ordering, email jw.hartwich@gmail.com or write to VSM, P.O. Box 823, Frankfort, IN 46041.

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We wish to thank God for supplying the ways and means for publishing this quarterly update and to those whose hearts He has moved to donate to the cause of teaching the church.

We solicit your prayers for our ministry that we will continue with boldness as we present the truth, no matter what; and that **we** will not be deceived as **no one** is immune.

If you would like for Walt to speak at your church or group, or if you have questions regarding anything you've read in our Update or any biblical subject, you may send your requests via mail or email to jw.hartwich@gmail.com or call 765-714-5113 / 765-426-1413. Change of phone # effective Oct 2010.

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Victory Seekers Ministries is based on the scriptures **Ephesians 5:11** “*have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*” and **Colossians 2:4, 8-10** “*lest any man should beguile you with enticing words...beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power*”.