

1. Last week I taught Rev 13:7-9 and when time expired we were developing several principles found in Rev 13:10.
2. Before continuing, I want to provide “1Jo 1:9 time” as may be necessary.
3. Let’s first take a look at an expanded translation of Rev 13:7-9.

Expanded Translation

Rev 13:7 The Antichrist in the last half of the Tribulation was given by Satan the power to make war against the believers of the Tribulation and to conquer them; all of this of course is done under the permissive will of God. And he was given authority over all the people of the world.

Rev 13:8 The nations of the world and all the unbelieving citizens therein could be seen worshipping the Antichrist as God--that is to say all those whose names had not been redacted from the book of life belonging to the Lamb; the Lamb being the Lord Jesus Christ Who was slain in eternity past before time was.

Rev 13:9 If you have a lick of sense you will pay attention to what is here being said.

Principles:

1. It is clear from Rev 13:7-8 that the universal worship of the beast will achieve at long last the characteristics of a world religion in that it will be ecumenical and as progressives demand it will be inclusive of "all faiths."
2. The desire to have all Christian churches unite, or to even go one step further and unite all religions of the world, has for years been advanced as a desired goal.
 - 2.1 Because of the indwelling and restraining ministry of God the Holy Spirit this effort though repeatedly attempted will not be achieved prior to the end of the church age.
 - 2.2 There are those pushing for one world, one faith, tolerance and diversity where all faiths love and embrace one another as those ultimately going to the same place in the hereafter. This is Satan’s "malarkey" right out of the pit of hell.
3. However, in the great tribulation as here described, a world religion will be advanced which will have as its focal point the worship of a man chosen and empowered by Satan himself.

4. In that day, true believers in Christ will be separated from this world religion and will be the objects of its fearful persecution.

5. From a Biblical point of view, the concept of a world religion is anathema.

6. It is also clear from verse nine that the information found in the Book of the Revelation is very important.

7. Now let's see what we can learn from verse ten.

KJV

Rev 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

NIV

Rev 13:10 If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

1. Verse ten makes clear that the Tribulation will be a time of great violence.

2. In this time of violence lies the patience and faith of the saints in their hour of trial. The Scriptures frequently mention the vindication and the sanctity of life in general.

Gen 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Mat 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Mat 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Rom 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Rom 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Rom 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

3. The same truth which serves as an encouragement to the saints acts as a warning to their persecutors. Their ultimate doom of Satan and his subalterns is assured at the end of their brief period of power.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies ...

Rev 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Rev 18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Rev 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Rev 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her ...

Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Rev 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet ... and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

4. As we have earlier studied, there is an admonition throughout the Scripture for the Saints to expect imprisonment and death but with patience and endurance, just as Saints have done throughout the ages. Though they may be murdered and imprisoned the travail of the Saints of God will only serve as fuel for future divine retribution.

5. Taken as a whole, the first ten verses of Revelation 13 predict a future world government which from the perspective of Scripture will be a continuation of the ancient Roman Empire expanded ultimately to cover not only the area of the ancient empire but the entire world.

6. The Antichrist's government will be empowered by Satan, and its primary objective will be forcing the whole world to worship Satan and his human representative, the world dictator.

7. The purpose of Satan is to take the place of God in the tribulation; this is in fact the motivating factor behind Satan's activities today.

8. Satan's desire to be like God originally plunged the universe into sin and rebellion. (Isa 14:12-15)

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

8.1 His program has never changed, and he is seeking today as throughout his career to lure men to obey him instead of God.

9. In the great tribulation this purpose will be clear, although ultimately it will be brought into divine judgment.

10. Now let's see how our verse ten looks by way of expanded translation:

Expanded Translation

Rev 13:10 If you live in the Tribulation and you are going to be incarcerated for the cause of Christ then so be it; it is God's will. If you are to be executed, so be it, it is God's will. This age will call for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints of God but at the end of the seven years the Saints of God will be vindicated.

11. We are now ready to take a look at the Second Beast--the False Prophet. Before we do I want to give you a review of the *Doctrine of the Antichrist*.

Introduction

1. Ten kings shall arise in the final stage of the Revived Roman Empire and shall reign contemporaneously.

Rev 17:12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.

Rev 17:13 They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.

2. Let me read you what Wycliffe has written about the Antichrist in his Commentary: "Of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth, etc. All interpreters-Jewish, Christian, unbelievers-agree that this is the Antichrist ... twelve facts about the Antichrist:

2.1 He will not create a tenfold confederacy; he will absorb one.

Dan 7:24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.

2.2 He will be just another king "another ... horn" (Dan 7:8), and he will be mortal. It will be the Satanic power behind him that will make him significant. He will according to Rev 13:2 combine the characteristics of the three earlier empires into an awful but powerful creation of satanic mayhem and mischief.

Dan 7:8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a **little one**, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

Rev 13:2 The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

2.3 He will be obscure at first- "little."

Dan 7:8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

2.4 His march to power will begin with his conquest of three kingdoms. (Dan 7:8; compared with Dan 7:24)

Dan 7:24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.

2.5 Yet something about him will be special (diverse from the first ten). Many extraordinary events will be connected with him.

Rev 13:15 He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

2Th 2:4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Rev 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

Rev 13:17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

2Th 2:10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2.6 He will be very intelligent-"eyes of a man."

2.7 He will be an orator of scintillating ability.

Dan 7:8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

2.8 His appearance will be striking.

Dan 7:20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell-- the horn that **looked more imposing** than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

2.9 He will be a blasphemer (Dan 7:25; compared with Rev 13:5-6).

Dan 7:25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

2.10 He will seek to make his accession a new epoch (Dan 7:25, change times).

2.11 He will seek to destroy Israel (Dan 7:25a; compared with Dan 9:26-27).

Dan 7:25 (a) And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High ...

Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

2.12 His time will be short, a time. (compare Rev 11:2; 13:5; Dan 12:7).

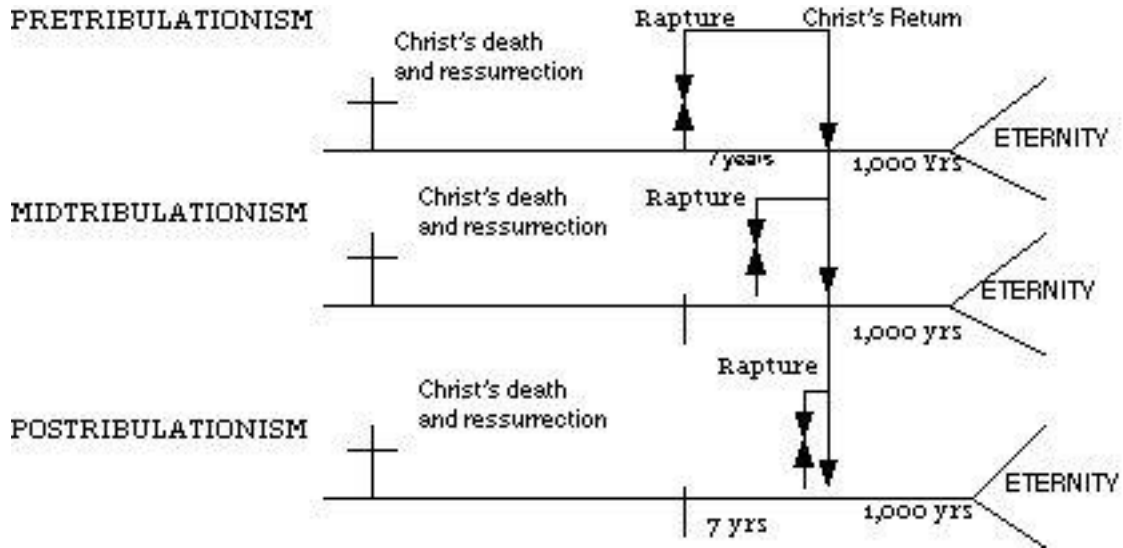
Rev 11:2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Dan 12:7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

3. The Messianic kingdom is external in its aspect, not a kingdom in men's hearts, as Church-Kingdom theories demand.

3.1 Let me give you a chart that best explains the three eschatological positions relating to the timing of the Rapture, Tribulation and the Millennium.



3.2 The Church is not a Jewish kingdom.

Dan 7:7 "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast--terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

Dan 7:22 until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

Dan 7:25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

Dan 7:27 When the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'

Dan 8:22 The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.

Dan 8:23 "In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise.

Dan 8:24 He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy the mighty men and the holy people.

4. Let me now give you several points about the Antichrist:

4.1 John in the Book of The Revelation is fulfilling the role of a prophet, one sent by God with God's message to deliver to man.

4.2 In the thirteenth chapter, John introduces us to a beast. God in the Apocalypse has John use many figures and many symbols to convey truth.

4.3 To many these are arcane, but they need not be, for when you compare Scripture with Scripture, you find that Scripture often will interpret its own figures and its own symbols. So we are not left with idle speculation as to the significance of these.

4.4 Reading in Revelation chapter 13 verses 1 and 2 (KJV), "I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads, the name of blasphemy.

4.4.1 "And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." The dragon is none other than Satan himself. How powerful is Satan is really unknown to most people.

4.4.2 Let me read several passages with comment from a very revealing book written by Merrill F. Unger entitled *The Mystery of Bishop Pike*. Satan's special powers will torment a "Reversionary" Anglican Priest."

ENCOUNTER WITH THE OCCULT

"It all began as the bishop entered his bedroom in Cambridge, England, on Sunday evening, February 20, 1966. (He tells about it in the controversial best seller, *The Other Side*.) There on the floor in front of the nightstand between twin beds lay two mysterious postcards face up, carefully placed at a 140-degree angle.

"The tragedy that triggered the whole procedure was the death of the older of the bishop's two sons on February 4, 1966. Just before twenty-year-old James Pike, Jr., took his own life in a New York City hotel room, he had spent four and a half months with his father in Cambridge in the happiest period of their father-son relationship. His sadness was greatly intensified by the unhappy fact that his son had frequently used psychedelic drugs.

“After the body of his son was cremated and the ashes scattered on the Pacific Ocean just beyond San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge, Bishop Pike resumed residence in the same Cambridge flat where he and his son had lived. It was there that the bishop’s experiences with psychic phenomena began. Witnesses to these strange occurrences were the Reverend David Barr, the bishop’s chaplain, and Mrs. Maren Bergrud, of the Episcopal Diocese of California, who assisted in secretarial work. Both occupied the flat with Bishop Pike.

“Young Jim had a penchant for buying postcards of places he visited, but often failed to mail them. When the two cards placed at a 140-degree angle appeared in front of the nightstand in the bishop’s bedroom, he, David Barr and Maren Bergrud immediately thought of Jim, but they were at a complete loss to explain the strange phenomenon.

“On Tuesday morning, February 22, two days after the postcard anomaly, an altered Maren Bergrud appeared at breakfast. Much to the astonishment of the bishop and David Barr, a section of her bangs had been burned off in a straight line with precision of a scissor cut. Maren was just as baffled when she looked into a mirror and verified what the two men had noticed.

“It turned out that this, too, was reminiscent of Jim, who had once commented to his father that he didn’t like Maren’s bangs, and had even told her that she should cut them off. As disturbing as all this was, it was still not the end of the bangs mystery. The next morning Thursday, February 24, Maren awoke with a cry of pain. Her third and fourth fingernails had been injured as if some sharp instrument, such as a needle, had been pressed under them. One of the nails was actually broken and it later fell off. Careful search of Maren’s room produced no trace of any sharp objects that could have been used.

“When Maren returned from applying a band-aid to the split nail, David Barr cried out in dismay, “Maren! The rest of your bangs are gone!” All three had the disconcerting feeling that they were being caught up in an unfathomable mystery, but there was no time to ponder the riddle.

“As they drove to London, new elements were added to the deepening enigma of the recent events in the Cambridge flat. As the bishop and David chatted about these things, the bishop noticed that Maren remained silent. Upon inquiring, it was discovered that she had been upset by another astonishing development during the night. The bishop had retired earlier than David or Maren. After he had fallen asleep, Maren remembered that a book she needed was on the dresser in the bishop’s bedroom.

“Gently opening his door and tip-toeing through the darkness to get the book, she was startled to find the bishop sitting up in bed and speaking into space. The bishop had not been aware of what he was doing.

“As Maren recalled and repeated the words the bishop had spoken, they ran something like this: “Caring about people is a great mistake . . . you can’t count on anybody, and I certainly don’t want anybody counting on me. In fact, they can’t ... the only thing that matters is getting what one wants for oneself. If that involves using people, letting them down, getting them out of the way ... okay! These sentiments were not the bishop’s thoughts at all but definitely those of his son.

“Maren’s story led David to recount his own strange experience of the preceding night. He had worked late. About 2:30 A.M. he awoke with a nightmarish sense of anxiety and of total inadequacy. When the bishop, David, and Maren returned to the flat the next day, they were greeted with a flurry of inexplicable phenomena. On the very same spot and in precisely the same position where the postcards had been found lay two books. In same inscrutable manner, these objects had not only been transported to their present position, but in one paperback (*Armageddon*, by Leon Uris) was unexplainably stuck a postcard showing Peterborough Cathedral.

“The fact that within a few days so many odd things happened in the flat all of them recalling the deceased, greatly influenced the bishop. In spite of his confirmed skepticism regarding life after death, he apparently was being forced to believe that the spirit of his deceased son had lived on. With all this going on it is not surprising that each member of the trio later confessed he had begun to suspect the other and was keeping tabs on him to be sure no one was playing pranks. The events of the next morning eliminated the possibility of any trickery. While fixing himself some cereal for breakfast, David found that all the milk in the refrigerator, including that which had been delivered fresh that very morning was sour.

“On Sunday evening, February 27, they returned to the flat to find the house very warm. The bishop had had a counseling session with a young priest before the group left the apartment, and he distinctly remembered the house had been cool. He had checked the thermostat to make sure it was turned down while they were gone. Yet the thermostat was up when they returned and the house was very warm.

“That same evening the group searched the flat as was their custom now. They found nothing until they went into the bishop’s bedroom. There they found a Bible which the bishop had placed on the dresser now lying on the floor in front of the nightstand in the identical spot where the postcards and the other books had been found.

“Further search uncovered a Church of England *Yearbook* inexplicably placed against the wall behind the electric heater. At this point the bishop had faced enough weird experiences to feel that something had to be done.

“As the bishop reflected on the next move, the name Canon John Pearce-Higgins, vice provost of Souhwark Cathedral, flashed into his mind. On a previous visit to London, the bishop had discussed psychic phenomena with Pearce-Higgins who had done considerable research in this subject. Pearce-Higgins mentioned the name of Mrs. Ena Twigg, a famous British medium. He also suggested that a séance might not be necessary if a Ouija board-like contrivance could be used effectively. He suggested that an inverted wine glass be placed on a smooth table surface.

“The wine glass did move to the letters, but so haltingly that the bishop gave up and telephoned Pearce-Higgins to arrange for a séance with Ena Twigg. This was set for March 2, at three o’clock in the afternoon. It must be noted that although Diane Pike describes the actual death of her husband (the spirit leaving the body), his death had occurred several days before her vision. Thus it represented a reenacting of that event.

“Coupled with her psychic inclinations and research in the psychic field, this made her a ready candidate for a mediumistic vision. It must be granted that Mrs. Pike’s vision of the surroundings and the position of her husband’s corpse in a canyon was remarkably accurate. Diane Pike’s vision represents a common phenomenon in clairvoyant circles. With highly gifted mediums, an astonishing degree of accuracy has been manifested in extrasensory perception and in reporting past events that are personally unknown to the medium.

“The reality of the phenomena is the lure that draws curious people into the net of deception, unbiblical doctrine, subjection to evil spirits and false hope. The human spirit does possess mysterious powers, but the greater power of demonic spirits to delude humanity is the unrecognized peril surrounding parapsychologists and spiritualists. In the case of Bishop Pike, spirits were obviously at work to draw him into the snare of the occult. That he was psychic and had opened the door to psychic invasion when he abandoned revealed truth made such deception possible.

“The analysis of Bishop James A. Pike’s psychic experiences calls for clear thinking and firm decision by all who cherish life with God. The questions raised by the psychic experiences of Bishop Pike can find an answer only in human experience evaluated in the light of divine revelation. Christians believe the full and merciful answer is given in God’s Word. While giving authentic information about godly ways, Scripture reveals the completely malevolent nature of delusive spirits. (1Ti 4:1-6; 2Th 2:7-12; Rev 9:20-21; and Rev 16:13 and 20:1-2)

“Demonic forces won their first round with the bishop when he departed from biblical faith opening his mind to the teachings of demons (1Tim. 4:1). The bishop rejected the Christian doctrine of Christ’s bodily resurrection as the ground of the believer’s assurance of life after death (1Cor. 15:2-5; Phil. 3:20-21) – and later subscribed to spiritualism’s tenuous credo that there is no death (2Thess. 2:8-10).

“Demonic forces won the second round with Bishop Pike when they led him through psychic phenomena to seek contact with his deceased son. Their purpose was achieved by convincing the skeptical father that spirit communication through mediums was the only way to restore a relationship with his son. The knockout blow landed in the Judean desert where Pike succumbed to heat and weakness and was “seen” by his wife, being welcomed into the spirit world that contained his old friends but no sign of Jesus.

“Widespread denial of the existence of a personal devil and demons is an aspect of demonic delusion in the world today. The activities of these spirits are commonly cloaked with respectability. They often speak in clerical garb as “angels of light” and “ministers of righteousness” (2Cor 11:14-15). Arthur Ford, who figures so prominently in Bishop Pike’s seances, is an ordained clergyman. Canon Pearce-Higgins, the Rev. George Daisley and Father Rauscher of *Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship* are other ministers immersed in occultism who played a prominent role in Bishop Pike’s psychic career.

“If the career of the late Bishop James A. Pike teaches the Christian Church anything, it is this. The full inspiration and final authority of the Holy Scriptures in all moral and spiritual matters must not be compromised. Full acceptance of the Scriptures’ divine authority is the Christian’s main defense against occult-oriented religion, the demon-concocted, non-redemptive, non-regenerative substitute for divinely revealed, Spirit-indited and spiritually regenerative Christianity.

“The bishop made his crucial mistake in the situation that faces every Bible scholar. He accepted the “findings” of negative rationalistic biblical criticism. Whereas other rationalistic scholars have gained fame as “Christian” theologians, Pike’s circumstances and propensities drew him into antichristian spiritualism—and, tragically, he hardly knew the difference. The doctrine of inspiration and authority of Holy Scripture is the foundation of all the doctrines of the Christian faith. When this doctrinal fortress is breached, all other doctrines are exposed to demonic and human assault.

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