

## **The Gospel According to John**

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1. Earlier on 21 November, I taught Joh 7:1-23 by way of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*.
2. Before we continue our study I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. I want to review some of that learned earlier and then begin new material on page three.

### ***Doctrine of the Millennium***

#### Conclusion

1. The Millennium is a 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth, in perfect environment. The age of perfection begins with the Second Advent and ends with the Gog revolution.
2. The Gog revolution is put down by the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The destruction of the forces of Satan and his followers is followed by the Great White Throne.
4. The Great White Throne Judgment is followed by the destruction of planet earth when a new perfect environment is ushered "in."
5. Now let's see what happens when Jesus arrives in the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Joh 7:11 Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?"

Joh 7:12 Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people."

Joh 7:13 But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews.

#### 6. Jesus Arrives and Teaches

Joh 7:14 Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.

#### 7. Scribes and Elders React

Joh 7:15 The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having studied?"

#### 8. Jesus Answers

Joh 7:16 Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

Joh 7:17 If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

Joh 7:18 He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

Joh 7:19 Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

#### 9. The Crowd Answers and Jesus Responds:

Joh 7:20 "You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

Joh 7:21 Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all astonished.

Joh 7:22 Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath.

Joh 7:23 Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath?

#### 10. The Kingdom Age was a time of great demonic activity.

Luk 6:18 Many came to hear the Lord and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured,

11. As noted earlier, demons are opposed to Church Age believers and are capable of all sorts of superhuman conduct. 1Pe 5:8; 1Ti 4:1; Eph 6:11; 2Co 11:13-15

12. The Lake of Fire was created for Satan and his demons. Mat 25:41

13. Demons can possess unbelievers. Luk 8:27

14. Demons cannot possess believers, but they can control a believer if he or she chooses to dabble in certain prohibited spheres.

15. Methods of acquiring demon possession/control are six in number.

15.1 Idolatry

15.2 Drug or chemical addiction

15.3 An infatuation with illicit sex

15.4 Hyper-emotionalism

15.5 Transcendental meditation

15.6 Necromancy

16. Necromancy, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is: "the practice of supposedly communicating with the spirits of the dead in order to predict the future ..."

16.1 Those who claim they can speak with the dead are not speaking to a person or persons who have died but they are seeing an apparition sponsored and maintained by a demon, demons or Satan himself.

16.2 This would explain why the Witch of Endor will scream in terror when she sees the real Samuel appear.

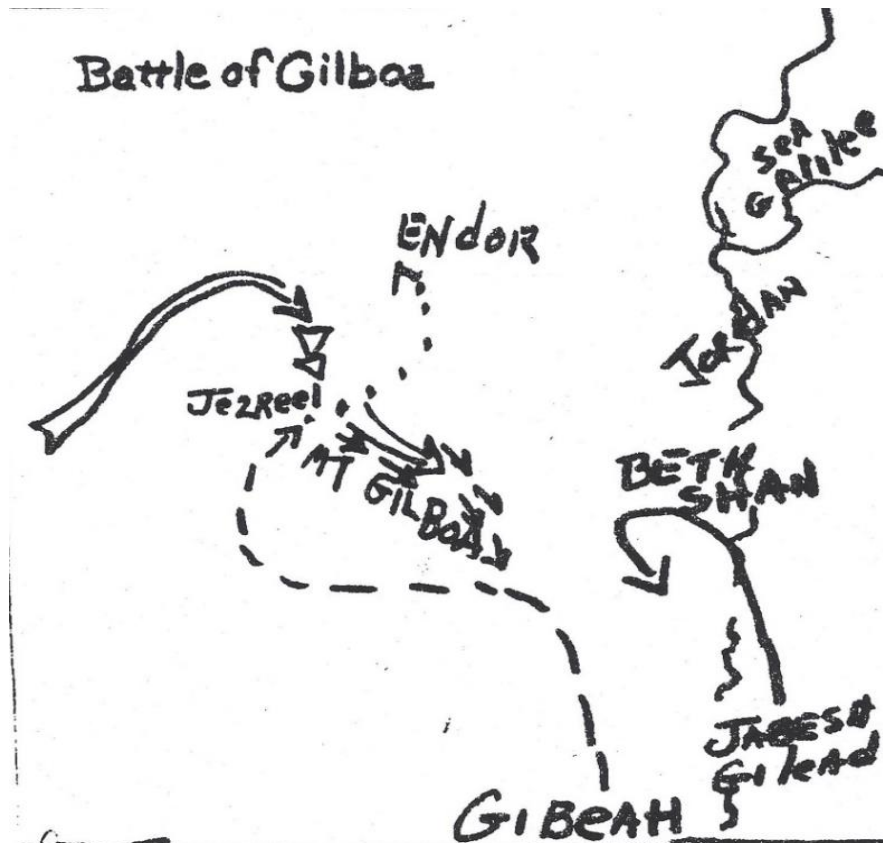
1Sa 28:11 Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" "Bring up Samuel," he said.

1Sa 28:12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!"

17. Necromancy is one of many signs of demonism, e.g., in the story of Saul and the witch of Endor.

18. Saul had always relied on his good friend Samuel for advice. The advice from Samuel had always been "100 percent" perfect. Samuel had died; now lonely and anxious the psychotic Saul needed Samuel.

18.1 The King and his son Jonathan were about to go north to Gibeah and engage a powerful Philistine Army. He was in need of a séance but there were no witches in the land.



1Sa 28:7 Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her." "There is one in Endor," they said.

1Sa 28:8 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he said, "and bring up for me the one I name."

1Sa 28:9 But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?"

1Sa 28:10 Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As surely as the LORD lives, you will not be punished for this."

18.2 At this point Satan comes to the aid of the Endor Witch and she now recognizes Saul who immediately assures her.

1Sa 28:13 The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a spirit coming up out of the ground."

1Sa 28:14 "What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

1Sa 28:15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So, I have called on you to tell me what to do."

1Sa 28:16 Samuel said, "Why do you consult me, now that the LORD has turned away from you and become your enemy?"

1Sa 28:17 The LORD has done what he predicted through me. The LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors--to David.

1Sa 28:18 Because you did not obey the LORD or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the LORD has done this to you today.

1Sa 28:19 The LORD will hand over both Israel and you to the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also hand over the army of Israel to the Philistines."

18.3 The events of Saul's disobedience can be found in 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel fifteen.

1Sa 15:20 "But I did obey the LORD," Saul said. "I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.

1Sa 15:21 The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

1Sa 15:22 But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

1Sa 15:24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. I violated the LORD'S command and your instructions. I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them ...

1Sa 15:28 Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors -- to one better than you.

1Sa 15:29 He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind."

1Sa 15:30 Saul replied, "I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel; come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD your God."

1Sa 15:31 So Samuel went back with Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.

1Sa 15:32 Then Samuel said, "Bring me Agag king of the Amalekites." Agag came to him confidently, thinking, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

1Sa 15:33 But Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so will your mother be childless among women." And Samuel put Agag to death before the LORD at Gilgal.

18.4 Soldiers from Jabesh Gilead attack Beth Shan to rescue the bodies of Saul and Jonathan which were being desecrated by a Philistine force. See chart on page 4 which among other things depicts the route to Beth Shan and return to Jabesh Gilead with the bodies.

19. Demonism was a major cause of Israel's fifth cycle of discipline and thus a caveat for all client nations: "avoid demonic practices."

Isa 29:3 I will encamp all around you Jerusalem; I will encircle you with towers and set up my siege works against you.

Isa 29:4 Brought low, you will speak from the ground; your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will come ghostlike from the earth; out of the dust your speech will whisper.

Isa 29:5 But your many enemies will become like fine dust, the ruthless hordes like blown chaff. Suddenly, in an instant,

Isa 29:6 the LORD Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with windstorm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire.

20. Familiar spirits and wizards were much consulted in Israel, especially when the Jews lost their faith in the Scriptures and their prophets.

Isa 8:19 When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

20.1 A description of the tragic disillusionment and despair of those who trust in something other than the Word of God can be found in Isa 8:21 and Paul warned the Galatians about listening to false gospels; even if these gospels are communicated by angels.

Isa 8:21 Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

Gal 1:9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned.

20.2 There is no morning or dawn of deliverance for those dabbling in the occult.

Isa 8:22 Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

20.3 Isaiah warned Israel that many in the southern Kingdom i.e. Judah shall plunge into the eternal night of perdition with vain and bitter curses upon their lips, but at Christ's arrival there will be deliverance from the land of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Isa 9:1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—

Isa 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

20.4 The words "spirits" and "wizards" refer to fallen angels who control vocal-cords.

20.4.1 When men tell you to consult mediums, who whisper and mutter, the people of God should inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

20.5 We know from several Scriptures that demons can possess male and female unbelievers and use their vocal cords at will. In the context of the 19<sup>th</sup> verse of Isaiah the wizards are said to peep and mutter.

20.5.1 Wizards are said to "peep" - a high falsetto voice -and "to mutter"- deep, hollow tones.

20.6 When the demons "mutter," they project their voices in such a way as to make them appear to come out of the ground or from the mouth of another. Vocal-cords can be controlled by demons writes M. F Unger.

20.7 In particular, he describes a missionary's disturbing tale of a demon-possessed Indian from Arizona. Ordinarily this Indian had a deep and resonant voice. Under demon domination, he made strange statements in a high falsetto voice.

20.8 Many cases are on record which state that demon-possessed persons have actually spoken in some foreign language not previously known.

20.8.1 Of all the modern-day accounts of this phenomenon, the best documented is the case of Bishop Pike, for in his case it was obviously demonic. See M. F. Unger's book *The Mystery of Bishop Pike*.

20.9 Similarly Joseph Smith, many Tibetan monks, Mary Baker Patterson Glover Eddy, and many fine Christians who are as sweet as Dr. Pepper have spoken in tongues, often bringing new revelations from "god."

21. Babylon was infested with demon activity, as we have seen earlier. Isaiah speaks of their problem.

Isa 47:5 "Sit in silence, go into darkness, Daughter of the Babylonians; no more will you be called queen of kingdoms.

Isa 47:6 I was angry with my people and desecrated my inheritance; I gave them into your hand, and you showed them no mercy. Even on the aged you laid a very heavy yoke.

Isa 47:7 You said, 'I will continue forever--the eternal queen!' But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen.

Isa 47:8 "Now then, listen, you wanton creature, lounging in your security and saying to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me. I will never be a widow or suffer the loss of children.'



Isa 47:9 Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day: loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells.

Isa 47:10 You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me.' Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me.'

Isa 47:11 Disaster will come upon you, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you.

Isa 47:12 "Keep on, then, with your magic spells and with your many sorceries, which you have labored at since childhood. Perhaps you will succeed, perhaps you will cause terror.

Isa 47:13 All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you.

Isa 47:14 Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by.

### **End Lesson**

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