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INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued our Bible study on preparations for the last days. In Part 1, we learned of the pre-Adam race of beings called “*the sons of God*” that are not humans, and their origin is not planet Earth (*extraterrestrials*). In Part 2, we learned how some of them rebelled against God and created human hybrids (*giants*). Because of what Jesus said (Mt 24:37), we expect this to happen again before Jesus returns (our time now). Today, we are going to advance our thinking of the last days with a focus on the absolute insanity that is raging against God. *Why do the heathen **RAGE**? And why do the people imagine a vain thing?* The rulers of the earth have indeed set themselves **AGAINST** God and His Christ.

❖ Definitions

- ✓ “Heathen” – a pagan; a Gentile; one who worships idols; all those addicted to idolatry.
- ✓ “Rage” – violent anger accompanied with furious words, gestures, or agitation.
- ✓ “Imagine” – to form an idea in the mind; to contrive in purpose; to scheme; to devise.

❖ Getting some **biblical** context for our study from **Genesis 6:5**:

- ✓ *And God saw that THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN was great in the earth...*
- ✓ *And that EVERY IMAGINATION of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

❖ God gives us an interesting connection found in **Psalm 2**:

✓ *Why do the heathen RAGE?*

- 1st mention: **2Kings 5:1-12** – Naaman did not want to do things God’s way!
- 2nd mention: **2Kings 19:27-28** – God calls out *the Assyrian’s* rage against Him.
 - God makes a connection to *Leviathan* (Satan) in **Job 41:1-2** – God is his Creator!
- 3rd mention: **2Chr 16:7-10** – king Asa raged against God’s prophet – *the word of God!*
- The 1st earthly kingdom against God was Nimrod’s – **BABYLON. Gen 10 & 11**
- The image God gives us in the Bible is a hand or fist against God – **Job 15:25**
- The early church connected Psalm 2 to the rage against Jesus Christ! **Acts 4:18-37**
- **1John 2:18** – ... *antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists...*

Jesus Christ said...
And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Jn 3:19

TRUTH #1: The heathen rage because they hate the light! They love sin and have pleasure in it. The *spirit of antichrist* stirs up hatred against God’s light.

✓ *And the people IMAGINE a vain thing?*

- 1st mention: **Genesis 6:5** – The thoughts of the heart was only evil continually.

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- 2nd mention: **Genesis 8:21** – the imagination of man’s heart is evil from **YOUTH**.
- 3rd mention: **Deut 29:19** – God’s people were in **DANGER** of allowing a sin root.
- 4th mention: **Deut 31:21** – God’s people were EVEN NOW being led astray by sin.
- 7 things God HATES – one is *a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations*. **Pr 6:18**
- Jeremiah 10x KJB – **Jer 3:17; 7:24; 9:14; 11:8; 13:10; 16:12; 18:12; 23:17; Lam 3:60-61**
- Sinful rebellion against God leads people to become VAIN in *imaginings*. **Rom 1:21**
- When a foolish heart is DARKENED, the result is uttermost depravity. **Rom 1:21-28**

Jeremiah 17:9 says...
The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

❖ The goal of Satan is obviously then to DARKEN THE FOOLISH HEART of the younger generation.

- ✓ Consider the progression of terminology or words used:
 - *Sodomy* – to *homosexual* – to *gay*.
 - *Pedophile* – to *Minor Attracted Person* (or MAP).
 - *Transvestite* (dress) to *transgender* (identity).
- ✓ What are the key areas of corruption?
 - Entertainment – TV, Music, and Movies – anti-God programming; exaltation of sin.
 - Technology – internet, video games and social media have advanced accessibility to sin.
 - Safe places – public schools, libraries, and community parades are now open.

❖ What was the primary strategy of Satan in the Old Testament?

- ✓ The first step is to get God’s people to **FORSAKE** the Lord. **Deut 32:15; Jdg 2:11-14**
- ✓ They then would serve other gods – first *Baal* – Satan. **Ex 32; Num 22:41; 25:3; Jdg 3:7**
- ✓ Among the other gods was *Ashtaroth* – goddess of lust and sin. **Jdg 2:13; 10:6; 1Sam 7:3**

The progression...
1. IDOLATRY
2. IMMORALITY

❖ What was the primary strategy of Satan in the New Testament?

- ✓ The **SAME!** **Rev 2:14** (*the doctrine of Balaam* – idolatry and immorality/fornication)

❖ So, what does *the spirit of antichrist* look like now? Doctrine of Balaam? Can you not see?

- ✓ LOOK AROUND – God’s people were taken captive because they...
 - Followed *the imaginations of their evil heart* and went **BACKWARD**. **Jer 7:24**
 - Committed sin and idolatry as their fathers had **TAUGHT** them. **Jer 9:14**
- ✓ WHAT DO WE DO in the midst of this heathenish RAGE and sinful INSANITY???

How do you protect yourself, your families, and others from this?

- Do not **CONSENT** (AGREE) to sinful things. **Prov 1:10-14; Php 2:12-16**
- Do not **WALK** in the way of sin. (*Partner with or DO*) **Pr 1:15-19; Deut 12:30-32**

A consideration... if **Ex 20:15** says, *“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour”* ... is there any harm in playing a game of lies for fun?

- **WITCHCRAFT** – **Lev 20:1-8; Deut 18:9-14; 1Sam 15:23; 2Ki 17:13-17; 21:6; 23:24; 2Chr 33:6; Isa 19:3; 47:9-12; Gal 5:20... Acts 19:19**
- *Do the things you say or do... screens or images you watch... games or things you play... or anything else... openly violate the word of God? Remember Balaam?*

TRUTH #2: The people imagine evil and vain things because of their sinful hearts.