

“...for by thy SORCERIES were all nations DECEIVED.” (Revelation 18:23)



INTRODUCTION

We are in a Bible study on preparations for the last days. In Part 1, we learned of a pre-Adam race that are not humans and not from planet earth (*extraterrestrials*). In Part 2, we learned how some of them rebelled against God and created human hybrids (*giants*). In Part 3, we focused on the insanity that is raging against God. The rulers of the earth have indeed set themselves **AGAINST** God and His Christ (*Ps 2*). We will next focus on a characteristic of the global world of Antichrist according to the book of *Revelation* – *the great men of the earth* will be *merchants*, and *sorceries* will be used to deceive **ALL** NATIONS! Now the Bible is very clear related to 1) the existence of evil spirit powers, and 2) the uncompromising attitude of godly hostility that must be against them and their works. *Pay attention!*

❖ Definitions

- ✓ **“Sorcery”** – magic; enchantment; witchcraft; divination by the assistance of evil spirits, or the power of commanding evil spirits; (in **Rev 18:23**, the Greek word is “pharmakeia”)
 - ❖ The same word used in **Rev 18:23** and **9:21** is also translated “witchcraft” in **Gal 5:20**.
 - ❖ Therefore, this word can be a reference to drugs or magic (literally).
- ✓ **“Merchant”** – a man who trafficks or carries on trade with foreign countries, or who exports and imports good and sells them by wholesale; a buyer and seller of goods.
- ✓ **“Deceived”** – misled; led into error; beguiled; cheated; deluded.

❖ Getting some **biblical** context for our study from **Revelation 18:23**:

- ✓ There can be no doubt that WHEN *Babylon* falls, **these statements will BE TRUE**:

❖ **Thy merchants were the great men of the earth:**

- Who are the big *merchant* companies of our time?
 - **AMAZON, WALMART, GOOGLE, APPLE**, etc.
- Would the GREAT MEN OF THE EARTH then be leading these companies?
- What is the most profitable trade in the world? **1 Tim 6:10**
- Where are the largest drug cartels focusing their trafficking?

❖ **For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.**

- Sorceries can include **DRUGS** (legal or illegal) or **WITCHCRAFT**, or **BOTH!**
 - Who are the big *drug* sellers and traders on earth right now?
 - Who and where are the key influencers of *witchcraft* to be found?
- What WORLD ORGANIZATIONS are comprised of **ALL** or most *nations*?
 - **UNITED NATIONS, WHO, WEF**, _____ ???

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- What is the purpose of a semi colon in English?
 - What 2 things does God connect with a COLON in this verse?

GREAT MERCHANT MEN and SORCERIES

- ❖ Demon practice (worshipping of “devils” according to the KJV) found in the Bible.
 - ✓ Consider the types of demon practice found in the Bible:
 - ❖ Divination – **Lev 20:27; Acts 16:16** – ability with aid of familiar spirits to tell future.
 - ❖ Necromancy – **Lev 20:6; 1Sam 28:7** – devil worship; contacting a dead body
 - ❖ Prognostication – includes divination, idols and inspection of the innards of animals
 - ❖ Magic – **Gen 41:8** (Pharoah); **Dan 2:2** (Nebuchadnezzar) – a great science in Egypt and Babylon entailing a mixture of science, astronomy, astrology, and demonic works.
 - ❖ Sorcery – **Isa 47:9; Acts 13:6-8; 19:19; Rev 18:23** – involves formulas on astronomy, chemistry, familiar spirits, and the use of drugs.
 - ❖ Witchcraft – **Gal 5:20** – rebellion and complicity with evil spirits; devil worship.
 - Enchantments – the act of producing certain effects by the invocation or aid of devils, or the agency of certain spirits; the use of magic arts, spells, or charms; incantation.
- ❖ It goes without saying that OUR WORLD must be full of these things today.
 - ✓ Is it possible that the Devil is using things common to us to deceive people?
 - ❖ Consider the introduction of **GOOD** magic through Hollywood (aka a magic wand)
 - Musical fantasy film produced by MGM in **1939** – **THE WIZARD OF OZ**
 - Animated musical anthology film produced by Walt Disney in **1940** – **FANTASIA**
 - Why does Mickey Mouse hold a wand that sprays magical stars?
 - **1996** movie called, “The Craft” – remade in **2020** – used **REAL** witches! Hello?!?
 - ❖ What about in Tuscarawas County? In our cities?
 - Consider the testimony of members of our church that were eyewitnesses.
 - Consider the testimony of members of our church who have friends doing it.
 - Consider the unmistakable prevalence in games, video games, **STORES**, etc.
- ❖ Can **HONEST** souls be deceived by the Devil and demonic spirits?
 - ✓ Many Christians believe “honest seekers after God” will not be allowed to be deceived.
 - ❖ Where is that found in the Bible?
 - ❖ Is it possible you have been lulled into a false sense of security by Satan yourself?
 - ✓ All Christians must know that SINCERITY is not sufficient to **safeguard** against deception!
 - ❖ Why would the Holy Spirit warn us so much to “**TAKE HEED**” to ourselves??
 - ❖ You must be vigilant and sober related to these 2 key truths:
 1. Evil spirit powers DO EXIST.
 2. You must have an uncompromising attitude of hostility against them and their works.