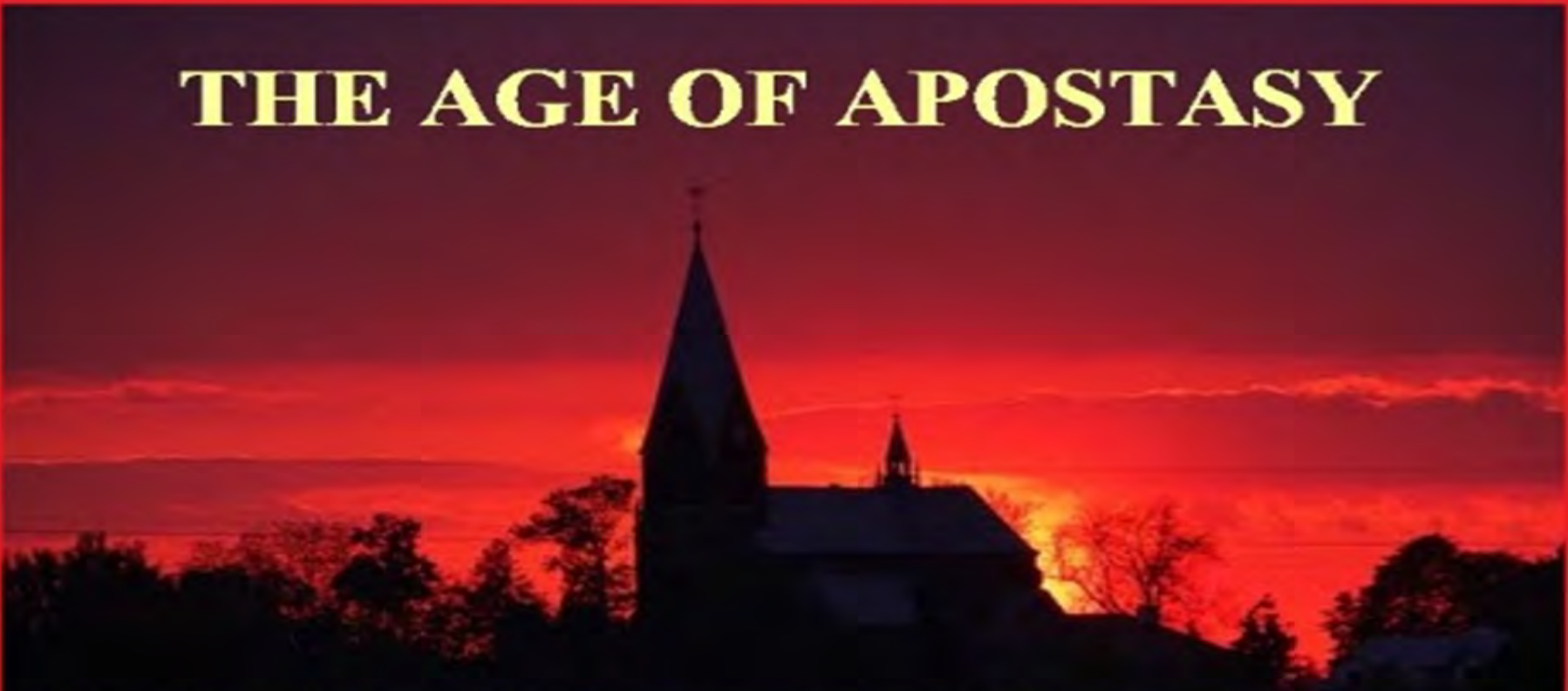


**Who Are the Sheep *and*
Who Are the Goats?**

Matthew 25: 31-46

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THE AGE OF APOSTASY



The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.

1 Timothy 4:1

IN THE LAST DAYS

**GOOD WILL BE CALLED
EVIL**

AND EVIL CALLED GOOD

Woe unto them that call evil good, and
good evil; that put darkness for light,
and light for darkness; that put bitter
for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 5:20



ZEITGEIST – WHAT IT MEANS

- Zeitgeist is a German expression for “the spirit of the age”:
 - the intellectual and cultural climate of an era
 - the experience of a dominant cultural climate



Verse 31 - 33

**The Second Coming is all about
Judgment**

Jesus will return to this earth to rule; there will be a judgment of the nations (*sheep and goats*)

This will occur at the end of the Tribulation, going into the Millennial Kingdom

Where will this occur?

The valley of Jehosophat, Megiddo (Joel 3: 1-2)

Who are judged?

The Gentile nations of the earth

What is this judgment based on?

How they treated Israel in the Tribulation period

Verse 34 - 36

**Fate of those on the right -
*Enter the Kingdom***

It sounds like their works merited salvation – *is this so?*

NO!!

“ inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

Why do you inherit something?

Usually those in the family lineage inherit

We get into God's family by simply believing in Jesus as our Savior

The result of believing = **We inherit what Jesus has**

Really?

REALLY!!

Romans 8: 16-17

No one inherits the kingdom because of what they did, ***but because of what Jesus did for them***

True faith and works do go together; you can't have one without the other – James 2: 17 and 26

“Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

James is not mincing words; *one's works will demonstrate genuine faith!*

Verse 37 - 40

Good guys on the right: *“When did we do those things?”*

Their motive for serving is love for Jesus

The Holy Spirit compels them to do what is right in difficult situations

The Holy Spirit moves people to action!

There will be a time when the entire world turns on the Jewish nation

In the future, America will join the world and turn on Israel

The globalist world view: **Get rid of Israel, get rid of the mid-east problem**



The Abrahamic Covenant is still in force

GENESIS 12:1-3 (NKJV)

- Promises to Abram
- *12 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.*
- *2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.*
- *3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Verse 41 - 45

Fate of those on the left: *Everlasting Fire*

Those on the left:

Are the goats, those who fought with the antichrist

Those who hunted down and killed the Jewish people

They did nothing to help God's chosen people in life and death distress



For evil to flourish,
it only requires
good men to do
nothing.

Simon Wiesenthal

This is not comfortable, *but true!*

**The day is approaching when there will be
nowhere to hide**

You will have to choose to stand or cower!

Stand, or cave, to the pressure to conform or else!

Verse 46

**The eternal destiny of those on the
right and the left**

Those on the left = “*everlasting punishment*”

Those on the right = “*eternal life*”

Everlasting = “*aionios*” = no end, forever!

When Jesus comes, everyone’s destiny is settled!!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Amid the horror of the Tribulation, a huge number of earth dwellers will become Tribulation saints

- **Revelation 7:9&14** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, ... And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

How will anyone be able to stand?

Revelation 12: 11

What happens to the sheep on the right?

They enter the Millennial Kingdom

What happens to the goats on the left?

*Everlasting punishment, starting
with a place called torment*

Luke 16:19-31
HADES

The Realm
of the Dead



Those in torment are awaiting the Great White Throne Judgment

The destination of all at this judgment is the Lake of Fire

Deceiving spirits are here today, alive and well in America

Don't fall for deception; stay strong, and stay connected

It is the isolated, the spiritually weak, those separated from the herd, that are gobbled up



1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour

Through all the noise, listen for the voice of your Shepherd, *He is calling you!*

What is He saying?

“Come and follow Me”

*“My sheep hear My voice and I know them,
and they follow Me.” (John 10: 27)*

FOLLOW YOUR SHEPHERD



All eyes on
JESUS
and deceiving
spirits will
not distract
you!