

Careful, Hyper-Religious
Romans 2: 17-29

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Sin

Salvation

**Sancti-
fication**

Sovereignty

Service

So Long

Verse 17 - 20

The hyper-religious appear religious

**The hyper-religious
think they are okay
because of their
religious deeds**



Religion has been Satan's great counterfeit to true spirituality. Religion has done more damage to the church than all the atheists, communists, and world-class sinners combined.

THE DANGER:

**Being hyper-religious,
but not knowing
Jesus as your Savior!**

IMPORTANT:

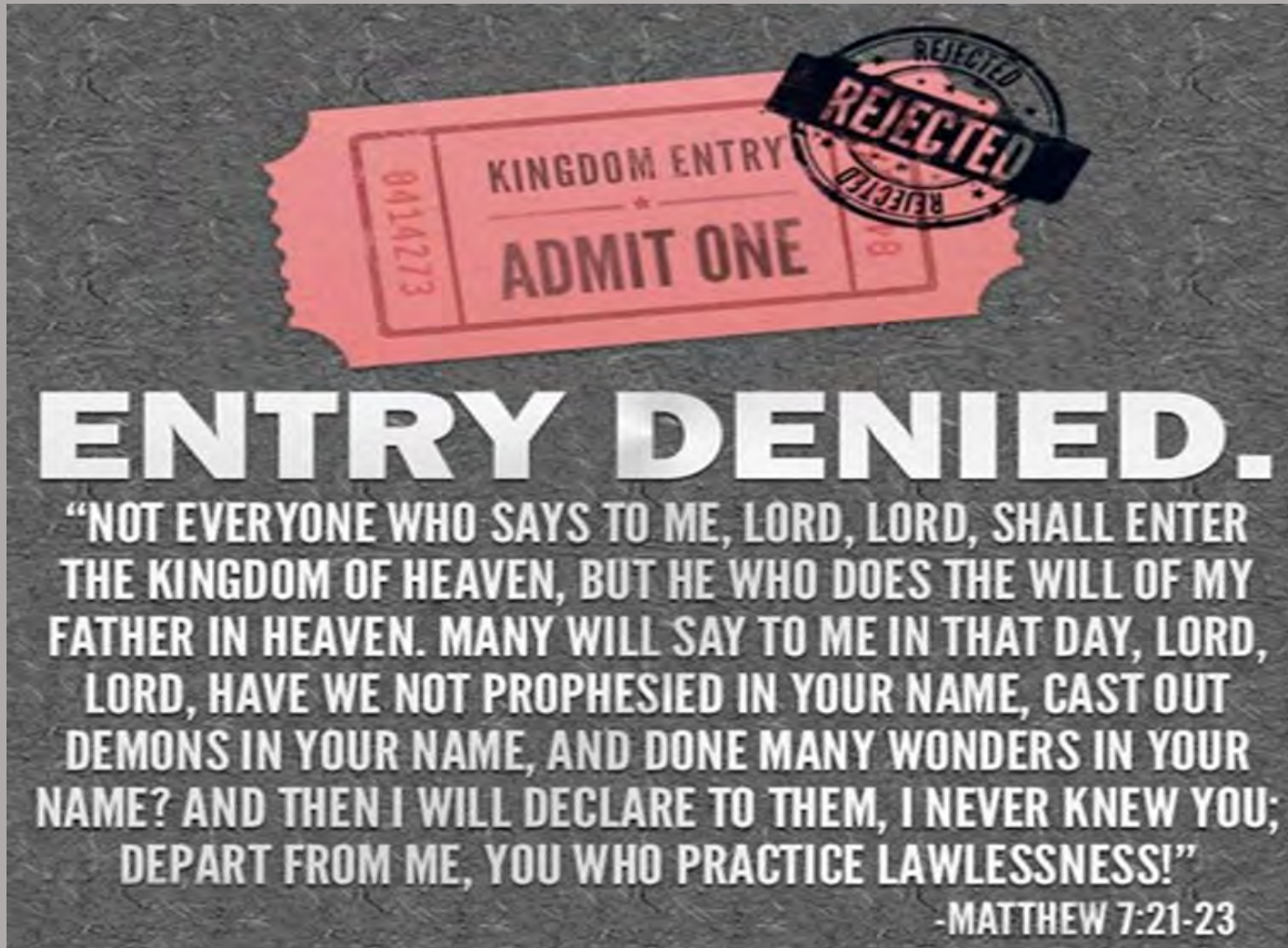
**It is not about religion,
but relationship with
Jesus!**



***IT'S NOT ABOUT
RELIGION.***

***IT'S ABOUT
RELATIONSHIP.***

Scripture caution for the hyper-religious religionist:



ENTRY DENIED.

“NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESED IN YOUR NAME, CAST OUT DEMONS IN YOUR NAME, AND DONE MANY WONDERS IN YOUR NAME? AND THEN I WILL DECLARE TO THEM, I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS!”

-MATTHEW 7:21-23

IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Do you know Jesus as your Savior and confirmed by Jesus knowing you!

REMEMBER:

The proof is in the fruit – James 2: 18b

“I will show you my faith by my works.”

Verse 21 - 24

Hyper-Religious – All blow and no go

The hyper-religious are all about telling you how to live and do not live that way themselves



Inauthentic Religion likes the rules to apply to others but not for themselves

What do we call someone that tells you to do something,
but they don't?

hypocrite.

Hypocrisy is the state of pretending to have beliefs, opinions, virtues, feelings, qualities, or standards that one does not actually have. Hypocrisy involves the deception of others and is thus a lie.

Our world hates hypocrites;
religious hypocrites are the worst!

Be sure you practice what you preach



**TALK THE TALK /
WALK THE WALK**

James 2:14-3:12

Alignment Series

Verse 25 - 27

Hyper-religious: It's not about keeping outward customs

Following religious customs and rules will not make you righteous

Circumcision is a picture of cutting away sin from one's life

**Circumcision was the Jews ticket to heaven -
*(they thought)***

Many Christians believe their baptism and taking communion is their ticket to heaven -

WRONG!

Verse 28 - 29

Hyper-religious: It's all about the heart

It is all about circumcision of the heart – cutting away sin from the heart – Jeremiah 4: 4

Salvation is not based on human effort, law keeping, baptism, or anything else people do

**Salvation comes to every human the same way –
*FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE!!***

Many Christians believe the Church has replaced Israel; this is termed “*supersessionism*”

= Covenantal promises made to Israel, with the rejection of Messiah, now belong to the Church

= The Church is now the true Israel - **WRONG!!**

Most mainline denominations believe God does not have a future for Israel - **WRONG!!**

CONCLUSION: Confusion About What God is Doing

Jewish hatred is fulminating today; antisemitism is global and increasing in intensity

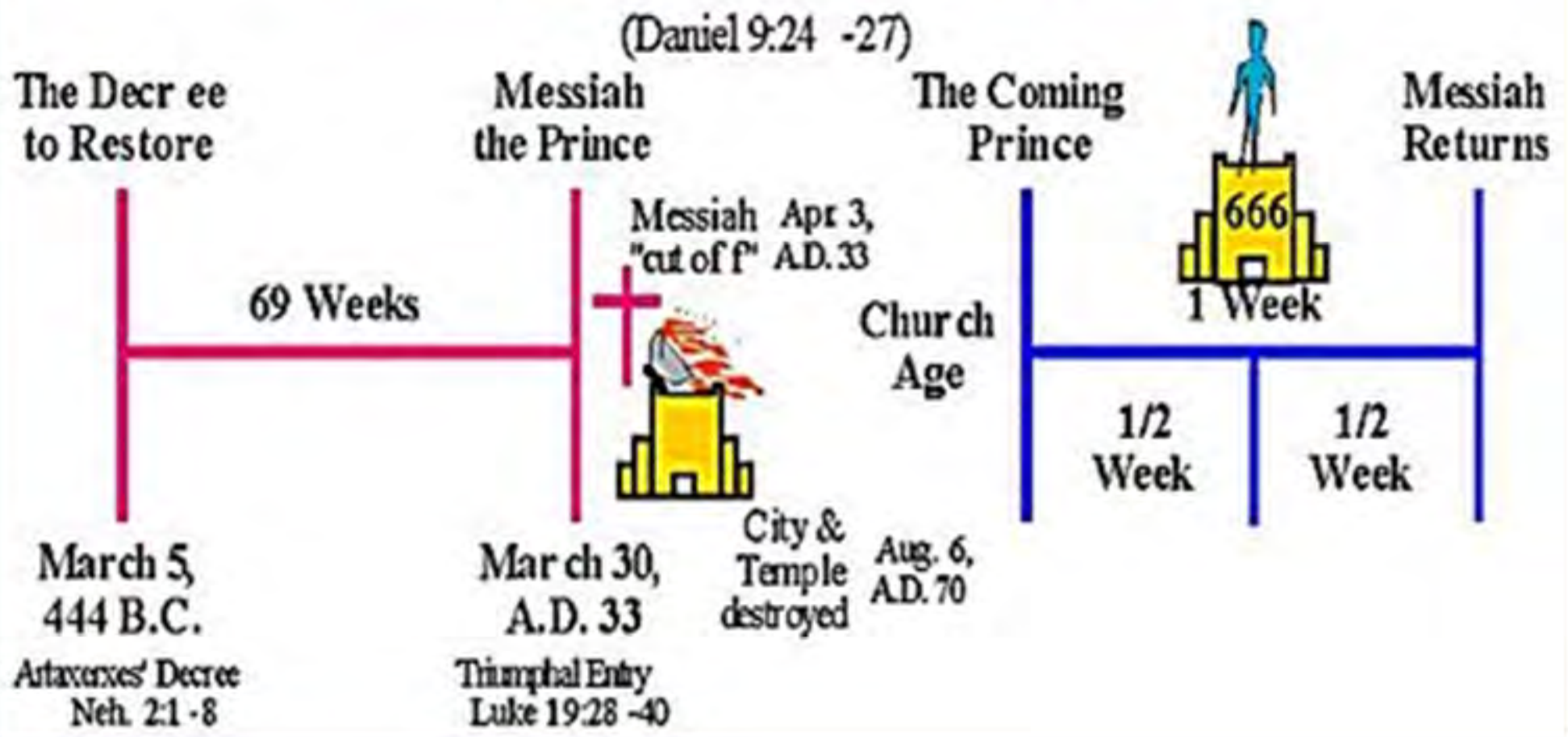
Replacement Theology fosters antisemitism

God does have a future plan for Israel

This is wrapped up in Daniel's 70-week prophecy

Daniel 9: 24

Daniel's Seventy Weeks



There will be a 7-year Tribulation period; God will direct His attention back to Israel

The Jewish people must do two things before Messiah will return:

- 1) Plead for Jesus Messiah to return**
- 2) Admit their national sin of rejecting Messiah**

What will start the last week?

**AND HE WILL CONFIRM A COVENANT WITH
MANY FOR ONE WEEK, BUT IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE WEEK HE WILL PUT AN END TO
SACRIFICE AND OFFERING. AND ON THE
WING OF THE TEMPLE WILL COME THE
ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION,
UNTIL THE DECREED DESTRUCTION IS
POURED OUT UPON HIM.”**

- DANIEL 9:27



Antichrist will assume rulership of the world

Jewish hatred now is a precursor to this

The entire world, including America, will turn on Israel and abandon Israel

The nations are now aligned to destroy Israel

Russia, Turkey, Iran are now aligned together as **Ezekiel 38** states will happen

The following verses refer to Tribulation stuff:



LUKE 21:25,26

AND THERE SHALL BE SIGNS IN THE SUN, AND
IN THE MOON, AND IN THE STARS; AND UPON
THE EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS, WITH
PERPLEXITY; THE SEA AND THE WAVES
ROARING; MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR
FEAR, AND FOR LOOKING AFTER THOSE THINGS
WHICH ARE COMING ON THE EARTH: FOR THE
POWERS OF HEAVEN SHALL BE SHAKEN.

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We are in the stage setting time now

“Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” Luke 21: 28

“If you see kingdoms rising against each other in turn, then give heed and note the footsteps of Messiah.” (Arnold Fruchtenbaum)

With what is going on in our world today, you can almost hear the *“footsteps of Messiah”*

A good time to remember


It is all about our hearts!

***Is our heart given to Messiah,
our Savior and Lord?***

The stage is set

The King is Coming!!

WATCH AND BE READY CHURCH!

A close-up, profile view of a lion's face, looking towards the right. The lion's eyes are partially closed, and its mane is visible on the left side. The background is a soft, warm, golden-brown color. Overlaid on the image is a quote in white text.

“Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes
in sight,
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be
no more,
When he bares his teeth, winter meets
its death,
And when he shakes his mane, we shall
have Spring again.”

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