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The Place of Refuge

God has never left any generation of believers without a place of refuge. Anything given by God is always a matter of grace, it is not earned, it is not deserved, and therefore this is classified as a part of logistical grace provision. In this life, everything is by the grace of God.

The positive believer advancing to maturity in any time of historical disaster is not in any way deterred from the blessings that belong to him in the midst of those adversities in life. Nothing can take away the blessing which God has prepared for His beloved.

Even though we often associate blessing and prosperity from God related to the good times - there is no personal blessing, no promotion, and no system of prosperity, which you cannot have in the greatest time of historical adversity. God's plan continues and has the same blessings, the same rewards, the same promotions in historical adversity, as in historical prosperity.

It is to the advantage to be a believer in time of historical disaster. Galatians 6:8 For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Where can you find men who are lovers of self, money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

The place is described in Dan 11:31, the land of Edom, Moab and Ammon, high desert country. Mat 24:16 - it is described as the mountains. Rev 12:6 - it is described as the high desert country. Edom is any soul without reverence and positive volition toward God and Bible doctrine.

The place is the provision of logistical grace, and the challenge to perpetuate the faith-rest drill once they have arrived. No matter how great the adversity, to an individual or to us collectively as a nation, God still has a plan for your life, and logistical grace is still functional.

There are times when there is only one place to be in the plan of God, the right place to be at the right time, and you arrive there by the use of Bible doctrine

previously given. God has never left any generation of believers without a place of refuge, without protection.

We are all products of our own decisions, not our circumstances, and for the Jews to move from that place after they arrive is to destroy their security.

Daniel 7:25 And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

Daniel 12:7 And I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half {a time;} and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these {events} will be completed.

Revelation 12:14 But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle, to fly into the wilderness to the place prepared for her, where she was cared for and protected from the Serpent, the Dragon, for three and a half years.

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They are safe as long as they stay in their place of refuge, and this why we have Matthew 24:21-30, which has to be applied as a part of the faith-rest drill, on the part of these believers.

Just as the serpent tempted the woman in the garden, so the serpent will tempt the woman Israel in the place of refuge.

Satan knows and realizes that the Jews are safe in that high desert country; therefore he must lure them out of their place of safety, their place of refuge.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 For we wanted to come to you - I, Paul, more than once - and yet Satan thwarted us.

Rev 1:7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

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The serpent is used instead of Satan or the devil because during the last half of the Tribulation, Satan will attempt to lure or to get the born again Jews to leave their place of refuge. This place of refuge is literal, physical and geographical.

For Church Age believers, it spiritual, invisible but real, It is called the divine dynasphere. However, the place of refuge is not a prototype of the divine dynasphere, but just an object lesson aimed to teach Israel of reliance and enjoyment of divine provision and protection which they missed.

The word Satan in the Hebrew is Satan, Satanas in the Greek = an adversary, one who withstands; an opponent; a prosecutor, 1Chronicles 21:1, Job 1:6-12, 2:1-5; Zechariah 3:1. 1Chronicles 21:1 Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. Zechariah 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. When he is called the devil, diabolos, emphasizes his slander, slanderous, accusing falsely, the malignant enemy of God and the Messiah.

John 8:44 You are of {your} father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own {nature;} for he is a liar, and the father of lies. 1 Timothy 3:11 Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips [diabolis, not devil's], but temperate, faithful in all things.

When he is called the great dragon, drakon speaks of his function as a vicious destroyer. **Serpent** - ophis = the hiss of the serpent - "the serpent" is a correct translation, unless you want to be modern and say the snake. Ophis has the idea of being sly and deceitful and being sneaky about it.

- As a serpent he is crafty and deceitful -Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.
- As a serpent he out-rightly denies and contradicts the word of God - Genesis 3:1b And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"
- As a serpent he deceives God's people - Genesis 3:13b And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- As a serpent he leads God's people astray – 2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity {of devotion} to Christ.

Star - heylel - translated Lucifer in other passages - the shining one or the star. Isaiah 14:12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

Lucifer actually comes from the Latin and it means light bearer. It means the shining one, the translucent one, the simulating one. Two creatures are said to throw out light which made them ultra-attractive; here heylel for Satan, and nachash, Genesis 3, for serpent.

Satan was attractive to at least one third of all the angels. The serpent was attracted to one-half of all mankind. Do you have crush on Satan? Anyone can easily denied that but his or her direct or indirect participation in supporting the satanic policy of good and evil will confirm the fact.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness;

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. You must never look at the personality but the content of the message. No creature has or ever will successfully challenge the creator.

There are five major category of demonic and satanic attack on men:

1. *Genetic attack* – the satanic attempt to annihilate the human race by replacing them with half-human half angels super beings. This resulted to the flood where only eight people were saved.
2. *Demonic possession* of the unbelievers (from the era of Israel to Church Age)
3. *Demonic influence* of the regenerated born again believers (from the era of Israel to Church Age)
4. *Physical demonic attack* of the Tribulation population.
5. *Satan personal attack* on the unbelievers of the Millennial Kingdom unbelievers resulting to Gog and Magog rebellion.

Revelation 16:14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world,

The spiritual blackout throughout the world makes it possible for everyone to see the Second Advent, because He will come as the light of the world, John 8:12, Rev 1:7. They will actually see it when it occurs and therefore they are not to believe the rumors and the false statements, and the miracles that will be used to tempt them to leave their place of refuge.

Satan's Advocate

Satan always uses an intermediary agent, a "middleman." .He now has his third demon assault army made up of the remnants of the first and second demon assault armies. As of now, they are on the standby order, since they are restraint by the Holy Spirit. The demonic forces cannot hurt physically the Church Age believers without divine permission, and only under evidence testing.

Because Satan is license to attack physically the people of the Tribulation, his goal is to have the return of Christ without any Jew left alive.

Satan as the subject performs the action of the verb through intermediary means. He used the serpent to get to the woman in the Garden. Then he used the woman to get to the man, Genesis 3:1-5. Satan used Cain as an intermediary agent to kill a godly man, his brother Abel, Genesis 4:8.

Satan used fear as an intermediary agent to get Abraham to lie about the fact that Sarah was his wife, Genesis 12:13. Genesis 12:13 "Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you."

He used the old pity-party excuse of self-justification when Isaac, Abraham's son, committed the same sin as his father and willfully lied and told the men of Gerah that Rebekah was not his wife but his sister, Gen 26:7.

Satan used love and sex as an intermediary agent to get to Samson, who had a lust for prostitutes and then finally for a ravishing woman named Delilah.

Satan used boredom as an intermediary agent to get David to sin with Bathsheba when he should have been at work leading the Israeli army to victory. He used a lust for an excessive luxurious lifestyle against Solomon, 1Ki 4:22-23.

Satan used Korah, Dathan and Abiram to attack Moses and try to discredit his authority.

Judges 1:8 Yet in the same manner these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. Satan used Korah, Dathan and Abiram who promised 250 princes of Israel a personal promotion if they would turn on Moses.

Satan used the sin of jealousy to cause Joseph's brothers to sell him into slavery. He used the lust for promotion, power and recognition to turn Absalom, David's son against David.

Delilah was promised promotion for betraying Samson, Judges 16:5, for eleven hundred pieces of silver. Satan used a love for money as an intermediary agent to Balaam to curse the Jews, Deuteronomy 23.

For money Achan brought defeat on Israel's army and death to himself and to his family, Joshua 7.

For money Delilah betrayed Samson and ultimately slaughtered thousands. For money Ananias and Sapphira became the first hypocrites in the church and God

executed them as a testimony against their misuse of money and deceit. For money, Judas betrayed and sold out Jesus! Judas failed volitionally making decision from position of weakness.

Why Satan is bringing them out of the place of refuge

1. To bring Israel to the point where she has lost control of her own destiny, like a person swept away in a flood and drowned
2. To destroy Israel, so that Israel has no future.

They will maintain control of their lives in this crisis and they will continue to make decisions from a position of strength, and for those reasons, they will be able to survive. They are alive in the midst of the flood but they can see the whole picture.

Daniel 3:25-26 "Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of God. They came out of the midst of the fire and the fire had no effect on their bodies nor was the hair of their head burnt, nor were their trousers damaged, nor had the smell of fire {even} come upon them.

The safest place in the entire universe is inside the plan, purpose and will of God. However, majority of believers chose human and satanic will instead of the will of God.

Those who advance through perception, metabolization application of Bible doctrine and will continue in the greatest adversity to have a personal sense of destiny, to maintain control of their own lives, and continue to make good decisions from a position of strength. Bible doctrine is the key antidote for all human miseries. There is no alternative for spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth, spiritual advancement including perception and understanding of Bible doctrine, spiritual maturity and victory are possible only inside the divine dynasphere.