

The Almost Overmastering Delusion

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Christ was portrayed as a Lamb... John 1:29

1. The devil tries to mimic the Savior by dressing up as a wolf in lambs clothing... Matthew 7:15

Christ coined Himself as a serpent... John 3:14

1. The devil also is a serpent... Revelation 12:9

Christ is the Bread of life... John 6:48

1. Be prayerful, the devil has what is called the “bread of deceit” that leads to death... Proverbs 20:17

Christ comes as Light of the world... John 9:5

1. The devil comes as an angel of light... 2 Corinthians 11:14

Christ is God... John 10:30

1. The devil has tried to usurp the authority and worship of that position... 2 Thessalonians 2:4

Christ is the Root, a plant that bears branches... John 15:1, Revelation 22:16

1. The devil is also said to be a root that bears branches... Malachi 4:1

Christ has the Key of David... Revelation 3:7

1. The devil was given the key of the bottomless pit... Revelation 9:1

Christ is a Lion... Revelation 5:5

1. The devil also is as a roaring lion... 1 Peter 5:8

Christ has seven Spirits in His ministry... Revelation 5:6

1. The devil has seven spirits in his ministry... Matthew 12:43-45

Christ was given the power to rule all nations... Revelation 12:5

1. The devil has that same power... Revelation 13:7

Christ has three messengers to proclaim truth... Revelation 14:6,8,9

1. The devil has inspired three messengers to deceive... Revelation 16:13-14

Christ is the Morning Star... Revelation 22:16

1. The devil used to be named the Morning Star as Lucifer... Isaiah 14:12 (See Strong’s concordance, #1966 - “Brightness, the morning-star.”)

Christ portrays Himself as the Master of the house... Luke 13:25

1. The devil also claims to be the master of the house... Matthew 12:44

Christ has proclaimed Himself as our Apostle... Hebrew 3:1

1. The devil has made himself to be an apostle as well... 2 Corinthians 11:13

Christ was named as a Prince... Isaiah 9:6

1. The devil is referred to as a prince... John 12:31, Ephesians 2:2

“What I say unto you I say unto all, watch.” Mark 13:37.

Matthew 24:26-27 - Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

“Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of Heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing, and will profess to have revelations from Heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. [REV. 1:13_15.] The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air., "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands, and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed his disciples when he was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion..."{Great Controversy 623-624}.

Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25 - “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Matthew 7:13-14 - “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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