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THE LOUD CRY OF THE FOURTH ANGEL REVELATION 18:1-4.

INTRODUCTION

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Last time in Ezekiel 8 we saw that there were serious abominations being committed in not only Ezekiel's day but in our day also just before the close of probation. We will continue the study of these abominations and their meaning for us today. We saw that actual sun worship will be inaugurated into the S.D.A. church just before the close of probation. It may be beneficial to take time to read Ezekiel chapter 8 to refresh your memory. Let us pray:

Father help all to understand that these lessons are a call to revival and reformation. A call to return to the founding pillars of truth on which this church was founded, the Word of God and of Prophecy. We especially need Your spirit to guide our thinking and understanding as this lesson has much disturbing information. So comfort us and help us to trust Your Word and not put our trust in man but in a plain thus saith the Lord. I know You will hear and answer this prayer for I ask it in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

What about sun worship? If you look in history you will see that:

“Three became the universal number of deity... sun worship is one of the most primitive forms of religion, and early man sometimes distinguished between rising, midday, and setting sun. The Egyptians, for example, divide the sun god into three deities:

Horas, rising sun



Ra or re, midday sun



Osiris, old setting sun



Egyptian deities New International encyclopedia. NY: Dobb, 1917. Volume 7, p. 529.



So there was one sun, with three phases of the sun so they thought three stages would be Nimrod, Simerimas, and Tammuz in Babylon. There is one sun with three stages and there are three persons to represent the sun so the worship of the one in three and three in one god. That is where the concept of the Trinity, or the one in three god came from. So they put this together and it became a symbol, or a picture of the sun god. These pagans said this is really neat. Now we have a picture and a number to represent the sun god. You still have these etchings and drawings today in archeological diggings and pictures and symbols for sale in many places.

This produces a triangle of equal lateral proportions and if you measure each angle it comes to 60 degrees each. It is easily abbreviated into the number 666. Now you have a number representing the sun god. This is where 666 sun worship really comes from. This is the first trinity that we

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know of in history. This is what Ezekiel saw in the church today!

Many of you may be scratching your heads and asking. What are you talking about? I have not seen anything like this in the church today. Well let's keep going and see what we uncover.

There are many ways to draw the three phases of the sun as you can see here:

Three phases of the sun:

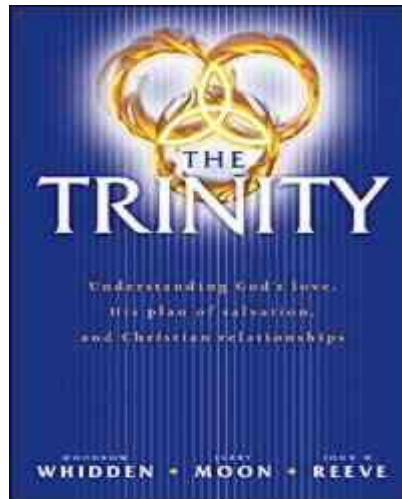


(This image is called the triquetra)

This symbol is called the triquetra. And represents the trinity of sun worship. God was not happy with this form of worship in any way shape or form. In Numbers 33:52 it says: "Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their **pictures**, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:" God was not happy with the pagan pictures because they represented a false concept. A wrong understanding of the true God. One in three, and three in one. It is not the picture in and of itself that God has a problem with, but the picture stands for something, (a false understanding of God) and if the picture is there, then the false concept is there also. God wants to destroy anything that would lead His people into any form of false worship.

Today we still have these pagan symbols alive and well in the church. For instance here is a book with the picture of the sun god right on the cover. This is the modern day symbol and name for the ancient sun god.

You can tell a book by its cover, right? They have even filled in and colored the flaming fiery disks of the three stages of the sun for you. And many people have no clue that this does not represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It represents the ancient sun god of Nimrod, Simerimas and Tammuz, the first Trinity known in history



Here is what Rome has to say about this particular aspect.

REASONS FOR KEEPING SUNDAY

Have you ever wonder why Rome keeps Sunday? Here is one reason: "Because it is a day dedicated by the apostles to honor the most holy Trinity."

Which god is the Trinity? It is the sun god. Rome claims that all her practices are Biblical. She claims the apostles honored the trinity. Where is the record in scripture? The apostles never honored nor believed in any trinity, ever. Rome says

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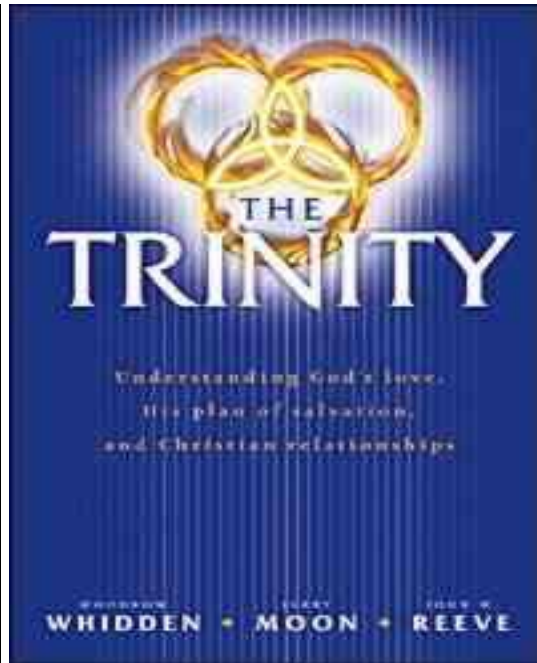
we keep Sunday because it has to do with the Trinity, we keep Sunday because it is the venerable day of the sun, or the day for sun worship. There are many ways this is depicted.

The picture on the cover of the book titled The Trinity with its three fiery discs of the sun is very similar to the circles on someone else's hat.

Can you see the similarities between the circles on the hat of the Pope and the circles on the cover of the book just below? It's the same symbol, right? This man is the high priest of the ancient right of sun worship today. And is known by what number in scripture? 666! Make no mistake about it, this is the high priest of the church that receives its power



from the dragon (or Satan) and is the mother of harlots (churches that broke away from her). He is the high priest of devil worship in the church today. And here we have a book that is published by the Seventh Day Adventist church, and on the cover of the book we have a picture of the god that this man is the high priest of.



Dear brothers and sisters this is a fulfilment of what we are reading in Ezekiel's vision over 2500 years ago. Open public sun worship in Gods church among Gods people just before the close of probation. In this book, "THE TRINITY" on page 273 we are shown how open and prevalent is sun worship in our Seventh Day Adventist church today! In it we have this quote:

"The oneness in nature and character of the three persons of the Godhead raises the very useful question of prayer, praise, and worship. ... But what about direct prayer to the Holy Spirit? While we have no clear example of, or direct command to pray to the Spirit in Scripture, doing so does have, in principle, some implicit Biblical support. ... It only seems logical that God's people can pray directly to and worship the Holy Spirit."

Their understanding of the Spirit here is that it is a different person or being from the father and the son. It is a third god in the Godhead.

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I hope you caught what the theologian's, and preachers, and leaders are saying to God's people in this book. "We feel it is logical and sensible, and Biblical to worship and pray to the Holy Spirit!" Now they just told you they don't have an example, nor a command, in scripture, "but we think it is Biblical." Folks that is a contradiction! That is adding to God's word! In Revelation 22 verse 18, 19 we are told what happens to those who add to or change things written in the prophecy, I think this would apply to the rest of the Bible as well and for a fact it does, see Deut.4:2, & Prov. 30:5, 6.

They say that they have "no instructions, nor is there any example anywhere in the Bible to worship the Holy Spirit but we believe it is Biblical." Brothers and sisters that does not make sense, you have to be a theologian to reason this way. To say this is not in the Bible but we think this is the way to worship. That is a tragedy that we have among us today. This is what is recommended to God's people, and this is obeyed by many of God's people today. Have you heard any prayers to the Holy Spirit lately? I have, and they seem to be increasing. But God is trying to counteract this error in His church today. Who else prays to the Holy Spirit? In Vatican II in 1960 it says the: "Prayer of Pope John Paul XXIII to the Holy Spirit for the success of the ecumenical council." This is his prayer:

"O Holy Spirit. Sent by the Father in the name of Jesus, who art present in the church and dost infallibly guide it, pour fourth we pray, the fullness of Thy gifts upon the Ecumenical council ... "We pray also for those sheep who are not now of the one-fold of Jesus Christ, that even as they glory in the name of Christian, that they may come at last to unity under the governance of the one shepherd. ... Amen. "The documents of Vatican II," P, 293.

Who is the one shepherd? They say the Pope. Who are the lost sheep (those not members of the Catholic Church)? That is you and me, isn't that right. And who are they praying to? The Holy Spirit! In their understanding the Spirit is a separate being in the Godhead. Remember we have previously learned that some will pray to God and Satan answers! EW. P. 54-56. You know Satan has been busy answering this prayer! The fact that we see in Ezekiel's prophecy, how this deception is in the church today, being fulfilled before our very faces! This is what Satan wants to do, he wants to receive worship to himself as the Holy Spirit who has been exalted to the position of a third and separate God, the Trinity! In this book, by that name, the church has been recommended to do this very thing, to pray to the Holy Spirit as a separate "divine being" or God. If you want forgiveness you pray to Jesus. If you want the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome, you pray to the Holy Spirit. If you want comfort you pray to the Father. It's like a menu where you select what you want. Is this what our worship has come to brothers and sisters? It is, if you follow the recommendations in this book and worship the Holy Spirit!

Some of the things that our leaders are recommending are so out there! Why? Because they are enslaved to the idea of the Trinity. That there are three in one and one in three. That's mathematically impossible. Deuteronomy 6:4, and Christ repeated this verse in Mark 12:29, 30. Paul also declares there is only one God in 1st Cor. 8:6, and Eph.4:6! The Trinity claims there are three. Which will you believe? God's word, or the church leaders and this book titled "The Trinity".

Sunday is coming, don't worry. But before Sunday comes the sun god is already here, and that

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abomination is already among us according to Ezekiel.

RH. March 18, 1884:8. “The Lord has a controversy with his professed people in these last days. In this controversy men in responsible positions will take a course directly opposite to that pursued by Nehemiah. They will not only ignore and despise the Sabbath themselves, but they will try to keep it from others by burying it beneath the rubbish of custom and tradition. In churches and in large gatherings in the open air, ministers will urge upon the people the necessity of keeping the first day of the week. There are calamities on sea and land: and these calamities will increase, one disaster following close upon another; and the little band of conscientious Sabbath-keepers will be pointed out as the ones who are bringing the wrath of God upon the world by their disregard of Sunday.”

You know, people are just waiting for that to happen, then they will wake up, but we see here that the abomination started long before this Sunday worship is introduced within the church.

Ezekiel 8:17. “Then he said unto me, hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.”

NOTE: That is a proverbial expression, it means they are insolent. They will not be corrected! They are provoking God to anger.

Verse 18. “Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.”

NOTE: Strange words for God to say, isn't that right! When He says, call on me and I will hear. Ask and you shall receive. God says to Ezekiel listen; this situation will drive me so far away from my sanctuary that when they call on me with a loud voice I will not hear. Do you know why? It is because their worship has become so perverted that the people have lost their true concept of God and their prayers are going somewhere else. **They say that you cannot really know God because He is a mystery. You just have to accept the Trinity on faith without understanding.** But God says in Isaiah 1:18. “Come let us reason together saith the Lord” and in John 17:3. “And this is life eternal, that they might **know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent. 1st Tim. 6: 19 we read, “Laying up in store for themselves **a good foundation** against the time to come, that they **may lay hold on eternal life**.” The church really has no excuse because it is revealed right here for us. They say that God is a **mystery** that He can't be **understood!** But what does the Bible say? John 17:3 “And this is life eternal, that they **might know thee** the only true God, and **Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent**.” The word of God tells us we must know God in order to be saved. Let's accept God's Word and not the words of man.

What a contrast!

Well that is the end of chapter 8 of Ezekiel we still have chapter 9 to go. But before we go there let's look at 1st Peter 4:17. “For the time is come **that judgment must begin at the house of God**; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that **obey not the gospel of God?**”

This important. Who are the professed house of God today? It's the S.D.A. church, isn't it? That is where judgment begins! According to these verses! Now let's read chapter 9.

We will need very little comment on chapter 9 because the bulk of the prophecy is in chapter 8. When you understand chapter 8 then 9 is very simple to understand. We will just read Ezekiel chapter 9.

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1MR 260:2. We have been counseled: “Study the 9th chapter of Ezekiel. These words will be literally fulfilled; yet the time is passing, and the people are asleep. They refuse to humble their souls and to be converted. Not a great while longer will the Lord bear with the people who have such great and important truths revealed to them, but who refuse to bring these truths into their individual experience. The time is short. God is calling; will you hear? Will you receive His message? Will you be converted before it is too late? Soon, very soon, every case will be decided for eternity.” Letter 106, 1909, pp. 2, 3, 5, 7. {1MR 260.2}

NOTE: It seems that Ezekiel was very distraught, he could see not many left while the slaughtering angels were at work. Poor Ezekiel, he just fell down and cried “wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel... in thy fury”. So few were left that it looked like all the people of God were destroyed. This shows us that there will be only a few that will accept the truth and be saved. How about you? Will you be like those of Berea (Acts 17:11) and study to show yourself approved of God? You see it is the abominations of the church that has brought the destruction upon the Israel of God in the last day. We must cry and sigh for the abominations if we are to be sealed, but we have to know what the abominations are if we are to cry and sigh for them. My prayer is that you will study for yourself this great truth and see for yourselves the truth about God.

Paul says, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of God**”. 2nd Timothy 2:15.

Dear reader, we need to allow each word to have its proper influence on our understanding of any particular verse in the Bible, or any excerpt from

the Spirit of Prophecy. Not putting our own interpretation on such, nor taking them out of context! That is how we rightly understand the word of God!

Revelation 18: 1-5. “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”

NOTE: Can you see how the church has returned to Egypt, and also Babylon, and has in reality become one of the daughters of the Papacy? I know this is shocking! And is a hard thing to accept, but Scripture cannot be broken, It must stand and all else must fail. If the church will not repent and return to her first love, holding fast the beginning of our faith, then are we Laodicea. In Jude 1:3 we are told, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye **should earnestly contend** for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

Hebrews 3:14. “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the **beginning of our confidence steadfast** unto the end.”

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1st Thessalonians 5:21. “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

REVELATION 3:3. “it says: Remember therefore **how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast,** and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.”

1SG (Spiritual Gifts) Vol. 1 Page 168:2. “Step by step had God brought them along, (the founders of S.D.A.) until he had placed them upon a **solid, immovable platform.** Then I saw individuals as they approached the platform, before stepping upon it examine the foundation. Some with rejoicing immediately stepped upon it. Others commenced to find fault with the laying of the foundation of the platform. They wished improvements made, and then the platform would be more perfect, and the people much happier. Some stepped off the platform and examined it, then found fault with it, declaring it to be laid wrong. I saw that nearly all stood firm upon the platform, and exhorted others who had stepped off **to cease their complaints, for God was the master-builder, and they were fighting against him.** They recounted the wonderful work of God, which had led them to the firm platform, and in union nearly all raised their eyes to heaven, and with a loud voice glorified God. This affected some of those who had complained, and left the platform, and again they with humble look stepped upon it.” {1SG 168.2}.

NOTE: We must come back to the faith that was delivered to us just after the disappointment of 1844. Those pillars of the faith can never change.

May it not be said of us:

JEREMIAH 8: 5. “Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit; they refuse to return”.

Let us pray:

Father, may we see and understand the truths revealed in this lesson. I ask for the promise of Your Spirit for this purpose. Grant, I pray, this request for I ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

That you all may come into all the truth of God is my desire and prayer!

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