



# Sabbath School Lesson 10|May 27 – Jun 02 Sabbath School Lesson Notes Outline "Satan's Final Deceptions"

# A The deceptions of Babylon:

### A universal deception.

- Jesus foretold that false prophets would deceive the world with signs and miracle. They would deceive even those who want to remain faithful to God (Mark 13:22). How will they do it?
- In the past, "Babylon" made people ignorant by moving them away from the Bible and teaching false human philosophies.
- It still acts the same way today. It uses false human thoughts to move people away from the biblical truth (Proverbs 14:12). Almost everyone will follow its leaders and worship Satan eventually (Revelation 13:3-4, 14-15).
- Only Bible study with the help of the Holy Spirit can help us to distinguish truth from falsehood.

# **❖** The immortality of the soul.

- Babylon and spiritism are clearly related (Revelation 18:2). Thus, most of today's Christians are accepting "doctrines of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1).
- One of the most common is that we are immortal, that we cannot die, like Satan told Eve). They
  believe that we go straight to Heaven once we die if we've accepted Jesus as our Savior. If we
  haven't, then we go straight to hell, or we just wander as a bodyless spirit, or...
- The Word of God explains that death is like a dream, that our souls are mortal. We will wake up from this "dream" on the day of resurrection (Ecclesiastes 9:5; Psalm 115:17; Revelation 20:5-6).

# ❖ The false day of rest.

- The Jewish people became corrupted by worshipping the sun as Babylonians and other nations did (Ezekiel 8:16).
- The Christian Church has never openly worshipped the Sun, but they started to worship in the day that Rome used as the "day of the Sun" (Constantine's edict, 321 AD).
- This change of the day of worship has never been questioned in mainstream Christianity, although
  it has no biblical roots.

# B Staying safe from these deceptions:

# The true day of rest.

- Demons have led Babylon, and they have deceived the world with their "wine" of human doctrines (Revelation 18:2-3; 14:8). They also mock and persecute the minority that still worship God in a different way (Revelation 12:17).
- However, this little group are still worshipping God like He encouraged us to do in His Word, on the Sabbath day (Exodus 20:8-11; Ezekiel 20:20).

### **❖** A call to obedience.

- The remnant who are faithful to God's doctrines are only a small portion of the people of God.
   Most of them are still inside Babylon.
- They're not aware that they're worshipping God in the wrong day, or that they're accepting Satan's deceptions as truth (like the immortality of the soul).
- Therefore, they need someone to teach them the truth and invite them to exit Babylon. They must be taught that transgressing God's Law is sin (1 John 3:4; James 2:10-11).