

1. Last week I taught Gal 5:19. I also taught in part verse twenty. When the clock tolled 10:45 we were about to perform a word study of the Greek word **Pharmakeia** translated in Gal 5:20 “witchcraft.”

2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.

2.1. Before we begin an expanded translation of Gal 5:16-19. I want us to listen to Joshua Simmons sing *The Light of the World* and then I will provide a history of the song.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:16 Clearly, if you rebound when necessary and consistently take in the Word of God, you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not necessarily, to do whatever you want.

Gal 5:18 But since you are now being led by God the Holy Spirit, you are no longer under the Mosaic Law.

Gal 5:19 “Understand, the production from the old sin nature is certainly seen in various sexual sins such as adultery, filthy thoughts and shameful sexual conduct ...

4. Now let’s see what we can learn from Gal 5:20. The entire verse has been rendered in the NIV:

NIV-Sentence Continues

Gal 5:20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, ...

1. I could take the nine overt sins and discuss each in great detail. Instead I want to review the Devil’s strategy for our 21st century world which, no doubt includes the use of all nine.

1.1 I want to review some of that learned last week about idols.

2. Last week we looked at the first overt sin: **Eidolatria** and noted how past and how to that end present world leaders have continued to worship Satan's favorite idol: power lust. We also noted how the devil has consistently sponsored internationalism.

3. Let's review some of that learned last week and then begin new material at point nine.

3.1 The Devil has a strategy for the world. His primary strategy is to encourage internationalism and discourage nationalism. From the earliest of times foolish leaders motivated by Satan have attempted to conquer other countries.

4. There is something about mad men at the helm. There has never been any shortage of mad men as we see myriad examples both in history and in our world today; intra and inter boundary fighting abounds everywhere. Those nations who have been foolish enough to disarm are often made vassal states to aggressor nations. Isa 14:12

5. A case study of military preparedness and how God uses the military to protect a nation is provided in Neh 4:13-15.

6. When Jehovah God, Jesus Christ, led the nation of Israel out of Egypt He told them at the Red Sea to relax and watch Him fight for them. Exo 14:14

7. Jehovah God recognized Israel was not ready for battle. Jesus told Moses to take Israel around the land of the Philistine because they had not as yet been trained in the art of war. Exo 13:17

Exo 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

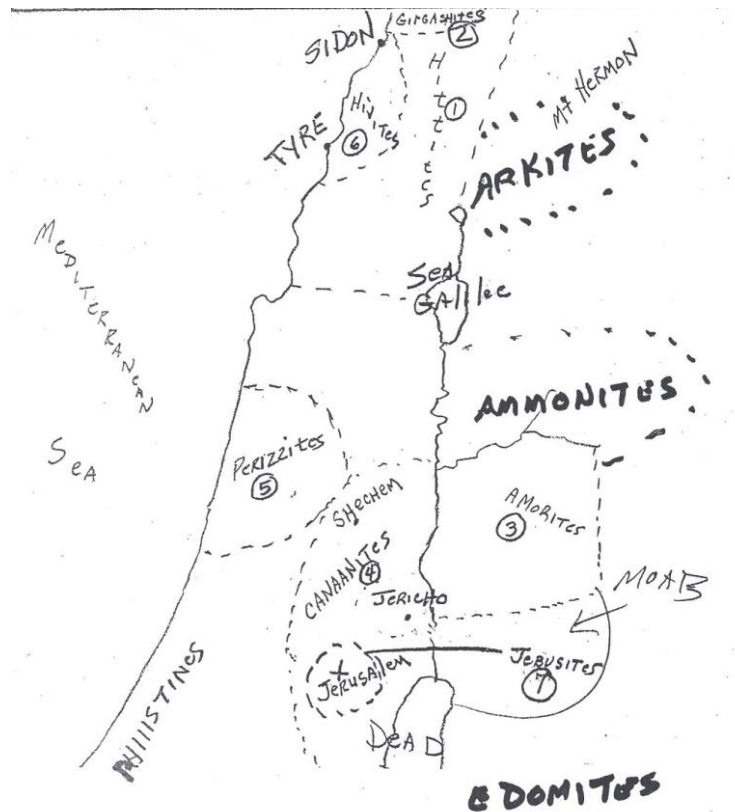
8. So Jehovah God led Israel around the "Philistine city-states" leaving many enemies in their "rear-view mirrors." There would be many **idolatrous** nations left for Israel to conquer.

9. There was an entire generation who had wandered in the wilderness and had never had the privilege of serving their country.

Jdg 3:1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

Jdg 3:2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

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10. Now let's review **Pharmakeia** as a motivator of various world leaders.

10.1 **Pharmakeia** has been variously translated "witchcraft, magic spell, magic arts, sorcery or sorceries. Examples: (Gal 5:20; Rev 9:21; 18:23; 21:8)

NIV

Gal 5:20 idolatry and **witchcraft**; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

Gal 5:21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

NIV

Rev 9:19 The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood -- idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

Rev 9:21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their **magic arts**, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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Rev 18:23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your **magic spell** all the nations were led astray.

Rev 18:24 In her was found the blood of prophets and of the saints, and of all who have been killed on the earth."

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Rev 21:7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice **magic arts**, the idolaters and all liars their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

11. Jesus said a wise King seeks advice from his military establishment before going to war.

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Luk 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

12. Satan would have loved for Stalin and the International Communist movement to have been successful - Lucifer's demons according to Daniel are involved in the affairs of national leaders. Dan 10:11-13

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Dan 10:11 He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

Dan 10:12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

13. So you think you have a bad job, think of the leaders of the world with a special demon in their office whose goal it is to get them to think and act globally.

14. Satan does not want nations to exist. He wants internationalism to prevail. His strategy began rather early when the inhabitants of the planet decided to build a tower in deference to their false gods. One world with one language, religion and a giant tower reaching into the heavens was thought to be a good idea by mankind.

Gen 11:1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.

Gen 11:2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

Gen 11:3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.

Gen 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

Gen 11:5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.

Gen 11:6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same-language

they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

Gen 11:7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

Gen 11:8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

14.1 Though many years passed nothing really changed. More about Satan's ploys – later.

Acts 19:14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Acts 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Acts 19:18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

Acts 19:19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

15. Did you ever wonder who is behind the move to get recognition in our country to sanction various languages rather than encourage the use of English and English only? From the above cited Scriptures God no doubt wants national boundaries where people speak a national language.

16. The next time you call the city of Austin or some State Agency and they say "press one for English, press two for Spanish ..." you can thank Lucifer."

17. And the next time your children or grandchildren attend one of the giant Universities and they try to make heads or tails out of what the foreign-born teacher is trying to say, here again you can thank the prince of this world.

18. God's plan is for nations to exist with unique languages, customs, laws and music. These are characteristics which serve to strengthen national identification and pride. The elimination of the first League of Nations was God's plan just as at the tower of Babel. Satan is not easily dissuaded for next came the United Nations.

19. Our nation was originally begun by people coming from all over the world to seek a new life. And therefore, we are called the melting pot. In Thomas Sowell's Book *Ethnic America* this tall brilliant black man points out how acculturation is paramount in determining success or failure in any new land. Today we celebrate quite the opposite.

20. Thomas Sowell speaks to the causes of poverty among immigrants who come to America. He also talks of the many success stories among many immigrants. Satan loves to get people all hot and bothered over the lack of immediate equality for all.

20.1 God however, is not impressed with equality. He knows there are differences in people, i.e., IQ's, education, drive, expectations etc. The Bible teaches that even in the perfect environment of the millennium and the perfect environment of heaven, there is no equality.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the **least** of them unto the **greatest** of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

21. Satan loves international organizations of all types, certainly to include political, economic, military, religious and social. The question must be asked? When does a national leader become a "nation builder" or as some might say "a nation rescuer."

22. How has internationalism and world government fared over time? The Persian Gulf Coalition of George Herbert and George W. Bush come to mind.

23. George Herbert asked permission from the United Nations to oust Iraq from Kuwait and George W. sought a coalition of nations to attack Iraq and

Afghanistan. Well, we ousted Saddam but more than 10 years later we are still fighting in the latter two Arab nations and American's are still dying.

24. Another example of international insanity is Israel being pressured to cede territory to a group of people called Palestinians who then used the territory to fire rockets into southern Israel.

24.1 The world is a crazy place and it would seem every time that we get involved with the UN, NATO and/or SEATO Americans die.

25. Americans died in Korea, Americans died in Viet Nam, Americans died in the Persian Gulf and recently George W. Bush and Bill Clinton had the idea soldiers could go to Somalia defeat the bad guys and feed the poor - American rangers died, an American ranger's body was dragged through the streets and desecrated. And so, we tucked our collective tails between our legs and we cut and ran.

26. Interestingly enough international organizations seem to pick and choose where they will intervene and when they will not intervene. Some are determined not worthy of protection. In Rwanda 500,000 people died and no one sent a single soldier to their rescue. Satan is still alive and well on planet earth.

27. President Obama gave billions of dollars in cash to Iran, the world's most infamous supporter of terrorism and now we find Iran in Lebanon threatening Israel from the north while the Palestinians threaten Israel from the south.

28. Why am I pointing all this out? Because the futility of internationalism is evident and has been since the end of the war to end all wars - W.W.I. And we seem to learn nothing from history or the Bible.

28.1 We have had wars in spades since the beginning of time and will continue to have wars until the Lord Jesus returns. You have Jesus' promise on this.

29. Before we grab for our **drug of choice**, let's put a positive face on things. What should we as a nation do?

29.1 We as the United States of America should act nationally from a position of moral and military strength to support policies deemed in our national interest.

30. This should be done without a whit of concern for the national interests of any other nation. That's the Biblical perspective.

31. Well, now that we have exposed internationalism as the farce that it is. Will there ever be a time when it will be successful and the answer is yes! The first 3 and 1/2 years of the Tribulation under the leadership of the Antichrist will have a tacit success, but that success is short lived.

32. In the middle of the Tribulation Satan is cast out of heaven and begins working on motivating the nations of the world to attack and eradicate Israel. At the last battle of Armageddon Jerusalem is surrounded and the Lord of the Armies Jesus Christ intervenes to save Israel; for God shall send a deliverer out of Zion.

33. Let's look at a few verses from Zechariah where the attack and deliverance are described.

Zec 12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem ...

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God ...

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

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