

Preface

ACCORDING TO REVELATION 3:17, the great danger of the last days stems from a prevailing spiritual blindness within the Body of Christ. This very condition was foreshadowed by the fall in the Garden. (Genesis 3:6) Paul's depiction of Jesus as the "last Adam" (I Corinthians 15:45) made Eve the first major type of the Church in Scripture. In order to rescue their brides, *both* "Adams" would have to forfeit a perfect environment; lay aside their lordship; take upon sin; and endure separation from the Father. While the *first* Adam "blew it," the *last* Adam would make everything right! (Romans 5:12-21) Charles Wesley set this doctrine to music with the words, "Second Adam from above, reinstate us in thy love."

In I Timothy 2:14, Paul gives us the key to fully appreciate this beautiful picture of man's redemption: "*And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*" While Eve was tricked into eating the fruit, her husband did so with a full understanding of the consequences. (Romans 5:14; Genesis 5:1-5)

The all-important verse that connects this typology to the present Laodicean apostasy is Ecclesiastes 1:9a: "*The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done . . .*" Thus, the history of mankind will undoubtedly end the same way it began—*with a bride being deceived!*

More specifically, with regard to Japheth's spiritual destiny, the collapse of the Church in its westernmost theater of enlargement will also follow the predictable pattern of a precise historical antecedent. As the fall of Rome (not to mention the calamitous Dark Ages) was set in motion when the "Religious Right" of the fourth century embraced the grossly compromised testimony of a pagan professional politician (Emperor Constantine "The Great"), you might want to watch for a similar generation of naive Christians getting snookered by *another* "born-again" con man.

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But of course, this is merely wishful thinking on my part; the Scripture has already spoken on the matter—“*There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after*” (Ecclesiastes 1:11). As even the heathen know, “The only lesson that men ever learn from history is that men never learn from history; therefore, history is doomed to repeat itself.” This is the essence of *déjàvu*. And *whatever* you do, don’t let the fact that the *initial* deception took place in *Iraq* bother you (Genesis 2:14); it’s probably just a “coincidence.”