

3.1 INTRODUCTION

At the same time the prophetic message of the Eschatological Gospel of the kingdom of heaven was being proclaimed to God's chosen people, Satan began his insidious plan of the kingdom of darkness to steal, kill and destroy (John 8:44; 10:10). While this is in keeping with his nature as the "false accuser, tempter, opposer, adversary, prince of this world, wicked one, father of lies, enemy, deceiver, and prince of the power of the air" (as outlined in Section 1.2.10 above), it is also directly in keeping with the coexistent nature of the Parable of the Wheat and Tares (Weeds) outlined above. According to James W. Sire, this was accomplished through deception, lies and half-truths by twisting the Word of God or *Scripture Twisting*, starting in the Garden of Eden (Sire 1980). Arthur W. Pink terms this process as *Satan and His Gospel* by beginning his "counterfeit gospel" of works (Pink n.d.:32-40), or as Ruth A. Tucker describes it, *Another Gospel* of heresy and cults (Tucker 1989). Uncovering this plan is termed *Satan's Angels Exposed* by Salem Kirban (Kirban 1980).

Satan has continued this plan down through time with major milestones occurring at the following points in history: around 2000 BC (the Tower of Babel), with Nimrod, his wife Semiramis, and the rise of the Chaldean or Babylonian Mysteries cult religion and Pantheism; around 1500 BC with the rise of Hinduism and Animism in India; around 1000 BC, with the rise of the sun god Ra and animal worship in Egypt; and around 500 BC, with the birth of Secular Humanism in China and the rise of Zoroastrianism in Persia, the Kabbalah in Babylon, Mithraism in Asia Minor, Taoism and Confucianism in China, Buddhism and Jainism in India, and the Druids in the Celtic region of Britain, Ireland and France. This continued with the following milestones: around the birth of Jesus Christ, with the resurgence of the Kabbalah, Mithraism and the rise of Gnosticism; around AD 400, with Manichaeism and the christological

heresies of Ebionism, Arianism, Apollinarianism, Nestorianism, and Eutycheanism in the Early Church, and Tantrism in India; and in AD 610, with the birth of Islam. This plan continued into the Medieval Period with the following: through the Renaissance Period, with the radical Islamic sects of Sufism, the Ismailis and the Assassins, Paulicianism (which gave birth to Catharism and Bogomilism in Europe), the Knights Templar, Modern Witchcraft, Modern Humanism and Rosicrucianism; through the Rationalism and Enlightenment Periods, which gave birth to Freemasonry, the Illuminati and the radical Islamic sect of the Wahhabis in Saudi Arabia.

Finally, and continuing into the Modern Period, this plan began to escalate as follows: starting in the nineteenth century with the continued growth of the Illuminati and associated sub-cults and secret organizations (e.g., the radical Islamic sect of the Salafi, the Theosophical Society, O.T.O., or Order of Eastern Templars, Golden Dawn, and the Round Table Groups in England), Mormonism, Seventh-day Adventism, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, Baha'i, and Unity. Then, the plan continued into the twentieth century and up to the present with the milestones increasing in frequency and intensity (much as the analogy of labor pains mentioned in the Apocalyptic Discourse): with the continued expansion of the Illuminati and their associated sub-cults and secret organizations (e.g., the Nazi Party, Muslim Brotherhood, CFR, or Council on Foreign Relations, Communism, Seven Sisters Oil Cartel, CIA, U.N., Bilderbergers, and the Trilateral Commission), Edgar Cayce and his Association of Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.), the Worldwide Church of God, the Unification Church, Scientology, The Way International, Transcendental Meditation (TM), Hare Krishna, the Church of Satan (Satanism), the Children of God, Divine Light Mission, the New Age Movement, and Islamic radical terrorism. This plan of "scripture twisting" and presenting a counterfeit (another) gospel of good works and secular humanistic heresy (in its many forms) has exploded to the forefront

around the world in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries in direct opposition to the promulgation of the true Eschatological Gospel of Both Comings of Jesus Christ. In the following sections each of these heresies will be addressed in chronological order (using additional sources) and compared to the five-fold central core doctrines of Christian orthodoxy as the standard (canon).