

The Final Garden Plan

So, what is “the lie”?

In the book of second Thessalonians verse 2:11, the Apostle wrote that because the people of these last days have no love for the truth, God Himself will send them strong delusion that they may believe “the lie”. (NKJV and NIV)

In order to understand what that is we simply consider what the Bible says is “the truth”. Fortunately, that is quite clear for Jesus Himself said, “I am the way, the truth and the life...” and He added, “...no man comes to the Father (God) but by Me.” (see John 14:6)

Therefore, the lie, being the antithesis of the truth, is that Jesus is not – not who He said He was, not the truth, and not the only way to approach God.

Now consider Genesis and the Garden of Eden; how did Satan first interact with mankind? With a lie. In fact, Jesus clearly stated, “He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because

there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.” (John 8:44) In addition, we know from scripture that in the last days of the age a man possessed by Satan will lead the world in a final great rebellion against God deceptively claiming that he himself is God.

Sad to say, in our age, Christian believers have, by and large, been successfully distracted away from confronting the spiritual enemy with spiritual weapons. This is important because Paul wrote that, “the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly...” 2Cor 10:4. But today, the Christian focus is upon self-purpose, politics and pleasure. It is indeed the age typical of the Laodiceans (see Rev 3) and the church overall is lukewarm, truly missing the mark.

At the same time, evil is being exalted. Psalms 12 says, “The wicked walk on every side when the vilest men are exalted.” As the spiritual power and influence of the church is receding, evil is filling the vacuum “on every side”. But this was to be expected, not desired, but not unanticipated, for

Paul warned us that, “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.” (2Tim 3:13)

Thus, people today are being ‘primed’ for the ultimate propaganda – the Big Lie. For you history students, it was Hitler who rose to power in pre-WWII Germany through the same deceptive campaigns - bigger and bigger lies.

When society fails economically, morally, judicially, etc., people become pressed and ready to forsake the norms they are persuaded are at fault, and to embrace the promise of “a better way”. And of course, this is when the ‘message machine’ becomes most effective.

You see, Satan’s methodology is all about deception. So, it’s clearly no coincidence that people with the same fundamental mindset – deceiving and being deceived – have taken control of the large majority of our media. And it is NOT some human conspiracy; it is truly spiritual in nature and power. That’s because the battle is for our beliefs.

It is, in fact, the same battle that started the world war – Satan wants us to doubt God and by default, to believe his lies. Here’s how it worked back at the beginning...

The serpent crept quietly into place within earshot of Eve. Now, Adam had spoken with God and had first-hand knowledge of His warning – the danger inherent in the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. Eve was not present at the time, and we have no record of her interacting with God before the ‘tree incident’. Thus, she was an easy target for the crafty serpent. In a similar way, Eve’s relative inexperience with God’s presence and words mirror that of our contemporary generations.

So, how did the serpent begin? Very subtly. “Yea, has God said...?” He simply opened the door to dialog. Eve was not prepared for this interaction – she was naively susceptible to the serpent’s tactic.

In like manner, our self-absorbed society which is constantly hammered to be “open minded” and tolerant of evil, is an easy mark. They may be open minded but they are not well, or should I say

truthfully, informed. Thus dark spiritual forces are at work today just as the serpent was then, to change our thinking on things like the value of human life, human sexuality, even the value of church, marriage and family. You might say that a replay of Satan's 'Garden Plan' Phase 1 is in full motion right now.

Conceptually, the 'machine' that is pumping out the message is utterly deceptive.

And when the Holy Spirit together with the sincere believers of the church are removed from the

scene, this world will be truly ready to worship, to follow, a new savior – a superhero of sorts.

The Bible describes this man, and I emphasize man, as 'gifted' in spiritual power, oratory skill, the making of war and more. Already, with so many problems around the world and so little effective leadership, people will welcome a superman, even a demonic one. In fact, as we approach the time in which he will be revealed, this whole notion of a superhero savior is increasingly popular and attractive to the public.

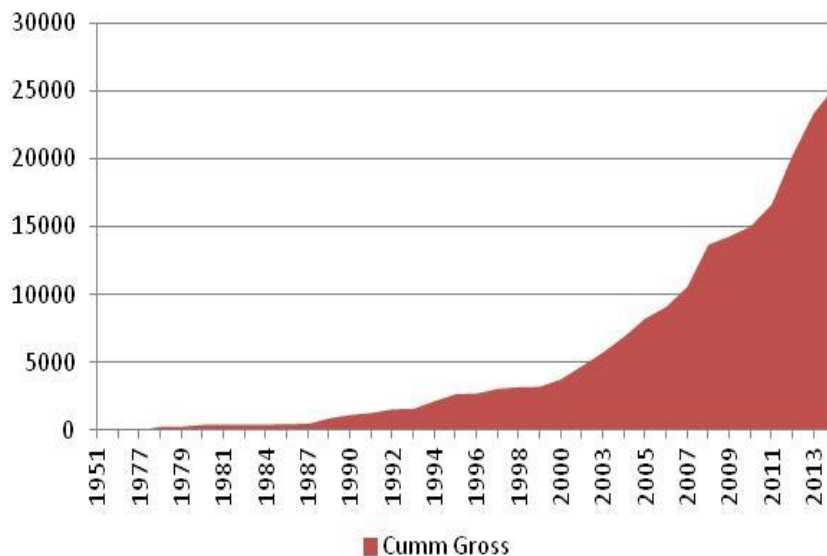
Sure, it's fantasy – sci-fi – for now. But, just as John the Baptist paved the way for Jesus with a message to the people, so today the modern media and the dark, deceptive forces behind it are paving the way for the Jesus-opposite, the Savior-imposter.

In the last say thirty years or so they have successfully corrupted the moral thinking of the society and at the same time have promoted the fantastic image of the man with super powers as being the one who will save mankind – someone to rally around. Promoted? Oh yeah, and people are just eating it up. Let's look at one example –

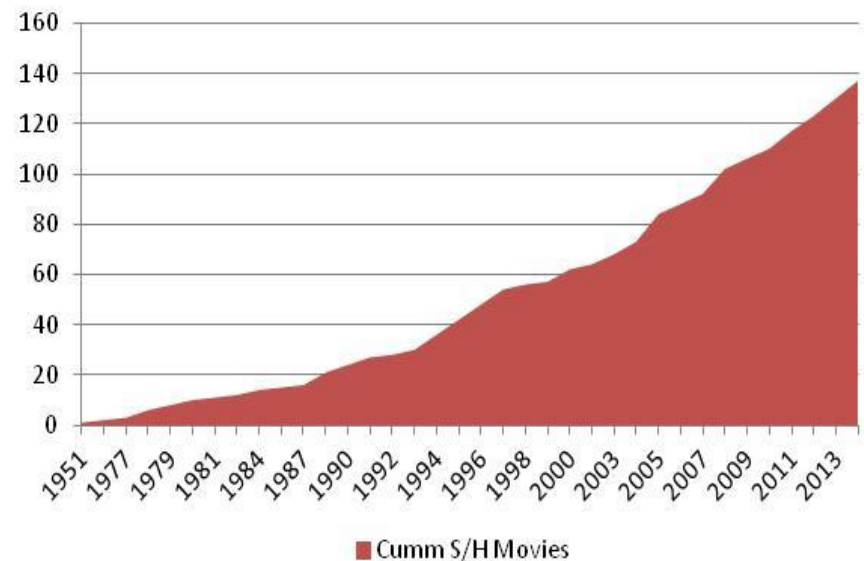
superheroes came into the modern media of movies back around the 1950s. The charts included show how dramatically the public fascination with the superhero concept has grown and I submit that if it is not driven by spiritual influence, at least it is reflective of the increasing public desire for, or interest in, such a figure.

Now, I am persuaded that he, this satanically motivated antichrist, is even now on the scene. But the Bible is very clear that he will not be revealed in power, evil and deceptive power, until the church is gone.

Box Office Sales of Superhero Movies in Millions of Dollars



Number of Superhero Movies



And that's when the subtle Phase 1 of the 'Garden Plan' will turn into the slam dunk Phase 2. What was Phase 2 in Eden? A lie. The first and greatest Weapon of Mass Destruction. The serpent basically told Eve, "God lied to you." The father of lies hissed that the Truth was a liar. He made promises that were deceptions. And, just as mankind bought into them then, they will again.

The modern 'superhero' will be seen by the Jewish people in particular as a Savior and the rest of the world will agree.

This is "the lie".

And God will let it run its course – even promote it as 2 Thes 2:11

says. But unlike the movies, this superhero will be exposed as a fraud when Christ, the true Savior, returns. As with the Wizard of Oz, the curtains will finally be opened and the little man pulling the levers will be exposed. Then will he and the dark power behind him be dealt with.

So watch out what message you get close to – don't let the subtle deception of the serpent set you up today to believe the slam dunk lie of Satan that's coming.

Jesus Christ is the Truth and He is the Only Way to the Father.

Believe that!