**Bible Study** 

## I Timothy 3:16

# HE CAME TO RESTRAIN SATAN

It is evident that the eternal Son became flesh to die. <u>Hebrews 2:9, 14, 15</u>.

Christ's crucifixion by wicked hands was "by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" Acts 2:23

Our Lord Jesus Christ testified, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" Matthew 20:28

Jesus Christ willed to die, not a sudden and unexpected death but a lingering, anticipated death that He would taste every day of His earthly ministry. He became man to suffer death. <u>1Corinthians 11:23-26</u>

Satan is the spoiler of humanity, his malignant purpose being to bring both physical and spiritual death to mankind. <u>Genesis 2:9 Genesis 2:17</u>

Satan chose the tree of death because he is a murderer. He knew that the death sentence was already pronounced upon all who would eat of it. He knew that this was where physical and spiritual death would srtike.

By the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, through His death and resurrection, He wrested from Satan the power of death. Death no more holds its lethal grip upon the believer. <u>I Corinthians 15:54, 57</u> <u>2Timothy 1:9, 10</u>. <u>Revelation 1:18</u>

## HE CAME TO RESCUE THE WHOLE CREATION

The Incarnation of Jesus is part of the God the Father's divine plan. That plan was God's chief concern. Psalm 138:8, 2Peter 3:5

Question, Will God restore again to man the dominion which he lost through the fall?

Answer: Yes during the time of restoration Isaiah 11:6-9. Then what about the animals Hosea 2:18

At that day our blessed Lord will "reconcile all things unto Himself' Colossians 1:20.

Many Christians fail to see the redemptive work of the Incarnation Son of God, which is wider than the salvation of human beings and that it affects the whole creation. <u>Romans 8:19-23</u>

### HE CAME TO RESTORE ISRAEL

Any reader of the Old Testament cannot escape the clear teaching that the Messiah was promised to Israel. <u>Romans 3:2</u> <u>Romans 9:4</u>)

In blind unbelief the children of Abraham, refusing to recognize or receive Him, drove Him from their midst and crucified Him. John 1:11, 14 Luke 19:14

No longer did Israel have priority on the truth, but the message was to be spread abroad to every creature and, during the present dispensation of grace, <u>Acts 15:14</u> <u>Matthew 21:43</u>

Israel is still set aside, but only temporarily. Romans 11:1, 2, 25

### **HE CAME TO REIGN**

In studying the purposes of the Incarnation we are forced to the scriptural observation that the eternal Son became Man in order that He might be King of the earth. (<u>Philippians 2:9</u>

Study carefully , and you will see that the steps in our Lord's humiliation were temporary steps leading to a permanent exaltation, <u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>

A perfect kingdom demands a perfect King. At the end of the conflict of the ages, Jesus Christ, the God-Man will return to earth to establish His righteous kingdom which will never be destroyed. Luke 1:31-33.