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Safeguard Your Soul Against the Frog Spirits...

The kingdom of Hell is prophetically foretold to unleash a dangerous trio upon the world in the Last Days. This trifecta is headed by the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. And under these three are three, frog-like ruling spirits:

“And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great Day of God Almighty.” Revelation 16:12-14

The purpose of each of these frog spirits is to further the goals of their respective overlord and to prepare the world to go to war against Almighty Yahweh.

Be Scripturally safeguarded against Hell’s most deadly frog-deceptions...

Exposing the FROGS of ARMAGEDDON...

“...And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet...” Revelation 16:12-14

Tiny tree frogs, bullfrogs, and colorful dart frogs are among, as some would say, the most adorable of amphibians. Many find them so cute and fascinating that frog merchandise and accessories are widely available. But frogs in the Bible are not “cute and friendly” like your green garden variety.

In **Torah**, frogs are listed among the “unclean” and were famously used by **Yahweh** as one of the divine judgments upon Egypt in the ten plagues (Exodus 8:1-15). Even now, evidences of this darker side of frogs can still be found. For example, a large number of frogs are called an “army”. While a couple of frogs may be welcomed in the backyard, it is well-known that too many of them can destabilize an eco-system. But, by far, the darkest reference to frogs, in the Bible, is found in Revelation chapter 16, where Hell’s leading demonic entities are foretold to manifest as “frogs” in the Last Days.

Revelation 16:12-14 warns that three “unclean spirits”, which are “the spirits of devils”, will work to bring all mankind into Satan’s rebellion. Ultimately, they are stirring up the unsaved world for war with **Yahweh**, in the epic Battle of Armageddon. But why are these demonic entities likened to frogs? As we will see in this study (*and as is further demonstrated in the yellow panel on the right side of this page*) the physical attributes and abilities of frogs give us prophetic keys to identify and understand the



methods and weapons used by these three leading demons, which are most effective in advancing the purposes of Hell, in the Last Days.

One of the most defining characteristics of frogs is what and how they eat. Frogs are carnivorous, eating a diet of insects, mice, and even other frogs—all of which they capture with their sticky, lash-like tongues. A large frog can even catch and devour small birds, whipping them right out of the air! This amphibian’s tongue is a deadly weapon, by which it strikes with mind-boggling speed. A frog can shoot out its tongue, capture its targeted prey, and pull it back into its mouth within .07 seconds—five times faster than the human eye can blink! The frog’s remarkable ability to catch prey with its tongue is the most important reason the three ruling spirits of Hell manifest as frog-like entities.

Notably, the mouth is the most emphasized part of this vision—both in the frogs themselves, through how they catch their prey, and by them originating out of the mouths of their overlords. Also, according to the prophecy, each frog-spirit is associated with one of the three leaders of Hell... (*continued on page 6...*)

Prophetic Details from Frogs’ Characteristics...

In Revelation 16, John foretold three unclean spirits like frogs. These demonic entities appear as frogs because their spiritual characteristics parallel the attributes and abilities of frogs. This article focuses on the tongues of the frogs, which is the most important similarity. But there are other noteworthy parallels as well, as follows:

- **FROGS MOVE WELL IN WATER AND ON THE GROUND**— in Bible Prophecy, “**Water**” represents **peoples** and **nations** (*Revelation 17:15*) and the “**Ground**” represents **the human heart** in relationship to its reception of the Word of Truth and righteousness (*Jeremiah 4:3; Hosea 10:12; and Matthew 13:8 & 23*). One frog-like aspect of these demonic entities, from Revelation 16, is that they labor for the destruction of humanity on both the personal-individual (“ground”) and national (“water”) levels.
- **FROGS ARE COLD BLOODED**— in Bible Prophecy, “**cold**” represents **being without love and spiritually dead** (*Matthew 24:12*). These demonic entities from Revelation 16 are spiritually dead, and operate as the antithesis of God’s love— laboring instead to ensnare humanity, causing masses of people to be lost in Eternal Death.
- **FROGS HOP**— in Bible Prophecy, “**hopping**” represents **gaining legal access to people through those with which they have soul-ties** (*Mark 10:8; 1 Samuel 18:1*). Because demons “hop”, manifesting in a life in one moment, and then “disappearing” the next, many people live their lives without ever realizing there are demons attached to them, using them as conduits to connect with others.

(continued from page 5) ...out of whose mouths they come, which are: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet; each dictating, respectively, how its frog behaves. While all three spirits are at work to advance the overall cause of the kingdom of Hell, they each have specific roles and assigned goals.

In other words, the frog spirit which comes out of the mouth of the dragon is especially tasked with aiding Satan. Likewise, the frog from the beast's mouth aids the beast in its prophetically stated plans, while the frog associated with the false prophet labors for its master's purpose. Thus, to Biblically identify the three frog-spirits and expose their influence in the world today; we need to identify the Biblically-stated goals of the dragon, beast and false prophet, Scripturally examining how each frog-spirit aids in achieving these goals.

Let's begin with the frog's point of origin. Why does the frog-spirit come out of the mouth of its specific overlord?

In Scripture, the **mouth** represents **speech**, involving **declaration, word, pronunciation, doctrine** and can include legal **enactments** (Isaiah 1:20, Daniel 7:8 and Revelation 13:5).

Considering this meaning, we find that the first frog-spirit comes out of the mouth of the dragon, **because**, specifically it helps the devil achieve his **stated** goals and advance his hellish **doctrines**. End-time Bible prophecy warns against doctrines and teachings which come from the supernatural forces of Hell:

"Now the Spirit

speaketh expressly, that in the Latter Times some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

1 Timothy 4:1

But although they are directly from Hell, these Satan-inspired doctrines and ideas will appear to be "righteous" and "enlightened":

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Matthew 24:24

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

THE DRAGON & THE FIRST FROG SPIRIT

In order to fully expose the frog spirit that is associated directly with Satan (the dragon), we must first identify the dragon's "mouth"—which produces, in listing: the goals, ideas, doctrines and primary purposes of the dragon. These goals are as following, recorded by the prophet Isaiah:

"How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said



The first frog-spirit comes out of the mouth of the dragon, who is Satan—Revelation 12:9

in thine heart, I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the Mount of the Congregation, in the sides of the North: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to Hell, to the sides of the Pit."

Isaiah 14:12-15

From Isaiah, we find that there are six goals, or Scripturally-recorded proclamations, which come out of the dragon's mouth. They are: **1)** to weaken the nations through moral corruption, **2)** to usurp the dominion of Heaven, **3)** to attack Yahweh's Word, **4)** to receive worship, **5)** to control people through the "clouds", and **6)** to supersede Yahweh.

Goal #1) MORAL CORRUPTION—Satan is weakening the nations—

which involves moral corruption. To "weaken" the nations means "to prostrate" [to remove the power of] "to overthrow", [to bring] "to decay", and [cause] "to waste away."

Yahweh is our Source of Strength, both personally and nationally. To weaken a nation, the devil works to morally corrupt its people. By perverting society, the Protection and Strength of Yahweh are removed from the nation.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh...”

Psalms 33:12

*“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion. **Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.**”*

Leviticus 18:22-24

Goal #2) DOMINION OF HEAVEN—

Satan is trying to usurp Yahweh’s Kingdom by seeking to ascend into Heaven—which involves usurping God’s Authority, as the devil is seeking to defeat the Kingdom of Yahweh.

“Put on the whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For **we wrestle not against flesh and**

we wrestle not against flesh and

blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Ephesians 6:11-12

Goal #3) ATTACK YAHWEH’S WORD—

Satan is purposing to exalt his throne above the stars of God—which involves undermining the Word of Yahweh. The Word of Yahweh was originally in the heavens. It was literally to be found in the stars, as we showed in our July-September, 2023 magazine feature article, “Ancient Hebrew in the Stars” (and as Shauna is showing in her upcoming book with that title). By replacing the Yahweh-honoring Mazzaroth (Job 38:32) with astrology, and through attacking the messengers (prophets) and Message of God’s Word, Satan is working to replace the Word of Yahweh with His deceptive, pagan doctrines.

“...Then cometh the devil, and **taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.**”

Luke 8:12

Goal #4) RECEIVE WORSHIP— Satan is sitting upon the Mount of the Congregation—which involves

worship. Satan is seeking to globally replace the Days and Ways of worshipping Yahweh with His own counterfeit. Satan wants to “sit” (dominate, rule over) the Mount of the Congregation which is translated from the Hebrew words **Har Maggedo**, which is **Armageddon** in the New Testament.

In other words, the final Battle lines are drawn on the point of worship. The Feasts or Holy Days of Yahweh, listed in Leviticus chapter 23 are called **mo’edim** (Hebrew for “Feasts”). The Feasts of Yahweh are indicated in Isaiah 14:12-14 as the “Mount of the Congregation”. The “Mount” is the **Mo’ed Mountain** of Yahweh, shown below. “Congregation” is translated from the Hebrew word **mikraw**, which means “gather, congregate,” and “rehearsal.” Thus, the fourth goal of the dragon is to “replace” the holy Feast Days with his own counterfeit days and pagan ways of worship, “sitting” in desecration of Yahweh’s holy Appointed Times...

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MO'ED MOUNTAIN

Key Armageddon Issue: WORSHIP

SABBATH
Day of Worship of the Creator

SUNDAY
Day of Worship of the created

TABERNACLES (SUKKOT)
Day of the Advent of the Messiah

CHRISTMAS—SATURNALIA
Birth of the 1st Anti-Messiah (Tammuz)

VALENTINE’S—LUPERCALIA
Day of Idolotrous “love” & perversion

EPIPHANIA—BEFANA
Day of the Moon-Goddess’ Judgment

HALLOWEEN—SAMHAIN
Outpouring of Demonic spirits

EASTER & THE LENTEN FAST
Phyrgian Crucifixion & Weeping for Tammuz (Ezekiel 8:14)

DAY OF ATONEMENT
Purity & whole-hearted Love for Yahweh

DAY OF TRUMPETS
New Moon - Day of Yahweh’s Judgment

PENTECOST (SHAVUOT)
Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

PASSOVER & UNLEAVENED BREAD
Death of Christ & Repentance for Sin

By keeping the Sabbath holy, we honor and acknowledge Yahweh as the Creator—
Exodus 20:8-11 & Revelation 14:6-7

Sabbath-keeping is a Sign of Sanctification & partaking of the Covenant with Yahweh:
“...Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: **for it is a sign between Me and you** throughout your generations, that ye may know that I Am Yahweh that doth sanctify you.”
Exodus 31:13

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Goal #5) CLOUD-CONTROL OVER PEOPLE & SPIRITS— Satan is exerting his spirit and influence “above” (in domination over) the clouds—which involves control of media, spirits and the spiritual power over peoples. Scripture refers to the devil as the “prince of the powers of the air” (Ephesians 2:2). In these Last Days, sound waves and light images are carried through the air waves, in the Internet “Cloud”. Media, via “the Clouds”, is one of the most powerful ways Satan affects the thinking of people and influences society.

Goal #6) SUPERSEDE YAHWEH— Satan is striving to be “like the most High”—which is why he is seeking to defeat the Most High God. In Ezekiel 28:12-18, we read of how Satan became prideful over his *Yahweh*-given beauty, talents, and intellect. Pride brings destruction, and a haughty spirit results in a Fall (Luke 10:18), which the devil was the first to demonstrate. But, even after being cast out of Heaven, the dragon has not lessened his desire or efforts to overthrow *Yahweh*, rebelliously seeking to claim His ultimate Dominion. Considering that Satan’s is a lesser dominion characterized by slavery and death (Hebrews 2:14-15), we can be very thankful to read of his soon-coming failure in this dreadful purpose and his ultimate destruction in the prophecies of Scripture (Revelation 20:10).

Having identified the hellish goals of the dragon, we are now ready to study what Scripture tells us about the frog spirit, which serves directly under him, aiding him in his attempt to accomplish these wicked purposes. To begin with, we need to understand that this frog-spirit is a Ruling Spirit, which is the highest-ranking demonic



entity. How can we know this, Scripturally? As has been already shown, each of the frog spirits work directly under their respective overlord, ultimately striving to bring the whole world together in a concerted rebellion against *Yahweh*, that will culminate with the infamous Battle of Armageddon. Because the three frog-like demons serve directly under the three End-time leaders of the kingdom of Hell (*the dragon, beast, and false prophet*), we may know that they are high-ranking demonic entities, classed as “principalities” or “ruling spirits”, in Scripture (Romans 8:37-38; Ephesians 6:11-12; and Colossians 1:16).

Ruling spirits are demonic entities which martial numerous other demons under their leadership. All of these demonic underlings work in concert together, performing their individual roles, like mechanized parts in a large machine, to help the ruling spirit—and its overlord—achieve their goals. Scripture tells us plainly that the kingdom of Hell is very organized, for without organization and concerted effort, the devil’s kingdom would have no ability to stand, nor ability to strive towards achieving its demonic goals. Demons are hateful, but Hell is not divided, as is evidenced by its success over the world.

“But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, ‘This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the

prince of the devils.’ And Yahshua knew their thoughts, and said unto them, ‘Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?’”

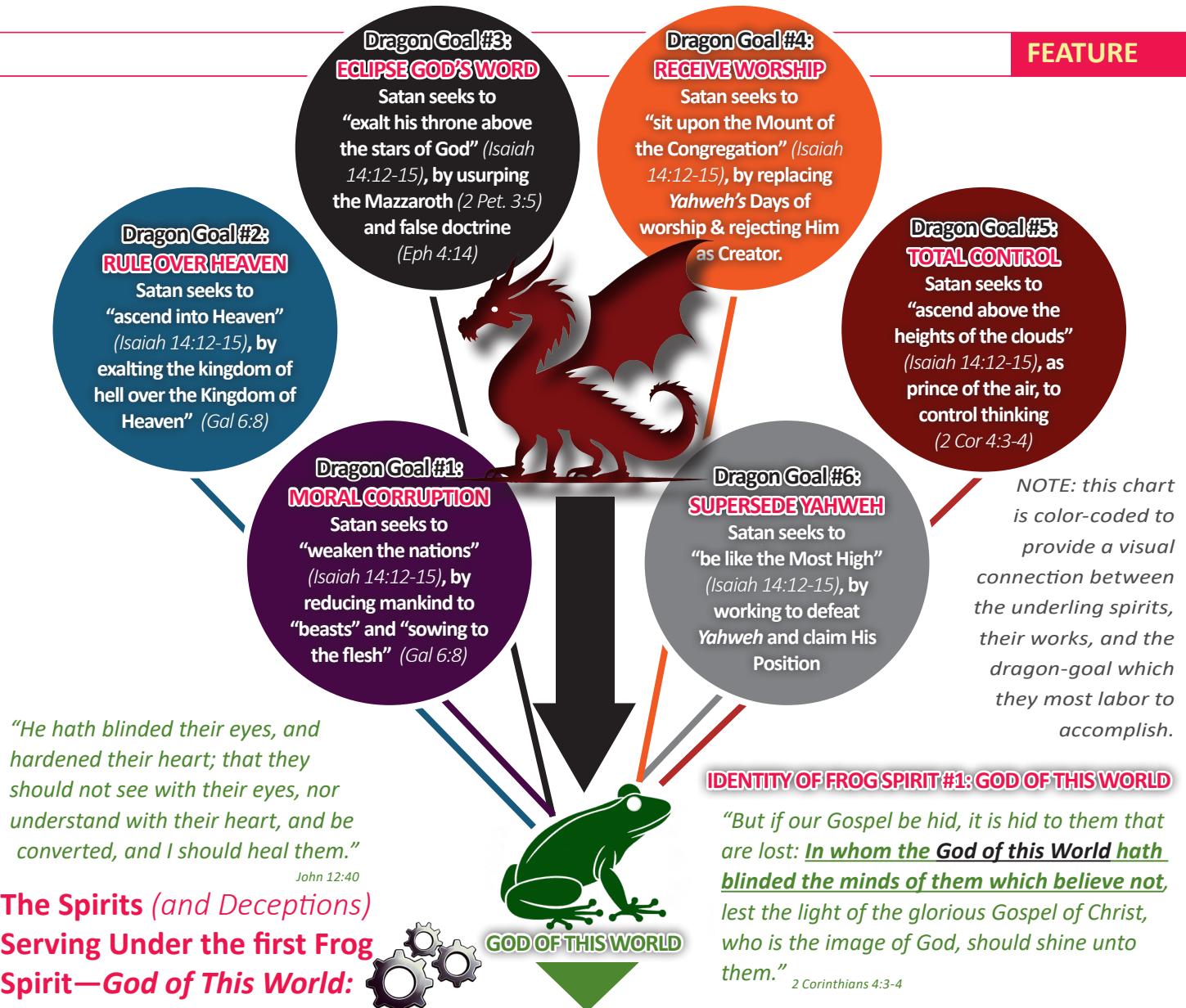
Matthew 12:24-26

As we have seen, in Bible prophecy, the mouth symbolizes doctrines, teachings, proclamations, and stated goals. This prophetic meaning of the mouth is one of most important reasons why these three spirits have a frog-like form. Like frogs, these spirits capture their prey with their tongues—only, in this case, the targeted prey is human souls. Thus, we find that these ruling spirits use false teachings and demonic doctrine to entrap people and bring about the downfall of nations.







“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the Latter Times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

1 Timothy 4:1

But why should we study what the Bible has to say about these frog spirits? As believers, we are focused on the workings of Heaven—not Hell! Of course, the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven are to be our main focus. But why would Scripture tell us key details about the inner workings of Hell’s kingdom, if it weren’t important for us to know about them? Even in earthly warfare, what warrior can be effective against an enemy onslaught without knowing something of his enemy? Warfare in human history has amply demonstrated the importance of espionage for victory. One must know one’s enemy in order to defeat him. This epically true in Spiritual Warfare.



The Spirits (and Deceptions) Serving Under the first Frog Spirit—God of This World:

<p>SPIRIT OF REPROBATION</p> <p>Romans 1:28 Titus 1:15-16 Jeremiah 6:30</p> <p>Reprobation is unprincipled, depraved and morally corrupt.</p> 	<p>SPIRIT OF EVOLUTION</p> <p>Romans 1:18-23 Galatians 6:8 Genesis 1:26</p> <p>Evolution is Lawless, beast-like, and without the Image of God.</p> 	<p>SPIRIT OF STRONG DELUSION</p> <p>2 Thess 2:10-12 John 3:19-21 Isaiah 8:20</p> <p>Delusion is blind, carnal, and it hates and rejects the Truth.</p> 	<p>SPIRIT OF IDOLATRY</p> <p>James 1:8 Revelation 18:23 Rev. 22:14-15</p> <p>Idolatry is double-minded, filled with sorcery and pseudo-worship.</p> 	<p>SPIRIT OF SIN</p> <p>Romans 6:16 Galatians 5:1 2 Peter 2:19</p> <p>Sin is increasingly controlling, enslaving and it brings Death.</p> 	<p>SPIRIT OF WICKEDNESS</p> <p>Jeremiah 14:20 Ephesians 6:12 Hosea 10:13</p> <p>Wickedness is twisting truth, loving evil and rebelling against Yahweh.</p> 
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Scripture warns that if we are “ignorant” of the devil’s “devices”, he will get the “advantage” over us (2 Corinthians 2:11). In order to be effective “watchmen on the walls of Zion” and to be safeguarded against the deceptions and devices of Hell, it is vitally important for us to “expose” the enemy, as

it says in Ephesians 5:11-16:
“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ...Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”
 Ephesians 5:11-16

In the interest of exposing darkness, let us look at which demonic entities and what teachings are found under the “generalship” of the God of this World Frog Spirit...
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Of course, correctly discerning spirits and their purpose is only the first step in effective Spiritual Warfare against them. But before we detail the steps of Warfare which Biblically defeat these spirits and defend ourselves and others from their deceptions, we must continue identifying the remaining two frog spirits and their corresponding overlords and underlings.

THE BEAST & THE SECOND FROG SPIRIT

As Revelation sixteen tells us, the second frog spirit comes out of the mouth of the Beast:

“...And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great Day of God Almighty.”

Revelation 16:12-14

Again, we find that the second frog spirit comes out of the mouth of its overlord, indicating that this Spirit—like the first—is promoting the deceptive doctrines, demonic goals and wicked plans of its hellish master. But, who and what is the beast? And what are his devilish goals which the second frog spirit aids in accomplishing?

To answer this, we must be reminded of the many titles of the beast. Bible prophets have referred to him by a variety of names and titles. But whatever his moniker, the beast is still easily identified by his distinctive characteristics and by his prophetic role in End-time events. As was more thoroughly explained in our October-December, 2022 magazine feature article, “*King of the North*”, the beast’s names and titles include:

- **King of the North**—*Daniel 11*
- **King of Babylon**—*Isaiah 14*
- **The Oppressor**—*Isaiah 14*
- **Prince of Tyrus**—*Ezekiel 28*
- **The Assyrian**—*Isaiah 10 & 14;*

Ezekiel 31 and Micah 5

- **The Man of Sin**—*2 Thessalonians 2*
- **The Son of Perdition**—*2 Thess. 2*
- **The Beast**—*Revelation 13, 19 & 20*
- **The Little Horn**—*Daniel 7-8*
- **The Antichrist**—*1 John 2; 2 John 1*

Of course, since the beast and the dragon are on the same “team”, so-to-speak, we should expect to find some overlap in their Biblically-stated objectives. But while the goals of the beast are complimentary to those of the dragon, they are also unique to the role of the beast. The Bible gives us the following goals of the beast, which the second frog spirit helps him to accomplish. They are:

Beast Goal #1:

- *Rule-control the whole world under a tyrannical and autocratic regime*—*Isaiah 14:4-6; Rev. 13:2-4*

Beast Goal #2:

- *Pollute the Sanctuary of Yahweh & place the Abomination of Desolation*—*Daniel 11:15 & 31; 2 Thess 2:3-4*



Beast Goal #3:

- Establish his Seat of Authority on the Holy Mountain—Daniel 11:45; Dan 8:9

Beast Goal #4:

- Oppose Yahshua as Messiah, discrediting Yahshua's fulfillment of the Messianic BRANCH prophecies—1 John 2 & 4; 2 John 1:7

Beast Goal #5:

- Oppose Yahshua as Messiah, discrediting Yahshua's fulfillment of the Messianic BRANCH prophecies—1 John 2 & 4; 2 John 1:7

Beast Goal #6:

- Convince people to worship him as god and as the Messiah—Daniel 11:36; Ezekiel 28:2-9

Beast Goal #7:

- Wipe out everyone who worships Yahshua and claims Him as Messiah, through persecution and murder—Revelation 19:19; Revelation 20:4

Beast Goal #8:

- Establish the Mark of the Beast and compel everyone to receive it—Revelation 13:16-17; Revelation 20:4

Beast Goal #9:

- Set up an image to himself and force everyone to worship it—Revelation 13:14-15

As we have already seen, the beast power is also called the antichrist. While there have been many antichrists in the past, Bible Prophecy tells us plainly that there will be one, ultimate antichrist, which will be a very wicked human who rules the world in the Last Days.

The frog spirit which aids the beast-antichrist power is called the **Spirit of Antichrist**, in Bible Prophecy. This ruling spirit is mentioned by name in 1 John 4:2-4:

“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Yahshua Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Yahshua Christ is come in the flesh is not of God:

and this is that Spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.” ^{1 John 4:2-4}

THE FIVE BRANCH PROPHECIES

According to Scripture, although the full unleashing of the **Spirit of Antichrist** doesn't come until the very end of the world, the **Spirit of Antichrist** was already working in Yahshua's day. In this reference, we can plainly see that the **Spirit of Antichrist** is not **the** antichrist (aka the beast), but rather it is a spirit which prepares the world to receive the person of the ultimate antichrist.

So, how does the **Spirit of Antichrist** work to prepare the world to “wonder after” the beast, as Scripture says it will? This second frog spirit attacks and undermines Yahshua's fulfillment of the Messianic BRANCH Prophecies, inspiring people to either believe that Yahshua is not the Messiah at all, or that He did not fully fulfill all the BRANCH Prophecies when He first came and must return to complete them.

In Scripture, there are five BRANCH Prophecies, which portray the five-fold Ministry of Messiah (*called Christ in Greek*). The word BRANCH is translated from the Hebrew word **Tsemach**, and is a title of Messiah. The **Tsemach** is the Messiah. Thus, these five Old Testament Branch Prophecies define and identify Messiah, portraying the roles which the BRANCH must perform, in order to be Messiah. These five BRANCH-Prophecy roles are symbolically represented as a Lion, a Bull, a Man, a Lamb and an Eagle. Let's Scripturally examine these BRANCH prophecies, symbols and Messianic Roles: identify the Role and Ministry of Messiah in each.

THE LION—Jeremiah 23:5:

“Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.”

The Lion represents Yahshua as the BRANCH Who is the KING of kings. It is from this BRANCH Prophecy that we may know that Messiah would be king out of the lineage of David.

THE BULL—Zechariah 3:8:

“Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth My SERVANT the BRANCH.”

The Bull represents Yahshua as the BRANCH Who is the STRENGTH of Heaven. He is the I AM—the mighty Aleph manifested for our Salvation—taking the form of the SERVANT. From this BRANCH Prophecy we know that Messiah would be the Aleph, Who would manifest as a Servant. His Own great Power (*symbolized by the bull*) would be kept in submission to the Will of Heaven. As the bull humbly does his master's work while harnessed in a yoke, so did Messiah, while inviting His followers to do the same (*Matthew 11:29*).

THE MAN—Zechariah 6:12:

“And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Yahweh of hosts, saying, Behold the Man whose Name is The BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of his place, and He shall build the Temple of Yahweh.”

The Man represents Yahshua as the BRANCH Who would build the Temple of Yahweh...

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THE LAMB—Isaiah 4:2-4:

“In that day shall the Branch of Yahweh be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

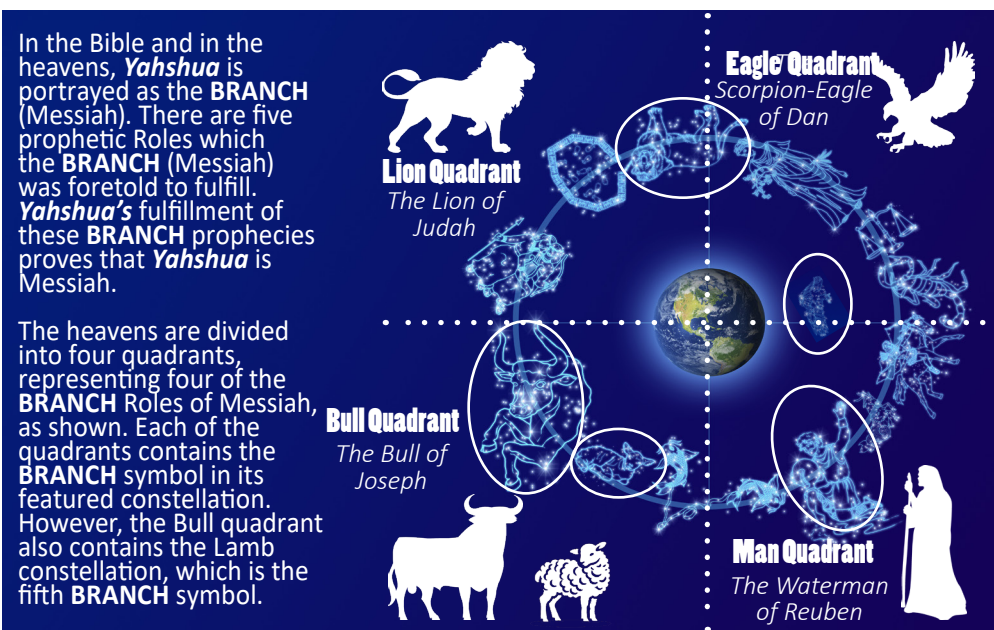
***When Yahweh shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged (in) the Blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof** by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.”*

The Lamb represents *Yahshua* as the **BRANCH** Who would purge our sins in His precious Blood. Messiah's perfect Sacrifice cleansed worshippers once and for all. Thus, in one Offering, Messiah fulfilled all the animal blood offerings in one supreme Sacrifice. For as Abraham said God, Himself, always was the Lamb (*Genesis 22:8*). In fact, the blood of bulls and goats could never cleanse fallen man from sin (*Hebrews 10:3-4*). These offerings prior to Calvary served as a promissory note, pointing to the Death of Heaven's ultimate Passover Lamb (*Hebrews 10:1-10; Daniel 9:26-27; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Genesis 22:8*).

Clearly, it is the **BRANCH** Prophecies that reveal man's Heaven-provided Redeemer and portray His five sin-destroying Roles. These prophecies define Messiah, while explaining His redemptive Work and Ministry. It is from these **BRANCH** Prophecies that Messiah is identified. For this reason, the **BRANCH** Prophecies are central



Ezekiel saw the Seraphim, which serve at the Throne of *Yahweh* in Heaven, bearing the symbolic representations of four of Messiah's Roles, through having the face of a man, eagle, bull and lion. John the Revelator saw the fifth Branch symbol as “the Worthy Lamb that was Slain”.








to the writings of the Old Testament Prophets.

Notably, the **BRANCH** Prophecies are not only the focus of the Old Testament, they are also the central Theme of Heaven Itself. Ezekiel and John were given visions in which they saw the Throne of *Yahweh* in Heaven. In these visions, these prophets witnessed a special order of angelic beings, called *Seraphim*, who serve the Father at His

Throne. These holy beings bear the shapes that represent Messiah as the **BRANCH**, portraying His five, distinct Roles, in symbolic form. Thus, the *Seraphim* bear the forms of the Man, Eagle, Bull, and Lion. And the fifth **BRANCH** symbol also appears in Heaven, for John saw the worthy Lamb that was slain before the Throne of God. (See the illustration above top.)

The prophetic importance of the

THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY OF MESSIAH (Branch prophecies)

Messiah as THE KING <i>Jeremiah 23:5</i>	Messiah as THE SERVANT <i>Zechariah 3:8</i>	Messiah as THE SON OF MAN <i>Zechariah 6:12</i>	Messiah as THE SON OF YAH <i>Isaiah 4:2-4</i>	Messiah as ALMIGHTY JUDGE <i>Jeremiah 33:15</i>
Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Revelation
				

BRANCH Prophecies is further emphasized by the fact that they are also the central theme of the *Mazzaroth* (*Job 38:32*). Clearly, in serving as theme in the Old Testament Scripture, in Heaven Itself, and in the constellations of the sky and quadrants of the heavens (*see lower image on the previous page*) the Creator intends for mankind to be thoroughly versed in the **BRANCH** Prophecies. The **BRANCH** is Messiah and there is no Salvation in any other.

The five **BRANCH** Prophecies are presented again and again, clearly underscoring their importance. But how can we definitively **know** that *Yahshua* is the **BRANCH**—and that He, then, is the one-and-only Heaven-provided Redeemer? In other words, although we personally know that *Yahshua* is the Messiah, we also need to be able to **prove** this reality to others. In fact, being able to prove *Yahshua's* Messiahship is increasingly important, because the second frog spirit specifically attacks *Yahshua's* Messiahship, by insinuating that He did not fulfill the **BRANCH** Prophecies.

So how can we refute the deceptions of

the second frog spirit, proving *Yahshua's* fulfillment of the five **BRANCH** Prophecies, thereby authenticating that He is indeed the One and only Messiah? The evidence of *Yahshua's* Messiahship is found in the Gospels of the New Testament. In fact, the New Testament was largely written for this purpose. The Gospel writers did not attempt to give us a day-to-day diary of *Yahshua's* activities. Rather, the Gospel writers wrote their respective Books to prove that *Yahshua* is Messiah by testifying of His fulfillment of the five **BRANCH** Prophecies. Thus, each Gospel writer included specific details of Messiah's Life and Ministry which would prove His fulfillment of their targeted **BRANCH** Prophecy.

It is commonly believed there are only four Gospels, which wouldn't fully cover the five **BRANCH** Prophecies. But, this is incorrect. There are *five* Gospels—one for each **BRANCH** prophecy, testifying of *Yahshua's* fulfillment of one of the five **BRANCH** Prophecies. So, which Gospel focused on which **BRANCH** Prophecy?

- **MATTHEW**—Focal Branch Prophecy: Jeremiah 23:5—Symbolized by the Lion, representing the Heaven-

ordained Dominion of Messiah as the King of the Kingdom of Heaven.

- **BRANCH Role of Messiah:** King (*of the line David*)
- **BRANCH Work of Messiah:** Reveal the Kingdom of Heaven

How the Gospel of Matthew Shows *Yahshua's* Fulfillment of the Jer. 23:5 **BRANCH** Prophecy:

The Gospel of Matthew was written to demonstrate *Yahshua's* Davidic Kingship. This is why Matthew carefully delineates *Yahshua's* lineage through the line of David. Also, Matthew speaks of the Kingdom, for a King has a Kingdom. Matthew shows *Yahshua* breaking down the Rules of the Kingdom, since He has the Authority to do so, being the King.

“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least Commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven...” Matthew 5:19-20

These are a few of Matthew's evidences that *Yahshua* is Messiah who fulfilled the Jeremiah 23:5 **BRANCH** Prophecy of Davidic Kingship.

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- **MARK—Focal Branch Prophecy: Zechariah 3:8—Symbolized by the Bull**, representing Messiah, as the great **Aleph** manifested in the flesh, Who humbled Himself to be the servant of all (*Philippians 2:6-8 and Romans 6:16*)

- **BRANCH Role of Messiah:**
Servant (of *Yahweh*)
- **BRANCH Work of Messiah:**
Serve as the High Priest

How the Gospel of Mark Shows *Yahshua's* Fulfillment of the Zech. 3:8 BRANCH Prophecy:

The Gospel of Mark was written to demonstrate *Yahshua's* Servanthood.

*Mark 10:45^{ESV} – “For even **the Son of Man** came not to be served but to serve, and to give His Life as a ransom for many.”*

Because a good servant obeys swiftly, Mark also includes adjectives demonstrating Messiah's quick obedience to the Will of Heaven. “Immediately”, “straightway”, and “forthwith” are the English translations of the words Mark chooses to typify *Yahshua's* actions. These are a few of Mark's evidences that *Yahshua* is Messiah who fulfilled the Zechariah 3:8 BRANCH Prophecy of Servanthood.

- **LUKE—Focal Branch Prophecy: Zechariah 6:12—Symbolized by the Man**, representing Messiah, as the Son of Man, Who demonstrates “sonship” for all sons and daughters of *Yah* to emulate (*1 John 3:2; 1 Corinthians 15:22-45 and Romans 8:14*)

- **BRANCH Role of Messiah:**
Son of God—Second Adam
- **BRANCH Work of Messiah:**
Build the Temple of *Yahweh*

How the Gospel of Luke Shows *Yahshua's* Fulfillment of the Zech. 6:12 BRANCH Prophecy:

The Gospel of Luke is focused on showing *Yahshua* as the Man. Luke

shows us that Messiah could take our place, as the Second Adam, because He was a sinless Man, as Adam had been before the Fall.

Further, Luke shows us the obedient Life of Christ as our Example, a Man, walking in full obedience to *Yahweh's* Torah. Just as He was obedient and lived life through the power of Heaven as perfect Man—so may we. In following *Yahshua's* Example of Sonship, we are become built up into the Spiritual House—the Spiritual Temple of *Yahweh*:

*“And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, **Thou art Christ (the Messiah) the Son of God. And He rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that He was Christ.**”* Luke 4:41

Luke specifically connected *Yahshua's* Messiahship (*Christ*) with His title as the Son of God, which specifically targeted His fulfillment of the Zechariah 6:12 BRANCH Prophecy. When Luke notes that even demons admitted *Yahshua* was Christ, which is Greek for Messiah, he wasn't discounting that this was the Truth, even though he mentions it was “many” devils who testified of this reality.

Luke pointedly comments that **even the demons** testified of *Yahshua's* Messiahship, which seems more of an unstated commentary on the depth of human blindness. Although Luke leaves it unsaid, one can quickly follow the thought train to its natural conclusion: how shocking is it that *demons* bore the true testimony of Messiah, while the Pharisees and the supposedly “righteous” leaders of Judaism refused to acknowledge Him?

Notably also, when *Yahshua* silenced the demons for proclaiming Him the Messiah as the Son of God, Luke points out that He didn't rebuke them for



As is shown in this magazine, the three Frog Spirits (*Rev. 16*) which incite every lost person to join Satan's side in the Battle of Armageddon are: **1) the God of this World** (from the mouth of the Dragon); **2) the Spirit of Antichrist** (from the mouth of the Beast); and **3) the Spirit of Rebellion** (from the mouth of the False Prophet).

telling a lie! So, since the demons were proclaiming the Truth, in this case, why does *Yahshua* command them not to speak of it? Truth presented in an untimely or unwise fashion can actually hurt the Cause of Christ!

*For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. **Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.**”* Amos 5:12-13

Yahshua silenced the devils from testifying of His Messiahship because their testimony, while the religious leaders claimed the opposite, was more likely to cause people to reject Him as Messiah, out of prejudice. As we have seen in these few examples, Luke clearly and repeatedly proclaims *Yahshua's* Sonship and Messiahship, in fulfillment of the Zechariah 6:12 BRANCH Prophecy.

- **JOHN—Focal Branch Prophecy: Isaiah 4:2-4—Symbolized by the Passover Lamb**, representing Messiah, as the worthy Lamb of God Who takes away our sins through the purging power of His precious Blood (*1 Corinthians 5:7, Revelation 5:12 and 1 John 1:7*).

- **BRANCH Role of Messiah:**
Heaven's Passover Lamb
- **BRANCH Work of Messiah:**
Purge sins by His Blood

How the Gospel of John Shows Yahshua's Fulfillment of the Isaiah 4:2-4 BRANCH Prophecy:

The Gospel of John is focused on showing *Yahshua* as the worthy Lamb that was slain. It is in the Gospel of John that John the Baptist is shown as announcing *Yahshua* as Messiah—the fulfillment of the Isaiah 4:2-4 **BRANCH** Prophecy:

*The next day John seeth Yahshua coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world...** And looking upon Yahshua as He walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**"* John 1:29 & 36

It is interesting to note that while *Yahshua* silenced the demons when they testified of His Messiahship, He did not silence John. In fact, John testified that *Yahshua* was the Lamb of God twice, for every Truth is established in the mouth of at least two witnesses!

John shows that Christ is the prophesied One, Who would come to die as the sinless Lamb of God. In so doing, he bore witness that *Yahshua* is the Messiah! By the shedding of His Blood all mankind may find cleansing and remission of sin. He died once for all, as it says in Hebrews chapter 10. As Abraham prophetically explained to his son, Isaac, all animal sacrifices pointed to the Blood of Heaven's Lamb. But, they were only a promissory note, for ultimately sin could only be atoned when, "God" provided "Himself a lamb." (*Genesis 22:8*). *Yahshua's* Offering was that "perfect" Sacrifice, foretold by Abraham, which animal offerings could never be.

Hebrews further tells us that when a

perfect Offering was given, all animal blood sacrifices would stop.

*"For since the Law has only a shadow (animal sacrifices are the "shadow")... **it can never, by offering the same sacrifices continually year after year, make perfect those who approach its altars. For if it were otherwise, would not these sacrifices have stopped being offered?...** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins..."* Hebrews 10:1-10 Amplified Bible

- **REVELATION—Focal Branch Prophecy: Jeremiah 33:15—Symbolized by the Eagle**, representing Messiah, as the all-seeing, righteous Judge (*John 5:22 & 27 and Hebrews 10:30*).
 - **BRANCH Role of Messiah:**
the Righteous Judge
 - **BRANCH Work of Messiah:**
Render Judgment over all

How the Gospel of Revelation Shows Yahshua's Fulfillment of the Jeremiah 33:15 BRANCH Prophecy:

The Gospel of Revelation is focused on showing *Yahshua* as the all-seeing and righteous Judge, which is the fulfillment of Jeremiah 33:15:

"...Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment is come: and worship Him that made Heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:6-7

Through connecting the five **BRANCH** Prophecies with the Gospel Record of *Yahshua's* fulfillments, we can see the deceptive teachings of the second frog spirit, even though they are commonly believed. The **Spirit of Antichrist** specifically works to undermine *Yahshua's* Messiahship by suggesting that He did not fulfill the Branch prophecies. Thus, it is the lying tongue of the second Frog Spirit which suggests that *Yahshua* cannot be Messiah because He did not build a physical Temple (*Yahshua built the Spiritual Temple of Yahweh—1 Peter 2:5;*

1 Corinthians 3:16 and Hebrews 9:11-12). Additionally, the commonly-held idea that *Yahshua's* Death did not end all animal sacrifices is another insidious deception from the **Spirit of Antichrist**, attacking *Yahshua's* fulfillment of the Lamb **BRANCH** Prophecy. Point-by-point, the lying Spirit of Antichrist causes most to reject *Yahshua's* fulfillment of some, or all, of the **BRANCH** Prophecies. In so doing, the **Spirit of Antichrist** is preparing the majority of mankind to wonder after the Beast and fully rebel against *Yahweh*.

And what about the third frog spirit? Identifying this one requires noticing the Pattern. All three of the Revelation 16 frog spirits, and their overlords, are the counterfeit of Heaven's Leadership:

- **Counterfeit of Yahweh**—the dragon and the **God of this World** work to unseat and replace *Yahweh*.
- **Counterfeit of Messiah**—the beast and the **Spirit of Antichrist** work to usurp *Yahshua* as Messiah.

Continuing this pattern of counterfeits, the third frog spirit, serving the ultimate false prophet is the spurious opposite of Elijah, who prepares the Way for true Messiah's Return. Thus, the third frog spirit is the **Spirit of Rebellion**, which undermines *Torah*-keeping, opposing the true Elijah Message (*that calls people to repent and keep Torah—Malachi 4:4-6*).

Having Scripturally exposed the three frog spirits and their deceptive teachings promoting the goals of their overlords, we may now see with sobering clarity just how effective these frogs' "tongues" have already been in our world today! How can we stand, against over-mastering deception? The only way to be safeguarded against the demonic frog's "tongues" is to be fully rooted in *Torah* Truth, grounded in Scripture and well-versed in the **BRANCH** Prophecies and in *Yahshua's* fulfillment of them!





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