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In this profound exploration of Romans 11 alongside various Old Testament scriptures, Scott Stanley of DTG Ministries delves into the spiritual transformation of Jacob into Israel as a metaphor for the calling of spiritual Israel at the end of the world. The core message emphasizes the mystery of God's plan where "all Israel will be saved," not merely the literal descendants but the spiritual Israel—those with circumcised hearts who embrace Jesus as the Messiah.

Stanley highlights the ongoing struggle, symbolized by Jacob wrestling with the angel, which represents the wrestling with doubt, disbelief, and the "dust" of human reasoning that resists accepting Jesus as the Son of God. This wrestling is an essential part of the faith journey where humility, repentance, and perseverance are key. The podcast stresses that the gifts and calling of God, especially toward Israel, are irrevocable, and salvation requires a full surrender to the truth. Using prophetic insights from Micah and Zephaniah, Stanley encourages believers not to give up on those wrestling with faith, assuring that God will ultimately gather and redeem a remnant who accept Messiah.

The podcast closes with a passionate call to embrace Jesus as the Son of God, reject false doctrines like the Trinity, and persistently hold on to the truth despite opposition and persecution.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, I'm Scott Stanley, trying to express what I believe are basic things about Jesus Christ, things that I was personally never told in the universal church, the churches I went to. In the last video, I keyed on Matthew 16 at the beginning of it, and there is a contrast that Jesus makes there about spiritual understanding versus literal understanding.

The King James uses the word "sky." It's actually the word "heaven." But he says you look at the heavens and you can discern this and that, and he is literally speaking, but you're not discerning the signs and times of the heavens. Now that second statement, "the signs and times" points right back to Genesis 1:14, I think, where on the fourth day God puts the sun, the moon, and the stars... lights in the heavens to be for signs and seasons.

Well, that word "season" is [4150], and it makes perfect sense that Jesus in Matthew 16 would be referring to that and call it "signs and times" because that season is a set time, [4150]. He calls them hypocrites because they were not seeking spiritual understanding to answer their questions. This then brings in the age-old problem of trying to figure out "how in the world was he in the grave for three days and three nights?" He wasn't. He was in the heart of the earth, and that has everything to do with what I'm talking about today- the heavens, the earth, and the sea. These are three levels of understanding.

Heavens = God's Understanding

Earth = Personal Understanding

Sea = World's Understanding

The heavens equal the way God perceives. The earth is self, and the sea is the world.

How important is it that we discern spiritually what Christ did, what Christ is talking about? In fact, when you come to the book of Revelation, this is the only prophecy God gave through the risen Messiah... all the rest of it is before he died. The revelation is different. God gave this revelation of Jesus Christ and signified it. There's your word "sign."

Remember in the heavens God puts the sun, the moon, and the stars for signs and seasons. It's spiritual. So what I want to do is, if we finish this video and you are convinced we need a deeper revelation of spiritual truth, then you're one of a kind. Very few people want to see spiritually, but I think as we go through this video cast, you're going to see something maybe you've never seen before. So what I want to do is focus our attention, to begin with, on the gospel of John chapter 3.

Now, Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night, and he says, *"I know you're a teacher come from God, because nobody can do these things you're doing. I know you're a teacher, come from God"* (Jhn 3:2). Now, all of these things I'm sharing right now are in past videos. I would like to encourage you to go to Podbean.com, DTGM Revelation Studies, and start getting into that. But it gets pretty deep pretty fast, and that's kind of what's happened here. Our videos are getting deeper. Maybe you're having to put more thought into it. Maybe you're just writing me off. I don't know. But I'm trying to use the scripture to help you see something.

"We know you're a teacher come from God because nobody can do what you're doing" (Jhn 3:2). Why didn't he say, "Because nobody is saying what you're saying"? ... *"I know you're a teacher come from God because of what you're doing."* So Jesus gives him the answer, *"You've got to be born from above."* Why would he do that? Because being born from above means you believe Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. That is what that means. That is what happened to Jesus at his baptism.

Remember, he had emptied himself and become a man (Php 2:7). And God spoke to him at his baptism and said, *"You are my Son in whom I am well pleased."* Now, what we did was compare that to Psalms, chapter 2, which was a prophecy as to what would happen. When you look at that prophecy, God the Father says, *"I have anointed my king upon my holy hill of Zion."* Then Jesus answers and says, *"Well, I'll tell you what he said"* (Psa 2:6-7). What do you mean, "You'll tell me what he said"? Because he just said, *"I anointed my king."* That anointing is what God said. He anointed him with the truth. That truth was, *"You're my Son."*

If Jesus had emptied himself, maybe he suspected that through the stories his mother had told him about his birth, he knew something was different. But when God spoke to him and said, *"You're my Son,"* that was the anointing. It was at that given point that he

became the Christ. That was how he was anointed. *"You're my Son. This day have I begotten you."* That was his, what we would call, a born-again, born-from-above experience.

Anybody who believes he is the Christ, the Son of God, is born of God. But he became the Christ by being told he was the Son. So in John's day, when John wrote that, *"If you believe he's the Christ, well, you're saying you believe he's the Son (1Jn 5:1-5),"* because that's how he became (or realized) he was the Son... that's how he was informed, *'You're the Son'"* (1Jn 5:1-5). He was informed (by the Father) that he was the Son, and he had a born-again experience.

So when he tells Nicodemus, *"You must be born again,"* what he is saying is, *"You've got to believe I'm the Son of God."* Nicodemus, *"Well, we know you're a teacher come from God." ... "Well, you've got to believe I'm the Son of God."* That is what he was telling Nicodemus. Again, if you go back into some past videos, we get into that and explain those verses. But what I want to do is jump down in the gospel of John, chapter 3, to verse 9.

Jhn 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said, How can these things be?

Jhn 3:10 Jesus answered and said, Are you a teacher of Israel, and you don't know these things?

Jhn 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto you, We speak that we know, and testify that we've seen, and you're not receiving our witness.

What does he mean, "we"? Who are "we"? Well, when I read that, I think it's John the Baptist and himself (Jesus). They were saying he was the Son of God. But that can also apply to all of humanity. *People speak what they know, and they testify what they've seen* (Jhn 3:11). But again, if he's speaking of himself in John,

Jhn 3:11 We speak what we know and we testify what we've seen (at the baptism). But you're not receiving our witness.

Jhn 3:12 If I have told you of earthly things (what do you mean by earthly things? These things literally happened in front of everybody) ... If I'm telling you earthly things (God spoke and said, *"I'm his Son."*) and you're not believing that, you're not believing John's testimony, well, how are you going to believe if I tell you heavenly things?

What does he mean, "heavenly things"? Three levels of understanding: Heavens, Earth, and Sea. You can take that first and say, "Well, heavenly things." He's going to tell him about the Bible and stuff. No. Heavenly things equal God's understanding. Look at the very next verse.

Jhn 3:13 No man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, which is in heaven (right now present tense).

What does he mean by "*no man's ascended to heaven*"? I mean, everybody points to that and says, "Well, what about Elijah" What about Enoch?" That isn't what he's talking about. No man has ascended up into God's understanding. You can't do that on your own. Remember, 1 Corinthians 1:21, *God in his wisdom decided that man, in their wisdom, would not know him. They are going to be taught by the foolishness of preaching.* You can't know God that way on your own. Someone's going to have to tell you.

Now Jesus said, "*No man has ascended up into heaven except he that came down.*" He knew who he was; he knew he was the only begotten Son of God born in eternity past. God spoke and said, "*You're my Son, this day have I begotten you.*" That means he's Messiah. The scriptures are full of Messiah being born in eternity past. He knew where he was from. "*No man has ascended up to the heavens except he that came down.*" What do you mean? *No man has ascended up to God's understanding, except the guy who's come down from the heavens, even the Son of Man, who is in the heavens.*

As he was speaking and teaching, he was relaying to people God's understanding, and God's understanding was spiritual, and that is why he said, "*You guys are discerning the sky, but you're not understanding the heavens to see the signs and times.*" See, the heavenly understanding of God, where he put the sun, the moon, and the stars in place would have given people, and today, will give you the understanding of where you are in time... your understanding of the Son of God (the sun), the moon (the Bible), and the stars... what is generated from the sun and the moon.

Those truths will give you your signs and times as you understand the message of why Christ died, who he is, and "why did he die?" Then you will begin to understand the apostasy that happened in the first century. It lasts until the end of the world. Then Jesus

makes the statement in Matthew 24:14, "*This gospel will go to all the world for a witness.*" You will realize in your lifetime that this has never happened. You will begin to see where we are in time as you understand the sun, the moon, and the stars. But let's get back to John 3, reading from verse 14.

Jhn 3:14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (Num 21:8-9), even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

In Numbers 21, Moses lifts up the serpent on a brass pole. Jesus has just said that was a similitude of himself, the serpent on the pole (Num 21:8-9).

Jhn 3:15 That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Jhn 3:16 For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jhn 3:17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through the Son of God might be saved.

What good does it do if a serpent on the pole is a picture of Jesus on the cross? How does that even compute? Because Paul said, 2 Corinthians 5:21, "*He was made to be sin. He who knew no sin was made to be sin.*" Again, how do you do that to somebody who's never sinned? How are you going to make him to be sin? He was the similitude, in the similitude of sinful flesh (Rom 8:3). What do you mean?

The man had no guilt, yet he had a crown of thorns, a symbol of guilt. The man had forgiven everybody, yet he had stripes on his back, a symbol of the stripes we have received from others, and can't forgive. The man was clothed in the righteousness of God, yet on the pole, as the serpent, he was naked. The man is the definition of light, yet on the pole, the land was dark. He was picturing all of humanity, so that we could see him and get a picture of what we look like on the inside. Guilt, bitterness, and anger toward people... nakedness and darkness.

By doing that, he didn't come into the world to condemn us. He came into the world so that the serpent could be lifted up. What's the serpent? Well, I can take you back to Genesis and show you the serpent is the author of iniquity; hence, on the pole, on the cross, you are seeing the result of iniquity. Iniquity is the thought you have before you

sin. This is huge. I mean, this is important, but I don't want to lose sight of the heavens, the earth, and the sea.

If we can take God's understanding, and for Jesus to say, *"Well, no one has ascended up to God's understanding, but he that came down from the heavens, and I'm in the heavens now,"* he was dwelling in God's understanding, and he begins to speak spiritual truth... the serpent on the pole. He's giving you spiritual truth. There is nothing literal about that. The serpent on the pole is a spiritual, an outward picture of our inward truth, just like Jesus was (on the cross).

Well, there's something I want to show you, and this is in Revelation chapter 13. I want to start reading at verse 1, and remember we're looking at the heavens, earth, and sea.

Rev 13:1 I stood upon the sand of the what? The sea. (This is the way the world thinks.) I saw a beast rise up (out of the way the world thinks). Seven heads, ten horns, on his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

We will get into this. In fact, if you want to go over and look at the Revelation studies, there are studies on the podcast (at podbean.com-DTGm Revelation Studies). Verse 2,

Rev 13:2 The beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet of a bear, mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave him his ability and his throne.

The word "seat" is a "throne." It's in great authority. Now here's what we want to get to.

Rev 13:3 I saw one of his heads wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

What makes this significant is verse 8.

Rev 13:8 All that dwell upon the earth worship him...

The whole world is going to follow this beast, this beast head, and I can show you this is Catholicism. Catholicism came up out of the sea- the way the world thinks, and it was wounded with a sword by the Protestant Reformation. But all the world wonders after it,

and all that dwell on the earth. See, that fits exactly what Jesus said. *"No man has ascended up into the heavens, except he that came down, I'm in the heavens."* Well, the whole world wonders after Catholicism.

You don't think I'm right, do you? You want to think about that? Look at what they teach. Look at their doctrines. Every church teaches a form or a part of Catholicism, the Trinity being a big one, but there are a lot of things they teach that you'll find in other churches, all of them. The main one is that Jesus died to pay your sin debt. Did he? *He died to set you free from iniquity* (Tit 2:14). There's not a verse in the Bible that says he paid your sin debt. The whole world is wondering after the way the world thinks. Those who dwell "on the earth" will worship him.

Now, let's go back to Revelation 13 and skip down to verse 11.

Rev 13:11 I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth...

Skip down to verse 14.

Rev 13:14 And he deceives them that dwell on the earth by those signs which he did in the sight of the beast.

Now I'm not getting into all the prophecy. I'm just trying to make the point. Those who dwell on the earth will be deceived by these two beasts. One beast comes up out of the sea, the other beast comes up out of the earth. Everybody who dwells on the earth will be deceived. Do you think he means everybody on the planet? He means everybody who dwells on the "earth." Look at Revelation 12:12.

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice you heavens, and you that dwell in them, like Jesus. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows he has but a short time.

There are all your components, the heavens. the earth, the sea, and the devil. The heavens rejoice if you're in God's understanding. *Woe be to you if you're on the earth and sea. The author of iniquity has come to you, having great wrath.*

"Lord, haven't we done many wonderful things? We've followed you. We've done everything you want us to do." And he says, *"Well, depart from me, you workers of iniquity"* (Mat 7:21-23). Understand this concept. If you don't get anything else, get this. We are not trying to make God happy so he'll forgive us and let us go to heaven! We are trying to believe the truth... understanding the truth of what happened on the cross. The natural effect it will have on you is to give you the ability to put away all iniquity. The truth sets you free from iniquity, and you work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Php 2:12).

You do not simply pray a prayer and now you're saved... Never in the Bible one time! Thank you, Billy Sunday and Billy Graham, for that. Millions of people headed to destruction believing that lie. Consider it with me. Why in the world do you work out your own salvation when all you have to do is pray a prayer? It's silly. You turn to the Lord for the remission of sin. What's remission? Forgiveness? No. It stops. I want sin to stop in my life. The remission of sin (Act 2:38). You got cancer? Do you want to be forgiven because you have it, or do you want it to be in remission? You want it to be in remission. The cross will bring your cancer, your disease, your iniquity, your sin into remission. Repent.

Repent, seek the Lord for remission of sin, and what is he going to do? He's going to give you the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is what? The explanation of the cross... what happened on the cross, because that is a depiction of how God thinks. What do you mean? That is heavenly truth. You enter into the understanding of the cross, and you are in the heavens. Who else is there? The Son of God. Now *nobody has ascended up to that understanding, except the guy who came down from the heavens, who is in the heavens.*

By our own wisdom, we will never get there. Someone has to tell us. *"Eye hasn't seen, ear hasn't heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him. But he has revealed these things to us through his Spirit"* (1Co 2:9-10).

I'm simply a servant of the Lord. I'm telling you the truth, and I know that it's going to cause a great storm of reaction when the world hears the truth, and people begin to wake up. That is referred to in Matthew 24 as the great tribulation. That tribulation will happen to the people speaking the truth, coming from those who are rejecting it. Those

who are rejecting it are dwelling on the earth and sea, and they are deceived by the beast that comes from the sea and the beast that comes up out of the earth.

God's giving us answers, but we need to humble ourselves and turn to Him. Let Him have His way with you. Receive the kingdom of God as a child, and put away the foolishness. Realize the kingdom of God is spiritual. It is within you. It is in your mind. It's in your understanding, if you've heard the truth and believed it.

I pray God give us understanding, that we have the courage to enter into the heavens. Don't be afraid of heights, enter into the heavens. Turn away from those who speak speaking literalism and keep you bound to the ground, to the earth, or chained to the earth and in the sea. Wake up and be alive unto God in Jesus Christ.