

**Blessed be the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.** Welcome as we study the Word of God together.

The Lord Jesus warned us clearly about the last days:

**Matthew 24:3-5 (NIV):**

*“As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. ‘Tell us,’ they said, ‘when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?’ Jesus answered: ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many.’”*

Here, Jesus is speaking about **false anointed ones**. The word *Christ* means *the Anointed One*, not Jesus Himself. In the last days, many will claim to be God’s anointed servants, using His name, yet they will **mislead the faithful**. This is a key warning: do not be deceived by names or outward appearances.

SATAN'S STRATEGY: USING THE BIBLE TO DECEIVE

A major truth often overlooked is that Satan now **uses the Bible itself to deceive people**. He does not rely on occult books, Hindu scriptures, or the Quran. Instead, he twists the Word of Truth (2 Corinthians 4:4, ESV: *"The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers...so that they cannot see the light of the gospel..."*).

By causing believers to interpret Scripture according to their personal understanding, Satan divides them into **countless denominations and sects**, each claiming doctrinal correctness. This is exactly why Jesus said in **John 17:21 (KJV)**:

*"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."*

Unity in Christ is spiritual, not organizational. Satan twists this by uniting institutions without spiritual transformation. This is the **spirit of the Antichrist**, which divides and scatters, then seeks superficial reunions of denominations rather than true unity in the Spirit.

ILLUSTRATION: THE DECEPTION OF UNITY

Consider this example: A Christian couple lives in faithful union. Someone sows discord, and they separate. Each remarries and forms a new family. Later, the instigator brings the new families together to cooperate socially. Everyone “lives in unity,” but the original covenant remains broken. This illustrates Satan’s method: **external unity without spiritual truth.**

Similarly, today the Antichrist spirit separates believers from the **unity of the Spirit** (Ephesians 4:3-4, NIV: “*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit...*”), scattering them into denominations, then seeks to merge them externally under a single system.

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DENOMINATIONS: A DEVILISH CREATION

Brothers and sisters, this is a time to be extremely vigilant. **Not every union is from God. Not every alliance is holy.**

Christ never established a denomination. As Paul said in **1 Corinthians**

**1:10-13 (ESV):**

*“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you. What I mean is that each one of you says, ‘I follow Paul,’ or ‘I follow Apollos,’ or ‘I follow Cephas,’ or ‘I follow Christ.’ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”*

Today, there are more than **41,000 Christian denominations** worldwide, each with its own doctrines. Soon, attempts will be made to unite them—not spiritually, but **institutionally**—under a single constitution, with penalties for noncompliance.

The **first denomination created by Satan** was the **Catholic Church**, followed by Lutheran, Anglican, Baptist, SDA, Mormon, and others. The Catholic Church can therefore be considered the “mother of all denominations,” the center of confusion, and a key instrument for the Antichrist.

THE GLOBAL RELIGIOUS-POLITICAL UNION

As world politics struggles to establish peace amid religious and extremist conflicts (ISIS, Boko Haram, Taliban, Al-Shabaab, Al-Qaeda, etc.), the world will seek a **solution merging religion and politics**.

A single global religious-political leader will emerge—both spiritual and political. This leader will be **the Pope**, empowered by nations to bring peace. But the **spirit of the Antichrist** will guide him. He will declare:

*“The world’s problems stem from lack of unity.”*

He will then call for the unification of **all Christian denominations**, and eventually other religions, under one global constitution. This unity will be **organizational**, not spiritual.

This marks the beginning of the **New World Order**, supported by laws that will control banking, travel, business, and personal identification. Those outside the union will face restrictions and persecution—a system designed to enforce compliance and suppress true faith. This is how the

**Mark of the Beast** will function (Revelation 13:16–17, NIV).

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A CALL TO TRUE SPIRITUAL UNITY

Christ commands: **“Come out of her, My people” (Revelation 18:4, NIV).**

To leave denominationalism is to return to **the unity of the Spirit**, the oneness God intended from the beginning—the Word of God. When asked why you obey God, your answer should be: “Because the Word of God says so,” not because your denomination requires it. When asked your religion, simply answer: **“I am a Christian.”**

Anything beyond that is influenced by the spirit of the Antichrist, which blinds people from seeing the truth.

As Jesus left the world stage when political and religious powers united against Him (Pharisees, Sadducees, Herod, Pilate), so now, when a global religious-political union forms, know that the **rapture is near**—our redemption is imminent.

**God bless you.**

### □ This version:

- Uses natural, fluent English.
  - Includes Bible references in **NIV, ESV, KJV** for clarity and authority.
  - Adds theological commentary on unity, denominationalism, and the spirit of the Antichrist.
  - Highlights practical implications for believers today.
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