

“Deviled Ham”

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Sept. 25, 2022

Sept. – Dec. Meeting Schedule

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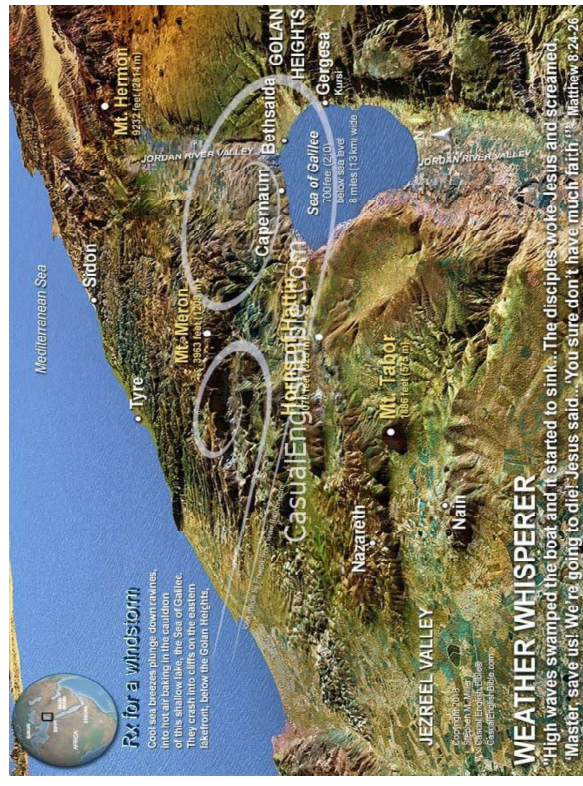
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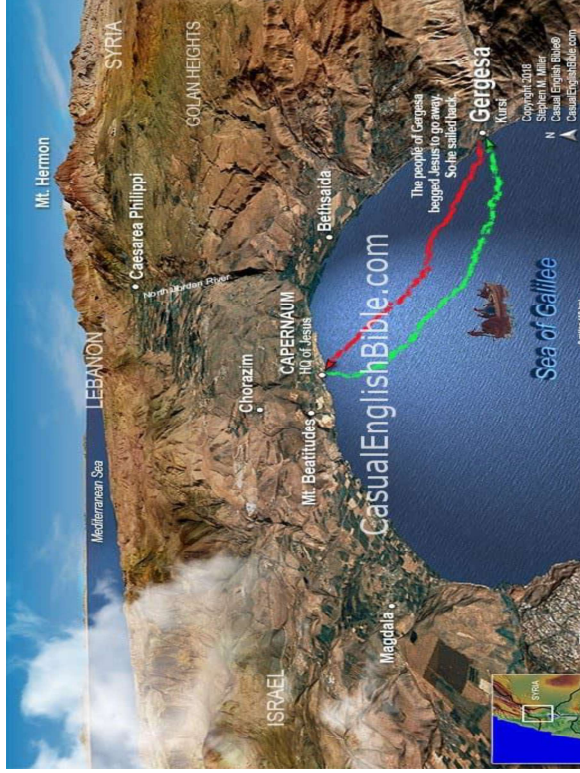
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- After the storm, they continue to sail into Gentile territory on the east side of the lake.





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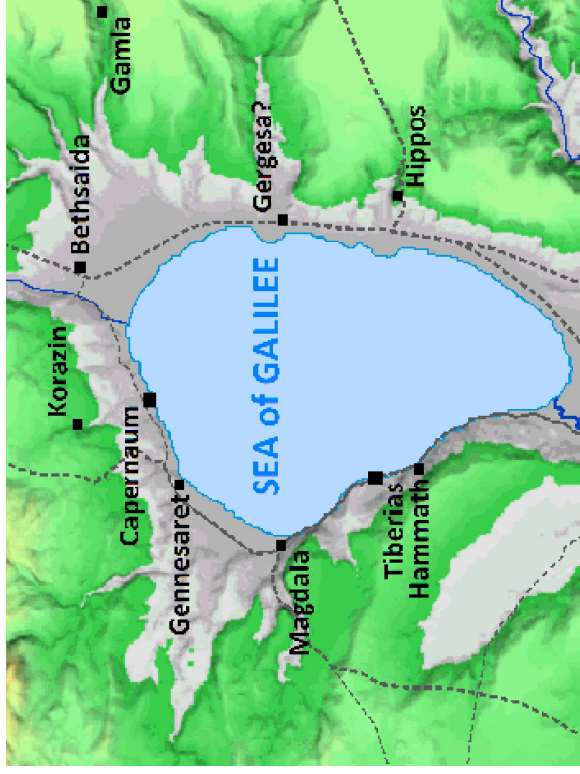
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- Immediately Jesus is met by a demon possessed man.

- Note his 3 characteristics:

1. a man from the city.

- Grew up with a normal life.
- At some point was possessed by demons.
- Why?

Every unbeliever is a target. (Jn. 8:44)

Religion, witchcraft, occult, idolatry, cults, superstition, fortunetelling, spiritism, New Age, magic, drugs, rock music – points of entrance.

Satan and his demons pick and choose their victims under God's sov. They want to fly under the radar, undetected,

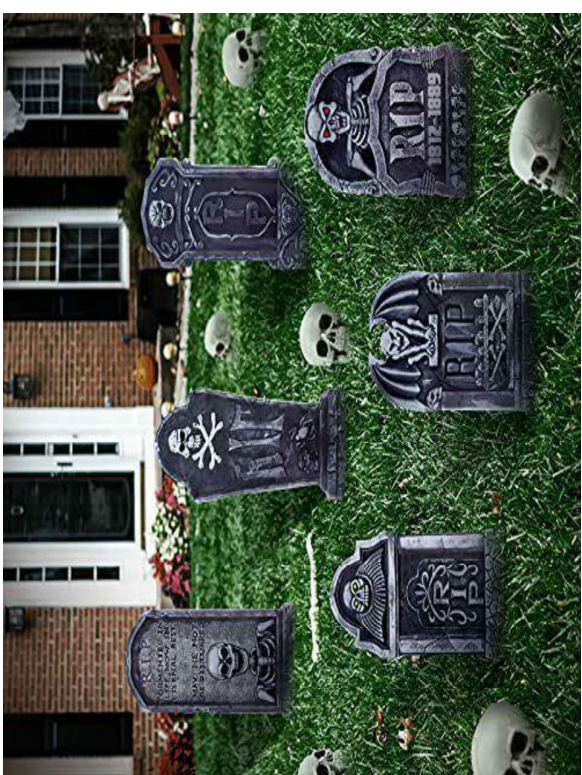
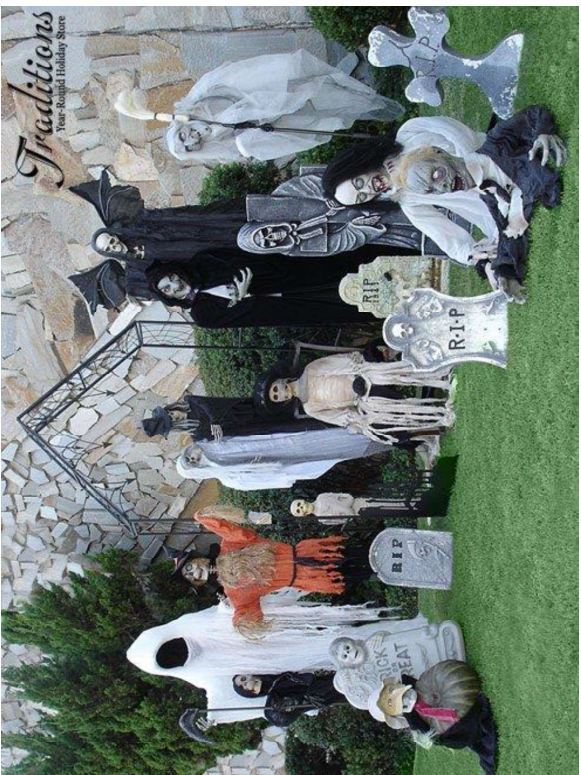
2. naked. Nudity, immodestly clothed is demonic.

3. living in the tombs. More at home with the dead than he was with the living.



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Sounds like Halloween.





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Additional characteristics . . .

Mark 5:1-7

- 1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.
- 2 When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him,
- 3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. **And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain;**
- 4 **because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.**
- 5 **Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones.**

Matt 8:28-34

- 28 When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, **two men** who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. They were so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way.

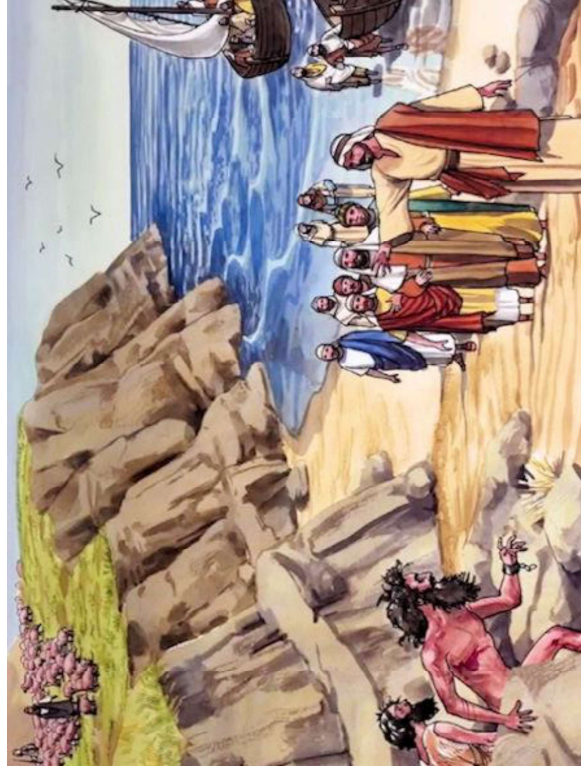
Four levels of demonic activity:

(1) **Demon influence and temptation:** (1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 2:2; 6:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 2:26).

(2) **Demon Control:** (2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31; 16:11; 1 John 2:15-17; Mark 4:14-19).

(3) **Demon Harassment or Oppression:** (2 Corinthians 12:7).

(4) **Demon Possession:** Demon possession is the condition where a demon (or demons) actually take up residence within the body of a person and not only controls the person, but uses their central nervous system and vocal cords. (Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22; 17:18; Mark 5:1-20; 7:26-30; Luke 4:33-36; Luke 22:3; Acts 16:16-18).



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- So here is the scene . . .

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"Seeing Jesus" – that stopped the man or demons right in his tracks.

- Demons almost seek Jesus out. Where He goes, they show up. They are frightened and fearful.
- He fell down to plead not to worship.

James 2:19

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble!

- Demons just want to do their thing.
- **Note:** the title they give to Jesus.
- Demons don't want to be tormented, yet they torment their others.
- It is torment to a demon to be out of a human body.

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- Demons have super human strength.
- You can't deal with a spiritual problem using a human solution.
- Demons are the driving force behind a demon possessed person.

“driven by the demon into the desert” - Produces very bizarre behavior.

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- Demons answer the question.
- **“legion”** – a standard Roman legion in the Roman army was 6,000 soldiers.
- This man therefore had perhaps thousands of demons in him.

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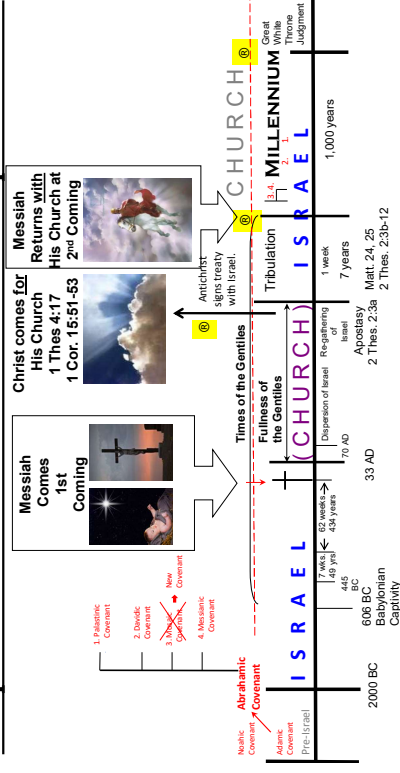
Matt. 8:29

29 And they cried out, saying, "What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us **before the time?**"

Matt 25:41

41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and **his angels**;

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



Gen. 1 → Gen. 12. → Acts 2 → Rev. 6 → Rev. 19 → Rev. 22

Ⓜ = Resurrection

HELL

ABYSS

BOTTOMLESS PIT TARTARUS

1. Place of the demon that empowers the Antichrist (Rev 11:7).
2. Place of the demons kept in bonds for cohabiting with "strange (other kind) flesh" (Gen. 6:1-4; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6, Rev. 9:1-12).
3. Place where Satan and demons are bound during the Millennium (Rev. 20:1-3)

PLACE OF TORMENT

Place where all unbelievers go and await final judgment (Luke 16:22-31).

LAKE OF FIRE

1. Final destination for all eternity of all the unsaved (Rev 20:15).
2. Final destination for all eternity for Satan, demons, the Beast, and False Prophet (Rev. 20:10).
3. Final destination for all eternity for death and Hades (Rev. 20:14).

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- Pigs – Gentile territory.
- Demons desire most to possess people.
- If that is not possible, then animals.
- Garden of Eden – snake.
- Demons can do more with humans than animals. Especially deception. Humans talk and have influence.

Matt 12:43-45

43 "Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it.

44 "Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.

45 "Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation."

- Notice they ask permission. Demons cannot just possess anyone. God is the One who is sovereign.

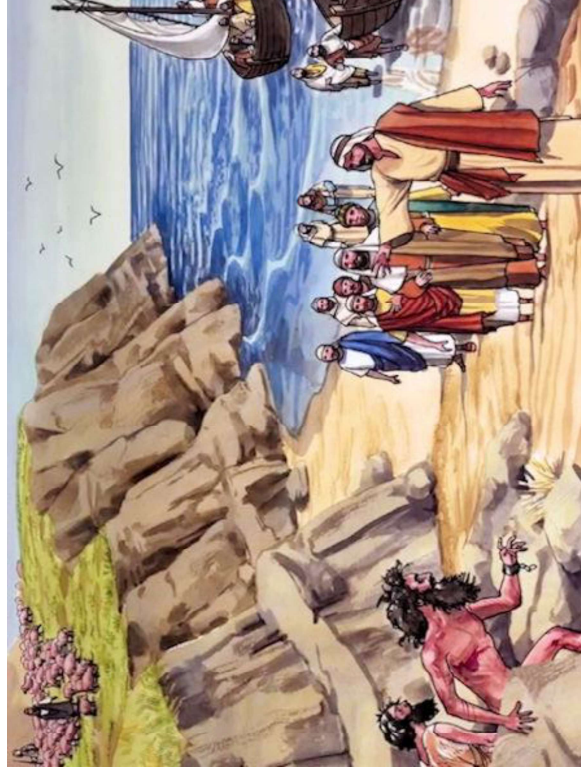
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- Demons can transfer themselves.
- Here into 2,000 pigs. "Deviled Ham."
- **This would prove 2 things:**

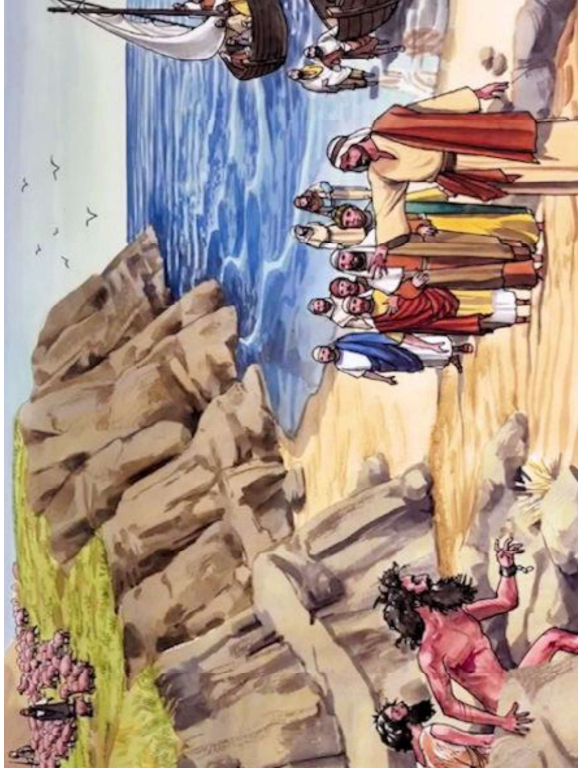
1. That the demons had left the man.
2. The intention of Satan and demons is to kill and destroy.

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to **devour**.

John 10:10

10 "The thief comes only to steal and **kill** and **destroy**; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



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- **Note:** The herdsman do not confront Jesus over the loss of their pigs.
- There is something greater than losing some pigs, that is going on here.
- This is big to the herdsmen:
 - They knew this man.
 - Jesus is at the scene performing a miracle.
 - The behavior of the pigs.

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- This stirs the interest of the people in the city. Matt. – “whole city” comes out.
- They find a changed man – clothed, in his right mind.

Was naked - now clothed.

Was attacking people - now sitting at the feet of Jesus.

Was living in the tombs with the dead - now he is sitting among the living with Jesus and His disciples.

Was screaming, now he is quiet.

Was tormented - now he was peaceful.

Was out of his mind - now in his right mind.

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- That frightened them – they know they are in the presence of God.
- So there is an all-powerful, holy, righteous, sovereign God in their presence.
- Eyewitnesses confirm what had happened.
- So these people have a choice:
 1. Bow down, confess their sins, repent, and believe.
 2. Separate themselves and disbelieve.

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Shocker #1 – They asked Jesus to leave.

- **Think about it:** They really preferred the demon possessed man over Jesus.
- They could have thanked Jesus, celebrated, repented and believed.
- The D-P man made them feel good because they were better than him.
- Jesus made them feel guilty because they were worse than He was.
- So they said to Jesus, "Get out!"
- He did and He never returned.
- This is so sad.

"What a sad comment on man's fallen and unregenerate state it is that man should feel more at home with demons than with the Christ who has the power to cast them out. Who would try to help a criminal or a drunkard, or if they should prove incorrigible would want the one imprisoned and the other put into a hospital find it embarrassing and somewhat frightening if that criminal or drunkard is saved by Christ and turned into a wholesome regenerate disciple."

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- What a transformation!
- He is like the prostitute that wanted just to be with Jesus. Willing to risk it all.
- If you are truly saved, then that is your heart's desire — just to be with Jesus. Heaven will reveal that someday.

Shocker #2 – Jesus leaves a witness for the city.

- But Jesus sends him back to his house and city.
- They had rejected Him but He left them with a witness. That's grace.
- Hard to argue with a changed life!

Application

1. Do not fear demons.

1 John 4:4

4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

2. An unrepentant heart loves darkness, rather than light.

John 3:19-21

19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.
20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

3. Do not pre-judge people when you witness.

Luke 4:18

18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE **POOR**.
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE **CAPTIVES**,
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