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## **“The Vortex” (2)**

*“The LORD said to Satan, ‘From where have you come?’ Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.’” (Job 1:7)*

### **Aggressive Assimilation Antics**

**Daniel 3:1-6** – (1) “King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. (2) Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. (3) Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. (4) And the herald proclaimed aloud, ‘You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, (5) that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. (6) And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.’”

**Revelation 13:16-18** – (16) “Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, (17) so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. (18) This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.”

### **Foolish & Wise Responses to the Assimilation Process**

**2 Kings 5:25-27** – (25) “He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, ‘Where have you been, Gehazi?’ And he said, ‘Your servant went nowhere.’ (26) But he said to him, ‘Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? (27) Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.’ So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.”

**Job 31:7, 24-28** – (7) “If my step has turned aside from the way and my heart has gone after my eyes, and if any spot has stuck to my hands... (24) If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence, (25) if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much, (26) if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor, (27) and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand, (28) this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above.”

**Key Point:** “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

**Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I recognize the assimilating tactic of the world system?

(Gen. 10:8-10, 11:3-4; John 15:19; Rev. 13:12, 16-17)

Am I pursuing the world as Gehazi did, or do I have the perspective of Job in regards to this world?