

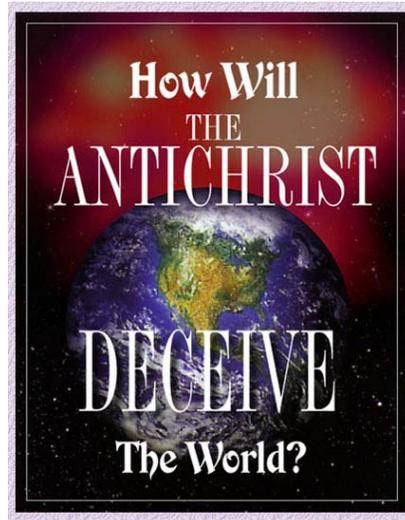
#943 Deceiving the Elect – The meaning of *if it were possible*

Let's explain why the Lord uses the language of *if it were possible* concerning the deceiving of the elect.

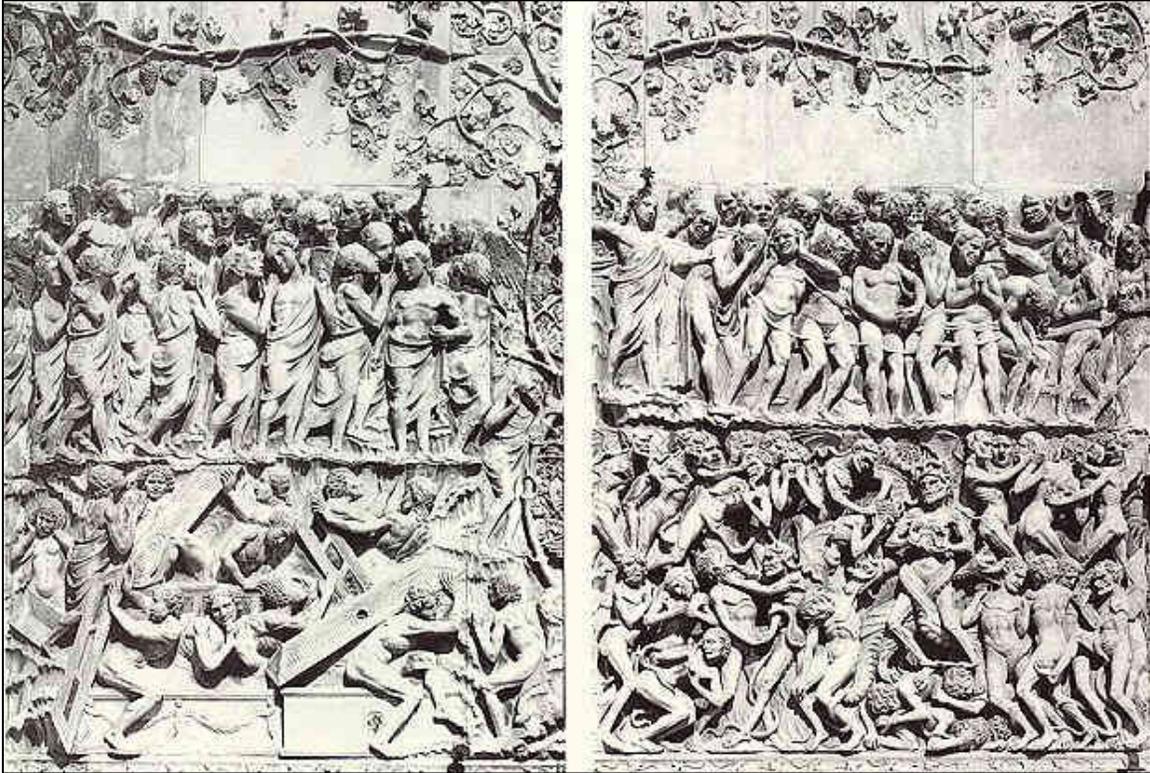
Matthew 24:24 (KJV) FOR THERE SHALL ARISE FALSE CHRISTS, and false prophets, AND SHALL SHEW GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS; insomuch that, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THEY SHALL DECEIVE THE VERY ELECT.

Matthew 24:24 (NIV) FOR FALSE CHRISTS and false prophets WILL APPEAR AND PERFORM GREAT SIGNS AND MIRACLES TO DECEIVE EVEN THE ELECT – IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE.

Key Understanding: *If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.* The Lord uses the terminology of *the elect being deceived – if it were possible* to indicate that (i) *it is not possible* for false Christs and their doctrines – such as Winston Churchill and his doctrines – to deceive a body of those who are the very, or true, elect of God, but that (ii) *it is possible* for false Christs and their doctrines – such as Winston Churchill and his doctrines – to deceive a large body of those who are certain in their own hearts they are the very elect of God, but who are not. Essentially, a misstatement applies to them – that they comprise “*the elect* who are deceived.” It is a misstatement because the fact that they *are* deceived indicates that they might not be *the elect*, and instead might be considered on the bubble, since the Lord says *if it were possible*, indicating that it is not possible. The words “*if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*” are worded in such a way as to give the hint that a large number who think they are *the elect*, are not.



2 Peter 1:10 (KJV) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:



“The Elect And The Damned” from “Last Judgment”, by Lorenzo Maitani, 1310-1330

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