

# A Demon's Tale

Matthew 12:43-45



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## Introduction



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## Act 1 - Habitation (pre-43)



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**Act 2 - Homelessness (43)**

***When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.***



**Act 3 - Homecoming (44-45)**

***Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'***

***And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.***

***Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there,***



**Postlude (45)**

***and the last state of that person is worse than the first.***



**Application (45)**

***So also will it be with this evil generation.***



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**Participation**

The **Jewish nation** as represented by its leaders

The **Christian Church** through Church history

Individual professing **Christians**

Those who go back to the world

Those who are uninhabited by the Spirit and thus represent a grace-less religiosity



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