THE SON OF PERDITION

II THESSALONIANS 2:1

1 ¶ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

II THESSALONIANS 2:2

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

II THESSALONIANS 2:3

3 ¶ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of *PERDITION;

PERDITION: apoleia {ap-o'-li-a} Destruction, waste, pernicious, destroying, utter destruction

II THESSALONIANS 2:4

4 Who **opposeth** and **exalteth** himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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Sitteth in the temple of God. "He will reign a time, times, and half a time" (Da 7:25), that is, three and a half years, and will sit in the temple at Jerusalem: then the Lord shall come from heaven and cast him into the Lake of fire and shall bring to the saints the times of their reigning, the seventh day of hallowed rest, and give to Abraham the promised inheritance" [IRENÆUS, Against Heresies, 30.4].

II THESSALONIANS 2:5

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

II THESSALONIANS 2:6

6 And now ye know **what withholdeth** that he might be revealed in his time.

II THESSALONIANS 2:7

7 For the **mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

That is, if Christ is the MYSTERY OF GODLINESS, Antichrist must be the "MYSTERY OF INIQUITY, " and as Christ was the SON OF GOD, then Antichrist must be the SON OF PERDITION, that is of SATAN.

In **John 8:44** Jesus said to the Jews, Ye are of your father THE DEVIL..... When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of IT.

In the Greek; it should read THE LIE, so when the Devil speaks of THE LIE, he is speaking of his own (child), for he is a liar, and the FATHER OF "IT," "THE LIE."

And it is worthy of note that in the verse (vs. 11) that follows the passage we are considering that the Apostle says; "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie. Here again the definite article is found in the Greek, and it should read; THE LIE.

How fitting were the characteristics of this last age to represent the age in which we now live. For example, they worshipped one god, Zeus, who was the chief and father of the gods. This forecast the twentieth century 'one God, father-of-us-all' religious premise that sets forth the brotherhood of man, and is even now bringing together the Protestants,

Catholics, Jews, Hindus, etc. with the intent that a mutual form of worship will increase our love, understanding, and care of each other. The Catholics and Protestants are even now striving for, and actually gaining ground in this union with the avowed intent that all others will follow..........

363-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.9 Now I said a moment ago that the false vine came into full fruition in this age. Her fruit would mature and ripen. That is correct. This evil-spirited church, full of iniquity, will be revealed as the mustard seed that grew into a tree wherein lodged the fouls of the air. At her head will be the antichrist, the mystery of iniquity. All this is true. And if this is true, then it must also be true that the Bride Church will mature, and her ripeness shall be an identification with her Lord by means of the Word, and her Head Who will come to her is the Mystery of Godliness, Which indeed is Christ. And as the false church with all cunning and diabolical power made up of political force, physical force and demons of darkness come against this true vine, the true vine with the fullness of the Spirit and the Word will do the very acts of power that Jesus did. Then as she nears her Headstone, becoming like Him through the Word, Jesus will come that the bride and Groom may be forever united as one.

Already the visible manifestations of what I have been telling you are seen all around us. The ecumenical move of the tares is factual. But also it is a fact that the prophet for the last age must be bringing forth a message from God that will forerun the second coming of the Lord, for by his message will the hearts of the children be turned back to the Pentecostal fathers, and with the restoration of the Word will come the restoration of the power.

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Harvest time. Yes, harvest time. The two vines that grew together and intertwined their branches are now to be

separated. The fruits of those vines which were at such variance will be gathered into separate garners. **The two spirits will go to their separate destinations**. Now it is time to heed the final call that comes only to the Wheat Bride, 'Come out of her My people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye (wheat) receive not her (tares) plagues (the great tribulation of the sixth seal and Matthew 24).

II THESSALONIANS 2:7

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he** who now letteth will let, until **he** be taken out of the way.

II THESSALONIANS 2:8

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

The two words, epiphany and parousia, which are elsewhere used separately to denote the coming of Christ, are here used.

ANTICHRIST IS NOT A "RIVAL" CHRIST, <u>HE IS AN</u> "OPPOSING" CHRIST.

CHRIST CAME FROM ABOVE.

JOHN 6:38

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

ANTICHRIST ASCENDS FROM THE PIT.

REVELATION 11:7

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

CHRIST CAME IN HIS FATHER'S NAME.

JOHN 5:43

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

ANTICHRIST COMES IN HIS OWN NAME.

JOHN 5:43

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

CHRIST HUMBLED HIMSELF.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

ANTICHRIST EXALTS HIMSELF

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CHRIST DESPISED

ISAIAH 53:3

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

ANTICHRIST ADMIRED

REVELATION 13:3

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

REVELATION 13:4

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

CHRIST EXALTED

PHILIPPIANS 2:9

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

ANTICHRIST CAST DOWN TO HELL

ISAIAH 14:15

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

REVELATION 19:20

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

CHRIST CAME TO SAVE

LUKE 19:10

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

ANTICHRIST COMES TO DESTROY

DANIEL 8:24

24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

CHRIST IS THE "HOLY ONE."

ACTS 2:27

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

ANTICHRIST IS THE "LAWLESS ONE."

II THESSALONIANS 2:8

8 And then shall that ***WICKED** be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

WICKED: anomos {an'-om-os} without law, lawless, a violator of the law,

CHRIST IS THE "MAN OF SORROWS."

ISAIAH 53:3

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

ANTICHRIST IS THE "MAN OF SIN."

II THESSALONIANS 2:3

3 ¶ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

CHRIST IS THE "SON OF GOD."

LUKE 1:35

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

ANTICHRIST IS THE "SON OF PERDITION."

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CHRIST, "THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS, " IS GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

I TIMOTHY 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

ANTICHRIST, THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY, WILL BE SATAN MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

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II THESSALONIANS 2:9

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

II THESSALONIANS 2:10

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

II THESSALONIANS 2:11

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

II THESSALONIANS 2:12

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

LUKE 21:20

20 ¶ And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

LUKE 21:21

21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

LUKE 21:22

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

LUKE 21:23

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

LUKE 21:24

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.