

AFTER THE FALLING AWAY

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.

I TIMOTHY 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Some shall depart from the faith. The Greek word here aposthsontai, is that from which we have derived the word apostate, and would be properly so rendered here. The meaning is, that they would apostatize from the belief of the truths of the gospel.

From the parallel passage in 2Th 2:3, it would seem that this was to be an extensive apostasy.

Giving heed to seducing spirits. Seducing (planois) Primarily, wandering, roving. Ho planos "a vagabond," hence, "deceiver or seducer. " Planoon, "the deceiver," used of Satan, Rev 12:9; 20:10;

And doctrines of devils. "Teachings of demons" literally "teachings of (that is suggested by) demons. "

II TIMOTHY 2:16

16 But *SHUN profane and *VAIN babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

SHUN: periistemi {per-ee-is'-tay-mee}
Avoid, to turn one's self about for the purpose of avoiding something, hence, to avoid, shun

VAIN: kenophonia {ken-of-o-nee'-ah}
empty discussion, discussion of vain and useless matters

The Greek word itself refers either to a thing or a person that has no relationship or connection with God whatsoever. The verb form (that is, "to profane") refers to the act of taking something that is dedicated to God and making it unacceptable to God. Godless chatter.

The medical image is striking. Participating with those" who engage in such profane speculations will only, literally, "give their words a feeding place like gangrene. "

II TIMOTHY 2:17

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

will eat, literally, "will have pasture. " The consuming progress of mortification is the image. They pretend to give rich spiritual pasture to their disciples: the only pasture is that of a spiritual cancer feeding on them.

And their word will eat as doth a canker,...Or "gangrene", which gnaws and feeds upon the flesh, inflames and mortifies as it goes, and spreads swiftly, and endangers the whole body; and is therefore to be speedily taken notice of, and stopped.

The "gangrene" is a disease in the flesh of the part which it corrupts, consumes, and turns black, spreading and seizing itself of the adjoining parts, and is rarely cured without amputation. By the microscope,

a gangrene has been discovered to contain an infinite number of little worms engendered in the morbid flesh; and which continually producing new broods, they swarm, and overrun the adjacent parts:

if the gangrene proceed to an utter mortification, and be seated in any of the limbs, or extreme parts, recourse must be had to the operation of amputation"

And so the errors and heresies of false teachers worm and spread, and feed upon the souls of men, and eat up the vitals of religion, or what seemed to be such, and even destroy the very form of godliness;

and bring destruction and death, wherever they come; and when they get into Christian churches, threaten the ruin of them; and therefore are to be opposed in time, and those infected with them to be cut off.

II TIMOTHY 2:17

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

II TIMOTHY 2:18

18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

THE. SEVENTIETH. WEEK. OF. DANIEL_ JEFF. IN DA 89-141 SUNDAY_ 61-0806
188 Paul said there cannot be an end time; there cannot be a time till the falling away from the real Pentecostal faith. The Pentecostal faith will be done away with and the dignitaries will be set in.

They'll have a man that'll take the place of God, set in the temple of God and oppose himself above all the people like that, and it. . . See what is it? "Nicko," "overcoming the laity. " See? All that's called God--he'll set in this temple of God, like God.

Paul said, there'd be a falling away first in the last days. And here we are right here now, and see that falling away, and see the church getting further and further away from it and going right back again, and we're at the end time. All right.

THE. TESTIMONY. OF. A. TRUE. WITNESS_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-6 SUNDAY_ 61-1105
225 His Word testifies in the last days that there will come a falling away, and there would come up a cold, formal, powerless church age. " That's what we're living in.

A church that had no power, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away. " He give the sign that there'd be times when a man would set in the temple of God, showing himself he was God. He'd come, ruling the nations.

IS. YOUR. LIFE. WORTHY. OF. THE. GOSPEL_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-5 SUNDAY_ 63-0630E
71 "One of the great ambitions," somebody give me the paper just now, this new pope has said, "is to unite the churches together. " They'll do it just as certain as I'm standing here. And the Protestants fall for it.

See? Because, the church. . . The Bible said, Paul, the prophet of the Lord, said, "That day will not come except there come a falling away, first, and then the. . . before the man of sin will be revealed. He that setteth in the temple of God, upholding himself, all that's above God;

he, as God," forgiving sins on the earth, and so forth. How that this thing happened! But it couldn't happen until the falling away, until the church begin to get away from the spiritual feast, draw itself back and organize itself. And then the revelation didn't stay with the church.

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"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the CHURCHES. " So this is the message to the church of the last age. This is the condition of the Laodicean church as its end nears.

It is not a personal message to one person; it is the Spirit telling us where Jesus is. CHRIST HAS LEFT THE CHURCH.

Is this not the logical result or end if the Word is put aside for creed, the Holy Spirit deposed for popes, bishops, presidents, counselors, etc. ,

and the Saviour set aside for a works program, or church joining, or some type of conformity to a church system? What more can be done against Him? This is the apostasy! This is the falling away!

This is the open door to antichrist, for if One came in His Father's Name (Jesus) and was not received, but rejected, then there will come another with his own name (liar, a pretender) and him they will receive, John 5:43. The man of sin, that son of perdition will take over.

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 {par-oo-see'-ah}, which are elsewhere used separately to denote the coming of Christ, are here used.

ANTICHRIST IS NOT A "RIVAL" CHRIST, HE IS AN "OPPOSING" CHRIST.

THIS IS CLEARLY SEEN WHEN WE COMPARE HIM WITH CHRIST IN A SERIES OF CONTRASTS.

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.

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CHRIST HUMBLLED 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

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.

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. "

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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.