

~~STUDY~~

—THE CLOSE OF THE PRESENT AGE—

WITHIN THIS PRESENT AGE - BETWEEN
THE TWO ADVENTS OF CHRIST - GOD IS
BRINGING TO FULFILLMENT - ~~in~~
TWO
DISTINCT PROGRAMS:

ONE - IS THAT PROGRAM WITH THE
CHURCH - WHICH WILL BE
COMPLETED - AT THE RAPTURE
- THE TAKING AWAY OF THE
SAVED - BORN AGAIN CHURCH
[1THESS 4:16-17] AND
"FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND
FROM HEAVEN WITH A LOUD CRY OF
SUMMONS - WITH THE SHOUT OF AN
ARCHANGEL - AND WITH A BLAST OF
THE TRUMPET OF GOD - AND THOSE WHO
HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE - IN CHRIST
- WILL RISE FIRST - THEN WE
THE STILL LIVING - WHO REMAIN
ON THE EARTH - SHALL SIMULTANEOUSLY
WILL BE CAUGHT UP - ALONG WITH
THE RESURRECTED DEAD - IN THE CLOUDS
TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR - AND
WE SHALL FOREVER BE WITH THE
LORD - THROUGH THE ETERNITIES -
- THUS, ON EARTH -
- THE CHURCH PROGRAM FULFILLED

TWO - THE PROGRAM WITH ISRAEL
 WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER
 THE RAPTURE - AT THE SECOND
 COMING OF CHRIST -

- THUS - THE END TIMES OF BOTH - AS
 GOD'S PLAN FOR BOTH - COMES TO A
COMPLETION -

REFERENCE TO THE "LAST TIMES" OR
 CONCERNING THE CHURCH -

[1 PETER 1:20]

"WHO WAS FOREORDAINED BEFORE
 THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD - BUT
 WAS MANIFESTED IN THESE "LAST
TI^ME_S" FOR YOU" THIS IS CHRIST JESUS

[JUDE 18]

HOW THAT THEY TOLD YOU THERE
 SHOULD BE MOCKERS IN THE "LAST
TIME" -

[1 JOHN 2:18]

LITTLE CHILDREN - IT IS THE "LAST TIME"
 AND YOU HAVE HEARD THAT ANTI-CHRIST -
 SHALL COME - EVEN NOW - ARE THEIR
 MANY ANTI-CHRISTS - WHEREBY -
 WE KNOW THAT IT IS THE "LAST
TIME" -

THE SCRIPTURE REFERS TO IT AS THE
"LAST DAYS" - LATTER DAYS

WHEN
REFERRING TO ISRAEL -
(DANIEL 10:14)

"NOW I COME TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND
WHAT SHALL BEFALL THY PEOPLE IN
THE "LATTER DAYS" - END OF DAYS -

[DEUT 4:30]

"WHEN THOU ART IN TRIBULATION - AND
THOSE THINGS ARE COME UPON THEE -
EVEN IN "LATTER DAYS"

IT IS TO BE NOTED:

SCRIPTURE REFERS TO THE "LAST DAYS"
FOR ISRAEL - AND THE CHURCH -

~~ISRAEL = MICAH 4:1~~

"NOW IT SHALL
COME TO PASS IN THE LATTER DAYS".

FOR THE CHURCH [2 TIM 3:1]

"THIS KNOW ALSO - THAT
IN THE "LAST DAYS"

CHAPER STATES:

DISTINCTION MUST BE MADE - - -
THE LAST DAYS FOR ISRAEL - THE DAYS
OF HER KINGDOM GLORY IN THE EARTH
[ISAIAH 2:1-5]

AND THE "LAST DAYS" OF THE CHURCH --
WHICH ARE EVIL AND APOSTASY --
-[2 TIM 3:1-5]

BUT NOW

- OUR CONCERN IS WITH THE CHURCH
IN - THIS PRESENT AGE -- THAT IS
AT THE CLOSE OF IT --
- WE WILL DIRECT OUR ATTENTION
TO THE EVENTS CONNECTED WITH - THE
CLOSE OF THE AGE - IN RELATION TO
GOD'S - PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCH -

- THERE IS A LOT OF SCRIPTURE THAT
SPEAKS OF THE LAST DAYS OF THE CHURCH -
- - - A PERIOD OF TIME AT THE VERY
END OF THE CHURCH AGE - BUT TOTALLY
WITHIN - THE PRESENT AGE -

- THIS "VERY END" PORTION IS JUST
BEFORE THE RAPTURE AND JUST
PRIER TO - THE GREAT TRIBULATION -
- AND COULD BE CONSIDERED AS A
PREPARATION FOR IT - EVEN THOUGH
THEY ARE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM
ONE ANOTHER - THEY BOTH DEAL WITH
- APOSTASY AND CONFUSION -
SUCH AS LAODICEA -

THE SCRIPTURES
THAT SET FORTH THE - "LAST DAYS" - ARE
CONFINED FOR THE MOST PART AS

RELATING TO THE DEPARTING FROM
THE FAITH - CONCERNING THE CHURCH -
AND EMBRACING THE WORLD -

THERE WILL BE A MANIFESTATION
OF LIFESTYLE WHICH BELONG TO
UNREGENERATE (LOST) MANKIND -
THOUGH UNDER A PROFESSION OF A FORM
OF GODLINESS -

[1 TIM 4:1-2]

NOW THE SPIRIT EXPRESSLY SAYS
THAT IN LATER TIMES SOME WILL
DEPART FROM THE FAITH - GIVING
HEED TO DECEIVING SPIRITS AND
DOCTRINES OF DEMONS - SPEAKING
LIES IN HYPOCRISY - HAVING THEIR OWN
CONSCIENCE SEARED WITH A HOT
IRON -

[2 TIM 3:1-5]

KNOW THIS THAT IN THE LAST DAYS
PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME FOR
MEN WILL BE LOVERS OF THEMSELVES
LOVERS OF MONEY BOASTERS -
PROUD - BLASPHEMERS - DISOBEDIENT
TO PARENTS - UNTHANKFUL - UNHOLY
UNLOVING - UNFORGIVING
SLANDERERS - WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL
BRUTAL - DESPIERS OF GOOD -
TRAITORS - HEADSTRONG - MRUGGY
LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER
THAN LOVERS OF GOD - HAVING

A FORM OF GODLINESS - BUT DENYING
ITS POWER - AND - FROM SUCH
PEOPLE - TURN AWAY!!

-THE INDICATION

IS THAT - HAVING DENIED THE POWER OF
THE BLOOD OF CHRIST - THE LEADERS
IN THESE FORMS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS -
(APOSTASY) - A ~~RE~~FORM OF GOLINESS
- WILL BE UNREGENERATED - [1 COR 2:14]

"THEY DO NOT RECEIVIE THE THINGS
OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD" - AS A MATTER
OF FACT - THEY ARE FOLLYNESS TO
THEM - THEY JEST ABOUT THEM -

LET US SEE WHAT IS SAID OF THEM:
- IN THE LAST DAYS -

① LOVERS OF THEMSELVES -

SELF-LOVE IS A STATE OF
APPRECIATION FOR ONESELF - THAT
GROWS FROM ACTIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR
PHYSICAL - PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MENTAL
GROWTH. SELF-LOVE IS HAVING A HIGH
REGARD FOR YOUR OWN WELL-BEING -

IT IS

TAKING CARE OF YOUR OWN NEEDS
AND NOT SACRIFICING TO HELP OTHERS
IN NEED -

IT IS - AFFECTION AND ATTENTION
DIRECTED SOLELY AT SELF -
— NO ANYONE LIKE THIS IN CHURCH -

② LOVERS OF MONEY -

THESE ARE FOLK WHO MAKE
MONEY OR MONETARY POSSESSIONS
THESE MAY NECESSARY - FOR
SOFTNESS AND EASY WITH "SELF" -
INDULGENCE -

③ BOASTERS -

- PROUD - ARROGANT - AND -
CONTUMPTUOUS - VERY DEFENSIVE
WHEN CHALLENGED -

④ PROUD -

"HAUGHTY" - THAT IS A SWOLLEN
ESTIMATE OF THEIR OWN -
IMPORTANCE - WHILE THEY LOOK DOWN
DOWN ON OTHERS - 1 PETER SAYS:

"GOD "RESISTS" THE PROUD" 5:5
[PS 40:4]

- "DO NOT "RESPECT" THE PROUD"

⑤ BLASPHEMERS -

"ABUSIVE SCOFFERS" IRREVERENT
IMPIOUS VITIANCE OR ACTIVIX -
CONCERNING GOD - OR SACRED
THINGS - AN ACT OF CURSING OR

REVILING GOD - IRREVENT REGARD
FOR GOD OR SACRED THINGS -

⑥ DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS -

- NO RESPECT FOR ... OR TOTALLY
DISREGARD FOR THEM -

⑦ UNTHANKFUL + UNHOLY -

→ THESE GO TOGETHER - BEFORE GOD -
- NO HOLINESS - NO GOODNESS -

⑧ UNLOVING & UNFORGIVING -

- IF YOU LOVE - YOU MUST FORGIVE
THE LAST DAYS - THIS FLOURISHES -

⑨ SLANDERS -

- "THE GRACELESS" - IMPOSTERS -

⑩ WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL -

- TOTALLY YIELDED TO EVIL -

- I CAN'T HELP MYSELF - THEY SAY -

⑪ DESPISES OF GOOD -

THIS GOES ALONG WITH SELF CONTROL -

- WILL NOT DO RIGHT - BY CHOICE -

⑫ LOVERS OF PLEASURE - MORE THAN

LOVERS OF GOD -

→ VERY SIMPLY PUT -

IF THE LOVE OF PLEASURE —
~~DETERMINES~~ NO MATTER IF THE
 PLEASURE IS "COARSE" — SIMPLE
 OR REFINED, RESPECTFUL —
 ACCEPTABLE — IS PARAMOUNT —
 TO YOU — —

IT WILL BE
 AT THE COST OF THE LOVE OF GOD —
 BUT NOT HIS GRACE —
 PRAISE GOD — YET THIS WILL
 BE PREVALENT IN THE LAST DAYS OF
 THE CHURCH —

(13) HAVING A FORM OF "GODLINESS"
 BUT DENYING ITS POWER —

— AN OUTWARD FORM OF RELIGION —
 WITH AN AFFECTATION OF GODLY
 DISCOURSE — BUT NOT CHANGED BY
 THEM — FOLLOWING CERTAIN MODES
 AND FASHIONABLE GESTURES OF
 THE CHURCH — WITH TOTAL RELIANCE
 ON OUTWARD DUTIES OF RELIGION —

BUT

— NO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY
 SPIRIT —

— IT IS A NEW LAST DAYS
 HEATHENDOM — UNDER A CHRISTIAN
 NAME —

WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT... YOU CAN DO
NOTHING - FOR GOD [JOHNSON 15:5]

[ROM 8:9] "BUT YOU ARE NOT IN THE FLESH
BUT IN THE SPIRIT. - IF INDEED THE ~~SEPARATE~~
SPIRIT OF GOD - DWELLS IN YOU -- NOW
IF ANYONE HAS NOT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST
-- HE IS NOT HIS" -

~~"APASTASY"~~ [REV 3:14-17] ~~—~~

- WILL PREVAIL AT THE END DAYS OF THE
CHURCH - THE CHRISTIAN DISPENSATION -

- IT WILL BE A PERIOD OF "GREAT MORAL"
DANGER -

- IN THE LAST DAYS - "PERILOUS TIMES"
WILL COME UPON THE CHRISTIAN + THE CHURCH
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT AND GRIEVOUS -

FOR IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHAT
IS TO BE DONE - WHAT TO BELIEVE - WHO
TO BELIEVE - HOW TO ACT IN THE WORLD -

- THERE WILL BE - AND NOW IS -
~~INDIFFERENCE~~ INDIFFERENCE TO REVEALED
TRUTH - OR SHOULD WE SAY - ALL TRUTH
OF GOD'S WORD -

- THERE WILL BE MAKING LIGHT
OF ERROR + SIN - - AND WITH NO
REPROVING OF IT -

- THERE WILL BE TEACHING THAT
ALL RELIGIONS ARE RIGHT AND - -
ACCEPTABLE -

— THE WORLD WILL SAY — AND SOME PASTORS AND TEACHERS — THAT THEIR ARE IN MANY WAYS TO GET TO HEAVEN IF

— THERE BE A HEAVEN OR HELL AT ALL —

LAXITY OF OPINION LAXITY OF MORALS WILL PREVAIL — AND IMMORALITY WILL OVERFLOW IN EVERY FORM —

— AND NOT BE "CONDENMED" WHILE PERSONAL OPINION AND CONDUCT WILL PREVAIL —

THERE ARE CERTAIN REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS WITHIN

THE PROFESSING CHURCH — AT THE END OF THE AGE — IN REFERANCE TO THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE CHURCH —

THESE CONDITIONS CENTER AROUND A SERIES OR YOU COULD SAY:

— A SYSTEM OF DENIALS —

SINCE THE CHURCH IS GIVEN "HOPE" OF THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST — A GOOD MEASURE FOR HIS CLOSE RETURN IS THIS

• BEING OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH AS THE
• ~~— APOSTASY TAKES CENTER STAGE —~~

• — THE DENIALS THAT WILL HAPPEN —

• ① THERE WILL BE A DENIAL OF GOD --
• THE HOLY SPIRIT —

• POVERTY AND POWERLESSNESS WILL
• BE THE NORMAL OF THE CHURCH -- - -
• BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE --
• DENIED — [2 TIM 3:5]

• — O YES, THE CHURCH WILL GO ON BY
• FLESHLY HUMAN LEADERSHIP — WHICH
• IS ONLY A FORM OF GODLINESS — WHILE
• — DENYING THE TRUE POWER OF GOD —

• THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY
• SPIRIT — IS VITAL TO CHRISTIAN SALVATION =

[JOHN 3:5]

• "MOST ASSUREDLY I SAY TO YOU
• UNLESS ONE IS BORN OF WATER AND
• THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER THE
• KINGDOM OF GOD"

• — THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY FAITH —
• — [JOHN 3:15] "WHO SO EVER BELIEVES IN
• HIM" —

• — WHICH REQUIRES THE HOLY SPIRIT —