



“PROPHECY UPDATE 2018” (Part 2)

> HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF!

Jeremiah 14:14-15 - *And the LORD said to me, “The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.*

Jeremiah 23:14 - *Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; they also strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.*

Acts 20:29-31 - *For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.*

> IN THE LAST DAYS! (2 Timothy Chapter 3)

(v1) “**last days**” – *eschatos* – **farthest, final days.** “**Perilous**” means dangerous, hard to deal with, savage times!

(v2-4) Notice the character traits of men in the last days. John MacArthur writes – “The pride of self-love is the pervasive deadly sin that grips the human soul and is foundation sin of all the others. It might be called the sewer out of which the rest of these ugly sins are discharged The most frightening development within the contemporary church is the wide acceptance and enthusiastic proclamation of self-love—have been imported almost unchanged into the church from anti-biblical secular psychology.

Warren Wiersbe writes, “In this universe there is God, and there are people and things. We should worship God, love people, and use things. But if we start worshipping ourselves, we will ignore God and start loving things and using people. This is the formula for a miserable life; yet it characterizes many people today.”

(v5-7) These verses deal with the counterfeit Christian leaders within the church, “*having a form of godliness,*” and in verse seven it says they are *always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.* We have institutions of higher learning that spend all their time critiquing, criticizing, and contradicting the Word of God, the Apostles, and even the Lord Jesus Christ! (Swathmore College;)

(v8-9) Jannes name means “*He who seduces*” and Jambres means “*He who makes rebellion.*” These two characters are found in Exodus 7 – 9 as they were magicians in Pharaoh’s court imitating the miracles that God performed through Moses. “**Corrupt minds**” speaks of a **reprobate mind**. But their “**folly**” or literally their **stupidity** will be manifest to all.

- Jesus warned us in Matthew 7:15-20 - *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”*

> HOW TO SURVIVE TIMES OF APOSTASY!

Three “C’s” to survival:

(v10-13) #1 - **CAREFULLY** follow doctrine, a holy life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions.

(v13) Beware of “DECEIVERS!” - Adolf Hitler said: “If you tell a lie loud enough and long enough the people will believe.” Hitler also said: “Let me control the textbooks, and I will control the state.”

(v14-15) #2 - **CONTINUE** learning from childhood through adulthood.

(v16-17) #3 - **COMPLETE** and be thoroughly equipped for every good work. All Scripture is profitable for *doctrine* (teaches us what is right); *reproof* (teaches us what is not right); *correction* (teaches us how to get right); *instruction in righteousness* (teaches us how to stay right). We must be about *good works*!

> **SCOFFERS WILL COME IN THE LAST DAYS!!! (2 Peter Chapter 3)**

> Pay close attention to Peter’s endearing expression, **BELOVED**, as displayed some four times in these eighteen verses.

#1 - BELOVED, BE MINDFUL OF THE “SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!” (v1-2)

- As foretold by the “**HOLY PROPHETS**”

- As proclaimed by the “**APOSTLES**”

(There are some 2400 verses throughout the Old and New Testaments revealing God's promises about the return of Jesus Christ.)

#2 - BELOVED, BEWARE OF SCOFFERS IN “THE LAST DAYS!” (v3-6)

> **SCOFFERS WILL COME SCOFFING:**

- The 2nd Coming of Christ!

- Creation!

- The judgment of the worldwide flood of Noah’s day!

- Why will they denigrate the Word of God? Because *scoffers walking according to their own lusts*. (Scoffer Sir Julian Huxley, past president of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) & evolutionary scientist was asked the following question on a public television interview years ago, “Why do you think that evolution caught on so quickly?” Huxley replied, “I suppose the reason we all jumped at *The Origin (Origin of the Species)* by Charles Darwin) was because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores.”

- Some religious teachers including the Pope have stated that God created the earth through evolution. Let’s ask the Son of God, Jesus said in Matthew 19:4-5- “*Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'*” In Mark 10:6 “*But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.'*” The Bible teaches that the beginning was at the creation of Adam & Eve, which was approximately 6,000 years ago, not billions of years ago according to evolution. Who will we trust Jesus Christ, the Son of God or man.

- **The wise became fools:**

“The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of fossils.” - Stephen J. Gould, Professor of Geology and Paleontology, Harvard University.

“Evolution is a fairy tale for grownups. This theory has helped nothing in the progress of science. It is useless” - Professor Louis Bounoure, Former President, Biological Society of Strasbourg, Director of the Strasbourg Zoological Museum, France.

"I myself am convinced that the theory of evolution, especially the extent to which it's been applied, will be one of the great jokes in the history books of the future. Posterity will marvel that so flimsy and dubious an hypothesis could be accepted with the incredible credulity that it has." - **Malcom Muggeridge, journalist & philosopher Pascal Lectures, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.**

"Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact." - **Dr. T.N. Tahmisian, Atomic Energy Commission, USA.**

"After a lifetime of research on the subject, British anatomist and an evolutionist Lord Zuckerman stated that if man evolved from apelike creature there is not even a trace of such evidence in the fossil record." - **Dr. Duane T. Gish.**

#3 - BELOVED, BE PREPARED FOR "THE DAY OF THE LORD!" (v8-17)

- When will *"the day of the Lord"* come? *Imminently ("like a thief in the night")* – The *"day of the Lord"* begins at the rapture of the Church continues through the tribulation, the second coming of Christ, His millennial kingdom, the great white throne judgment of God, and the purging of earth.

Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11- *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.*

(v17) Dear brothers and sister do not fall away from your own steadfastness!

- **Dwight Pentecost** in his prophecy classic, *Things To Come* writes, "The New Testament pictures the condition within the professing church at the end of the age by a system of denials:

- Denial of GOD—Luke 17:26; 2 Timothy 3:4-5
- Denial of CHRIST—1 John 2:18; 4:3; 2 Peter 2:6
- Denial of CHRIST'S RETURN—2 Peter 3:3-4
- Denial of THE FAITH—1 Timothy 4:1-2; Jude 3
- Denial of SOUND DOCTRINE—2 Timothy 4:3-4
- Denial of THE SEPARATED LIFE—2 Timothy 3:1-7
- Denial of CHRISTIAN LIBERTY—1 Timothy 4:3-4
- Denial of MORALS—2 Timothy 3:1-8,13; Jude 18
- Denial of AUTHORITY—2 Timothy 3:4

#4 - BELOVED, GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST! (v18)

Amazing Grace Lyrics by Englishman John Newton

T'was Grace that taught...
my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear...
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares...
we have already come.
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far...
and Grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me...
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be...
as long as life endures.

When we've been here ten thousand years...
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise...
then when we've first begun.

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.