

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 3:1-9 – *This know also... perilous times have come!*

Today’s Message:
 “Perilous Times”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned the servant of the Lord must not strive but must seek to free people from sin and the devil who has taken them captive at his will. Their thinking is bad, and they are self-destructing. Today, we have arrived at a prophecy concerning the **LAST** days that we seen come to pass just exactly as the Bible predicted! We will be reminded of the great **DANGER** of our time. And, although some say the Church will bring in a great revival in *the last days*, we do not find that in the Bible. For indeed, earthly conditions will continue to get **WORSE** until Jesus comes! This is God’s message to you today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 2 Timothy 3:1-9

#1. The Prophecy – the Holy Spirit was CLEAR in His transmission of truth.

THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS

- ✓ The word of God tells us the **FUTURE** in advance! *Isa 48:3-5; 46:9-11; Luke 1:70*
- ✓ Fulfilled prophecies give us **CONFIDENCE**; the Bible is true! *Prov 22:21; Luke 1:1-4*
- ✓ You are an **EYEWITNESS** to the fulfillment of *this* prophecy! *2Pet 1:16-21; 1Jo 1:1-4*
- ✓ THEREFORE, you are **LIVING** in *THE LAST DAYS!* (7x in KJB) *Gen 49:1; Isa 2:2; Mic 4:1; Acts 2:17; Jas 5:3; 2Pet 3:3*

PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME

- ✓ This prophecy deals with the manner of **LIFE** in *the last days*. **TIMES**
 - What will it be like to live at this time? What will the world look like?
- ✓ This prophecy deals with the manner of **PEOPLE** in *the last days*. **MEN**
 - What will people be like? What is the state of humanity?
- ✓ This prophecy deals with the grave **DANGER** in *the last days*. **PERILOUS**
 - Instead of worldwide *revival*, there will be worldwide **EVIL**. *Gen 6; Mt 24:37; Lk 17:26*

W1828
 “Perilous”
 Dangerous;
 hazardous;
 full of risk.

NOTE We often think we must do lots of research to PROVE the Bible – not today!

2023 VISION: *Hold the Fort!*
Making disciples and caring for souls!

#2. The People – the characteristics of this prophecy can be seen with your EYES.**FOR MEN SHALL BE**

- ✓ Immediately **BEFORE** *the Rapture*, sins of natural man will have multiplied grossly!!
 - 1) **Lovers of their own selves** – **SELF LOVE** – consumed with self and “love” – me!
 - 2) **Covetous** – inordinately desirous of worldly things; a pagan idolater. **Col 3:5**
 - 3) **Boasters** – one who glories or vaunts with vain display. **1Cor 4:6; Prov 16:18**
 - 4) **Proud** – inordinate self-esteem; unreasonable conceit. **Job 41:34; Isa 3:9-26**
 - 5) **Blasphemers** – irreverence towards God; always cursing. **Jdg 17:2; Rom 3:14**
 - 6) **Disobedient to parents** – rejecting commands or doing the prohibited. **Ex 20:12**
 - 7) **Unthankful** – ungrateful for good received; no **PRAYERS**; lots of complaining.
 - 8) **Unholy** – profane; not set apart for God’s purposes; mixed with the world.
 - 9) **Without natural affection** – sodomy, baby killers, child molesters, pedophiles!
 - 10) **Trucebreakers** – covenants and agreements are broken; no morals or ethics.
 - 11) **False accusers** – Bible and Christian critics, blaming everything and everyone.
 - 12) **Incontinent** – cannot cease from sin; NO SELF **CONTROL**; destructive. **2Pet 2:14**
 - 13) **Fierce** – violent; savage; ravenous; easily enraged. **Acts 20:28-31** (*grievous wolves*)
 - 14) **Despisers of those that are good** – scornors of the moral and truthful people.
 - 15) **Traitors** – one who violates allegiance; guilty of treason; betrayers of trust.
 - 16) **Heady** – one who is rash; hasty without thought; ungovernable. **Acts 19:36**
 - 17) **Highminded** – self-centered, self-loving, self-deceiving fools; no **FEAR** of God!
 - 18) **Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God** – Rome: “bread and circuses”
 - 19) **Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the power thereof** – “dead religion”
- ✓ FROM SUCH TURN AWAY! **Jer 5:31** (*and my people love to have it so*); **Mt 15:14; 23:14**

NOTE As we have learned in chapter 2, get away from these *dishonorable vessels*!

#3. The Problem – these are every learning and never able to find the TRUTH.**EVER LEARNING, AND NEVER ABLE** (*The Information Age*)

- ✓ These *anti-Christians* prey on **WOMEN** and lead them astray. **2Cor 11:3; 1Tim 2:14**
- ✓ These *anti-Christians* pride themselves on how “smart” they are – not! **Dan 12:4**

AS JANNES AND JAMBRES (*Evil spiritual power*)

- ✓ The Holy Spirit compares these *men of corrupt minds* to Pharaoh’s **MAGICIANS**!
- ✓ They **shall proceed no further**: for **THEIR FOLLY shall be manifest unto all men!**

NOTE Ironically, Moses is coming back to stand against Antichrist and his magicians!

2023 VISION: *Hold the Fort!*
Making disciples and caring for souls!

“Reprobate”
Jer 6:30; Rom 1:28; Tit 1:16