

Ready For What Will Be

PART 3

“Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

II Thessalonians 2:1-12 NKJV

- 1. Jesus warned of world-wide supernatural deception as the First Sign**

“Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’” And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”

Matthew 24:3-5 NKJV

“Take heed” literally means “Listen Up!!”

Deceive: to be supernaturally misled, confused to the point where lies are more believable than truth, what is obviously a fact will appear false, what is common sense and natural will be replaced by what is foolish and perverted, what has always been the common basis of truth and wisdom will be shattered into a million opinions.

Easily deceived because:

- they didn't receive the truth**
- they didn't believe the truth**
- they took pleasure in unrighteousness**

-The deceived don't believe they're deceived.

-No one is argued out of deception.

-Obvious facts mean nothing to the deceived.

-Deception is spiritual and must be combated spiritually:

“in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.”

II Timothy 2:25-26 NKJV

2. Then, The Falling Away

Rebellion, revolt, mutiny, an over-all change in societies attitude toward God making it acceptable to people to led by The Man of Sin, The Son of Perdition.

“The Holy Spirit has explicitly revealed: At the end of this age, many will depart from the true faith one after another, devoting themselves to spirits of deception and following demon-inspired revelations and theories. Hypocritical liars will deceive many, and their consciences won’t bother them at all!”

1 Timothy 4:1-2 TPT

“Do not, therefore, fling away your [fearless] confidence, for it has a glorious and great reward. For you have need of patient endurance [to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising],

so that when you have carried out the will of God, you may receive and enjoy to the full what is promised. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But My righteous one [the one justified by faith] shall live by faith [respecting man's relationship to God and trusting Him]; And if he draws back [shrinking in fear], My soul has no delight in him. *But our way is not that of those who shrink back to destruction, but [we are] of those who believe [relying on God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Messiah] and by this confident faith preserve the soul.*

Hebrews 10:35-39 AMP