

***“For there are certain men have crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” [Jude 4]***

## **Eschatology**

### **{II Timothy 4:1-5}**

**Note:** Some people throughout the history of the church have refused to love sound doctrine; yet as the end draws near, the situation will grow worse (**II Timothy 3:1-5; I Timothy 4:1**). “They will not endure sound doctrine.” (**vs.3**). many will profess to be Christians/Disciples, gather at churches, appear to revere God, but will not tolerate the original **N.T.** apostolic faith with emphasis on the manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s power and its call to holiness in an evil and perverse generation.

“They shall turn their ears from the truth” (**vs.4**). many within the churches will no longer tolerate sound Biblical preaching. Those who turn from the truth will want preaching that demands less than the true gospel. They will not accept God’s Word when it speaks of repentance, sin, the judgements of God, the power demonstrations of the Holy Spirit and the necessity of holiness and separation from the world.

**Background Scripture:** ***Brethren, my hearts desire and prayer for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted unto the righteousness of God.***  
**[Romans 10:1-3].**

## **False Religion (O.T.)**

### **[I kings 12:25-33]**

**Note:** Jeroboam for the Northern Kingdom established a counterfeit religious system by offering the people worship of idols (**vs.27**), after the pattern of the golden calf made by Arron (**Exodus 32:8**). Jeroboam appointed priest “which were not of the sons of Levi” (**vs.31**), thus ordaining men to the ministry who were not qualified according to God’s Law/Word.

Jeroboam’s establishment of a false religious system produced two results **(1)** Most people remaining in the Northern Kingdom accepted Baal worship along with its immoral practice of cult prostitution. **(2)** The majority, of the godly remnant that desired to remain loyal to God and His law suffered greatly as they “left their possession” and moved to the Southern Kingdom in order, to worship the Lord according to His original revelation and commandments (**II Chronicles 11:13-14**). “Them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the Lord God of Isreal came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the Lord God of their fathers”

Jeroboam established priests who were not qualified according to God's standards in **(Numbers 2:6-9; 8:5-20)**. Under the new covenant the Levitical priesthood no longer exists, but God still has established certain essential qualifications for those who would be ordained for pastoral or church leadership: these spiritual and moral qualifications are listed in **(I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)**.

**False Religion (N.T.)**

**[Matthew 24:11]**

***“And many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many.”***

***Final Thoughts: Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for, in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood. [I Timothy 4:16; Acts 20:28].***