2Thess #98

The counterfeits are of the synagogue of Satan

We will open today in Ephesians chapter six RF.

Our current study in 2Thessalonians chapter two has us anchored in verses 10 & 11;

/2Thes 2:10 and **with all the deception of wickedness** for those who perish, because they did not accept the love of the truth so as to be saved. 11 For this reason **God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false**,\

This will reach a peak at the beginning of the Tribulation period. Yet it’s build-up and escalation points are seen right now before the Rapture of the church.

In recent years I have seen a greater set of attacks on accurate biblical teaching.

By that I mean many who promote this attack are seen as good pastor-teachers or theologians.

They are now trying to circle around and attack the doctrine of the Rapture or the time of the Tribulation and the return of Jesus Christ.

Within some of that teaching they want to put into question dispensations and certain core doctrines.

There is a stronger push for replacement theology from new angles in the last 3 years.

This happens every 5 or 10 years but right now, it is becoming very heated and now some of these Christian teachers or leaders are attacking the people of Israel as well.

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/The fact is there is a good Zionist movement and a bad Zionist movement. First and foremost, there are counterfeits of Satan who infiltrate the body of Christ as they did in the nation of Israel. I have touched on this repeatedly in the past few months. The key principle is that even the house of Abraham had Unbelievers within its line, Jew or Gentile it does not matter – Believer or Unbeliever has always been the deciding factor.\

Any regathering of true Israel in prophecy or blessings and promises for Israel is only related to Believing Israelites.

Never forget that principle.

What I see on the horizon is a strong attack on solid doctrinal teaching and a much more aggressive or negative stance toward the Jewish population.

Now I understand both of these avenues of attack because I know my Bible. I also know that Satan has successfully skewed historic factors for a long period of time.

Many Christians will claim that all of Israel and all the Jewish culture are pure and innocent… and that is wrong.

Just as many Christians will sit under inaccurate dispensational teaching and never listen to any other facts.

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Not every dispensational view point is accurate and not everyone claiming to be in the bloodline of father Abraham is who they claim to be.

Satan’s has had great success with many avenues of deception and counterfeits, he has a highly skilled demon organization. This demonic force is more powerful than any human power, and has dabbled in human history since the fall of the garden.

This is exactly why I highlighted the fact last lesson, that many of the New Testament teachings for the CA revolve around standing firm against false teachers and satanic deceptions.

The original text of Ephesians does not open with a greeting toward the church at Ephesus – this was a letter to go out across all the congregations that the Apostle Paul established. It was written during his Roman imprisonment, actually a type of house arrest that he was under.

The first 13 verses are basically like one long and perfect sentence in the original Greek.

Keep in mind - the apostles were the only true authority in the early church. Their authority and office ended shortly after John completed Revelation.

The writers of the New Testament were all under the apostles. Mark was associated with Peter; Luke was associated with Paul.

No one wrote the NT scriptures without the eyes or influence of an apostle upon them.

/John Darby (1800 - 1882) nor C.I. Scofield (1843 - 1921) created the doctrines of dispensations or the doctrine of the rapture. The New Testament and portions of the Old Testament point directly into dispensations. The epistles of the Apostle Paul bring it into clarity. These two men simply began a journey into what was IN THE SCRIPTURES!\

These two men laid down some solid principles and a template of sorts. Yet they did not have every answer nor did they corner the market on truth.

This is why you have to remain tethered to the scriptures and not simply commentaries from scholars.

Now everything that comes from the warnings in scripture about false teachers and doctrines of demons, the Apostle Paul again sends out another warning;

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

/[Eph 6:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/11/s_1103011) **Put on the full armor of God,** so that you will be **able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil**.

To put on the full armor of GOD, is referenced in what we often call the two power options – filling power of HS and the WORD within your soul.\

The schemes of the devil are active and everywhere – his counterfeits are alive and vibrant in every age.

[Eph 6:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/12/s_1103012) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

[Eph 6:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/13/s_1103013) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

/To stand firm does not mean you go out and pick a fight over every false doctrine or misguided person who comes across your path. It means to stand in that which you believe and do not be carried away by every wind of doctrine

 (Eph 4:14).\

What I truly believe - There is a coming onslaught against the truth of BD, because that will set into motion a chaotic environment, so the one world religion can take hold.

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/Eph 6:12-

Principalities- *archē*, high ranking demonic forces, fallen angels or demon spirits of great authority.

Powers- *exousia,* authority in legal matters or government matters. Possibly the next rank down in military command. Still a profound form of leadership in Satan’s army.\

ARC-KAY – speaks to high military ranking. It was taken from a Classical Greek name for a military general.

EX-A-CEE-AH – is used for authority in the realm of government or legal power. A rank and file above the foot soldiers, the ones who establish legal precedent.

/Eph 6:12-

Rulers of the darkness of this world:

*Kosmokratōr,* demonic possessed leaders and dark forces in the human realm. These are Unbels who are willingly connected to demonic influence. Seeds and pawns of Satan. \

COSMO-CRATE-US, appears to be the human leadership that fall under dark powers. Pawns and seeds of Satan.

/Dan 10:13 “But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in my way** for twenty-one days; then behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes**, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

The angel Gabriel was clearly speaking of human leadership, possessed by satanic forces.\

This is nothing new – it has been seen and building up in every dispensation.

/Eph 6:12-

Spiritual wickedness in high places: (“spirits of evil in the heavenlies.”)

*Pneumatikos ponēria,* a demonic presence of darkness. A spiritual evil with incredible abilities to travel throughout the atmosphere and into the heavens. A spirit of wickedness, depravity and darkness.\

NEW-MONTY-CUS, PON-AH-REE-AH,

These are rank and file demons who perform numerous functions. Some indwell Unbelievers, others may travel astronomical distances in seconds. They appear in different shapes or forms across the world and into the atmosphere.

 They entice and manipulate people in the dark arts as well as the realm of human good.

These may be the entities that come forth when called upon by those practicing dark arts.

Ephesians 6:12 is a reality of the temporal world we live – the cosmic system is the devil’s world.

So, there should be no shock and awe as the truth of God’s word becoming torn apart and false factions are developing in Christianity.

Factions are developing within Christian circles about diverse opinions toward Israel.

/There are dark forces always at work attempting to infiltrate the plan of GOD and that includes counterfeit Christians, false teachers and counterfeit Israelites and false prophets. The history of this is seen in the natural and spiritual history for those interested in the truth.

Rom 9:6 But *it is* not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel;\

We will embark on a history lesson in closing out our study of 2Thessalonians 2 verse 10 and 11.

Because there are some deeper or dual meanings in such scriptures as we note in Romans 9:6.

Jesus HIMSELF, called out the deep corruption and counterfeit leaders who infiltrated within the nation of Israel.

/John 8:44 “**You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own *nature,* because he is a liar and the father of lies.

The Babylonian Talmud had become the new religious system – the distortion of God’s word and HIS people became obvious.\

Israel was under Babylonian influence for nearly 70 years.

This teaching to this very day is covered up in false concepts and lies.

The real Talmud, is never presented by the religious Jewish community in its true, unedited version to the common Gentiles.

The Sanhedrin itself developed from a counterfeit system coming out of Babylonian captivity.

/1Jhn 3:10 **By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious**: anyone **who does not practice righteousness is not of God**, nor the one who does not love his brother.

The apostles recognized the children of Satan would be the ones who distort and destroy the truth of Jesus Christ.\

There would be elements or remnants of the offspring of Nimrod still alive. And those who worshipped the satanic BAAL system that had carried on throughout the ages.

The demonic influence is present in this lost and dying world, always to infiltrate and distort or destroy the people and plan of GOD.

/Rev 2:9 ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the slander by those **who say they are Jews, and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.**

This is not a simple spiritual example it is a physical reality – the Tares among the Wheat, speak to a counterfeit on a grand scale.\

Let us close in Matthew chapter 23 as a brief reminder and set us up next lesson for our history lesson.

/Rev 3:9 ‘Behold, **I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie**—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and *make them* know that I have loved you.\

We will read quickly through this and open next message with these same slides;

Mat 23:27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.

These are the words of Jesus Christ!

/[Mat 23:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb95/mat/23/28/s_952028) “So you, too, **outwardly appear righteous to men**, but inwardly you are full of **hypocrisy and lawlessness.\**

[Mat 23:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb95/mat/23/29/s_952029) “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

[Mat 23:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb95/mat/23/30/s_952030) and say, ‘If we had been *living* in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in *shedding* the blood of the prophets.’

Those who shed the blood of GOD’s teachers and prophets in the OT were followers of the BAAL system.

/[Mat 23:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb95/mat/23/31/s_952031) “So you testify against yourselves, that **you are sons of those who murdered the prophets**.\

Mat 23:32 “Fill up, then, the measure *of the guilt* of your fathers.

[Mat 23:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb95/mat/23/33/s_952033) “You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?

This is a very serious indictment and it is pointing backward to the serpent in the garden.

[Mat 23:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb95/mat/23/34/s_952034)“Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city,

Future tense - all the early church leaders who embraced the truth would face persecution and attacks by the religious crowd.

Then the ungodly governments and leaders would put those Christian leaders to death or put them in prison.

This started with the Pharisees and Sadducees and by the end of the 2nd century the Roman Catholic Church joined the attack on true Christianity.