

And there will be a **GREAT FALLING AWAY**

In the last days, scoffers will appear: “Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days**, scoffers walking after their own lusts, and saying, ‘**Where is the promise of his coming?**’ for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation” (II Peter 3:3-4).

They will scoff at the believers who remain faithful to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—their Creator. They will laugh at those who advocate the return of their Savior, Jesus Christ. As in the days of Noah, so it will be at the return of Christ. Noah preached a destruction by a great flood, the people refused to believe because they refused the truth. They thought they had no need for saving. They were self-reliant and self-protecting; they felt strong and powerful.

A great falling away will occur first before Christ returns: “Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for **that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the man doomed to destruction” (II Thessalonians 2:3).

People won't listen to sound doctrine: “For the time will come when **people will not put up with sound doctrine**. Instead, **to suit their own desires**, they will gather around them a great number of **teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear**” (II Timothy 4:3).

People will turn away from their faith and betray and hate each other: “Let no man deceive you for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ’ and **deceive many**... Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time **many will turn away from the faith** and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will arise and mislead many because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved” (Matthew 24:4, 8 - 13).

The miracles, signs and wonders of the lawless one will amaze the people: “The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan **displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil** that deceives those who are perishing. **They perish because THEY REFUSE TO LOVE THE TRUTH** and so be saved (II Thessalonians 2:9-10).

The Antichrist will deny that Christ is the Savior: “And who is a liar? **ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT JESUS IS NOT THE CHRIST. ANYONE WHO DENIES THE FATHER AND THE SON IS AN ANTICHRIST**” (I John 2:22).

People will not listen to the true followers of Christ who teach the acceptance of Christ's sacrifice, repentance and obedience to God. Characteristic of the Antichrists of the past and the Antichrist in the last days is the belief that Jesus is not our Savior. These rebellious people are enticed by the movies to desire superpowers. For them, there is no need for a savior. They can save themselves and achieve eternal life through their science of hybridization and Avatar technology. When the gods return, they will complete the process; their secrets and engineering will be revealed as a wonder and miracle. These rebels believe that humility and forgiveness of sins is for the weak and foolish.

The Antichrist will exalt himself above every god: "The king will do as he pleases. **He will exalt and magnify himself above every god** and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will **exalt himself above them all**. Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his fathers... He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god" (Daniel 11:36-39).

"He will oppose and **exalt himself above every so-called god or object of worship**. So, he will seat himself in the temple of God, **proclaiming himself to be God**" (II Thessalonians 2:4).

The alien arrival of these gods will be the long-awaited disclosure that so many press their governments to reveal. Are they good or bad remains their mystery question? Many will fall away from traditional beliefs and embrace the new age events, worshiping this alien who claims that he is the God of all gods. This god will waste no time teaching the people on planet Earth that he is no mere alien, but a GOD that they MUST worship. No love or freedom of choice will be found in this alien god for whoever refuses to worship his image will be killed.

The false prophet/second beast will sway the people to worship the Antichrist/first beast. "I saw another beast coming up out of the earth and he had **two horns like a lamb** and he **spoke as a dragon**. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and **he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast** whose fatal wound was healed. And **he performs great signs** so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men, and **he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs** which it was given to him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life" (Revelation 13:11-14).

True followers of Christ—the saints will be attacked and many will die: "For I know this, that **after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock**. Also, of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:29-30).

"The time comes, that **whosoever kills you will think that he does God a service**" (John 16:2).

"And it was given unto him [Antichrist] **to make war with the saints**, and to overcome them.... And I beheld another beast ... he exercises all the power of the first beast ... and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast.... And he had power to cause that as **many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**" (Revelation 13:7-15).

A religious leader will support this alien invasion and sway the people to give their allegiance to the leader of these gods, accept him as their creator, and worship him confirming their denial of Yahuah as their Creator God and Yashuah/Christ as their Savior. Some of the notable characteristics of this religious leader include:

- **A wolf in sheep's clothing recognizable by his actions** – *By their fruits, you will know them (Matthew 7:15).*
"But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce **destructive heresies**, even **denying the sovereign Lord who bought [redeemed] them**—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up (II Peter 2:1-3).
- **Performs miracles** – *The demonstration of supernatural abilities used to sway the people away from accepting the sacrifice of Christ and worshiping their true Creator God to supporting the ideals the masses crave: self-saving, self-determination, self-reliance, and self-glory.*
- **Persuades most of the world to commit idolatry** – *Worshiping the idol of the Antichrist opens Pandora's box of sorcery, magic, witchery, and all things detestable to God. This religious leader will embrace the pagan practices of old for these gods established them long ago in defiance to the Almighty God; they will re-enforce them again. Their return will be to set themselves up again to rule the whole earth and set the stage for the final great battle between the Almighty God and the gods.*

The gods will offer the people who worship them solutions to all their problems and encourage them to use their own knowledge, science, engineering mixed with their alien secrets and wisdom to resolve their economic woes, international differences, and physical limitations.

"He will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price" (Daniel 11:39).

No one will be able to buy or sell unless they have the mark or the number of the beast (Revelation 13:17).

The members of the body of Christ who do not deny the name of Christ and keep the command to endure patiently will be kept from the hour of trial: “I know that **you have little strength**, yet **you have kept my word and have not denied my name... I will keep you from the hour of trial** that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth” (Revelation 3:8-10).

“The **woman fled into the desert** to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of **for 1,260 days...** The woman was given the wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be **taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach**” (Revelation 12:6, 14).

The warning to 21st century believers: “Beloved, **believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:** because **many false prophets are gone out into the world**” (1 John 4:1).

As in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man—Genesis 6: “When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose... **The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward**—when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown... **The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.** The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So, the Lord said, “I will destroy mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them. But **Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord**” (Genesis 6:1-8)

Flavius Josephus (37-100 AD), Writing on the **race of giants** says, "For many angels of God [This notion, that the fallen angels were, in some sense, the fathers of the old giants, was the constant opinion of antiquity.] accompanied with women, and begat sons that **proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good**, on account of **THE CONFIDENCE THEY HAD IN THEIR OWN STRENGTH**; for the tradition is, that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants." http://www.generationword.com/notes/bible-topics/josephus_giants.htm

“For if **God did not spare angels** when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; if he **did not spare the ancient world** when he brought the flood on its **ungodly people**; if he **condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah** by burning them to ashes, and **made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly**; and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard... then God knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. This is especially true of those who follow the **corrupt DESIRE OF THE SINFUL NATURE and DESPISE AUTHORITY**” (II Peter 2:4-10).

The battle of the great day of God Almighty will assemble at Armageddon: “Three evil spirits that look like frogs, they came **out of the mouth of the dragon**, out of **the mouth of the beast** and **out of the mouth of the false prophet**. They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go **out to the kings of the whole world**, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:13-14).

God responds with a plague of 100-pound hail stones (Revelation 16:21); and they will curse God. The punishment of the great prostitute who causes the kings of the earth to commit adultery and become drunk on the blood of the saints will be betrayed by her lover, the first beast and he will destroy her.

The rider on the white horse whose name is Faithful and True—the Word of God—our King of kings and Lord of lords will appear with his great armies of heaven. From his mouth will come a sharp sword, which will strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter enforcing the law of God that manifests itself in love, kindness, honesty, justice, and all rightness. No more will they get away with lies, deceit, and corruption.

The kings of the earth who fight for self-dominance, self-determination, and self-glory will go to battle. “Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. **But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshipped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse**, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh” (Revelation 19:19-21).

The battle is strategic, target precise, and all-powerful when Christ returns. All opposition to righteousness comes to a rapid end and life remaining begins to see the long-awaited light pulsating out, until all of the darkness is consumed. What a day that will be! Guard yourself from deception; test the spirits; humbly accept the sacrifice of Christ, stand firm against your accusers, live the way of God—His way of love. With all your heart, mind, soul, and strength love God and you will live forever in eternal peace.

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