

# New Testament Prophecies

- *But there were also false prophets among the people, even as **there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. 2Pet. 2:1-3***

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- Is this a specific prophecy of that day?
- Is this a general prophecy for all future Christians?
- From Jesus words in the sermon on the Mount, it is best to take this as a general prophecy.
- Narrow Gate and Difficult way Mt 7:13-14
- Beware of false prophets in sheep's clothing. :15
- Not everyone, but only those who do Father's will. 21-23
- Many will say to me ... I will say to them I never knew you.

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- *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 1 Tim 4:1-5*

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- Is this a general or Specific prophesy
- Speaking lies in hypocrisy
- Forbidding to marry
- Command to abstain from meats
- A specific prophesy BUT...
- Principles do not change. No matter how many times it happens again in different Scriptures, the passage still applies today.
- With the Pharisees – Mt 15:9; Mk 7 In vain they worship me teaching commands of men.
- With the Gnostics.

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- *Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. Acts 20:28-31*

- This appears to be specific to Ephesus, but any time men come from outside the congregation or from within the eldership and try to draw away the disciples from the truth it would apply:
- Savage wolves will come in among you
- Men from among elders at Ephesus will arise.
- Speak perverse things draw away disciples.
- *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed Gal 1:6-9*

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- *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Tim 4:1-5*

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- This is an obvious general prophesy which will occur again and again throughout the “*last days*.”
- Time will come when not endure sound doctrine
- Heap up for themselves teachers
- Turn away from the truth to fables
- Happens in every generation



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- *Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 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. 3 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, 4 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. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 2 Th. 2:1-12*

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- *And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 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. 2 Th. 2:1-12*
- A very specific prophesy with a clear historical fulfillment.
- Must occur prior to the second coming of Christ

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- *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*  
2Th. 2:1-12
- This portion of the Scripture reveals the reason behind every prophesy. Anytime people do not have a love for the truth this will occur. 2Tim. 4:1-4

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- *And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2Th. 2:1-12*

# An Inspired Commentary on Delusion

- *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."*
- *we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 1 Cor 1:18-19 1 Cor 1:23-25*

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- *But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 1 Cor 1:27-29*
- God sent the strong delusion when He revealed the gospel in this manner. Those who do not have a love for the truth will always believe a lie.

# An Inspired Roadmap of Apostasy

- *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1Jn. 4:1*
- *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 1Jn. 4:4-6*
- *This is what a love for the truth looks like.*

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- *Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. Rom 16:17-19*
- *For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. 19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. 1 Cor 11:18-20*



- A clear means to direct our steps.
- *O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. Jer 10:23*
- Any time there is a division there is a serious problem and like the Bereans we must get to the bottom of it. Can't ignore it.
- *Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. 1 Cor 1:10-12*

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- *Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.** 4 For **certain men have crept in unnoticed,** who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 3-4*
- A general prophecy for all future generations.
- It is the duty of all Christians to watch and act.

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- *8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. Col 2:8*
- *Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, Col 2:18*