

School of Prophecy Part 4

Lesson 1: Last Days Madness

August 2, 2020

1 Timothy 4:1 AMP - *But the [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach.*

2 Timothy 3:13 AMP - *But wicked men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and leading astray others and being deceived and led astray themselves.*

I. A Delusional Time Period

A. Doctrines of Demons

1. The word “seducing” means a moral wandering off course. A person or a society that has turned from soundness and is now drifting without any sense of morality. The word means “to run around as a tramp.”
2. The Word of God tells us that when people get off course, they become delusional. A delusion is a false belief or opinion; it is believing something that is untrue.

2 Timothy 4:4 NKJV - *And they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

Fables - a feigned story or tale, intended to instruct or amuse; a fabrication that replaces what is actually true

3. Turning away from truth opens people up to doctrines of demons. Doctrines of demons is a set of beliefs or teaching that is not rooted in scripture. The purpose of such teaching is to deceive people.

Mark 13:5 NKJV - *And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you.”*

II. A Culture Driven to Darkness

Isaiah 8:20, 22 NKJV - 20 *To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

22 *Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.*

A. Lawlessness Will Characterize the End Times

Matthew 24:12 NKJV - *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

1. The word “lawless” is the Greek word *anomia*. This word means to be without moral standard; no fixed set of values; living in a lawless state.
2. According to the prophet Isaiah, people who reject God’s law have no light in them. Because of their lawlessness, they are driven into greater depths of darkness.

Proverbs 28:4 NKJV - *Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them.*

3. At the end of the age, society will abandon the moral laws of God. People will make up their own rules based upon their own reasonings and logic.

Judges 21:25 NKJV - *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Proverbs 14:12 NKJV - *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*

4. When lawlessness abounds, violence and anarchy are the result. When people reject God, they cast off all restraint.

Proverbs 29:18 NKJV - *Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.*

III. The Spirit of Confusion

James 3:16 AMP - *For wherever there is jealousy (envy) and contention (rivalry and selfish ambition), there will also be confusion (unrest, disharmony, rebellion) and all sorts of evil and vile practices.*

A. Demonic Spirits of Confusion

1. The definition of confusion is the state of being mixed up, so as to produce disorder, error, tumult, and the loss of self-possession.
2. The Bible Encyclopedia defines the word as wastiness, emptiness, profanation, a state of instability.
3. The Word of God prophesied that at the end of the age, spirits of confusion would seductively entice people away from traditional held Biblical truth.

Jeremiah 6:16 NKJV - *Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"*

4. The spirit of confusion is what comes upon a society when the authority of God is rejected. The absence of the Holy Spirit produces a logic and reasoning that is rooted in the nature of sin.

Romans 8:6 AMP - *Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].*

5. The hope of every believer in the midst of Last Days Madness is the Coming of Christ

Titus 2:13 NKJV - *Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*