

## Prophecy in Motion

### Lesson 4: Last Days Occultism

The scriptures warn us that prior to the second coming of Christ, there will be an occultic explosion. Jesus Christ and the prophets and apostles told us that the Last Days would see an occultic surge. This occultic surge would prepare the world for the Antichrist, whom the Bible says would be characterized by great signs and lying wonders. This “Last Days Occultism” is moving across the land, influencing our children, our society, our leaders, and yes, even the church world. Paul’s words that we are not fighting against flesh and blood, but we are fighting against forces of wickedness in the spiritual realm, have never been more relevant than they are now. This war will only intensify in the days ahead.

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 AMP** - The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity and working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs and delusive marvels—[all of them] lying wonders — and by unlimited seduction to evil and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing (going to perdition) because they did not welcome the Truth but refused to love it that they might be saved.

**1 John 2:18 NKJV** - Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

#### A. Occultic Seduction

##### 1. Occultic Spirituality will be widespread.

The Word of God tells us that in the Last Days, occultism will be popular and dominant. It will be a gradual descent into a satanic world of darkness. There will be a lot of spirituality in the culture, but it won’t be of the Biblical kind.

2. There will be evil seducers.

**2 Timothy 3:13 KJV** - But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Seducer - a spiritual imposter; someone who uses incantations, sorcery and magic

3. There will be an occultic impact that is worldwide.

**Revelation 18:23 NKJV** - The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

The system of the beast (Antichrist) that is referenced here will be judged by God. It is defined as Babylon, in a spiritual sense. It is an occultic religious system that will rule multitudes, nations and people groups.

4. By sorcery, all nations are deceived.

Sorceries (pharmakeia) - medication; drugs; a spell producing poison

Interesting that the English word used for pharmakeia is the word *sorcery*. In ancient Biblical history, mood-altering substances were used in connection with ancient religious practices. In ancient Greece, temples sometimes used mind-altering drugs in fortune telling. These practices may have included vapors and concocted mixtures. These practices were part of pagan idolatry and they were connected to different forms of spirituality. Notice the list of the works of the flesh in Galatians 5.

**Galatians 5:19-21 AMP** - Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

There are three divisions that we see here. He begins by mentioning sexual sins, then he mentions idolatry, then sorcery (pharmakeia).

Paul connects the use of illicit drugs with ungodly spiritual practices. The demon behind it controls the mind and changes the belief system. Sorcery is all power and control.

5. Demon spirits will perform miracles.

In the Last Days there will be demon spiritus that will perform miracles in order to captivate the whole world.

**Revelation 16:13-14 NKJV** - And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

The term “unclean spirits” refers to the polluting influence of moral defilement that these demons will exert. They will possess and torment people, stirring up violence and destructive behavior. These spirits are associated with sexual impurity, moral corruption, and rebellion against divine order.

## B. The Rise of Witchcraft

**Revelations 9:20-21 NKJV** - But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

1. Witchcraft is rebellion against God.

Witchcraft is biblically defined as the pursuit of supernatural powers through illicit means.

## 2. Disobedience to God is witchcraft.

**1 Samuel 15:23 NKJV** - “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”

Witchcraft symbolizes rebellion against divine authority. In a spiritual context, witchcraft represents the desire to manipulate the supernatural for personal gain. This practice leads people away from God and into the demonic realm.

## 3. God warned His people against witchcraft.

**Deuteronomy 18:9-12 NKJV** - “When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.”

These verses remind us to remain vigilant against influences that are spiritually harmful. The Word of God says to “test everything.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 AMP** - But test and prove all things [until you can recognize] what is good; [to that] hold fast. Abstain from evil [shrink from it and keep aloof from it] in whatever form or whatever kind it may be.

## 4. Here are some alarming spiritual trends:

- a. There are an estimated 1.5 million Wiccans.

Wiccan - a modern pagan, syncretic, earth-centered religion

- b. Google searches for “spell casting” have increased fourfold since 2016.

- c. The Millennials and GenZers have fallen victim to witchcraft more than any other age group.

d. Witchcraft influencers have thousands of followers on Instagram.

e. 5 billion views are recorded in a segment on Tik Tok called “Witch Tok.”

5. God warned Israel about defilement.

**Leviticus 19:31 NKJV** - Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

Familiar spirit - a medium contacts the dead and comes under a “familiar spirit”

Defile - to become spiritually and morally unclean by acts of disobedience

6. The devil as a music producer.

Did you know that Satan was involved in music before his downfall?  
Before he was the devil, he was Lucifer, the anointed cherub.

The Bible suggests that he had musical abilities that were in his character.

**Ezekiel 28:13 NKJV** - You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Notice it says, “the workmanship of our timbrels and pipes was prepared for you.” Was Satan the head musician? We cannot say for sure, but he was the anointed angel who led a rebellion of other angels. We know that the angels constantly worship God, and it is possible that Lucifer, or Satan, led that worship?

But in his rebellion and downfall, is he making deals with musicians who have sold themselves out for fame and fortune? And by doing so, is he preparing a generation of young people for the system of the Antichrist? The devil is a perverter of all that is good and holy. He perverts people into his power and control. He’s doing it by a “Last Days Occultic Surge.”

The devil is a deal maker!

**Matthew 4:8-9 NKJV** - Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

He promises earthly glory. Only Jesus can give you eternal glory.

All of this activity of an occultic surge is a preconditioning for the acceptance of the "man of sin," known as the Antichrist. By normalizing occult practices, the "lawless one" will be able to easily ensnare the world.

The cultural fascination with occultism is accelerating moral decay and rebellion against the laws of God.

### C. Called to be Spiritually Alert

1. We are to have no part in the works of darkness.

**Ephesians 5:11 AMP** - Take no part in and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds and enterprises of darkness, but instead [let your lives be so in contrast as to] expose and reprove and convict them.

2. The power of the Holy Ghost is greater.

**1 John 4:4 AMP** - Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.

The same power of God that cast out demons in the time of Christ lives in us. The power of the cross triumphs over all the works of the devil.

**Romans 16:20 NKJV** - And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.