

# The Great Deception

*How To Keep From Falling Away in the Last Days  
(Part 3)*

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## **Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC**

*9 [Earnestly] **remember the former things**, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,*

*10 **Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose.*

## **Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 AMPC**

*9 **The thing that has been—it is what will be again**, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.*

10 **Is there a thing** of which it may be said, **See, this is new?** It has already been, in the vast ages of time [recorded or unrecorded] which were before us.

### **Passivity defined:**

Acceptance of what happens, without active response or resistance; the state of inactivity;

### **Deceive defined:**

Cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, typically in order to gain some personal advantage:

### **Mislead defined:**

Cause (someone) to have a wrong idea or impression about someone or something... **Synonyms:** deceive, delude, lie to, fool, hoodwink, lead astray, throw off the scent, send on a wild goose chase, put on the wrong track, pull the wool over someone's eyes, pull someone's leg, misguide, misdirect, misinform, give wrong information to; bamboozle, lead up the garden path

### **Dupe defined:**

Deceive or trick, beguile ; a victim of deception...**Synonyms:** hoax, swindle, defraud, cheat, double-cross, gull, mislead, take in, fool, delude, misguide, sucker, stooge, sitting duck, simpleton.

Jesus said in giving His final instructions to His disciples when asked the question, “what will it look like, what are the signs or “things” we should look out for to know when You will return again?”

**Matthew 24:4 AMPC**

4 Jesus answered them, **Be careful** that no one (preachers/teachers/church friends) **misleads you** [**deceiving you and leading you into error**].

God's Word warns you and I, for such a time as this, when all the other signs or "things" foretold in His Word are happening that His followers or imitators of Jesus Christ are to be careful that no one (preacher, teachers, authors, friends) misleads us.

Jesus continued in Matthew 24 with pointing out spiritual deception, the lack of teaching or passivity and false teaching that would be happening regarding sin, judgment, righteousness and the prophecies that are yet to come (John 16).

**Matthew 24:5 AMPC**

5 For **many** will come in (on the strength of) My name [**appropriating the name which belongs to Me**], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and **they will lead many astray**.

**Matthew 24:5 KJV**

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and **shall deceive many**.

In verse 5, Jesus is telling the End Times church that many pastors, preachers, teachers, authors (people who come in My name) will twist God's Word regarding sin, judgement and righteousness and End Time events. They will throw pages out, deleting pages and deceiving many for their own gain.

### **Matthew 24:10-11 AMPC**

10 And then **many** will be offended and repelled and will begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and **will stumble** and **fall away** and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.

11 And **many false prophets** will rise up and **deceive and lead many into error.**

The never wrong Prophet told you and I that God's Word told us from the beginning what would happen at the end of time or the time of the Rapture. The wisest man ever, Solomon said, "there is no "thing" new under the sun, what has happened before will happen again." So, what are these "things" that the followers of Jesus Christ are warned about?

### **Genesis 3:1-13 AMPC**

1 Now **the serpent was more subtle and crafty** than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden,

3 Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

4 **But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die,**

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity.

6 *And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she gave some also to her husband, and he ate.*

7 *Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles.*

8 *And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

9 *But the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you?*

10 *He said, I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

11 *And He said, Who told you that you were naked? **Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?***

12 *And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me—she gave me [fruit] from the tree, and I ate.*

13 *And the Lord God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, **The serpent beguiled (cheated, outwitted, and deceived) me, and I ate.***

Remember from part 2 in our series, 1/3 of all the angels followed Lucifer when he was kicked out of heaven. He was prideful, wanted to go his own way, his idea of how to live and not how and why He was created. Then, just like Adam, the created angelic beings were deceived and chose to follow the great deceiver and as a result, they will spend eternity in hell.

The New Testament writers in answering the questions from the church: Are we in the Tribulation? (They were being deceived by false teaching, they were being mistreated by the Roman government: taxes higher, businesses shut down and wrongfully imprisoned). They also asked did we miss the Rapture (foretold by the Old Testament Prophets). Remember, Jesus spoke of the Old Testament, the New Testament writers were speaking or clarifying and confirming what the Old Testament prophets had written as well.

This is what the New Testament writers had to say to the church about these angels who fell or chose to follow satan and what was their judgment.

### **Jude 6-7 KJV**

**6 And the angels which kept not their first estate,** but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, **giving themselves over to fornication,** and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

### **Jude 6-7 GNT**

**6 Remember the angels who did not stay within the limits of their proper authority,** but abandoned their own dwelling place: they are bound with eternal chains in the darkness below, where God is keeping them for that great Day on which they will be condemned.



7 Remember Sodom and Gomorrah, and the nearby towns, whose people acted as those angels did and **indulged in sexual immorality and perversion**: they suffer the punishment of eternal fire as a plain warning to all.

### **2 Peter 2:4 KJV**

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, **but cast them down to hell**, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

### **2 Peter 2:4 GNT**

4 God did not spare the angels who sinned, **but threw them into hell**, where they are kept chained in darkness, waiting for the Day of Judgment.

What is Jude and Peter talking about?

### **Genesis 6:1-8 AMPC**

1 When men began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,

2 The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair, and they took wives of all they desired and chose.

3 Then the Lord said, My Spirit shall not forever dwell and strive with man, for he also is flesh; but his days shall yet be 120 years.

4 There were giants on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God lived with (**mingled, mixed, intertwined, fornicated with**) the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

5 *The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually.*

6 *And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart.*

7 *So the Lord said, I will destroy, blot out, and wipe away mankind, whom I have created from the face of the ground—not only man, [but] the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air—for it grieves Me and makes Me regretful that I have made them.*

8 *But Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord.*

9 *This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God.*

10 *And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

11 **The earth was depraved and putrid in God's sight**, and the land was filled with violence (desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for power).

12 **And God looked upon the world and saw how degenerate, debased,** and vicious it was, for all humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction.

13 *God said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the land is filled with violence; and behold, I will destroy them and the land.*

14 *Make yourself an ark of gopher or cypress wood; make in it rooms (stalls, pens, coops, nests, cages, and compartments) and cover it inside and out with pitch (bitumen).*



## Fornicate (Fornication) Defined:

Consensual (made by mutual agreement without an act of writing) intercourse, relations, dealings between two persons not married or legal to be bound to each other.

Adultery and Fornication are closely related. Adultery is from adulterāre (“to pollute, defile”), a word formed ultimately from the Latin elements ad- “to, near” and alter “other.”

In legal use there is a difference between adultery and fornication. Adultery is only used when at least one of the parties involved (either male or female) is married or legally belonging to, whereas fornication may be used to describe two people who are unmarried (no longer belonging to each other or anyone else) engaging in consensual intercourse (communications or sexual relations, dealings)

Isaiah said God’s Word told us from the beginning what would happen at the Time of the End. Solomon said “nothing new under the sun”. God said the seed of the serpent (fallen angels following satan) mingled with, fornicated with, became intertwined with mankind and God said the wickedness was so great He wanted to wipe everyone out.

In Romans chapter 1, Paul is answering the question of what the condition would be like in the Church or with the religious people as a sign to look out for at the Time of the End.

### **Romans 1:18-32 AMPC**

18 For God's [holy] wrath and indignation are revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress and hinder the truth and make it inoperative.

19 For that which is known about God is evident to them and made plain in their inner consciousness, because God [Himself] has shown it to them.

20 For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made (His handiworks). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defense or justification],

21 Because when they knew and recognized Him as God, they did not honor and glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. But instead they became futile and [a]godless in their thinking [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened.

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves].

23 And by them the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for and represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their [own] hearts to sexual impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin],

25 Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it).

26 For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one,

27 And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another—men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own [b]odies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.

28 And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome,

29 Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters and gossipers,

30 Slanderers, hateful to and hating God, full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; inventors of new forms of evil, disobedient and undutiful to parents.

31 [They were] without understanding, conscienceless and faithless, heartless and loveless [and] merciless.

32 Though they are fully aware of God's righteous decree that those who do such **things** deserve to die, they not only do them themselves but approve and applaud others who practice them.

### **Romans 1:32 CEB**

32 Though they know God's decision that those who persist in such practices deserve death, they not only keep doing these things but also approve others who practice them.

Then in Revelation 17 John tells us the condition or characteristics of the False Prophet and false One World Religion. This is so we could identify “it” and wouldn’t be duped, deceived, or tricked like Adam and Eve, in the Days of Noah and Lot, or when 1/3 of the angels rebelled.

### **Revelation 17 AMPC**

*1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls then came and spoke to me, saying, Come with me! I will show you the doom (sentence, judgment) of the great harlot (idolatress) who is seated on many waters,*

*2 [She] with whom the rulers of the earth have joined in prostitution (idolatry) and with the wine of whose immorality (idolatry) the inhabitants of the earth have become intoxicated.*

*3 And [the angel] bore me away [rapt] in the Spirit into a desert (wilderness), and I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was all covered with blasphemous titles (names), and he had seven heads and ten horns.*

*4 The woman was robed in purple and scarlet and bedecked with gold, precious stones, and pearls, [and she was] holding in her hand a golden cup full of the accursed offenses and the filth of her lewdness and vice.*

*5 And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth.*

*6 I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God’s people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed and wondered greatly.*

7 But the angel said to me, *Why do you wonder? I will explain to you the [secret symbolic meaning of the] mystery of the woman, as well as of the beast having the seven heads and ten horns that carries her.*

8 *The beast that you saw [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is going to come up out of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and proceed to go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been recorded in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they look at the beast, because he [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is [yet] to come.*

9 *This calls for a mind [to consider that is packed] with wisdom and intelligence [it is something for a particular mode of thinking and judging of thoughts, feelings, and purposes]. The seven heads are seven hills upon which the woman is sitting;*

10 *And they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one still exists [and is reigning]; the other [the seventh] has not yet appeared, and when he does arrive, he must stay [but] a brief time.*

11 *And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and belongs to them, and he goes to perdition.*

12 *Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.*

13 *These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.*

14 *They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings—*

*and those with Him and on His side are chosen and called [elected] and loyal and faithful followers.*

*15 And [the angel further] said to me, The waters that you observed, where the harlot is seated, are races and multitudes and nations and dialects (languages).*

*16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will [be the very ones to] hate the harlot (the idolatrous woman); they will make her cheerless (bereaved, desolate), and they will strip her and eat up her flesh and utterly consume her with fire.*

*17 For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His own purpose by acting in harmony in surrendering their royal power and authority to the beast, until the prophetic words (intentions and promises) of God shall be fulfilled.*

*18 And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates and controls the rulers and the leaders of the earth*

### **Revelation 18 AMPC**

*1 Then I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendor.*

*2 And he shouted with a mighty voice, She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen! She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird.*

*3 For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers and leaders of the earth have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury and wantonness.*

*4 I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues.*

*5 For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her wickedness and [her] crimes [and calls them up for settlement].*

*6 Repay to her what she herself has paid [to others] and double [her doom] in accordance with what she has done. Mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed [for others].*

*7 To the degree that she glorified herself and reveled in her wantonness [living deliciously and luxuriously], to that measure impose on her torment and anguish and tears and mourning. Since in her heart she boasts, I am not a widow; as a queen [on a throne] I sit, and I shall never see suffering or experience sorrow—*

*8 So shall her plagues (afflictions, calamities) come thick upon her in a single day, pestilence and anguish and sorrow and famine; and she shall be utterly consumed (burned up with fire), for mighty is the Lord God Who judges her.*

*9 And the rulers and leaders of the earth who joined her in her immorality (idolatry) and luxuriated with her will weep and beat their breasts and lament over her when they see the smoke of her conflagration.*

*10 They will stand a long way off, in terror of her torment, and they will cry, Woe and alas, the great city, the mighty city, Babylon! In one single hour how your doom (judgment) has overtaken you!*

*11 And earth's businessmen will weep and grieve over her because no one buys their freight (cargo) any more.*



12 *Their merchandise is of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; of fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet [stuffs]; all kinds of scented wood, all sorts of articles of ivory, all varieties of objects of costly woods, bronze, iron, and marble;*

13 *Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment and perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) and souls of men!*

14 *The ripe fruits and delicacies for which your soul longed have gone from you, and all your luxuries and dainties, your elegance and splendor are lost to you, never again to be recovered or experienced!*

15 *The dealers who handled these articles, who grew wealthy through their business with her, will stand a long way off, in terror of her doom and torment, weeping and grieving aloud, and saying,*

16 *Alas, alas for the great city that was robed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, bedecked and glittering with gold, with precious stones, and with pearls!*

17 *Because in one [single] hour all the vast wealth has been destroyed (wiped out). And all ship captains and pilots, navigators and all who live by seafaring, the crews and all who ply their trade on the sea, stood a long way off,*

18 *And exclaimed as they watched the smoke of her burning, What city could be compared to the great city!*

19 *And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and grieved, exclaiming, Woe and alas, for the great city, where all who had ships on the sea grew rich [through her extravagance] from her great wealth! In one single hour she has been destroyed and has become a desert!*

20 Rejoice (celebrate) over her, O heaven! O saints (people of God) and apostles and prophets, because God has executed vengeance for you upon her!

21 Then a single powerful angel took up a boulder like a great millstone and flung it into the sea, crying, With such violence shall Babylon the great city be hurled down to destruction and shall never again be found.

22 And the sound of harpists and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you, and no skilled artisan of any craft shall ever again be found in you, and the sound of the millstone shall never again be heard in you.

23 And never again shall the light of a lamp shine in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall never be heard in you again; for your businessmen were the great and prominent men of the earth, and by your magic spells and poisonous charm all nations were led astray (seduced and deluded).

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all those who have been slain (slaughtered) on earth.

### **Revelation 17 KJV**

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

*4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:*

*5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth.*

*6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

*7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

*8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*

*9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.*

*10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*

*11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

*12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*

*13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

14 *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

15 *And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

16 *And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.*

17 *For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

18 *And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

### **Revelation 18 KJV**

1 *And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

2 *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

3 *For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*

4 *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 *The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!*

17 *For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,*

18 *And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!*

19 *And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.*

20 *Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.*

21 *And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;*

23 *And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.*

24 *And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

We are going to begin to look at the specific characters in the Bible that God said to watch out for. These characters or spirits have characteristics that are meant to divide God's people which is the spirit of the antichrist.

The defining of terms that are being used/change by the world and adopted by the Church because “she” is the Bride of Christ has mingled, intertwined or fornicated with the wickedness. This is the seed of the serpent or the giants that the follower of Christ, the imitator can not be afraid of or cower to.

**Faith is the opposite of Fear...  
Fear tolerated is Faith contaminated !**

**2 Timothy 1:7 AMPC**

*7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.*

Fear does not advance the Kingdom of God, but faith does. Remember, there is no “thing new under the sun”

**Philippians 3:1 AMPC**

*3 For the rest, my brethren, delight yourselves in the Lord and continue to rejoice that you are in Him. To keep writing to you [over and over] of the same things is not irksome to me, and it is [a precaution] for your safety.*



In Numbers chapters 13-14 the Israelites are standing on the edge of Canaan, the land that God had promised to give them years before. They had experienced firsthand the delivering power of God when He set them free from slavery in Egypt. The sustaining power of God as He provided for them during their journey through the desert, and the power of God's presence as He led them through the desert via a cloud of smoke during the day and a pillar of fire at night.

In Numbers 13, they finally stood at what could have been the end of their long journey. God commanded Moses to send some men out ahead of them to spy out the land (13:1-2). It wasn't like God didn't already know who inhabited the land and what it was going to take to defeat their armies so He needed to send out some spies. I think God sent spies because He wanted to test the Israelites' faith.

God wanted the Israelites to know what they were up against and to choose to move forward in faith because apart from God choosing to fight for them, they were sure to lose.

Moses sends out twelve spies (13:3-20). The spies were gone for forty days and while there they observed two things. First, the land was beautiful and fruitful! Second, the people who inhabited the land were huge and powerful (13:21-24).

When they came back with their report to give to Moses and the people, **ten of the spies, in fear, said that the Israelites would be foolish** to try and go up against the strong armies that inhabited the land.

**However, two of the spies (Joshua and Caleb), in faith, said they'd be foolish not to go up and take what God had promised to give them (13:25-33).**

As a result, that generation of Israelites didn't inherit what God had promised. Their lack of faith completely shaped the history of Israel. They spent the next forty years wandering in the desert instead of experiencing the power and faithfulness of God in the Promised Land.

**I don't want to be one of the ten spies and I don't want you to be one of those ten spies. Fear does not advance the kingdom of God, but faith does.**

**Romans 10:17 AMPC**

17 So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself)

Caleb and Joshua were bold & courageous. Read Numbers 13:30. Caleb said, "Let us go up at once..." (emphasis added). He was zealously engaged in the mission of God. Caleb's zeal was not based on what he thought they could do but on what he knew God could and had promised to do. We need to, in faith, be bold & courageous. God wants us to take ground for His kingdom, not sit back and be satisfied with what we have.

Caleb and Joshua remembered. Read Numbers 14:11. The Israelites had forgotten all of the miraculous things God had done right before their eyes. We are prone to forgetfulness. We need to intentionally keep track of what God is doing around us and constantly remind ourselves of what God has done in the past. God's assignments are always too big for us to handle but, as His Word and history shows us, God always empowers us to complete His assignments.

Caleb and Joshua stood their ground. Read Numbers 14:10. Nobody around them believed it could be done, but that didn't change Caleb and Joshua's conviction to move forward. Again, fear does not advance the kingdom of God, but faith does. Way too often we make decisions out of fear instead of in faith. We need to learn to stand our ground in faith.

I can't help but wonder what would have been different if those ten spies had challenged the people to go up and take Canaan in confidence instead of backing down in fear.

So, you and I need to ask ourselves what's my Canaan? Is there anything that I'm backing down from in fear when God is challenging me to step up in faith and trust His power and faithfulness?

In the "Last Days" or "Time of the End" these spirits, these "ites", these giants or descendants of wickedness or Hamas are going to be attacking "The Church" or "God's People" any way they can.

These spirits are manifested in people, government, education, media, sports/entertainment and will look for the weak spot(s) in the armor. So, we have to put on the whole armor of God as the Bible commands us to do.

### **Ephesians 6:11-13 AMPC**

*11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.*

*12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. (mountain or pillar)*  
*13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].*

### **Ephesians 6:11-13 KJV**

*11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

**Withstand:** read the Word daily, believe the Word, speak the Word and act on the Word. We are putting on the whole armor of God which is our equipment that is needed to not only defend but to take ground against the enemy or giants in the land.

### **Jude AMPC**

*1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father and separated (set apart) and kept for Jesus Christ:*

*2 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you.*

*3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all [a]handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered [b]verbally to the holy people of God].*

*4 For certain men have crept in stealthily [[c]gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

*5 Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].*

6 *And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place—these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.*

7 *[The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns—which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity—are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.*

8 *Nevertheless in like manner, these dreamers also corrupt the body, scorn and reject authority and government, and revile and libel and scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).*

9 *But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you!*

10 *But these men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand; and whatever they do understand physically [that which they know by mere instinct], like irrational beasts—by these they corrupt themselves and are destroyed (perish).*

11 *Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah!*

12 *These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone].*

*They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time—twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots;*

*13 Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame and disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever.*

*14 It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)*

*15 To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.*

*16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.*

*17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

*18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.*

*19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions—merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.*



20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [[d]make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;

21 Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)—[which will bring you] unto life eternal.

22 And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt.

23 [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality.

24 Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present [you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy and exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]—

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