

# THE PROPHESED DEPARTURE FROM THE TRUE FAITH

PASSAGE	CLUES
<p>Matthew 24:4,5,24            4 ¶ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 "For <b>many will come in My name</b>, saying, '<b>I am the Christ,</b>' and will <b>deceive many</b>. 24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and <b>show great signs and wonders to deceive</b>, if possible, even the elect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many will come falsely in the name of Jesus</li> <li>• See themselves as being in his place</li> <li>• do miracles</li> </ul>
<p>1 John 2:18            Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, <b>even now many *antichrists have come</b>, by which we know that it is the last hour.</p> <p><small>* "anti- christos" – Strong's definition of 'anti' = 473. anti a primary particle; opposite, i.e. instead or because of (rarely in addition to):--for, <b>in the room of</b>. Often used in composition to denote contrast, requital, <b>substitution</b>, correspondence, etc.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• began in the First Century while the N.T. was being written.</li> <li>• involves MANY</li> <li>• antichrist has the idea of being "in the room of" Christ, a substitute.</li> </ul>
<p>1 John 2:19  <b>They went out from us</b>, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• was once part of the Christian church</li> </ul>
<p>1 John 2:21-22            I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that <b>no lie is of the truth</b>. Who is a liar but he who <b>denies that Jesus is the Christ?</b> He is antichrist who <b>denies the Father and the Son</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• teachings contradict Scripture = LIES</li> <li>• deny aspects of the true relationship between the Father and the Son</li> </ul>
<p>1 John 4:1            ¶ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but <b>test the spirits, whether they are of God</b>; because <b>many</b> false prophets have gone out into the world.            Matthew 24:11 "Then <b>many false prophets</b> will rise up and <b>deceive many</b>. 12 "And because lawlessness [unrighteousness] will abound, the love of many will grow cold.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• involves MANY false prophets</li> <li>• will deceive MANY</li> </ul>

<p>1 John 4:2-3</p> <p>2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that <b>confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the *flesh</b> is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and <b>is now already in the world.</b></p> <p><i>* (Strong's definition of 'flesh' - 4561. sarx "probably from the base of 4563; flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul (or spirit), or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties (physically or morally) and passions), or (specially), a human being (as such):--carnal(-ly, + -ly minded), flesh(-ly)" )</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the LIE involves denying that Jesus came with human nature</li> <li>• the LIE began before the N.T. was complete</li> </ul>
<p><b>2 Thessalonians 2:3</b></p> <p>3 ¶ Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless <b>the falling away comes first,</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the falling away from truth would happen BEFORE Jesus returns</li> </ul>
<p>2 Thessalonians 2:4</p> <p>and the <b>man of sin is revealed</b>, the son of perdition, who <b>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.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the LIE involves a man who sets himself up in the place of God and sits in what he professes is the 'temple of God'. He is worshiped as a God.</li> </ul>
<p>2 Thessalonians 2:8-9</p> <p>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. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, <b>with all power, signs, and lying wonders,</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• miracles are involved</li> </ul>
<p>2 Thessalonians 2:10-12</p> <p>...and with all unrighteous <b>deception</b> among those who perish, because they did not receive <b>the love of the truth, that they might be saved.</b> 11 And for this reason God will send them <b>strong delusion</b>, that they should believe the <b>lie</b>, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to believe the LIE is to perish and not be saved.</li> <li>• it is a STRONG DELUSION</li> <li>• you have to LOVE TRUTH to escape.</li> </ul>
<p>1 Timothy 4:1-3</p> <p>¶ Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times <b>some will depart from the faith</b>, giving heed to <b>deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons</b>, 2 speaking <b>lies in hypocrisy</b>, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 <b>forbidding to marry</b>, and <b>commanding to abstain from foods</b> which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a departure from the faith involving deception, false teaching</li> <li>• some would be forbidden to marry</li> <li>• dietary restrictions</li> </ul>

2 Peter 2:1-3

¶ 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.

- false teachers would enter the Christian world
- heresy secretly brought in
- a denying of something to do with Jesus
- MANY would follow
- the Truth would be evil spoken of
- involves money-making

Revelation 17:1-2

1 ¶ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the **great harlot who sits on many waters**, 2 "with whom **the kings of the earth** committed **fornication**, and **the inhabitants of the earth** were made **drunk** with the wine of her fornication."

\* **harlot** = to go astray from truth is to be an unfaithful bride of Christ - see 2 Corinthians 11:2-4

"Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly-- and indeed you do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you **as a chaste virgin to Christ**. 3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so **your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ**. 4 For if he who comes preaches **another Jesus** whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a **different gospel** which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!"

\* **waters** = see verse 15 "Then he said to me, "The **waters** which you saw, where the harlot sits, **are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues**."

- harlot – because she has gone astray from Christ’s gospel.
- holds sway over many nations, and Kings of the earth
- another Jesus would be preached
- a different gospel

Revelation 17:3

So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was **full of names of \* blasphemy**, having **\*seven heads** and **ten horns**.

\* **'blasphemy'** - 2 Peter 2:2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom **the way of truth will be blasphemed**. [to speak evil of something]

\* **7 heads** - see verse 9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The **seven heads are seven mountains** on which the woman sits.

\* **10 horns** – see verse 12 = kings

- harlot speaks evil of the Truth
- harlot sits on 7 mountains (or hills)
- harlot becomes involved with 10 kings
- beasts represent empires (Daniel 7)

<p>Revelation 17:4 The woman was arrayed in <b>purple and scarlet</b>, and <b>adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls</b>, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: <b>MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• colours of purple and scarlet</li> <li>• lots of gold and gems and pearls</li> <li>• ‘MYSTERY’ is a term that is on the unfaithful bride’s forehead</li> <li>• She is a MOTHER to many other unfaithful ‘brides of Christ’</li> </ul>
<p>Revelation 17:6 I saw the woman, <b>drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.</b> And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• put to death those who spoke truth</li> </ul>
<p>Revelation 17:18 "And the <b>woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.</b>"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a great city that influences the kings of the earth</li> </ul>
<p>Revelation 17:12-14 <b>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.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harlot joins with the 10 kings to war against Jesus at his return (because she doesn’t recognize him) and is destroyed.</li> </ul>
<p>Revelation 18:3 "For <b>all the nations</b> have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the <b>kings of the earth</b> have committed fornication with her, and the <b>merchants of the earth have become rich</b> through the abundance of her luxury."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has influenced all nations</li> <li>• hobnobs with kings of the earth</li> <li>• a RICH system through buying and selling</li> </ul>
<p><b>Revelation 18:4</b> And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "<b>Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.</b> 5 "For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>God pleads for His people to get out of her – or be judged with her</b></li> </ul>
<p>Revelation 18:7 "In the measure that she <b>glorified herself and lived luxuriously</b>, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, '<b>I sit as queen, and am no widow</b>, and will not see sorrow.'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a system that boasts about itself</li> <li>• a wealthy system</li> <li>• a ruling system</li> <li>• sees herself as the faithful wife – not a widow</li> </ul>

<p>Revelation 18:9  <b>¶</b> "The <b>kings of the earth</b> who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 "standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' 11 "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for <b>no one buys their merchandise anymore</b>: 12 "merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13 "and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and <b>bodies and souls of men.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• influence has spread to kings of the earth</li> <li>• made money from buying and selling many things</li> <li>• made money off the lives and souls of people</li> </ul>
<p>Revelation 18:20  "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and <b>you holy apostles and prophets</b>, for <b>God has avenged you on her!</b>"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has wronged true believers and will be judged</li> </ul>
<p><b>Revelation 18:23</b>  "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. <b>For your merchants were the great men of the earth</b>, for <b>by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.</b> 24 "And in her was found the blood of <b>prophets and saints</b>, and of all who were slain on the earth."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deceived all nations!</li> <li>• Was involved with the great leaders of the world</li> <li>• put to death those who tried to speak truth.</li> </ul>