

1. Last week I taught in part 2Ti 4:3-5 by way of the *Doctrine of False Communicators*.

1.1 As an introduction last week we reviewed and in fact displayed several very important books used by this pastor in developing the *Doctrine of Authenticity of the Bible* and *The Doctrine of Canonicity*. Both of which have been recently published on our pod-cast.

1.2 Displayed last week on our Remembrance Table were the Septuagint, an article with artistic pictorials from a beautiful coffee-table book describing Ptolemy, a Hebrew Scroll and Josephus' History book covering what is known as the interim period spanning c. 450 B.C. to 4 B.C. If you want to know what I said about them, look it up.

2. Before we continue that study, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

3. For a written and/or audio copy of this lesson please go to [westbankbiblechurch.com](http://westbankbiblechurch.com) and click-on streaming audio of services.

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page two where we were studying a few New Testament examples of false teachers.

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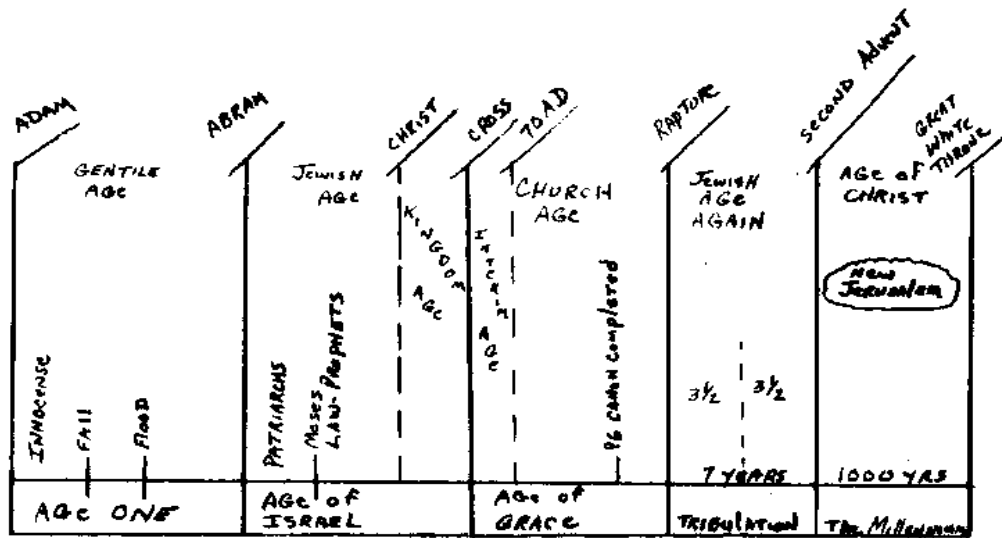
2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

## **Review**

5. There were numerous false communicators actively resisting our Lord during the Kingdom Age. They were primarily the religious hierarchy, consisting of the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees. Mat 15:1-3 and 16:1-4



6. There have been and still are numerous false teachers abounding in the Church Age. As with false teachers of every age they are to be critiqued based on the content of their teaching.

7. There were false teachers in Corinth teaching there was no bodily resurrection. 1Co 15:14-16

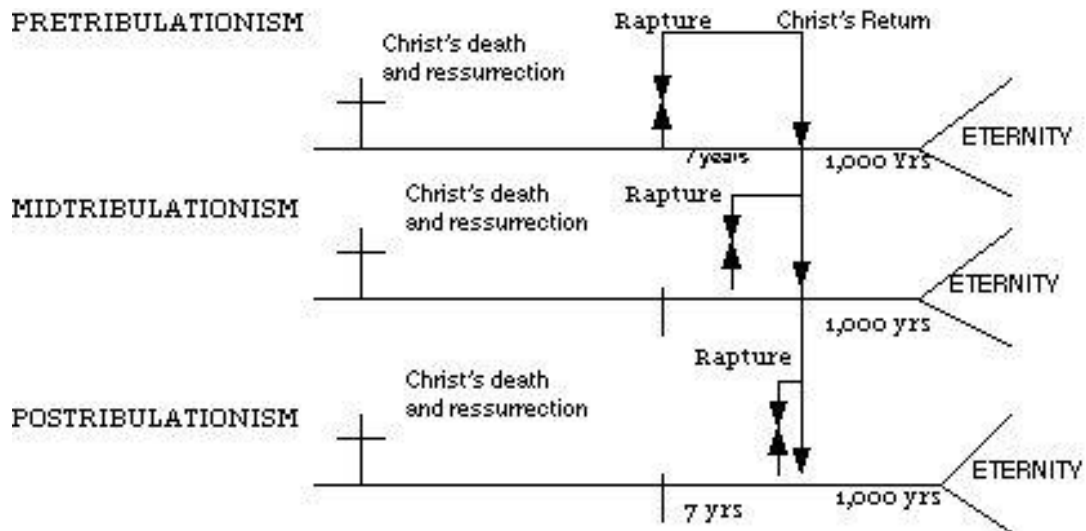
7.1 There were false teachers in Corinth who were critical of Paul's speech, devotion to grace and his appearance. It is interesting to note Paul says false teachers often are glib entertainers who have little substance. 2Co 11:1-28

7.2 There were false teachers at Jerusalem who mixed Judaism and Christianity. Heb 3:5-9; 4:8-16; 5:11-14

7.3 There were false teachers who came from Jerusalem to Galatia, particularly Antioch, to teach a doctrine of salvation and spirituality by faith and works. Acts 15:1-4

7.4 These false teachers also taught false doctrine about circumcision which Paul successfully resisted. Acts 15:5-11

7.5 There were false teachers teaching post tribulation; they seem to abound in Thessalonica. 2Th 2:1-12



7.6 There were false teachers who tried to put church age saints back under the Mosaic law. 1Ti 1:3-11

1Ti 1:3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer

1Ti 1:4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work--which is by faith.

1Ti 1:5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1Ti 1:6 Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk.

1Ti 1:7 They want to be **teachers of the law**, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

1Ti 1:8 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.

1Ti 1:9 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,

1Ti 1:10 for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers--and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

1Ti 1:11 that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

## The Law

Exo 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

Exo 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Exo 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

Exo 20:6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exo 20:7 "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Exo 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Exo 20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

Exo 20:10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Exo 20:13 "You shall not murder.

Exo 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery.

Exo 20:15 "You shall not steal.

Exo 20:16 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Exo 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

7.7 There are false teachers who it would seem, love to obfuscate the truth with speculation which at least in part contradicts the Scriptures; they love to wax eloquent with reference to "knowledge, science, etc." 1Ti 6:20-21

1Ti 6:20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge,

1Ti 6:21 which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

7.8 False teachers in every age, pervasively will abound in various forms; spanning the gamut from do-gooder legalist to antinomian despisers of morality. 2Ti 3:1-13

2Ti 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

2Ti 3:2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

2Ti 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

2Ti 3:6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,

2Ti 3:7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth--men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

2Ti 3:9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

2Ti 3:10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

2Ti 3:11 persecutions, sufferings--what kinds of things happened to me in **Antioch, Iconium** and **Lystra**, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

2Ti 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2Ti 3:13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.



7.9 Paul says on the island of **Crete** there are false teachers who love to speak of the merits of the law, discoursing on genealogies, endless contentions and pontifications. Paul urges Titus to confront these false communicators and to protect the congregates by urging pastors to teach sound doctrine.

Tit 1:10 For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group.

Tit 1:11 They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach--and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

Tit 1:12 Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons."

Tit 1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith

Tit 1:14 and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth.

Tit 3:9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

Tit 3:10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.

7.10 Peter warns against the perils of false teachers in 2Pe 2:1-3.

2Pe 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves.

2Pe 2:2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.

2Pe 2:3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

7.11 John in 1Jo 2:18-19 warns against false teachers much in the same way as Peter. These false teachers, like those warned against by Peter, would deny the Lord that bought them; they would gain a following and cast a shadow on the way of truth.

7.12 They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves."

1Jo 2:18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

1Jo 2:19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

7.13 In 1Jo 2:22-23 we have a warning that "little antichrists" abound who deny the Father and the Son.

1Jo 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1Jo 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

8. The judgment of false teachers is said to be a certainty.

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2Pe 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell (**Tartaroo**), putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

2Pe 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

2Pe 2:6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

2Pe 2:7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men

2Pe 2:8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—

2Pe 2:9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

9. The characteristics of the false teachers are enumerated by Peter. Their fleshly self-indulgence is recounted and their rejection of authority.

2Pe 2:10-12.

2Pe 2:10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings;



9.1 Authority is the legal power delegated by God. Authority is ordained of God both in the spiritual as well as the secular realm. God has established an organization chart. For example:

Father over Jesus and the Holy Spirit;

Jesus over all things;

husband over the wife;

parents over children;

bosses over employees;

government leaders over citizens;

teachers over students.

9.2 The principle of authority and its value is established early in the Scriptures. A coequal Jesus and Holy Spirit agreed to get under the authority of the Father.

2Pe 2:11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.

2Pe 2:12 But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.

10. Their perversion of Christianity is warned against in 2Pe 2:13.

2Pe 2:13 They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.

11. Their moral instability is described in 2Pe 2:14.

2Pe 2:14 With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed--an accursed brood!

12. Their crassly selfish motivation is described as being similar to Balaam. False teachers are often motivated by approbation, prestige and monetary gain.

2Pe 2:15 They have left the straight-way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness.

13. Their spiritual barrenness, even though saved, is further delineated in 1Pe 2:20-22.

2Pe 2:20 If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

2Pe 2:21 It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

2Pe 2:22 Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

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