Now there is one last thing that Webster brought out about *neurosis* which I have not yet emphasized in this message, and the last thing he said about neurosis is that it will eventually bring forth “conversion”.

This is actually the seventh characteristic, and we know seven is the number of completion. The first six are progressive stages or phases which moves one toward complete takeover by demonic influence. But there is something different about this last characteristic that I would like to examine closer.

The last characteristic is *conversion*. After you have started off by *anxiety*, your anxiety takes over and you begin to do things *compulsively* and then those compulsive behaviors take over and it becomes an *obsession* to you, which is devil possession.

The next thing that sets in is *fear*, and we know that fear has a penalty, you stop doing what you were doing before, you kind of freeze up, or like Lot’s wife, you crystallize.

And when you do that *depression* soon follows. When this happens you just quit eating the Word for the hour and you begin to spiritually starve yourself.

Eventually because you no longer desire this type of food you begin to avoid those who do and you *disassociate* yourself from those who do, by cutting yourself off from fellowship and associations with anyone who walks in the light.

Then the final characteristic of *neurosis* takes over which is a complete *conversion*. Moving fully into a materialistic centered life, which is devil worship. Your path to Conversion in Satan’s system, the seventh and last characteristic of this neurotic condition is now complete.

Now, remember, Webster tells us that when a person enters anxiety about what may happen, they are motivated to begin compulsive behavior which once they begin to act in a compulsive behavior, they lose total focus and their only focus becomes the anxiety. The compulsion gives way to obsession, which Webster defined as possession. The person is possessed by their anxiety. This possession leads to phobia which is a fear of the thing the anxiety focuses on and that brings on depression, which brings on disassociation. At this point the person is totally converted to neurosis.

Now, let’s just say it this way. Being the person is totally possessed by this anxiety they then have a total conversion to it.

Now, let’s compare this conversion to what happens when a person is possessed by the Holy Spirit. This is also called *conversion*. 
Jesus told Peter in Luke 22, “when you have been converted, strengthen the brethren”.

Luke 22:31  And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

Notice Peter thought he was a true follower, and though he was totally committed to Jesus yet he didn’t know his real condition at this point, and Jesus said in so many words, “Peter you are not totally focused on me to this point that you are converted with my Holy Spirit living itself out in you. But you will indeed be converted one day, but between then and now to show you are not yet fully converted, you will deny me three times this very night. However when you are converted you will be strong enough to strengthen also your brethren.”

So we see the attributes of this demon possession caused by the demonic lies that induces anxiety, and we see the results are that it weakens a person until they are completely, which means totally converted to a neurotic condition. At this point they are completely captive to neurosis and its ill effects.

However I want you to contrast this conversion to neurosis to a conversion that takes place when a person is totally possessed by the Holy Ghost. You will see that Holy Ghost conversion does not weaken you, but on contrary, it strengthens you with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore if we were to use a graph to show these two conversions, it would look like the graph below.

Conversion ---7---6---5---4---3---2---1--- Starting point ---1---2---3---

Neurosis ---7---6---5---4---3---2---1--- Starting point ---1---2---3--- Conformed Image Christ (“EnDoxaZo” The Mind of Christ)

Both journeys begin with being confronted by your life’s condition. You look at the circumstances in your life, and it jolts you because you recognize your condition.

That is your starting point. That is when you realize there are things that you cannot control and that is when you make your choice either to turn it all over to God, or you decide to take control of your life situations on your own. That is what we have labeled as your starting point on this graph.

We know there are 7 stages that will take you from Anxiety into full blown neurosis, but there are only three stages that will take you from the starting point into a surrendered vessel of God conformed to the image of the first born son.
Notice that Neurosis has seven stages to it. **Seven is completion.** The seventh stage it to end up a fully converted neurotic. And you begin that journey with anxiety. Then you choose to take charge of your life, and to control your anxiety you begin to move into compulsive behavior. Doing things that you think will change the outcome you see for yourself. You have now gone from stage one to stage two Neurosis.

Then focusing so much on your anxiety, and you have begun to compulsively do things to control you anxiety, you get so focused on it that you quickly enter into stage three of neurosis which is that you have become obsessed with your anxiety, and at this point you are actually possessed by it.

Once you have become obsessed by your anxiety it has now possessed you. You have in your mind become a slave to it to keep on feeding your anxiety. And your obsession leads to stage four neurosis which is that you now fear it.

Now at this point we see that the scripture teaches us that “**fear has a penalty**”. 1 John 4:18  
*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.*  (Fear has a penalty) **He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**

And we see throughout Scripture that the penalty of fear is that you begin to shut yourself down from doing what you were called to do. “**Joseph feared to take Mary to be his wife and so he was going to privately put her away**” And so you begin to pull back from eating and you only want to sleep. And without eating you lose your energy to do anything. All you want to do is to sleep it off. And that leads to the fifth stage of neurosis which is depression.

Once you enter this stage of neurosis your life is completely out of your control and your state of depression quickly leads to the sixth stage of neurosis which is disassociation where you cut yourself off from all others who are eating. Now, I have shown you in this series that this applies to both Spiritual feeding as well as the natural eating.

At this point you have cut off from anyone who could help you, and turn you to Christ for your answer. You are now left to yourself, You are alone, and you have now entered the 7th and last stage of neurosis which means you are totally converted into a neurotic state, and you have lost all tough with the real answer which is Christ.

Now, on the other hand, if at your starting point when you are confronted by your true life situation, if then you chose Christ for your help, for your escape, (to overcome your anxiety which is based on your being confronted by your real life situation), then you enter into just a three stage journey that not only will overcome your anxiety, but will end in Glorification.

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Now, notice the difference between this journey and the journey into neurosis. This journey is hiding in simplicity. There are only three stages, and three is not completion, three is perfection.
The first stage toward perfection is our choice of accepting Christ. Not only as the one to save us from our-self, but we have chosen him to become the Lord or Master of our entire Life situation. And we know this first stage toward the perfection of God is called Justification. We are justified by Faith. Not our Faith, but His Faith. We choose His Faith over our own. This means, that we choose him for our answer instead of trying to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

And I want you to notice the immediate effect that justification has on your anxiety? Paul said in Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

And if you have peace with God you no longer become anxious about your end. You look to Christ as the answer, and you have peace which means you are anxious for nothing. Therefore in just the first stage or your Christian journey you have lost what anxiety you had to begin with. If you are at peace you can not be in a worrisome or anxious stage of life. Your worries are over. Caput.

Now, we know that Justification will lead us to sanctification, which we know is a consecrated life that is totally void of self, and totally focused on Christ for all of our answers. This second stage is called sanctification. And once we have entered this stage of life we are on our way to our Glorification. We now have become a consecrated vessel in the hands of God, and we know that “it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do his good pleasure.” We know that “He which began the good work in us will perform it.” And we also know that since he is the author and finisher of our Faith, then it is out of our hands and totally in his hands. And that is what brings us peace with God.

We have made our decision on how to handle Life’s trials, and it is by completely depending on Christ and His Word alone for our answers.

This second stage of our Life’s Journey then leads to our being filled with His Holy Spirit which is His Word, and at this point in our Journey we become totally dependent on His Word for all our answers. For the spirit that lives in your is HIS Word and we know that if we be any otherwise minded, He will reveal it to us, because the mind of Christ is in us.

Once you have received His Word, which is His Spirit for all your needs, you become converted, and now the Mind of Christ is in you, and you are on your way to being conformed to the image of the first born son.

And that brings strength to us and in us, as He said, “Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.” So we see in total contrast to the possession of a person by their anxieties where they become weaker and weaker until they are completely taken over by their anxiety, yet those who are converted by the Holy Ghost become stronger and stronger and stronger knowing that “Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

Now, let’s go to the Scriptures and look at these two totally contrasting life journeys from a Scriptural stand point.
In 1 Timothy 4:1 we see that this scripture speaks of a falling away from THE faith at the end-time. Now, this then is not speaking of them whose journey is into Christ, but rather those who have chosen to take control of their own destiny. “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;”

So in order to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrine of devils, they have to depart from the Faith or revelation of Christ. This is the seven stage journey into neurosis. They have left the Faith or Revelation of Christ, and have chosen to control their own outcome. I liken this to those who left the Message because they think they know better. How can you know better than a God vindicated son of God? But they choose this path themselves.

We see also in Ephesians 4:18-20 that when a person drifts from the strength of the Word, it cuts off the Life of God which comes via His Word and this drifting starts with a wrong influence and a wrong understanding, one that is darkened. “Having their understanding darkened, they become alienated (disassociated) from the life of God (How so?) through the ignorance that is in them, (notice their own thoughts, their own faith, so they have to choose to turn down the Faith of the Son of God for their own thoughts. And then he tells us why.) because of the blindness (porosis, which is the stupidity) of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;” So they have given themselves over to their flesh, and human instincts rather than intelligent decision making based on vindication.

We see also in the book of Luke 8:13 That because they have no true roots in themselves, so they fall away from The Truth. “They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, but when trouble [a time of temptation/testing] comes, they give up [fall away; depart].

Let’s read that from the Expanded Bible to find out what it means to have no root in themselves. Luke 8:13 Expanded Bible (EXB) 13 The seed that fell on rock is like those who hear God’s teaching and accept [receive] it gladly [with joy], but they don’t allow the teaching to go deep into their lives [so they have no root]. Yet they believe for a while, but when trouble [a time of temptation/testing] comes, they give up [fall away; depart].

Now, there I another group altogether here that allow the anxieties to come in a chokes the Word so the Word can bring no fruit to maturity. And never forget, only the mature sons will reach adoption.

Luke 8:14 Expanded Bible (EXB) 14 The seed that fell among the thorny weeds is like those who hear God’s teaching, but they let the worries [cares; anxieties], riches, and pleasures of this life keep them from growing and producing [choke/crowd them and they do not produce] good [mature; ripe] fruit.
Let's also read from the Wuest NT Translation Luke 8:14 And those that fell into thorns are they are those who heard the Word, but under the pressures of anxieties and wealth and pleasure of a materialistic life as they go on their way, are being choked by these things, and they are not bringing fruit to maturity.”

Now let’s read another instance of this prophesied to come in this end time as we read what Jesus tells us in Luke 13:22 “And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, 24 Strive to enter in at the narrow gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. 25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: 26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. 28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.” I want you to notice that the word “Depart” that is used here is the same word for “falling away”.

In Hebrews 3:7-4:2 we see that the evil heart of unbelief which is a wrong understanding, causes the falling away or the departure from the Living God. “Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, (harden not your hearts, “do not crystallize your thinking”) as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tested me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. 11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, (don’t let your thinking become crystallized) as in the provocation. 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

So the Word that they did hear was not mixed in themselves with faith, (revelation). They heard the Word but had no revelation of what it meant. And so it did not produce life in them.
Again we see in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 There must be a falling away in order for us to know we are at the end-time and the Appearing of Christ. Notice again this Falling Away is from The Faith, which is the three stage journey into Life, so this would have to be the disassociating of themselves by their own choice from those walking in the Light as He is in the Light. “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;”

We see also in Hebrews 6:4-6 That this falling away will be among them who have received a once for all enlightening and then they deviate from this enlightenment and actually fall away from it. And it is impossible for them to ever change their thinking toward it again. In other words those who have gone down the seven stages of Neurosis and have become converted to that total neurotic condition will never be able to come back and walk the 3 stage journey into perfection. “For it is impossible for those who were once for all enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made Companions of the Holy Ghost, (In other words walking under the pillar of Fire) 5 And have tasted the good Word of God, (The Message) and the powers of the world to come, (that’s Millennial power like speaking to possums, and bees, and bulls and having them just walk or fly away.) 6 Having fallen away, (Having rejected the Justification by Faith, they go down the trail towards works and neurosis,) it will be impossible to renew themselves again unto repentance; (unto a changing of the mind) seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”

Now, how do they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh? Remember they can not do it to the literal first born son, because his sacrifice is a once for all sacrifice. So by turning him down to live by His Faith, they do it by accepting their own understanding, and thus they enter into the journey to neurosis and death.

Notice that in 2 Peter 3:14-18 Peter warns us to beware lest we might fall away or depart. “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. ”

And in Hebrews 12:1-17 the Apostle Paul also warns us by showing us what happened at the first Exodus when many came out under the pillar of Fire yet fell short before entering into the promise. “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising
the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds (lest you begin to worry and become anxious and leave Christ as your answer to try to run the race on your own.) 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way: but let it rather be healed. 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

So that is quite a warning to us to keep our focus on Christ who is the author and finisher of our race.

1 Corinthians 10:1-14 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with
the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

Notice all have to go through the testing, but only those ordained to make it will come through without falling. And that is those who have their focus on Christ and Him alone. They are justified by the faith of the son of God, and as Paul said they have died to self as Jesus died for us, and they live by the faith of the son of God.

We are warned of this falling away also in **Revelations 2:4-5** Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Now, remember, the Word fell among the weeds and they loved what they heard, their first love, yet under the test that comes with the Word they shriveled up and perished because they had no root, they did not take the Word to heart to change their lives. They did not let the Faith of Christ to take them from justification into sanctification and all the way to an indwelling of the very Life of God that was in Christ.

Jesus also speaks of this falling away in **Matthew 7:23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Dr. Hoeyr said this means that Jesus is saying, “I used to know you as my wife but I don’t know you as my wife any more”... there’s that total **Conversion** away from Christ.

But notice we have a way of escape. For **our escape is Christ Who is here** as we see in the book of Jude.

**Jude 1:24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, Notice he said, **Unto Him who is able to keep you from Falling**...

Therefore His presence should be the very focus of our life. For he is here to save the righteous from perishing and he is here to He is here to save the Elect from perishing which means to save us from the end time insanity.

So in closing let’s just read the Scriptures associated with these things he is here to do for us.

**He is here to save the righteous from perishing.**

**2 Thessalonians: 1** Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; 4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: 5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7 And to you
who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. 11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians: 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

1 Peter 1: 5,9,10 Notice that the end time Revelation brings salvation. 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time….9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

2 Peter 2:12-13 while they feast with you. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all me

And in Hebrews 2:1-4 The Apostle Paul admonished us about keeping our focus on Christ. “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. 2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them
witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

**Hebrews 9:28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **unto them that look for him** shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**He is here to save the Elect from deception.**

**Matthew 24:3-5, 3** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? **4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. **5** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

**Matthew 24:11, 11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

**Mark 13:5-6** And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: **6** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

**Ephesians 1:17-18, 17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

**Ephesians 4:14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-12, 7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; **10** When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. **11** Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: **12** That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Thessalonians 2:2-3, 2** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. **3** Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
2 John 8-10Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

1 John 2:19-20, They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

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

Revelations 13:4-10, And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Revelations 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Matthew 13:1-17 1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell
by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up, and choked them: 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. 10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard.

Mark 4:11-12 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

Luke 8:10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

1 Timothy 4:1-2, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

2 Timothy 3:1-9 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

2 Timothy 4:3-4, 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; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appear.

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