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**Who is the Man of Sin, Son of Perdition?**

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### **Introduction**

This study will attempt to answer two key questions in Second Thessalonians 2:3. First, what is the falling away? And second, who is the man of sin, the son of perdition?

2 Thessalonians 2:3

¶ 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;

The phrase *son of perdition* has become quite a hot topic for those interested in eschatology, which ALL Christians should be. However, certain “phrases” have become popularized due to particular translations. The above verse is taken from the 1769 King James Authorized Version (AV). It is important to see how other reliable translations treat the same verse and to perform an exegetical analysis of the verse to first gain what is being stated. Let’s see how the New American Standard Bible 1995 (NASB95) translates the verse.

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The 1769 King James Authorized Version (AV) translation and the 1995 New American Standard Bible (NASB95) are the two most literal English translations of the holy bible available today. The AV is written in Old English and the NASB95 in American English. These are the only two versions I use for exegetical bible study. Exegesis requires a literal translation. This is not to say that other translations are bad, for many are not bad translations because they do not attempt to do a literal word for word translation. Sometimes a clearer meaning of a verse may be obtained by NOT doing a word for word translation. Nonetheless, there exists a significant controversy on that subject, especially with the King James only crowd which I will not address here. I have a study on that subject you can read on my website in the bibliology section of Topical Studies called *Translations: KJ Only?* [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/topical.htm](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/topical.htm)

### **Key Terms**

The verse in question has several key phrases relative to Eschatology. First off, I believe the time line is in the future and is referring to the one and only return of Jesus Christ when He resurrects the saints of God (First Resurrection) when the man of sin, the man of perdition is revealed as such. I believe the bible teaches the man of sin and man of perdition to be the antichrist. This event in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians brings about the first resurrection of the just, the saved in Christ, then Jesus with His saints immediately moves do battle in what Scripture refers to as Armageddon.

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Some falsely claim this verse is referring to a pre-tribulation rapture of the living saved. Jesus takes the living saints unto Himself, (which is true) then returns to heaven (which is a lie) with the “raptured” saints only to return again, after Tribulation. The bible clearly does not teach this at all. Jesus comes again ... not again and again. All good lies must have elements of truth to be believable. Such is the case with pre-tribulation rapture. Please see my in-depth study on this apostate theology in the Eschatology section of Topical Studies (link above) called *Rapture: Pre-Tribulation Rapture?*  
<http://www.thelordschildren.org/rapture.htm>

Now, back to the events detailed in 2 Thessalonians (and many other verses) that clearly teach “one and only one” Second Coming of Jesus. Jesus returns with the saints (born again Christians) those who have died prior to Jesus’ second coming, and for the saints, those who remain alive. As Jesus nears the earth, the saints (born again Christians) who remain alive will be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye ... this event refers to the transformation of shedding our mortal, earthly body of flesh and instantaneously receiving our eternal, incorruptible immortal, *physical* body. Scriptures refer to the event after this, where we will meet Him in the air, as the *Harpazo*, not rapture. Unlike what some dispensational movies attempt to portray as people simply vanishing into thin air, the Scriptures teach no such thing. Scriptures seem to teach there will be a magnificent display of the earth opening up the graves and resting places of the departed believers as their eternal, immortal, physical bodies (the reward of the saved) shoot up to where Jesus is in the sky where they will be joined with their spirit, united for eternity with their new physical bodies.

The *harpazo* or 2 Thessalonians 4:17 or the *change* in 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 is speaking about the events of the First Resurrection at the one and only return of Jesus. Paul is describing the mystery of how those alive upon the earth at the Second Return of Jesus do not need to die to participate in the First Resurrection. The First Resurrection is for ALL Believers, both living and dead, and occurs at the one and only return of Jesus. There is simply no rapture that occurs *apart* from the First Resurrection. Immediately after the *Harpazo*, the saved will be judged in the air by Jesus, (bema judgment) and Jesus will descend upon the earth, with all those who have a part in the First Resurrection.

Jesus will not return to heaven, as apostate teachers would have you believe. Jesus will touch foot upon the Mount of Olives, move to combat and defeat the enemy force arrayed against Him, and usher in the Millennial Reign of Messiah upon the earth. Satan will be bound during the Millennium, but released at the end of the Millennial Reign to deceive the nations once again. This final insurrection the bible refers to as the Gog and Magog rebellion. Jesus defeats this rebellion and ushers in the Great White Throne Judgment, the Final Judgment. The bible refers to Final Judgment as the Second Resurrection. This Second Resurrection is the resurrection of the saved not part of the First Resurrection and the unsaved. The unsaved is sentenced to Gehenna or Tartaroo where the beast and the false prophet are.

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These biblical events needed to be reviewed for us to be able to answer who the man of lawlessness, the man of destruction is in the NASB95, and the man of sin, the son of perdition as translated in the 1769 King James Authorized Version.

The context of 2 Thessalonians 2 is the one and only Second Coming of Jesus and the events which *must* take place prior to His return. God is revealing the sequence of events leading up to and including the return of Jesus. Let's read a side by side comparison of this verse again with the AV and NASB95.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NASB95)

¶ Let no one in any way deceive you, for [it will not come] unless the **apostasy** comes first, and the **man of lawlessness** is revealed, the **son of destruction**,

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (AV)

¶ 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**;

Let's gain a sound understanding of what God is teaching us through Paul, for God specifically states He wants nobody to be *deceived* or *misled* by what will occur prior to and including His Second Return. This explains why there is so much disagreement on this verse, and the events of Jesus' Second Coming. The deceiver is working overtime on this one for he is being singled out by God with "let no one deceive you" clarity of God's teaching. Therefore, count upon the waters being muddied by those opposed to God, those standing in opposition to God's truth simply because they do not like the implications of Truth. Know this; Satan does NOT want you to understand this TRUTH of God.

Let's begin with an exegetical comparison on the terms I've highlighted in the above verse. Their key terms are *Apostasy* and *Falling Away*; *Man of Lawlessness* and *Man of Sin*; *Son of Destruction* and *Son of Perdition*. We will come to see that both translations are good translations and both are useful to deliver God's meaning.

### ***Apostasy and Falling Away***

Let's examine the Greek word *apostasia*, translated as apostasy by the NASB95 and falling away by the AV.

#### **646 apostasia apostasia (ap-os-tas-ee'-ah)**

feminine of the same as [647](#); TDNT-1:513,88; n f; from [868](#); *defection, revolt*:—

**NAS**-apostasy (1), forsake (1).

**AV**-to forsake + [575](#) 1, falling away 1; 2

1) a falling away, defection, apostasy

The word *apostasia* appears here and in one other verse:

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Acts 21: 21 (NASB95)

and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to **forsake (apostasia)** Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

Acts 21: 21 (AV)

And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to **forsake (apostasia)** Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise [their] children, neither to walk after the customs.

The context of the verse and the use of the term in Scripture seem to indicate that God is inspiring Paul to caution all believers to not depart, fall away or better yet, to not **defect** from The Faith, the Apostolic teaching contained in Scripture. We are not to twist the Word of God to make it suit our private interpretations and desires. This is an unfortunate state of affairs in many denominations and groups calling themselves Christian.

This particular defection from godliness and teachings of Scripture is by no means limited to this one verse. This verse and the fourth chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy bear strong resemblance to one another.

The leading object of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4 is to constantly remind the church of its duty to remain true to the teachings and doctrines recorded in Scripture. Doctrine has become a bad word with many contemporary pseudochristian groups and I believe this trend will continue to grow greatly, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3 teaches ... the falling away must come first. Contemporary pseudochristianity is certainly on that track. Timothy is charged to put the church in constant remembrance of the great apostasy which is certain to occur, and to guard the doctrines of God from attack by the doctrines of demons which will be inculcated under the Great Apostasy.

Aspects of this Great Apostasy as outlined in 1 Timothy 4, can be summarized as thus:

1. There is to be in the latter days (which is now) a great departing from The Faith.
2. Some of the characteristics of the Great Apostasy are giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons or devils. Apostate teachers will hypocritically speak what they knew to be falsehood, having their own consciences seared as if with a branding iron. These false teachers will forbid marriage, and forbid the use of certain types of food which God has declared as good and has appointed for man to eat.
3. Paul warns Timothy, the church is to remain disciplined in the faith and doctrines of God. The church is to have nothing to do with and to boldly stand against trifling and superstitious views, "old wives' fables" as God inspired Paul to write. He was not to allow himself to be influenced by such fables, but is called to at once to reject them. The *fitness of body* which friends of such "fables" recommend is of no advantage to the spirit, and no substance is to be given to theses "fables" as if they are important.

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4. Godliness is what is truly important and truly profitable, for godliness has promise for this present life and the life to come. Godliness can be attained through strong private and public preaching and teaching of the Word of God. *Prescribe* and *Preach* these things says the Lord through Paul.
5. Timothy, in receiving these instructions, must expect to labor much and to endure suffering and reproach. Nevertheless, he was to faithfully inculcate these important truths and to be totally absorbed by these truths of God, for then and only then can Salvation be ensured for both himself and others who will read and heed the Word and doctrines of God.

First Timothy 4 and Second Thessalonians 2 imply an extensive apostasy, a huge departure from the great doctrines which constitute the Christian faith. Such a huge departure is not something that happens by fiat, but by a prolonged and steady defection from The Faith ... the very thing happening now. Heeding seducing spirits, yielding to doctrines of demons rather than to the Spirit of God is the very apostasy of many theologies that lead astray. These false teachers are influenced by evil spirits rather than by God the Holy Spirit. Apostasy may be applied, so far as the phraseology is concerned, to any false teaching; but it is evident that God is referencing a specific apostasy ... some great system that would greatly corrupt the Christian faith. While it may be rightly argued that men throughout the ages have been prone to give heed to seducing spirits and will continue to do so into the future, the thing referred to here is some Great Apostasy, a grand falling away like never before. The Apostle John speaks of such a defection from the faith as being an antichrist or one under the power, sway and spirit of antichrist. Revelation 6:2, 13:14; 1John 2:18, 22, 4:3; 2John 1:7.

Satan deceives through false teachers and false religions.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds

None however will be as false, as deceitful or as well disguised as those of the Great Apostasy prophesied to come. This erosion of The Faith is preparation for The Great Apostasy.

### ***Man of Lawlessness and Man of Sin***

Let us now examine the next key Greek word in this passage, *anomia*, translated as lawlessness in the NASB95 and sin in the AV. Anomia appears 15 times in Scripture and all verses in both the AV and NASB95 are listed in the Appendix of this study.

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**458 anomia anomia (*an-om-ee'-ah*)**

from 459; TDNT-4:1085,646; n f; *lawlessness*:—

**NAS**-lawless deed (1), lawless deeds (2), lawlessness (12).

**AV**-iniquity 12, unrighteousness 1, transgress the law + 4160 1, transgression of the law 1; 15

- 1) the condition of without law
  - 1a) because ignorant of it
  - 1b) because of violating it
- 2) contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness

For Synonyms see entry 5879

While the term lawless appears to be a better translation for *anomia*, the Scriptures itself state that translating this as sin makes it a good translation from a practical, if not literal sense for sin is lawlessness.

1 John 3: 4 (NASB95)

Everyone who practices sin also practices **lawlessness <458 anomia>**; and sin is **lawlessness <458 anomia>**.

The Scriptures are quite clear in both translations that the man of sin is also the man of lawlessness and a key leader and agent of the Great Apostasy and worse. The man leading this apostate movement is indeed lawless, for he tramples underfoot the Laws of God, making him a man of sin.

We know two certain things about this man of sin: first, that his appearing or uncovering of his character as a lawbreaker is to occur *after* the Great Apostasy and second, that he is to continue to perpetuate apostasy through deception. This man of sin is God's lawbreaker and granted permission by God to greatly deceive through the performance of great signs and wonders. The man of lawlessness is not necessarily the creator of apostasy but one who was, or shall I say *will come to be* through apostasy. This man is the perpetuator and purveyor of great deception that causes even greater defections from the faith. This man of sin will rise mightily and be empowered to spearhead the unification of false and apostate systems of beliefs and world religions under a single system of belief that stands in defiance to God and contrary His Word. This man of sin plunges apostasy into an *inclusive system*, that embraces lies, hypocrisy, demonology, corruption, murder, philosophies, theologies, occultism, paganism, and whatever ism or evil your mind can conger up into the greatest and lowest depths of depravity of man. This is prophesied Great Apostasy.

I find it amazing that this man of sin, depravity and hatred for God is able to disguise his depth of ruthlessness and corruption under the guise of a minister of righteousness, a servant of our Living and Loving God. However, when one sees the character of those claiming to be Christian and the teaching that grace means it is impossible for one to sin regardless of what one may do, it is believable. Perverting grace to mean license to sin

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without penalty, licentiousness is a critical component of the defection from the truths of God.

### ***Son of Destruction and Son of Perdition***

Let's examine the key words in the phrase Son of Destruction or Son of Perdition.

Apart from being an obvious descendent and child by birth, the term "son of" or "child of" is a Hebrew expression that signifies the destiny of someone they are being identified or linked with. For example, the phrase "children of wrath" means those destined to be on the business end of God's wrath; or "children of the resurrection" means those destined for Salvation. The Greek word *apoleia* has been translated as destruction and perdition. Let's take a look at its definition.

#### **684 apwl eia apoleia (ap-o'-li-a)**

from a presumed derivative of 622; TDNT-1:396,67; n f; *destruction, loss*:—

**NAS**-destruction (13), destructive (1), perdition (1), perish (1), waste (1), wasted (1).

**AV**-perdition 8, destruction 5, waste 2, damnable 1, to die + 1519 1, perish + 1498 + 1519 1, pernicious 1; 20

1) destroying, utter destruction

1a) of vessels

2) a perishing, ruin, destruction

2a) of money

2b) the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell

Jesus Himself uses this term, son of perdition in referring to Judas Iscariot.

John 17:12

"While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the **son of perdition, (apoleia)** so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

Jesus is calling Judas the son of perdition for he had the character of a destroyer and was a traitor and murderer. The destiny of Judas was one of destruction and one for destruction. Judas destroyed his physical via suicide, he destroyed his spiritual life by his deeds consigning him to hell, he destroyed his office of Apostle as prophesied in Psalm 109, and he set in motion the destruction of Jesus through his betrayal of the Messiah.

Mark 14:21

"For the Son of Man [is to] go just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! [It would have been] good for that man if he had not been born."

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Judas never had Salvation but was appointed by God as an Apostle of destruction, for destruction. See Acts 1:16-26.

The term son of perdition, reaches beyond Judas and into others bent upon destruction. This term is also being applied to the man of perdition who is yet to come, that man of sin ... the antichrist.

So, who is this Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition? Much speculation is advanced concerning the identity of the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, as being the Pope and the system of Catholicism. Some say this man represent the succession of Pope's and not merely an individual Pope. Though compelling in many ways, I am not convinced that the Papacy is the prophetic fulfillment of antichrist, nor am I convinced it is not. My best answer today is "I don't know." Others still contend him to be a government or another denomination. To attribute this to a *known* earthly entity is what I believe to be an exercise in futility. Scriptures describe the character, deeds and power of this man of sin, but not with enough particulars to identify with *certainty* the son of perdition by name, title or office.

The Book of Revelation reveals this man of sin as the Beast of the Sea and the False Prophet. The description in verse 4 of 2 Thessalonians coincides with the Revelation of Jesus Christ given to the Apostle John while exiled on the isle of Patmos. It is they who are removed by Christ at His Return.

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4

- 3 ¶ Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,  
4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

### ***Antichrist; Red Dragon; 2 Beasts: Sea & Earth; False Prophet***

I do believe Scripture identifies the Great Apostasy as being the work of the antichrist and the Beast from the Earth who has an appearance of a lamb. The Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition possess the spirit of Antichrist and may be the Beast of the Sea and the Beast of the Earth who gives rise to the image of the Beast which is the False Prophet. Revelation 13 illustrates the visions given to John concerning this.

I believe it is appropriate to use these terms interchangeably in spirit if not literally. Though they may come to exist as different entities, they all act as one and are all of the same spirit, mind and purpose. The man of Sin is the Man of Perdition who possesses the spirit of the Antichrist, symbolically represented in Scripture as the Beast of the Sea, the Beast of the Earth, the image of the Beast and the False Prophet.

Revelation 13: 4, 7-8, 11-12, 15

- 4 they worshiped the **dragon** because he **gave his authority to the beast**; and

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they **worshiped the beast**, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

- 7 It was also given to him to **make war with the saints** and to **overcome them**, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.
- 8 All who dwell on the **earth will worship him**, [everyone] whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.
- 11 ¶ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had **two horns like a lamb** and he **spoke as a dragon**.
- 12 He exercises all the **authority of the first beast** in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to **worship the first beast**, whose fatal wound was healed.
- 15 And it was given to him to **give breath to the image of the beast**, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Dispensationalism has the church removed at this time, but verse 7 clearly demonstrates the church is present upon the earth and is targeted by the false system of worship. Many are overcome, martyred for their steadfast faith to not worship the beast or his image.

The Apostle John alone uses the term antichrist in four verses of his first and second epistles. Let's examine the verses now.

1 John 2:18

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that **antichrist** is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

1 John 2:22

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the **antichrist**, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3

and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the **antichrist**, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the **antichrist**.

The term Antichrist is applied to Daniel's prophesy of the Little Horn and to the fierce-countenanced King; the two Beasts of the Apocalypse; and the false-Christ our Lord

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predicts in his prophetic discourse on the Mount of Olives as recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

## Appendix

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### **Scriptures: NASB95**

Matthew 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE **LAWLESSNESS <458 anomia>**.'

Matthew 13:41 "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit **lawlessness <458 anomia>**,

Matthew 23:28 "So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and **lawlessness <458 anomia>**.

Matthew 24:12 "Because **lawlessness <458 anomia>** is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

Romans 4:7 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE **LAWLESS DEEDS <458 anomia>** HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

Romans 6:19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to **lawlessness <458 anomia>**, resulting in *further lawlessness <458 anomia>*, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and **lawlessness <458 anomia>**, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of **lawlessness <458 anomia>** is revealed, the son of destruction,

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of **lawlessness <458 anomia>** is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

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Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every **lawless deed <458 anomia>**, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Hebrews 1:9 "YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED **LAWLESSNESS <458 anomia>**; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS."

Hebrews 10:17 "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR **LAWLESS DEEDS <458 anomia>** I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

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Matthew 24:12 And because **iniquity <458 anomia>** shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Romans 4:7 *Saying*, Blessed are they whose **iniquities <458 anomia>** are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Romans 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to **iniquity <458 anomia>** unto iniquity **<458 anomia>**; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

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Hebrews 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated **iniquity <458 anomia>**; therefore God, *even thy God*, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their **iniquities <458 anomia>** will I remember no more.

Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and **iniquities <458 anomia>** will I remember no more.

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin **transgresseth also the law <458 anomia>**: for sin is the **transgression of the law <458 anomia>**.

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**Scriptures: NASB95**

Matthew 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to **destruction <684 apoleia>**, and there are many who enter through it.

Matthew 26:8 But the disciples were indignant when they saw *this*, and said, "Why this **waste <684 apoleia>**?"

Mark 14:4 But some were indignantly *remarking* to one another, "Why has this perfume been **wasted <684 apoleia>**?"

John 17:12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of **perdition <684 apoleia>**, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver **perish <684 apoleia>** with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

Romans 9:22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for **destruction <684 apoleia>**?

Philippians 1:28 in no way alarmed by *your* opponents—which is a sign of **destruction <684 apoleia>** for them, but of salvation for you, and that *too*, from God.

Philippians 3:19 whose end is **destruction <684 apoleia>**, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of **destruction <684 apoleia>**,

1 Timothy 6:9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and **destruction <684 apoleia>**.

Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back to **destruction <684 apoleia>**, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

2 Peter 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce **destructive <684 apoleia>** heresies,

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even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift **destruction <684 apoleia>** upon themselves.

2 Peter 2:3 and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their **destruction <684 apoleia>** is not asleep.

2 Peter 3:7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and **destruction <684 apoleia>** of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own **destruction <684 apoleia>**.

Revelation 17:8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to **destruction <684 apoleia>**. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

Revelation 17:11 "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to **destruction <684 apoleia>**.

### Scriptures: AV

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to **destruction <684 apoleia>**, and many there be which go in thereat:

Matthew 26:8 But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this **waste <684 apoleia>**?

Mark 14:4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this **waste <684 apoleia>** of the ointment made?

John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of **perdition <684 apoleia>**; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money **perish <684 apoleia>** with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 25:16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to **die <684 apoleia>**, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

Romans 9:22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to **destruction <684 apoleia>**:

Philippians 1:28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of **perdition <684 apoleia>**, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

Philippians 3:19 Whose end *is* **destruction <684 apoleia>**, whose God *is* *their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

2 Thessalonians 2:3 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 <684 apoleia>**;

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- 1 Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and **perdition <684 apoleia>**.  
Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto **perdition <684 apoleia>**; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.
- 2 Peter 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 <684 apoleia>** heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift **destruction <684 apoleia>**.
- 2 Peter 2:2 And many shall follow their **pernicious ways <684 apoleia>**; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
- 2 Peter 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 <684 apoleia>** slumbereth not.
- 2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and **perdition <684 apoleia>** of ungodly men.
- 2 Peter 3:16 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 <684 apoleia>**.
- Revelation 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into **perdition <684 apoleia>**: 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.
- Revelation 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into **perdition <684 apoleia>**.

### **500 anticristov antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos)**

from **473** and **5547**; TDNT-9:493,1322; n m; *antichrist*, (one who opposes Christ):—

**NAS**-antichrist (4), antichrists (1).

**AV**-antichrist 5; 5

1) the adversary of the Messiah

For Synonyms see entry **5890**

### **Scriptures**

- 1 John 2:18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that **antichrist <500 antichristos>** is coming, even now many **antichrists <500 antichristos>** have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.
- 1 John 2:22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the **antichrist <500 antichristos>**, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

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- 1 John 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the **antichrist <500 antichristos>**, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.
- 2 John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the **antichrist <500 antichristos>**.