

Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy

Chapter 3

February 6th 2025

‘the last days’

verse 1

- last G2078, days G2250
- First Century - Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2
- A Future Day - John 6:39-40, John 12:48

‘lovers of themselves’

verse 2

- one original word, the sole scriptural case
- ‘fond of self’
- the present day compared with - Noah’s, Lot’s

characteristics 2 by 2

verses 2-5

-lovers of their own selves, covetous

-boasters, proud

-blasphemers, disobedient to parents

-unthankful, unholy

-without natural affection, truce breakers

-false accusers, incontinent

-fierce, despisers of those that are good

-traitors, heady

-highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God

-having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof

perilous times

verses 1-7

- compare with:
- Romans 1:28-31
- 2 Peter 3:3-4

Jannes and Jambres... and those like them

verses 8-9

- who were they?
- what is significant about them?
- why should we watch out?
- Exodus 7:10—>

Paul's manner of life

verses 10-11

You, however, have followed:

- my teaching, my conduct,
- my aim in life, my faith
- my patience, my love, my steadfastness,
- my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

believers suffering persecution

verse 12

- Matt. 5:10-12,44
- Acts 14:22

'evil men and deceivers'

verse 13

- 2 Timothy 2:16, 17
- 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;

continue in truth

verses 14-15

Assured by example:

- 2 Tim. 1:5 - mother and grandmother
- Paul (many times)

- Deut. 6:6-7

'all scripture is given by inspiration of God'

v.16

- another of the famous 3:16 verses
 - God-breathed
 - physical creation and spiritual creation
 - man and word
- Gen. 1 (the spirit of God moved) cp. Ps. 33:6-9
- Gen. 2:7-onward
- Job 33:4, Prov. 20:27, Is. 42:5

‘thoroughly furnished’

verse 17

- no excuses
 - perfect (complete)
 - for all good work
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- Heb.13:20-25

Paul to Timothy to us

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- perilous times, lots to beware, and be aware of
- human nature and character - within and without the ecclesia
- seducers, magicians, crafty ones
- continue in the truth you've learned and know, and are sure of
- God's word is given, inspired, breathed, profitable
- the believer is well equipped because He has seen to it