

REVIEW:

1. What are Christians warned about, concerning the end times?
 - a. Atheism? **NO**.
 - b. Rejection of the fundamentals of the faith? **NO**.
 - c. People are going to exalt their opinions above the Word of God? **YES**.

2. What is the great deception that will come in the last days?
 - a. Satan's philosophy being accepted by Christians.
 - i. He won't ask you to reject the Bible, but he'll introduce other things that you can trust more, especially when the Bible goes against what you want to do:
 1. Dreams, visions, and inner voices.
 2. "Revelations," "words of knowledge."
 3. Feelings, opinions.
 - ii. He won't deny the Gospel, but he'll revise the Gospel.
 - iii. He won't ask you to deny Jesus, but he'll redefine Jesus for you.

3. According to **2 Thessalonians 2:10**, what is the only prevention for deception?
 - a. Loving the Lord? **NO**.
 - i. Too many people love a Lord Jesus whom they've separated from the Holy Scriptures. In doing so, they can make their "Jesus" conform to their own imagination.
 - b. Study of the Greek and Hebrew languages? **NO**.
 - i. More often than not, these "original languages" are leaned upon for the purpose of deceiving the masses. God wants the common man to understand His holy words.
 - c. Love of the truth. **YES! This is the prevention!**
 - i. A BIBLICAL Christian will be molded and conformed to the image of Jesus Christ by the Word of God.

4. **2 Thessalonians 2:4** says the son of perdition "**opposeth and exalteth himself.**" Those who are deceived by him will experience the same conflicting circumstances.
 - a. You exalt yourself. You set yourself above the Word of God. You're in charge. You're the king. You rule. You say, "The Bible says this, BUT I'm going to do that." Results?
 - i. You have inadvertently opposed yourself: your family is ruined, your children are ruined, your testimony is ruined, your nation is ruined, etc.

5. In **2 Thessalonians 2:5-8**, God allows "**that Wicked**" to have the throne of dominion over the earth, but the end result is that he is destroyed. Those who are deceived by him will experience the same.
 - a. He offers you the throne of your life, dominion over your life, your own way in your life, control of your own life.
 - i. He doesn't tell you that the Lord is going to destroy it.

6. In verses 9-11, speaking of "**them that perish,**" why does God "**send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie?**"
 - a. "**Because they received not the love of the TRUTH,**" in order to justify their unrighteous lives.

- i. It's not enough to love the Lord. You've got to love what He said and do things His way!
- 7. **First Peter 5:8**, the Devil is a deceiving counterfeit lion. He's looking for someone that he "MAY" devour.
 - a. It's not a matter of his ABILITY to harm you. He certainly is more powerful than any human.
 - b. It's a matter of whether or not God will PERMIT him to harm you. (Job 1-2)
 - i. When you stray from the Word of God, Satan may be given access to you for the destruction of the flesh. (1 Cor. 5:5)

THE EXAMPLE OF THE "MAN OF GOD" IN FIRST KINGS CHAPTER 13

1. The man of God is obeying "the word of the Lord" (vs. 1) to go to Bethel and prophesy against the altar "in the word of the Lord."
2. King Jeroboam is offering incense on the altar in direct disobedience to the word of the Lord. He disregards God's prophet just as easily as *he had disregarded God's word*. He's doing what he wants to do. God teaches Jeroboam a lesson by immobilizing his hand so he can't move it. He pleads with the man of God to ask God to restore him (he knew the truth, he had just chosen to ignore it).
3. The man of God prayed for his enemy & God restored Jeroboam's hand. Jeroboam offers him a reward and invites him to come home with him.
4. The man of God refuses Jeroboam's offer in obedience to the Word of the Lord. He's obeying God's Word.
5. The man of God meets an "old prophet" along the way, who invites him to go home with him. The man of God said, "**I may not**" in verse 16. He has the ABILITY to go, but not the PERMISSION from God.
6. The old prophet tells the man of God that he is also a prophet and *an angel told him* it was okay for the man of God to eat with him. Note: a preacher, prophet, angel, or majority rule doesn't overrule God's Word! Note: if an angel speaks to you, don't always assume it's one of God's angels, especially when he contradicts God's Word.
7. The old prophet lied to the man of God and said that his information was "**by the word of the LORD.**" But his revelation contradicted the "word of the LORD" received by the man of God. There's a clue! Christians today have "the word of the LORD" in the written pages of the Holy Bible. That's our final authority. That's how we know when someone is lying to us.
8. ***The man of God believed the old prophet and "**went back with him.**" God didn't stop him! God won't stop YOU when you decide to disobey His Word. God doesn't want you to go the wrong way, but He'll not prevent you. He's already told you the right way in His Word.
9. God told the man of God that he would die for his disobedience to His commandment. The word of the LORD was fulfilled when "**a lion met him by the way and slew him**" (vs. 24). That lion had permission from God to kill the man of God for his disobedience to the word of God! Nothing and nobody overrules the Word of the LORD! Love the truth and live!
10. The lion doesn't eat the man of God because he's a picture of a Christian who lost his way by not adhering to the word of God. He's "in Christ" so he can't be in the roaring lion. Satan can't have you, but he may have permission to kill you. Don't die outside of the will of God. Don't die before your time!

Galatians 1:6-8. If you hear "**another gospel,**" no matter how you heard it (an angel, a preacher, a dream, a voice from heaven, etc), if it doesn't agree with the BIBLE—it's not true.

God won't give the Devil permission to destroy somebody who's walking in obedience to the Word of God!