

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy Chapter 3 Part 2 -- More on the Last Days

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The apostle Paul is continuing to reveal what the state of mankind will be during the time in future history he referred to as *"the last days"* in 2nd Timothy 3:1. In describing that difficult period in the future, he reached backward to the time of Moses, when that man of God was opposed by Pharaoh's magicians.

**2TI.3:8** Now as **Jannes and Jambres** withstood Moses, so do these also **resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.**

**EXO.7:11-12** *Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.*



**2TI.3:9** But they shall proceed no further: for **their folly shall be manifest unto all men**, as theirs also was.

**2TI.3:10** But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

**2TI.3:11** **Persecutions, afflictions**, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; **what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.**

**PSA.34:19** *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivered him out of them all.*

**2TI.3:12** Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

The question might be asked: *"What is the 'normal' Christian life?"* What should we expect? In some places, pastors have arisen who feel that if people have faith in the Lord, they will become healthy, wealthy and have a gentle life. But it should be noted that those who have such a theology are typically pastors who have grown up in affluent countries.





As to God's people who have been raised in other places, it often is a miracle that they have even survived, and poverty is the norm for many who have faith in the Lord (2 Co.1:1-10). We receive emails from Christians in Syria, Iraq and many other countries who are being "*persecuted*" because of their faith in the Lord Jesus - pray for them.

Living for the Lord and the Truth is never going to be all roses and no thorns! We are bound to suffer some persecution! Jesus virtually promised it to everyone who forsakes all to follow Him!

*"Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the Gospel's, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, with persecutions; and in the World to come Eternal Life!" (Mark 10:29, 30)*

If you never suffer any persecution or have any trouble, you must not be doing anything! Because the Bible says that "all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution!" --Jesus even said, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets!" (Lk.6:26) If everything is always so smooth and you never have any problems or persecution and all men think well of you, you're probably not living Godly in Christ Jesus!

Jesus said, "*The disciple is not above His Master, and if they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you!*" (Mt.10:24; Jn.15:20)

Jesus Himself, the perfect, sinless Son of God, was accused by the religionists of His day of being a demon-possessed false prophet, a mad man, a deceiver, a seditionist and a law-breaker, a glutton, drunk and a friend of sinners and harlots, a destroyer of the true faith! (Mk.3:21,22; Lk.7:34; 23:2; Jn.7:12,20; 8:48,52; 10:20; 11:47,48) He was terribly persecuted and finally crucified for telling the Truth and giving the World God's Love!

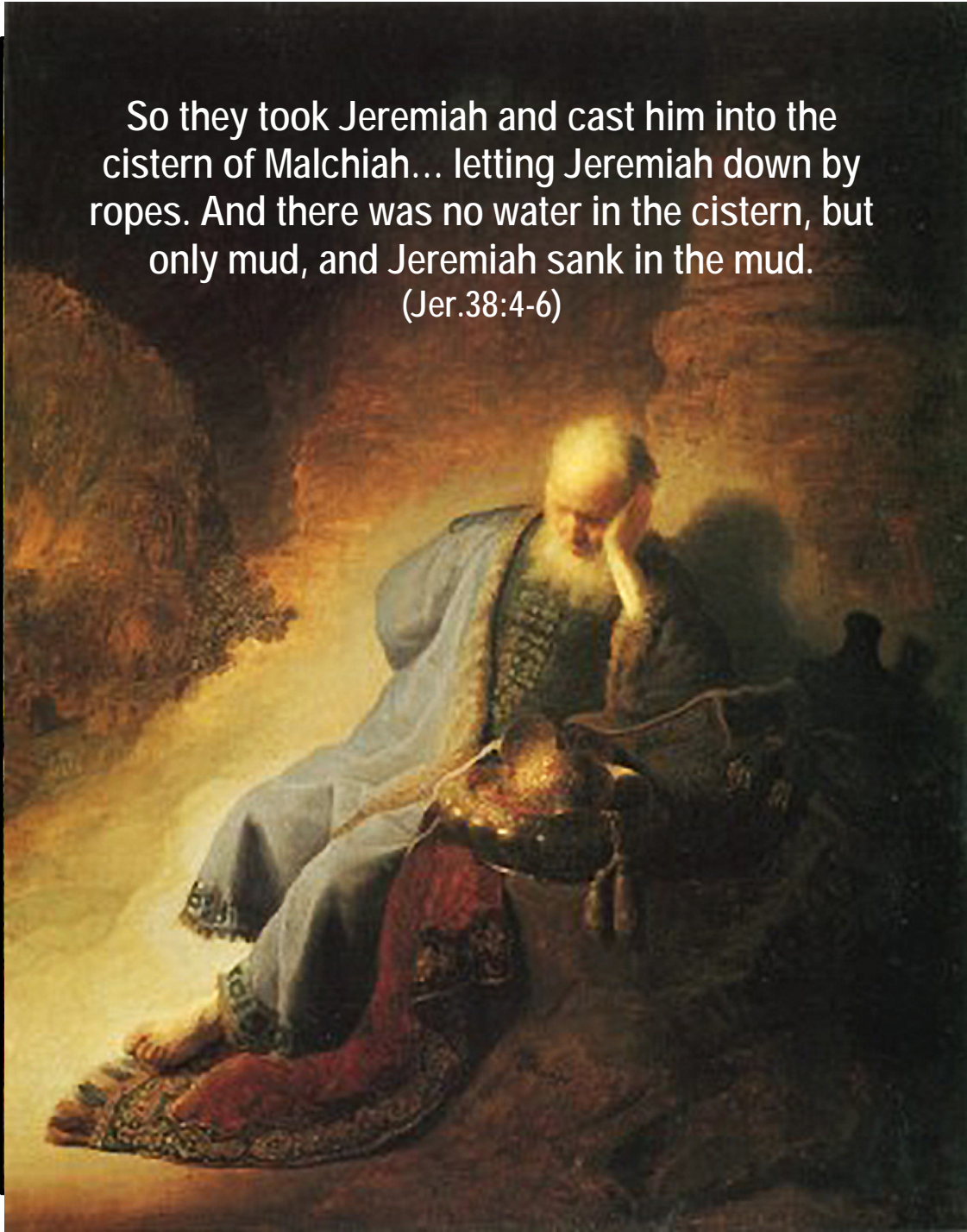


So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah... letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

(Jer.38:4-6)

**In fact, nearly every great religious leader and reformer has been vilified and suffered persecution, imprisonment and death, usually at the hands of the opposing religions! But that's Christianity--to tell the Truth even when it hurts! Cause when you tell some people the Truth, it hurts, and if they don't receive it, they'll turn around and hurt you!**

**Just take a look at history! --Read the Bible! -- Most of the Prophets seemed to wind up virtually alone and figured nobody was left but them! Elijah thought he was the last one. (*1Kings.19:10, 14*) When they tossed Jeremiah in the pit, he thought he was the last one. (*Jer.38:4-6*) Most of the Prophets were lonely men, they didn't have too many friends. The one thing they always had plenty of was enemies!**





If the government wasn't after them, the religious system was! All the way from the Prophets of old up to the more recent men of God like Martin Luther, Savonarola, John Knox, Tyndale and some of the rest of those fellows, they had to give up their lives so others could have the Truth! Every last one of them fought the world of their day, the false religious system! --And nearly every last one of them got it in the neck for it! But as a result, you're here today hearing the Truth of God!

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

This chapter in 2nd Timothy began with the statement "*...In the last days perilous times will come*" (Verse 1), and this verse is a continuation of those words. In the "*last days*", as glimpsed in this chapter, "*evil men and seducers*" will exist in religion, in politics, in education and in every phase of life. They will not only spend their time "*deceiving*" others, but it's especially interesting and rather sad, that they are "*being deceived*" as well.

The world is supposed to be more civilized now, but it's not. Just read the newspapers and look around you, it's less civilized than ever! It is more savage, more cruel, more violent, more horrible, more terrible, slaughtering more people every day, wars going on around the World, more anti-Christ, more anti-God, more unbelieving, worse than it ever was! --While they're trying to fool themselves and convince themselves and compare themselves with themselves that today they are more intelligent, more educated and more civilized.

When in the years that they have been flaunting their own pride, their own knowledge and the Knowledge of Good and Evil that Satan tempted them to gain, they have certainly accumulated more knowledge of Evil than they have of Good and have become worse and worse! Times and evil men have waxed worse and worse throughout the centuries for the past 6,000 years.



Man is just as cruel and just as torturous and just as heinous and hellish, even more so than he ever was, to the point that he now stands on the brink of total destruction, prepared to destroy both himself, the World and all of God's Creation if God did not intervene and put a stop to it all! -- Which He shall very soon, thank the Lord, in order to salvage His Creation, including man. He's not going to allow man to destroy himself nor God's Creation nor His World. (Mar.13:20)

**MAT.24:37-39** *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so, shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

**2TI.3:14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

**2TI.3:15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.





Even children who know the scriptures can be smarter than most college presidents, professors, politicians and so-called great men, presidents, senators, you name it! --Because they have the wisdom of the Lord and the knowledge of the Scriptures! They know more and are smarter about what really counts, from the oldest to the youngest!



**2TI.3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

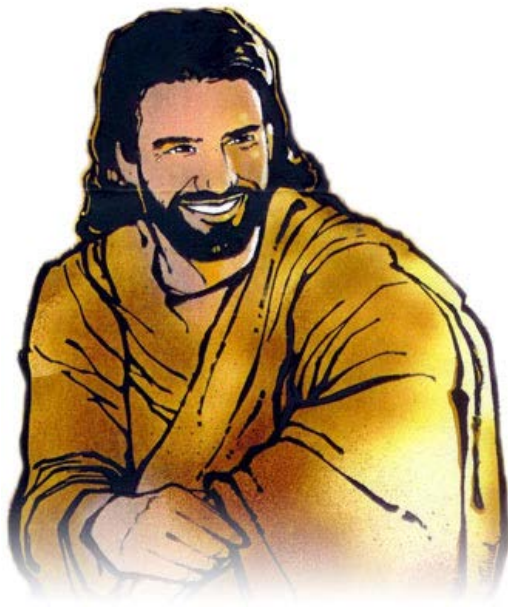
**2PE.1:20-21** *Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.***

**2TI.3:17** That the man of God may be perfect (**complete, equipped**), thoroughly furnished unto all good works

**We believe in His Holy Book, the Bible, written by His Prophets and disciples. --Every Word of it! We believe that it is all absolutely true! --Inspired by His precious Holy Spirit, to tell you the Word about God's Love and His wonderful Salvation from sin and His coming Kingdom of Heavenly peace on Earth! We are God's Children! --Are you?**

**You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9)**

**Please pray this simple prayer:**



***"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"***