

SERIES: *THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST*

Lesson 3: Overcoming Perilous Times [22 March 2020]

Foundation:

- The World is in Crisis, in Chaos & in a Panic
- **Amos 3:7**
 - ❖ 2004: Oral Roberts “A Wake-Up Call”
 - ❖ 2013: Rick Renner “A Prophetic Alert”
- **Gloria Copeland:** “The rain doesn’t ask what Church you’re from, it falls on whoever will get in it.”
 - ❖ God to Oasis of Life: “*Close your umbrella and get wet.*”
 - ❖ Rain is symbolic of the Holy Spirit’s saturation of the Human Spirit
- **Romans 1:15-17 = THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST (THE ANOINTED ONE AND HIS ANOINTING)**

I. The Wrath of God Revealed

A. Romans 1:18-32

1. Verse 18 is a WARNING to the Body of Christ
 - a. Be aware of those who suppress the Truth
2. Romans 1:18 *Amplified Classic Version*: “For God’s [*holy*] wrath and indignation are revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress *and* hinder the truth *and* make it inoperative.”
3. Verse 21, “dark and wasted” — things in the dark become wasted
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4a
4. Verse 21, “reprobate” means hardened, in darkness

II. The Cause of the Wrath

A. 2 Timothy 3:1-7

1. Know = to acquire knowledge again and again, & understand it fully at all times
2. “in the last days” [*eschotas* = eschatology] = the very end of a thing
3. The Last Days began on the Day of Pentecost with the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on man.

B. 2 Timothy 3:1

1. Perilous = one peril piled on another peril, piled on another peril
2. Matthew 8:28 = fierce = peril
 - a. Exceedingly fierce, dangerous, high risk
 - b. High demonic activity
 - c. Coming from a place of death [the tombs]

III. THE SIGN

A. Matthew 24:1-4

1. Verse 2: “Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little there a little”
(Isaiah 28:10)
2. God’s Word builds on each principle, like a building where one stone is put into place at a time: stone upon stone
3. Satan tears at those principles (stones) tearing down one at a time until he is able to throw down all the stones and destroy the building
4. “His Coming” = the Day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:2)
 - a. *The Passion Translation*: “For you already know quite well that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly and as a complete surprise.”
5. Verse 3 (of Mt. 24) - the disciples ask: “tell us the SIGN”
 - a. Jesus’ answer: “CHRIST” - The Gospel of CHRIST — the Good News of the ANOINTED ONE & His ANOINTING: The yoke-destroying, burden removing, devil busting POWER of God.

B. Signs are good, they show us where we’re going, how much further we have to go and when we’ve arrived.

C. 2 Timothy 3:5-7 is a summation of the Laodicean Church —The Church that had become comfortable in its false doctrine

1. Comfortable in believing that everything is God’s doing for our good
2. Comfortable in thinking that things will get worse before they get better because God wills it that way
3. Comfortable that we need fear, anguish, anxiety in our life to appreciate the Good that God provides
4. Comfortable with MILK instead of MEAT (Hebrews 5:12)
5. Revelation 3:13 - 22

IV. THE ANSWER

A. Romans 1:18

1. 2 Corinthians 4:4b-7

B. Romans 1:16 & 17 — **THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**