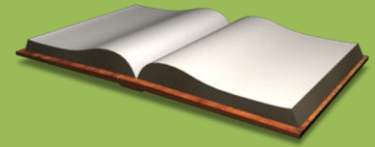


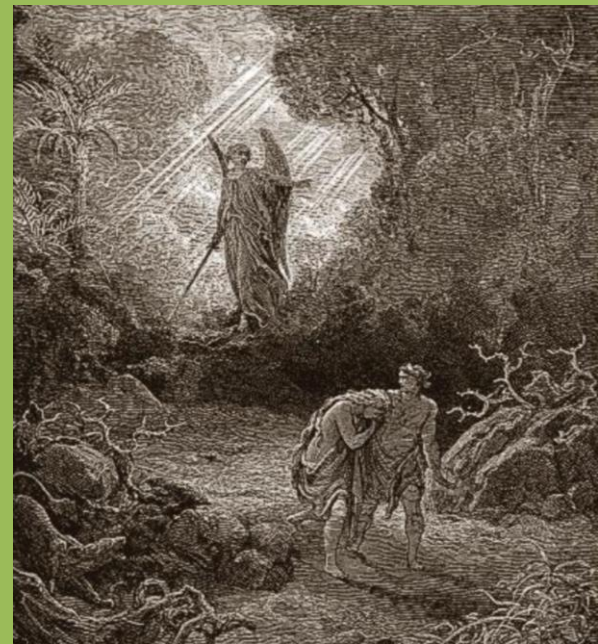
# Notes From The Textbook



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## The Present Evil World



### Dispensational Truth

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Galatians 1:1-4

## ESCHATOLOGY

## Lesson One

- Dispensation of Grace
- Two Opposing Spirits

Key Verse: Galatians 1:3-4 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world (age).

**I**ntroduction: The Present Evil World is a subject on Eschatology; The Doctrine of Last Things. The Bible describes our present day as an Evil Age. The spirit of lawlessness is in the air and evil forces are on the increase. That this "Age" is EVIL is seen in the character of its civilization. 2 Thessalonians 2:7 The mystery of iniquity doeth already work.

Dispensational Truth: The book by Clarence Larkin is an excellent study on the subject of Eschatology. He explains Eschatology in terms of Dispensational Theology: *"a system of theology which attempts to develop the Bible's philosophy of history on the basis of the sovereign rule of God"*

Dispensation Defined: Ephesians 1:10 A dispensation is a period of time during which man is tested in respect to his obedience to some specific revelation of the will of God.

- A deposit of divine revelation concerning God's will, embodying what God requires of man as to his conduct.
- Man's stewardship of this divine revelation in which he is responsible to obey it.
- A time period, often called an "age" during which this divine revelation is dominant in the testing of man's obedience to God.
- The Ages: Creative Age; Age of Conscience; Age of Law; Church Age; Kingdom Age and Perfect Age

1. Dispensation of Grace: God's purpose during this present age is to gather out a *"People for His Name"* Until a person experiences salvation they live in sync with this present evil age and the rules of it. Therefore, every unsaved person is subject to the deception and destruction of Satan. Ephesians 4:14 and John 10:10

2. Two Opposing Spirits: Holy Spirit and Spirit of Evil.

Two Forces at work:

- 1 Corinthians 2:12 Spirit which is of God and Spirit of the World
- 1 John 4:6 Spirit of Truth and Spirit of Error

Two Classes of Individuals: 1 John 3:10 Children of God and Children of the Devil

- Children of Disobedience. Disobedience means *"obstinate rebellion"* against God. Steps in the Process: Unbelief, Rebellion and Immorality. Ephesians 2:2

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Genesis 6:5-8

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Lesson Two

*"The World's Greatest Enemy"*

### SATAN

- His Origin
- His Present Location
- His Methods

Key Verse: Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!  
How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!

INTRODUCTION: The existence of Satan and the *"principle of evil"* How can a person know that God and the devil exists? The Principles of good and evil is how many people define the existence of God and the devil.

- The Bible is the only source of information that tells us the truth about God and the devil. Satan, *"The God of This Age"* 2 Corinthians 4:4
1. His Origin: Satan is a created being *"the anointed cherub"* In him was the *"fullness of wisdom"* and *"perfection of beauty"* Ezekiel 28:11-19 The fall of Lucifer *"I will be like the most high God"* Isaiah 14:12-14.
  2. His Present Location: Satan has liberty and freedom on the earth *"as a roaring lion"*
    - The scriptures *"forewarns us"* I Peter 5:8 and Job 2:2
    - The Scriptures *"forearms us"* Ephesians 6:11-13
  3. His Methods: Satan blinds the mind of people. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 Satan knows how important the Bible is in revealing truth about himself and God.
    - Satan counters the truth with *"the doctrines of devils"* I Timothy 4:1
    - Satan is the deceiver of the world. He offers the world *"false hopes"*

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Lesson Three

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

ANTI-CHRIST

- His Personality
- His Character
- His Reign

Key Verses: I Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel; and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

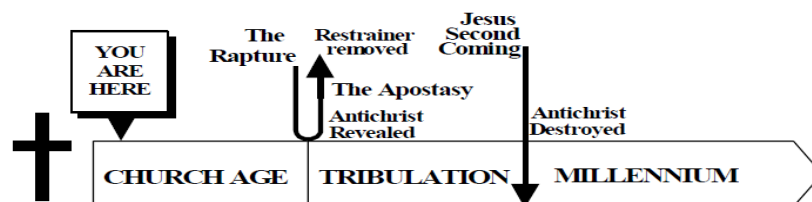
INTRODUCTION: There is coming a day when Satan will become personified. That person who will be an instrument empowered to deceive people into thinking "he is God" by performing awe-inspiring miracles. The Antichrist who is to be revealed in due time will oppose Christ and will be in total contrast to him:

- Christ came from above. John 6:38 Antichrist ascends from the Pit. Revelation 11:7
- Christ came in His Father's name. John 5:43 Antichrist comes in his own name.
- Christ humbled himself. Philippians 2:8 Antichrist exalts himself. 2 Thessalonians 2:4
- Christ was despised. Isaiah 53:3 Antichrist is to be admired. Revelation 13:3
- Christ came to do His Father's will. John 6:38 Antichrist will do his own will.
- Christ came to save. Luke 19:19 Antichrist comes to destroy. Daniel 8:24
- Christ is the truth. John 14:6 Antichrist is the Lie. 2 Thessalonians 2:11
- Christ is the Holy One. Mark 1:24 Antichrist is the Lawless One. 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- Christ is the man of sorrows. Isaiah 53:3 Antichrist is the man of sin.
- Christ is the Son of God. Luke 1:35 Antichrist is the Son of Perdition.
- Christ is the Mystery of Godliness. I Timothy 3:16 Antichrist is the Mystery of Iniquity.

The Thessalonians' False Idea



Paul's Correction of their Error



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Revelation 13:1-18

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Lesson Four

Satanic Trinity

- The Dragon
- The Beast
- The False Prophet

Key Verse: Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christ, and false prophets; and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

INTRODUCTION: The book of Daniel and Revelation are prophetic books which share information on the subject of Eschatology. Today concludes our series titled "*The Present Evil World*" Please note the following points of interest:

#### Lesson One

- Dispensation of Grace: God's purpose during this present age is to gather out a "*people for His name*"
- Two Opposing Spirits: Holy Spirit and Spirit of Evil
- The Existence of Satan: The Bible is the only source of information that tells us the truth about the devil

#### Lesson Two

- Satan like a roaring lion seeks to devour: 1 Peter 5:8 "*forewarn*" and "*forearms*"
- Satan counters the truth: "*the doctrines of devils*" 1 Timothy 4:1
- Satan is the deceiver of the world: He offers the world "*false hope*"

#### Lesson Three

- The Antichrist: His aim is to "*oppose*" Christ

#### Lesson Four

Satan is the god of this age. As the god of this age (world) Satan will attempt to "*ape*" God (i.e. imitate; emulate; simulate; copy; mimic).

1. The Dragon: Anti-God "*as God sits in the temple of God*" 2 Thessalonians 2:4
2. The Beast: Anti-Christ
3. The False Prophet: Anti-Spirit "*a miracle worker*" 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5

- Christ has a Church, "*the called out assembly*"
- Antichrist will have a church, "*the synagogue of Satan*" Revelation 2:9
- Christ has his bride, the Church Ephesians 5:25-27
- Antichrist will have a bride, "*mystic harlot church*" Revelation 17:1-3
- Christ's earthly ministry lasted for 3 ½ years
- Antichrist will reign for "*42 months*" Revelation 13:5