

## OUTLINE OF II TIMOTHY CHAPTER THREE

### I. THE COMING APOSTASY. (1-9)

- a. The time. "in the last days". (1)
- b. The character of the time. "perilous (or stressful) times". (1)
- c. Characteristics of men during these times: (2-9)
  - i. Lovers of self. (2)
  - ii. Lovers of money (covetous). (2)
  - iii. Boasters (haughty). (2)
  - iv. Proud (arrogant). (2)
  - v. Blasphemers (slandorous speech about sacred things). (2)
  - vi. Disobedient to parents. (2)
  - vii. Unthankful (lacking gratitude to God and others). (2)
  - viii. Unholy (regards nothing as holy or set apart for God). (2)
  - ix. Without natural affection (inhuman, lacking brotherly love, no concern for family). (3)
  - x. Trucebreakers (untrue to his promise or word). (3)
  - xi. False accusers (slanderers, one who spreads false tales). (3)
  - xii. Incontinent (one who does not curb his desires or appetites). (3)
  - xiii. Fierce (one who is a bully and shows no mercy). (3)
  - xiv. Despisers of those that are good (hates anybody and everything that is good). (3)
  - xv. Traitors (those who "turn in" other Christians). (4)
  - xvi. Heady (headstrong, rash, thoughtless). (4)
  - xvii. High-minded (swollen with conceit or "puffed up"). (4)
  - xviii. Lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God (love the world and serve Satan). (4)
  - xix. Have a form of godliness but deny the power of it (ritualistic—like the Pharisees). (5)
  - xx. Turn away from such people (avoid them like the plague). (5)
  - xxi. They are disrupters of households: (6-9)
    1. As they capture weak women. (6-7)
      - a. Burdened with sins. (6)
      - b. Swayed by various impulses (or lusts). (6)
      - c. Will listen to any body. (7)
      - d. Never arriving at a knowledge of the truth (led away by error). (7)
    2. Compared with Jannes & Jambres who opposed Moses (likely the names used to refer to magicians in Egypt—according to Jewish tradition). (8-9)
      - a. They oppose (or resist) the truth. (8)
      - b. They are men of corrupt mind. (8)
      - c. They possess a counterfeit faith. (8)
      - d. They will not get far; their folly will become plain. (9)

## **II. THE DEFENSE OF THE FAITH. (10-17)**

- a. Timothy's observance of Paul's exemplary life in Christ as a minister of the gospel. (10-11)
  - i. His doctrine. (10)
  - ii. His manner of life (conduct). (10)
  - iii. His purpose (aim in life). (10)
  - iv. His faith. (10)
  - v. His longsuffering (patience). (10)
  - vi. His charity (love). (10)
  - vii. His patience (steadfastness). (10)
  - viii. His persecutions. (11)
  - ix. His sufferings. (11)
  - x. What happened to Paul at Antioch, Iconium & Lystra.
    - 1. Persecutions.
    - 2. He was delivered by God from all of them.
- b. All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. (12)
- c. Evil men and imposters will go from bad to worse—deceived and being deceived. (13)
- d. Timothy is to continue in what he has learned and believed: (14-15)
  - i. Knowing from whom he learned it. (14)
  - ii. His knowledge of the scriptures: (15)
    - 1. Known from childhood.
    - 2. Scriptures are able to instruct for salvation through faith in Christ.
- e. The profit of all scripture inspired of God. (16-17)
  - i. Profitable for doctrine (teaching). (16)
  - ii. Profitable for reproof (to correct or show someone the error of his way). (16)
  - iii. Profitable for correction (to show what is right). (16)
  - iv. Profitable for instruction (training) in righteousness. (16)
  - v. Purposes for the man of God: (17)
    - 1. That he may be perfect (complete, mature).
    - 2. That he may be furnished (equipped) for every good work.