

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #66

“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:” –(2nd Thessalonians 2:11).



The word "delusion" found in 2nd Thessalonians 2:11 occurs only once in the entire KJV Bible. ***"For this cause God shall send them strong delusion. Because they do not receive the truth."*** He who refuses to receive the truth will at last believe lies. It is the law of human nature. God sends the delusion by natural laws. This verse can be a troubling passage for many, and rightly so.

Because they have no love for the truth God will send them a strong, deluding influence. This is saying that *"a power is set in operation within them which makes them prone to embrace error"*. This will lead them to *"believe a lie"* (literally the lie, not any lie that happens to come along, but the big lie, the false claims and pretensions of the Antichrist). I see this so much in our world today. But what is even more troubling is that it has invaded once very strong Bible churches. There is no need to name the denominations; they are exposed by their priorities.

The result will be that all who have not welcomed the love of the truth will "be damned" (judged, called to account, and condemned). The first and most important ground for their judgment will be the fact that they did not believe (and obey) the truth. Second, they took "pleasure in unrighteousness." They approved, considered good, took delight in, and sought satisfaction in wrongdoing, injustice, wickedness, and evil. In other words, they kept going along with sin, considered it normal, and promoted it as desirable. Strong delusion is already making many believe that those who practice the works of the flesh can still be acceptable to God. But the Bible clearly warns that ***"they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God"*** -(Galatians 5:19-21). God expects believers to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit and crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts or desires -(Galatians 5:22-24). Those who do not do so will be well prepared to accept the Antichrist's false claims.

Paul did not dwell long on the deceptions of the Antichrist. He quickly went on to say in a positive way how he felt bound (under obligation) to keep giving thanks at all times for his brothers (and sisters). They had received the love of the truth. They were loved not merely by Paul, but also by the Lord. In contrast to those who will be deceived by the Antichrist, they will be brought into salvation. God has chosen them for this end. God's purpose for believers is not only that they enjoy salvation but also reach Christian maturity.

God has not only chosen that believers be brought into ultimate salvation where they will be changed into Christ's likeness -(1st John 3:2), He has also chosen the means to bring them to this goal. They only reach the goal through a continued sanctification by the Spirit and a steadfast belief of the truth. The Holy Spirit consecrates believers and separates them from sin, and at the same time He separates them to God and to obedience to His will. He also gives help and power to live a holy (dedicated) life. The believer's part is a continued faith in the truth, a faithful, obedient acceptance and practice of the truth.

The means by which God called the Thessalonians to this salvation was Paul's preaching of the one true gospel ("good news"). It was the same gospel preached by the other apostles -(Galatians 1:16, 17; 2:2). Any other "gospel" can only bring a curse - (Galatians 1:7-9). So much of what the church has come to stand for or represent in the last half century has been anything but "good news". When a denomination tries to have it both ways, i.e., Biblical marriage along with the acceptance of the LGBTQ depraved, are blatant hypocrisy and an example of the church's delusion! ***"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator."*** -(Romans 1:25).

In view of the glory to come, Paul challenged the Thessalonians to stand fast and keep holding on to the traditions (teachings) taught them by the Word (in his preaching) and in his epistles. Human traditions are not meant here. The word "traditions" in this case speaks of teachings handed down from God through Jesus. Paul was emphasizing that his teachings did not come from his own mind. He was simply passing along the message handed down by the Lord Jesus Christ. Like the Old Testament prophets who spoke for God, he was not free to change it or mix in any of his own ideas. -(2nd Peter 1:20, 21.)

For believers, this means taking a stand on and being true to the entire Bible. Careful examination of the Book of Acts and the Epistles shows that Paul and all the apostles preached the truths recorded in the four Gospels, truths Jesus repeated again and again in the many places where He preached and taught. They also preached the gospel from the Old Testament which was the only written Bible they had.

To his exhortation to stand firm, Paul added a prayer. In the final analysis, Christians cannot stand in their own strength or hold to the Scriptures through their own understanding. Believers need Jesus Christ Himself and God the Father to help them. They can expect God to do this because of His love. He demonstrated and proved His love by giving His Son to die on Calvary -(John 3:16). He pours that love into the believer's heart when He gives him the Spirit -(Romans 5:5).

Believers have further assurance that God will always encourage and strengthen them because He has already given them everlasting consolation (eternal, unending, inexhaustible comfort and encouragement) and a "good hope" by His grace (His unmerited, undeserved favor).

As Christians stand firm, holding on to the teachings of God's Word, they can expect God and Christ to comfort (encourage) their hearts and to strengthen and confirm or firmly fix them, not merely in their minds, but in every good word and work. (Here some important ancient manuscripts place "work" before "word." This is the correct order for the Christian witness. The believer's works must be established in the grace of God before his words can mean very much.)

The fulfillment of our salvation will be when Christians enter into the full possession of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. All who keep believing will enter the glory - (Ephesians 1:4-10). Also implied here is the truth clearly expressed at Philippians 3:21 which say that Christ "**shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.**"

False signs and wonders will entice those who make pleasure or money their god. The Antichrist will tempt them with every kind of wicked deception. The connotation of this ties it in with the seduction that comes from wealth -(Matthew 13:22), sin -(Hebrews 3:13), reveling in deceptive pleasures -(2 Peter 2:13), and every kind of deceitful lust - (Ephesians 4:22). Televangelist and false prophet, Kenneth Copeland, has spent the last several years defending himself as he has bilked millions of people for hundreds of millions of dollars, including a private jet. Now, Copeland is saying that God told him that private jet didn't belong to God, but to him.

This seductive deception will be effective in those who are *already* perishing, lost, gone astray, already on the broad road leading to destruction -(Matthew 7:13).

Satan's false signs will also deceive those who did not welcome the love of the truth that they might be saved. That is, they did not become real disciples of Jesus but continued to follow their own ways. -(Compare John 8:31, 32).

"Saved" here does not refer to conversion, however, but to the salvation and inheritance which will be believers' when they are changed into Christ's likeness.

The Thessalonian Christians continue to grow in faith, love and endurance, in spite of the constant persecution they suffer; and Paul continues to talk about them as an example that should challenge others -(1:1-4; cf. 1st Thessalonians 1:3,6-7). He encourages them to keep moving forward, and points out that their suffering is proof of the genuineness of their faith. Their endurance shows that they are worthy to inherit the kingdom of God. In his righteous judgment God uses sufferings to bring his people to maturity, but by the same righteous judgment he will punish those who persecute them (5-6).

Jesus Christ's return will bring relief and rest to the persecuted believers (Paul here links himself with the Thessalonians), but it will also bring judgment to the ungodly. For the one it will bring glory, for the other eternal destruction (7-10). Paul prays that by God's power the Thessalonians will go on producing those qualities of Christian character that are fitting in those whom God has called. Such character will bring honor to Jesus Christ now and will reach its full expression in the age to come (11-12).

"For this reason" links the unbelievers' rejection of the truth -(vs. 10b) with their subsequent deception and ultimate condemnation -(vs. 11-12). Specifically, it explains that God's act of sending a **"powerful delusion"** to **"those who are perishing"** is the result of their choice to reject the truth. Once the truth is rejected, the only alternative is

to trust in that which is false. By refusing to receive the truth -(vs. 10) and then choosing to **“believe the lie”** -(vs. 11), unbelievers compound their culpability and make plain the justice of their condemnation. God does not cause their unbelief, but he does set the stage for them to demonstrate it and thus openly earn their own condemnation. Genuine believers will not be deceived in this way -(vs. 13–14). Paul expressed confidence in the salvation of the Thessalonians through their **“belief in the truth”** -(vs. 13). As a result of adherence to the truth, they will share in the glory of the Christ -(vs. 14) rather than in the condemnation of the son of perdition.



Thus the exhortation that concludes vv. 1–15 reiterates the importance of standing firm against deception. The believers were to maintain the apostolic traditions they had received. The reference to the apostolic “word” (*logos*) and “letter” (*epistolos*) in vs. 15 draws a final contrast between truth and deception. The false “report (*logos*) or letter” (*epistolos*) in vs. 2 is a part of the error that is already at work in the world. The believers must not fall prey to such deception, for the end result is a fully deserved condemnation. Thus believers must stand firm and hold on to the truth as those destined for salvation, not wrath (1:6–10; 1st Thessalonians 5:9).

Because those who are perishing have **“refused to love the truth and so be saved”** -(vs. 10), God **“sends them a powerful delusion.”** Both in the Old Testament -(2nd Samuel 24:1–25; 1st Kings 22:19–23) and in Paul -(Romans 11:7–12), God is presented as using human evil for divine purposes. The hardening of the Pharaoh's heart, for

example, is attributed alternately to Pharaoh's own rejection of God's message and to the active intervention of God -(Exodus 9:34–35; 10:20). When pagan Gentiles refused to acknowledge God -(Romans 1:28–29), he **“gave them over to a depraved mind,”** permitting unrestrained exercise of **“every kind of wickedness”** (*adikia*; cf. vs. 10).

Although the thought of God permitting or even capitalizing on the performance of evil is on the surface disturbing, it is consistent with the absolute sovereignty of God. A sovereign God must be sovereign over evil as well as good, otherwise he is not really sovereign at all. Christianity (as Judaism before it) does not present a dualistic struggle between good and evil gods. It presents the working out of the divine will so that even those who exercise their freedom to do evil will ultimately discover that their actions have paradoxically served the divine economy. In this light it is not surprising that Paul should tell the Thessalonians that as the plan of God unfolds, he sends a **“powerful delusion”** to those who have rejected the truth.

This **“powerful delusion”** may be understood in two ways. It is most commonly taken as a new element in the passage, a revelation that God, in the last days, will actively confuse the reasoning of the lost and guarantee their condemnation. We see this as the world transitions towards and into the Great Tribulation. Thus the delusion sent by God represents some sort of mental and spiritual confusion that prevents the lost from recognizing the truth as truth, changing their minds, and being saved as a result. I would not expect Prince Charles, Bill Gates, Dr. Fauci, or any of their crowd to repent.

It is also possible, however, to see the **“powerful delusion”** as a reference to the coming of the lawless one. In Paul's sentence it is not **“delusion”** (*planēs*) but **energeian** (translated “work” in vs. 9 but used in vs. 11 as an adjective, **“powerful”**) that is the object of the verb “sends.” *Planēs* (“of error”) is a genitive modifying “work.” Thus the phrase (**energeian planēs**) indicates that God sends to those who have rejected the truth a “work of error.” The phrase is reminiscent of the earlier comment that the coming of the lawless one will be according to an **energeian tou satana**, “work of Satan” -(vs. 9). The lawless one as an agent of deception makes any further “delusion” redundant. The perishing have rejected the true Messiah already. A deceptive, satanic messiah arises. The unbelievers’ decision to follow this one who’s coming is according to the working of Satan, whose intent is to deceive, confirms their rejection of the truth and fully justifies their condemnation.

“So that they will believe” translates an infinitive expressing the intended result of the act of sending. The use of **“believe”** here highlights the contrast between those who believe Jesus and those who believe the lie. “The lie” (*tō pseudei*) of which Paul was thinking is not specified. But his terminology echoes the earlier reference to **“counterfeit”** (*pseudous*) signs and wonders -(cf. vs. 9) the lawless one would use to bolster his claim to divinity. The lie itself, then, probably was the claim to be a god greater than all other gods. Believing the lie or believing the truth are presented in this passage as the only two alternatives available. Those who reject God's truth are destined to **“exchange the truth of God for a lie”** -(Romans 1:25). One must either trust in Jesus or trust in a

lie. There is no straddling the fence here. We are all-in or all-out! The presence of the man of lawlessness forces the issue and makes the choice unambiguous. You best be thinking seriously about this with a potentially important date coming up on God's calendar. Sundown of September 6th through sundown of September 8th is known as the Hebrew one-long day, It was also known as the day that no man knew of. In Hebrew chronology on the Feasts of the Lord, more significant things occurred on this day than any other except exceeded only by Passover. At the bottom of this Diamond & Nugget, I am including the events that have occurred on the Feast of Trumpets.

A final clause presents the ultimate fate of those who choose to trust the lie -(vs. 12). All who have not believed the truth **“will be condemned” (kriqw'sin)**. This verb does not require in itself a negative judgment. But most often condemnation is implied when **krivnw** is used, and the description of those who will be judged make clear that in this case judgment will result in condemnation. Paul described those judged with a negative and then a positive clause: they **“have not believed the truth”** but have instead **“delighted in wickedness.”** The “truth” they have rejected is the gospel of Jesus Christ -(cf. 1:8). Those for whom the day of the Lord is a day of glory rather than condemnation are those who have believed the testimony of the apostles -(cf. 1:10). Those who will receive condemnation have not only rejected the truth but have delighted in wickedness. The verb used in this second descriptive clause, “delighted,” implies the exercise of personal judgment and will. But delighting in wickedness in this context implies far more than finding a particular sinful act enjoyable. It represents one's basic attitude toward God. Faced with the opportunity to follow God's truth, those who delight in wickedness are those who have chosen to reject God and follow the path of “wickedness” (**adikia**, cf. vs. 10; Romans 1:18, 32), a choice that destines them for condemnation.

Below is the Biblical record of events associated with the fall Feast of Trumpets. All of the following events occurred on the same day of the Hebrew Feast of Trumpets. The truly amazing part of this story is that because the Hebrew calendar is based upon a lunar/solar calendar, these events all took place on God's Feast Day of Trumpets. On our Gregorian calendar, or the earlier Julian calendar, each of the events took place over what amounts to a time span of close to 60 days. For example, The Feast of Trumpets was on September 30 in 2019, September 19 in 2020, September 7 in 2021, September 26 in 2022, September 16 in 2023, and October 3 in 2024 (its observance begins the evening before the Roman calendar date and runs until sunset on the Roman calendar dates shown). Should you pay attention to this day? I think so!

In this long list of Hebrew history of name, events, see if you can put together a list of common “themes” or “words” that present a word-picture or conceptual idea shared in common together. You can email your list to me at www.evanteachr@aol.com. I believe you will begin to see that there is much more in your Bible than what people read or hear.

Tishrei (Ethanim) Always has 30 days. Mazal is Moznaim (Scales). Tribe is Dan.
1st Moon is in Bethulah.¹

New Moon. Numbers 10:8-10

Yom Teruah (Rosh Hashanah). Leviticus 23:24

Beginning of the Sabbatical year. **Exodus 23:11**

The month of the strong - **1 Kings 8:2**

The new year for Kings begins. Mishna: Seder Moed: Tractate Hashanah: 1:1

The Awesome Days / Yamim Noraim, day 1.

Period of teshuva / repentance day 30.

Sixth generation – Jared. Shaar ha-Kollel

Adam and Eve are created, it is the sixth day of creation. *Sanhedrin 38b*

Cain and Abel and three twin sisters are born. *Bereshit Rabbah 22*

Noah's birthday. 1st day of the 1st month, 1056 AM (ATB, pg.307^[8]). **Genesis**

8:13, Seder Olam; Radak

Noah has dry land. Noah removes the cover of the ark and dispatches the dove –
3rd time. **Genesis 8:5, 8:13 Rashi**

HaSatan stands before HaShem to accuse Job. **Job 1:6, Targum Jerus**

Avraham and Jacob were born. *Rosh HaShana 10b*

Sarah conceives Isaac. *Yevamot 64b*

The binding of Isaac (I Tishrei, 2086; September 26, 1676 BCE). Meam Loez on

Genesis 22:4

Yahrzeit of Sarah Emeinu.

Rebecca and Leah are remembered. *Tanchuma, Vayera*

Isaac blesses Jacob after game meal. *Shulchan Aruch [O.C. 583], Zohar Emor*

99b

Rachel conceives Joseph. (*Rosh Hashanah 10b*) *Yevamot 64*

Pharaoh's cup bearer and baker have dreams related to their judgement carried
out today. Oznaim L'Torah, *Rosh Hashanah 10a*

Joseph was released from prison. Tishrei 1, 2230 (Sept. 24, 1532 BCE. *Rosh
Hashanah 10b-11a*

Pharaoh freed the Israelites from Slavery. *Rosh Hashanah 11a*

Egypt afflicted with the Plague of wild beasts for seven days (Plague number 4).

Exodus 8:24 Zichron Yemot Olam

Moses goes up to Mount Sinai, the third time, to get the second set of stone tablets
to spend forty days - day 31. **Exodus 34:1**

Hannah conceives Samuel. *Yevamot 64 1 Samuel 1:2-10*

Nabal refuses to feed David's men. Abigail did feed them. **1 Samuel 25:1-35**

David is forgiven after sinning with Bathsheba. Shabbat 56a

Elisha prophesied the birth of a son to the Shunamite (Jonah the Prophet). **2**

Kings 4:16, Zohar, Be-Shallah

Daniel 7:9-14 took place on this day. (seated for judgement) Joseph Good

Daniel sees a vision of judgement. **Daniel 7:9-10**

Zerubbabel brought the first offering on the new altar in Jerusalem in 538 BCE,

Nehemiah 8:2

Daily sacrifice restored by Zerubbabel. Zevachim 62a

Ezra begins to read the law to the people in 444 BCE. **Nehemiah 8:2**

Burnt offerings begin before Ezra's foundation. **Ezra 3:6**

Herod slays the children trying to kill Yeshua. **Matthew 2:13-23** (see the haftorah for the second day.)

John the Baptist wants to know if Yeshua is the "expected" One, after raising widow's son. **Luke 7:11-35**

Judgement of the righteous **Revelation 20:4-6**

The resurrection of the righteous. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

Remembrance of the fathers **Revelation 21:12-14**

Revelation 4:1-4 took place on this day (seated for judgement) Joseph Good

Coronation of the King **Revelation 11:15-18**

"The day of the Lord" begins on this day. **Zephaniah 1:14,16**

The revelation of Yeshua took place on this day. **Revelation 1:9-11**

Torah section for the first day is *Genesis 21:1-34, Numbers 29:1-6*. **Haftorah** is *1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:10*.

Torah section for the second day is *Genesis 22:1-24, Numbers 29:1-6*. **Haftorah** is *Jeremiah 31:1-19*.

¹Combining the five Hebrew letters which spell **Bethulah**, we get the full Hebrew meaning of the virgin woman constellation who holds the Branch and sheaf of first fruits grain. It means that we may become part of the House of or Family of Yahweh (**Bet**) through the Cross and Blood of the Covenant (**Tav**). And we may become joined with Heaven (**Vav**) as we behold the nails in His Hands (**Vav**) - a revelation which prods us and urges us forwards (**Lamed**) into Family of God, the more we behold it (**Hey**).

Truly, the meaning of the name of **Bethulah** beautifully captures the fuller meaning of this first primary constellation (**Virgo**) of the **Mazzeroth**. —(Job 38:32)



God revealed His Divine Gospel message in three awesome ways:

1. The Gospel in Stone – the Great Pyramid -(Isaiah 19:19-20; Jeremiah 32:20).
2. The Gospel in the Stars – the “Mazzeroth” or Zodiac -(Job 38:31-33).
3. The Written Word of the Bible

The question arises, why did God reveal His Divine Gospel in three methods? The answer is found in my eBook **“The Season of the Rapture”** at my archived site: <http://jesusisthewaythetruththelife.com/node/22> Scroll down on the page of past articles search for the title above.

Let me assure you that regardless of the events in the world, God has it all under control. The Creator of the universe has covered all the bases, that is explicitly obvious when you know that God revealed His Divine Gospel message not just once, but three different ways. There is no need to fear, the Lord’s provision will carry you and I through this global frenzy. Bible-believing Christians have been mocked so long, you may feel alone but the Good Lord has your back. We have a world that has run out of road, money, food, and hope. The FDA will license the emergency use of the Vaxxes just about the time the Feast of Trumpets so that the government can mandate that everyone be vaxxed with satan’s poison needle.

For almost fifty years I have been waiting for this event I hoped to be part of. The Bible is mathematically perfect and validated through a variety of numerics, themes, constructs, patterns, you cannot explain it all without the existence and creative design of the Lord Jesus Christ. The mathematical precision simply confounds the minds of men, and so they chose to ignore the evidence, i.e., to reject the truth of the Lord. Sadly for them, as I noted at the beginning, God sent them a strong delusion for rejecting the Truth of God's Word, in their believing the Lie of Lucifer and his servant demons. 2nd Thessalonians 2:11 may not seem all that important to many cafeteria Christians, and yet it is perhaps one of the most important passages in your Bible.

A year ago Bill Gates stated over and over, there was no going back to what he called as "normal". He wasn't lying either, but it is not going to be what he and his globalist friends have in mind either. They have seven years to serve the Antichrist, HRM Prince Charles of Wales' plan of "Sustainable Development" for the planet. As I finished up this Blessed Hope, we have 35 days remaining until our *Harpazo*, departure date.

The Rapture is for real folks, don't doubt it, don't mock it, and don't laugh at it. It's your ticket of deliverance before judgment! Remember the promise of Revelation 3:10: ***"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon the entire world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."*** I explained all about the little 2-letter Greek word "**ek**" in my recent article: [The War With China Is in the 2nd Phase. Get Ready for Phase 3](#) It began on page 34. I trust you are as excited and ready for this event as I am. I know that no previous Rosh HaShanah has been as promising as this one is. It truly is our "Exodus" event!

Blessings, Keep looking up!

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