

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR WORLD?  
*The Apostasy before the Arrival of the Antichrist*

**COMING  
KING**

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is seen from behind, wearing a white robe with a red sash. Her hands are raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a bright, golden light with a subtle floral pattern. The text 'COMING KING' is overlaid in large, bold, dark red letters.

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2 That ye **be not soon shaken in mind**, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ is at hand**.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God**, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now **ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time**.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way**.



8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:  
9 *Even him*, whose coming is **after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders,  
10 And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish;  
**because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**  
11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:  
12 That **they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Our country is reeling in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision of *Obergefell v. Hodges*.



## **Excerpted from the Northern Colorado Gazette:**

Using the same tactics used by “gay” rights activists, pedophiles have begun to seek similar status arguing their desire for children is a sexual orientation no different than heterosexual or homosexuals.

Critics of the homosexual lifestyle have long claimed that once it became acceptable to identify homosexuality as simply an “alternative lifestyle” or sexual orientation, logically nothing would be off limits.

A group of psychiatrists with B4U-Act recently held a symposium proposing a new definition of pedophilia in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders of the APA.

**B4U-Act calls pedophiles “minor-attracted people.”** The organization’s website states its purpose is to, “help mental health professionals learn more about attraction to minors and to consider the effects of stereotyping, stigma and fear.”



Pedophilia has already been granted protected status by the Federal Government. The Matthew Shephard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act lists “sexual orientation” as a protected class; however, it does not define the term.

Republicans attempted to add an amendment specifying that “pedophilia is not covered as an orientation;” however, the amendment was defeated by Democrats. **Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fl) stated that all alternative sexual lifestyles should be protected under the law.** “This bill addresses our resolve to end violence based on prejudice and to guarantee that all Americans, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability or all of these ‘philiias’ and fetishes and ‘isms’ that were put forward need not live in fear because of who they are. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this rule.”



The White House praised the bill saying, “At root, this isn’t just about our laws; this is about who we are as a people. This is about whether we value one another – whether we embrace our differences rather than allowing them to become a source of animus.”


<http://patdollard.com/2013/07/it-begins-pedophiles-call-for-same-rights-as-homosexuals/#tXcDCjuyTsFga7l7.99>

**b4uact** – OUR MISSION

To publicly promote professional services and resources for self-identified individuals (adults and adolescents) **who are sexually attracted to children** and desire such assistance [http://www.b4uact.org/?page\\_id=498](http://www.b4uact.org/?page_id=498)

I. STAY CALM, 2:1-2

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A. The Appeal, 2:1a – “Now we beseech you, brethren...”

B. The Appearance, 2:1b – “...by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,”

C. The Attitude, 2:2 – “...**be not soon shaken in mind**...”

2:2 That ye **be not soon shaken in mind**, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ is at hand**.

Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Psa. 7:1 **O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust**: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:



Psa. 56:4 In God I will praise his word, **in God I have put my trust**; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Psa. 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

Prov. 30:5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

1 Tim. 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.





## II. SEE CLEARLY, 2:3-5

2 Thess. 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God**, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

A. See through the Deception, 2:3a “Let no man deceive you by any means...”

B. See through the Defection, 2:3b “...**there come a falling away first...**”



**Original Word:** ἀποστασία

**Transliteration:** apostasia

**Definition:** defection, apostasy, revolt.

Properly, departure (implying *desertion*); *apostasy* – **literally, "a leaving, from a previous standing."** <http://biblehub.com/greek/646.htm>

C. See through the Deflection, 2:4-5

III. STAND CONFIDENT, 2:6-12

2 Thess. 2:6 And now **ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.**

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:



9 *Even him*, whose coming is **after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders,  
10 And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish;  
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11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:  
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A. You know about the Restraint, 2:6-7

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7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.**



- The “he” is the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit resides in the believers.
- At the “rapture,” the Holy Spirit’s influence will “...be taken out of the way.”

#### B. You know about the Revealing, 2:8-9

2 Thess. 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 *Even him*, whose coming is **after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders,



- The “Wicked” is the Antichrist.
- The “revealing” will be after the rapture.
- The Lord Jesus Christ will destroy the Antichrist after the Tribulation.
- The power and signs of the Antichrist is due to satanic power.

C. You know about the Rejection, 2:10

2 Thess. 2:10 And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

- The deceit is enclosed in unrighteousness, a violation of God’s standards.



**Original Word:** ἀδικία

**Transliteration:** adikia

**Short Definition:** unrighteousness

**Properly, the *opposite of justice*; unrighteousness, as a *violation of God's standards (justice)* which brings *divine disapproval*;**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/93.htm>

- Those who are partaking reveal their destiny – hell.
- The issue is the rejection of TRUTH, and all truth is God's truth.
- Truth's rejection = perishing in hell: Truth received = salvation!

D. You know about the Results, 2:11-12



2 Thess. 2:11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:

12 That **they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

- Because truth is rejected, God sends “strong delusion” – a deviation for the deviants.

Prov. 1:24 **Because I have called, and ye refused**; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But **ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:**

26 **I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;**

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.



**28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:**

**29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:**

**30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.**

**31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.**

- The rejecters get what they wanted – their own way.
- The damnation is divine judgment – the reason...they “believed not the truth...”
- They were pleasure seekers, and “had pleasure in unrighteousness.”
- The Lord Jesus Christ and His Word are truth – Jn. 14:6, 17:17.
- To reject truth is to reject Christ and His Word.
- The consequences to those who reject God and His Word = eternal damnation!





## Conclusion

Rom. 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**.

22 **Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore **God also gave them up** to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who **changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.



26 For this cause **God gave them up unto vile affections**: for even **their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature**:

27 And **likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly**, and receiving in themselves that **recompence of their error which was meet**.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient**;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 **Who knowing the judgment of God**, that they which **commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them**.



Prov. 16:25 There is **a way that seemeth right unto a man**, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

