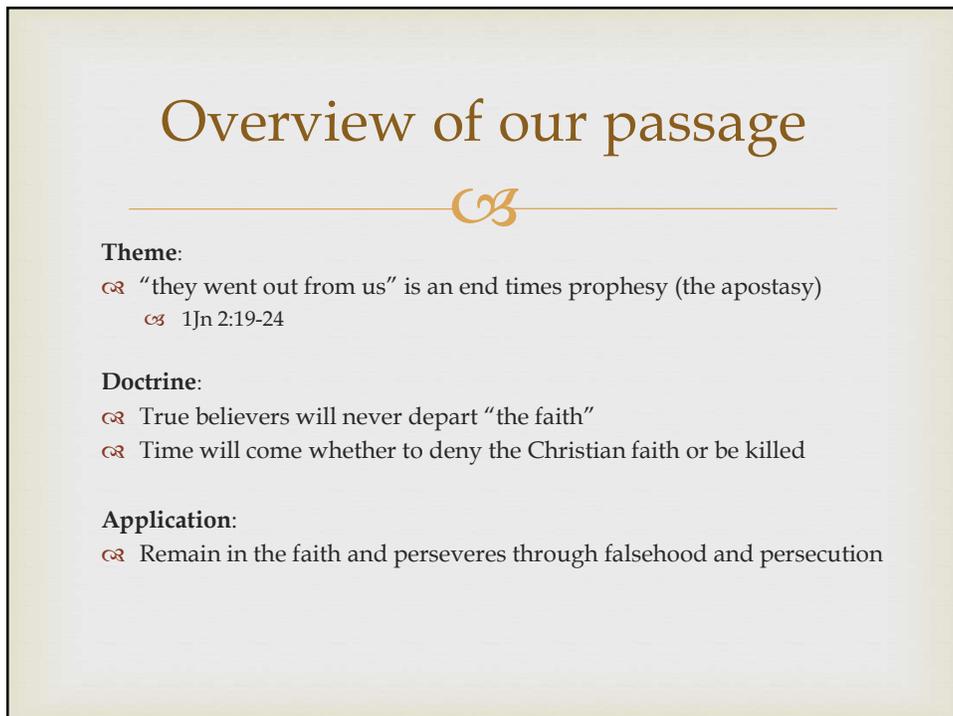


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Scripture Reading



1 John 2:19-24 (NASB)

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

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Exposit: 1Jn 2:19



19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

- ☞ "they went out from us" = the apostasy
- ☞ End times prophecy

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“they went out from us”



- ☞ As we covered previously, the apostasy must happen first before Antichrist is revealed:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come **unless the apostasy comes first**, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

- ☞ “the apostasy” definite article; not any apostasy in general, but the apostasy specifically
- ☞ This apostasy is tied to the “coming of our Lord Jesus” (rapture), “day of the Lord”, and when the “man of lawlessness” “son of destruction” is revealed
- ☞ Thus this is prophecy of the apostasy that will occur in the end times

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“they went out from us”



2 Timothy 3:1-9

1 But realize this, that **in the last days** difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. 6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, ***rejected in regard to the faith**. 9 But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes’s and Jambres’s folly was also.

- ☞ *adokimos = failing the test
- ☞ Inferred such individuals identified with the faith at one point and whose faith failed in light of truth

6

“they went out from us”



1 Timothy 4:1-3

1 But the Spirit explicitly says that **in later times** *some will **fall away from the faith**, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

- ☞ * some is 'tis' in Greek which means certain ones
- ☞ "the faith" = "the Christian faith" or "the biblical gospel"
 - ☞ Churches with loosie-goosy doctrines will open themselves up to doctrine of demons
- ☞ This will open them up to receiving false Christs and false prophets despite Jesus's warning:

Matthew 24:23-25

23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, **so as to mislead**, if possible, even the elect. 25 Behold, I have told you in advance.

7

“they went out from us”



2 Peter 3:3-7

3 Know this first of all, that **in the last days** *mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

- ☞ *empaiktēs = false teachers
- ☞ False teaching from outside and within will infiltrate the church
- ☞ False teaching mocks Scripture "Where is the promise of His coming?"
- ☞ False teaching will play vital role in the apostasy

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“they went out from us”



Jude 1:17-21

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, 18 that they were saying to you, “**In the last time there will be mockers**, following after their own ungodly lusts.” 19 These are the ones who cause *divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

- ☞ “in the last time” again end time in view at which time there will be the apostasy
- ☞ *These will divide and separate from the faith in other words apostatize

9

“they went out from us”



☞ It is assumed that “the apostasy” is limited to the church

☞ This is generally true as we’ve seen with previous Scriptural examples

☞ I want to suggest to you that this is broader than that

☞ 2x apostasia is used in the NT, 1x in 2Th 2:3 and the other in Acts 21...

Acts 21:17-22 (Paul en route to Jerusalem prior to his Roman imprisonment)

17 After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 18 And the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 After he had greeted them, he began to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And when they heard it they began glorifying God; and they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law; 21 and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to **forsake (apostasia) Moses**, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs. 22 What, then, is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.

10

“they went out from us”



- ☞ The apostasy can also apply to the Jews abandoning the Law of Moses
- ☞ Thus, the apostasy can include both an apostate church and Jews
- ☞ This is behind John’s prophecy

11

“they went out from us”



- ☞ There will be further apostasy during the career of Antichrist and upcoming beast kingdom

Revelation 13:7-10 (the Beast from the sea)

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. **8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him**, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

- ☞ This beast was given authority over all the earth for 42 months
- ☞ This was after the 7 seals and 7 trumpet judgments
- ☞ Those who dwell on the earth speaks of unbelievers, both professed Christians and Jews
- ☞ Both professed Christian and Jews will forsake the faith and/or the Law of Moses

12

“they went out from us”



- ☞ There will be further apostasy during the career of Antichrist and upcoming beast kingdom (cont'd)

Revelation 14:9-12 9

(warning against taking the mark and worshipping the beast and his image)

9 Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

12 **Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.**

- ☞ Those who forsake the OT/NT, will receive the mark and worship the beast and his image have committed apostasy
- ☞ By contrast those who do not forsake the OT/NT will not apostatize

13

“they went out from us”



- ☞ Concerning apostasy:
 - ☞ John (1Jn 2, Rev 2, 3) and Paul (2Th 2, 2Ti 3, 4) Peter (2Pet 3), Jude (17), and Luke (Acts 21) are all speaking of the apostasy **before** Antichrist...
 - ☞ John (Rev 13, 14) is speaking of further apostasy **after** Antichrist
 - ☞ At the end time/last days/last time:
 - ☞ There will be an apostate church before Antichrist comes
 - ☞ The Jews will forsake the Law of Moses after Antichrist comes
 - ☞ Many professed Christians and Jews will embrace false teachers
 - ☞ Many professed Christians and Jews will embrace doctrines of demons
 - ☞ Many professed Christians and Jews (if that were possible) will embrace false Christs and false Messiahs and ultimately, Antichrist himself
 - ☞ Many professed Christians and Jews will forsake the faith and Law of Moses and take the mark of the beast and worship the beast and his image **after** Antichrist is revealed

14

“they went out from us”



TRUTHS:

- ☞ If you were never truly saved
 - ☞ You **will** depart the faith
 - ☞ You **will** embrace false Christs/Messiahs/teachers
 - ☞ You **will** embrace doctrines of demons
 - ☞ You **will** reject the OT and NT
- ☞ If you are truly saved
 - ☞ You will **never** depart the faith
 - ☞ You will **never** embrace false Christs/Messiahs/teachers
 - ☞ You will **never** embrace doctrines of demons
 - ☞ You will **never** reject the OT or NT
- ☞ Why is this so for believers?...

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Exposit: 1Jn 2:20



20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

- ☞ “anointing from the Holy One”

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“anointing from the Holy One”



- ☞ Anointing is ‘chrisma’
- ☞ Only John uses this Greek word in the NT
- ☞ In the OT, anointing speaks of the anointing oil which consecrates (set apart as holy):
 - ☞ Tabernacle and all that is in it
 - ☞ Tent of meeting, ark of the testimony, table, utensils, lampstand, etc.
 - ☞ Priests (Aaron and his sons)
 - ☞ Anointed oil on their head

17

“anointing from the Holy One”



- ☞ In the OT, the Israelites were to be to God a kingdom of priests and a holy nation:

Exodus 19:1-6

1 In the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain. 3 Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. 5 Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, **then you shall be My own possession** among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 **and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

18

Exposit: 1Jn 2:20



☞ In the NT, this is applied to the Gentile church:

1 Peter 2:4-10

4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a **holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For this is contained in Scripture:

“BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”

7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,”

8 and,

“A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”;

for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.

9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, **A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE (Gentiles), but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

19

Exposit: 1Jn 2:20



- ☞ In the OT, the **Israelites are considered** God’s possession and were to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation
- ☞ In the NT, **believers are considered** God’s possession and are called a kingdom of priests and a holy nation
- ☞ Thus, this anointing from the Holy One (haigos) is speaking of “Jesus” is another way to say that believers are God’s possession, chosen race, a royal priesthood (whose royalty is from above), and are the people of God (both Jews and Gentiles)
- ☞ In context, all believers (Jews and Gentiles) have an anointing from Jesus and therefore will never depart from the faith!

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Catarroja AMP: 1Jn 2:20



“20 But (true believers consisting of Jews and Gentiles) have an anointing (are God’s possession, kingdom of priests and consecrated as holy race and people) from the Holy One (the Son of God and therefore since you have such anointing you will not depart from the faith), and you all know (and will remain in the truth).”

21

Exposit: 1Jn 2:21



21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

- ✧ Bible is written for those who seek truth
- ✧ Bible is the sole source and authority of truth
- ✧ Those anointed by Christ (the elect) know and receive the truth
- ✧ John is affirming the truth in Scripture that they received
 - ✧ Including the gospel of John
- ✧ Just as there is no evil in God, there is no lies in the truth
- ✧ There is no evil nor lies in Scripture
 - Romans 7:12
 - 12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

22

Exposit: 1Jn 2:22



22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

- ☞ Much of John's epistle is prophetic
- ☞ "the liar" and "the antichrist" has two-fold truths, it applies to:
 - i. Unbelievers in general (John's day to end of the age)
 - ii. The Antichrist specifically and prophetically (the Antichrist at the end times)
- ☞ Unbelievers in general:
 - ☞ Will deny the biblical Jesus, reject or abandon the gospel
 - ☞ Will deny the OT/NT as God's Word
 - ☞ Will deny, reject, or abandon the Father and the Son
- ☞ And as we know Antichrist:
 - ☞ Will deny the biblical Jesus, reject and outlaw the gospel and all religions
 - ☞ Will deny reject the deity of Jesus
 - ☞ Will deny the OT/NT as God's Word (i.e. elevate the Koran)
 - ☞ Will desolate the temple and claim to be God and alone is to be worshipped

23

Exposit: 1Jn 2:23



23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

In contrast, believers:

- ☞ Are not "liars", but truth-tellers
- ☞ Are not against the biblical Jesus, but are for the biblical Jesus
- ☞ Are for the faith (truth)
- ☞ Will contend for the faith until the end of the age
- ☞ Will accept the OT/NT as God's Word (nothing else)
- ☞ Will not deny the Father and the Son, but receive them
- ☞ Will confess (agree) Jesus as Lord

In context, those with an anointing from Jesus will through his confession believe Jesus is the Son of the living God and alone is Savior and Lord of all.

24

Exposit: 1Jn 2:24



24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

- ☞ “as for you” referring to believers
 - ☞ No longer referring to unbelievers or antichrists
- ☞ “let that” (antecedent) is anointing
- ☞ “abide in you” remain in you
- ☞ “which you heard” referring to the word of truth
- ☞ If you received the truth, you received the anointing that comes with the truth, and you will remain in the Son and the Father

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Catarroja AMP: 1Jn 2:24



24 As for you (my fellow believers), let that (anointing) abide (remain) in you which you heard from the beginning (when the gospel was preached to you). If what you heard from the beginning (is truth) abides (remains) in you, you also will abide (remain) in the Son and in the Father.

Truth (and application):

- ☞ Our anointing comes from truth revealed in Scripture
- ☞ You cannot reject the biblical Jesus and be saved
- ☞ Only belief in the biblical Jesus will save you
- ☞ Only the OT/NT is God’s inspired Word, no other literature
- ☞ False Christs, false prophets, false teachings, false religions may say otherwise, but none of those can nor will save you

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