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### **2 Timothy 3:1-9**

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Last week we were discussing the state of the world and how in the last days perilous times will come. This week we will deal with the poor souls who are so deluded by the Muslim clerics where they are willing to kill themselves along with many others.

These poor deluded souls need serious prayer from the Born-again Christian community. They are so deceived by the powers of Satan that they sincerely believe that they are doing God's will. The Muslim clerics are of the same ilk as the Hebrew clerics who lied to Pontius Pilate to execute Jesus Christ.

There are many clerics in all religions who are hungry for power. The clerics who compel their followers to kill and butcher others are on the fringe. The Muslims are not the only ones who have these extremists. They are found in Christianity, and every other religion around the world.

They were even around during the Apostolic Age and are mentioned in the Bible.

### **3 John 1:9-11**

9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

Look at the problems the Apostle John had who was with Jesus from the beginning. Diotrephes was a cleric who would do anything to hold on to his power. The preachers who re-

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ally have the truth are not concerned about their standing in the church, but are concerned about their standing with God. Diotrefes had no concern about God, but was only concerned about what others thought about him.

How many remember Jim Jones? The following is from:

[http://www.religioustolerance.org/dc\\_jones.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/dc_jones.htm)

Jones developed a belief called *Translation* in which he and his followers would all die together, and would move to another planet for a life of bliss. Mass suicides were practiced in which his followers pretended to drink poison and fell to the ground.

During the late 1970's, Jones had been abusing prescription drugs and appears to have become increasingly paranoid. Rumors of human rights abuses circulated. As in most high-intensity religious groups, there was a considerable flow of people joining and leaving the group. Tim Stoen, the Temple attorney and right-hand man to Jones left to form *Concerned Relatives* who claimed that Jonestown was being run like a concentration camp, and that people were being held there against their will. This motivated Leo Ryan, a Congressman, to visit Jonestown in 1978-NOV for a personal inspection. At first, the visit went well. Later, on NOV-18, about 16 Temple members decided that they wanted to leave Jonestown with the visitors. This came as quite a blow to both Jones and the rest of the project. While Ryan and the others were waiting at Port Kiatuma airfield, the local airstrip, some heavily armed members of the Temple's security guards arrived and started shooting. Congressman Ryan and four others were killed; three were members of the press; the

other was a person from Jonestown who wanted to leave. 11 were wounded. Fearing retribution, the project members discuss their options. They reach a consensus to commit group suicide. 914 died: 638 adults and 276 children. Some sources say 911 died. Most appear to have committed suicide by drinking a grape drink laced with cyanide and a number of sedatives, including liquid Valium, Penegram and chloral hydrate. Some sources say it was Kool-Aid; others say FlaVor-Aid®. Other victims appear to have been murdered by poison injection. The Guyanese coroner said that hundreds of bodies showed needle marks, indicating foul play. Still other victims were shot. A very few fled into the jungle and survived. The bodies were in a state of extensive decay when the authorities arrived. There was no time to conduct a thorough investigation.

So the Muslim terrorists are not something new. These are followers of highly motivated clerics who have the followers so brainwashed that they no longer can determine right from wrong. They no longer realize that suicide is wrong. They no longer realize that murder is wrong. The followers of these extremists clerics are under strong delusion and manipulation. They really need the prayers of the born-again community to deliver them from the evil influence.

On the other hand, the clerics themselves for the most part know what they are doing and are leading their flock to maintain total power over them. Those who attempt to leave such organizations are routinely murdered. This happened with Jim Jones and also is prevalent with the extremist Muslim community. Thus the ones who want to escape are trapped!

What would you do if you were trapped? If

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you attempted to escape, you could be endangering not only yourself, but also your family. These leaders have a strangle hold over their followers so that there is little chance of escape.

Thus the Bible is true concerning perilous times. We see clerics who are men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. These religious leaders only desire total control. They do not care if their followers kill themselves. They are continually recruiting more to replace those who have either been murdered or have committed suicide.

The new recruits follow a prescribed method of indoctrination and brainwashing where they are eventually convinced that they are doing God's will. Those who resist the indoctrination and brainwashing are executed thus creating an example for the rest that if they rebel and attempt to leave the same will happen to them.

The clerics who use these tactics to gain total control over their flock do so knowing the truth. They are men of corrupt minds who only desire the preeminence over their followers. Any who resist are dealt with severely, eventually being murdered.

So we are really living in the last days where perilous times exist. The terrorists are men who have been brainwashed and do not know the truth. They have been mentally destroyed by the clerics who have deluded them into thinking that suicide is God's will.

There is a time coming where the radical Muslim cleric's folly shall be manifest unto all men just like Jim Jones. The terrorist bombings we are seeing today are just a continuation of the depravity, wickedness, and Satanic influences. When you have a group who are devoted to a spiritual leader rather than being devoted to

God, you see a leader who has absolute control over the congregation.

Lord Acton, in a letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton during 1887 wrote, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men."

When you come across a Muslim fundamentalist, the best thing that you can do is pray in the Holy Ghost for him. His conscience has been totally seared where he does not know that suicide is sin. He sincerely believes that suicide and murder is doing God's will. A person this deluded and deceived needs much prayer so that he will be able to really determine right from wrong.

On the other hand, the cleric who is deceiving the flock knows the truth, making him a liar and deceiver. Thus in these perilous times, the enemy is not the terrorist suicide bomber, but the one who has done the deceiving and deluding. They are the real enemy! While the suicide bomber gets all of the headlines, the one directing behind the scene is the real enemy.

These are the ones who have sold themselves totally over to Satan to do his bidding. What we are seeing is the prelude to the rise of the Antichrist. In the near future we will hear a trumpet call of the Lord calling us home.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 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

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dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 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.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

This is a great hope that the born-again Christian has. Imagine meeting the Lord in the air. Then everything that we have gone through will be worth it.

Are you ready for the rapture? Are your robes washed white by the blood of the lamb?

In you have any concerns about whether you are ready to meet the Lord Jesus Christ, follow the teaching of Peter:

### **Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

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