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Introduction

What does Apostasy and Heresy mean? Does the Bible teach what these things are and what and how we are to respond to such teachings? Let's examine the biblical record to determine for ourselves.

Apostasy

Apostasy mean a "falling away" from the truth of God revealed in scripture. It also means a *defection* from the faith. Faith is the gift from God that allows us to "act" upon our "beliefs." It is the sound beliefs given to us by God (doctrine) that requires some form of action on our part.

646 apostasia apostasia (ap-os-tas-ee'-ah)

from 868; feminine of the same as apostasion; TDNT-1:513,88; n f *defection, revolt:*—

NAS-apostasy (1), forsake (1).

AV-to forsake + 575 1, falling away 1; 2

1) a falling away, defection, apostasy

It is, in essence one who "divorces" oneself from God's Word, His truths revealed in Scripture, His teachings (doctrines) on what we are to believe, how we are to respond to God's teachings. The root Greek word apostasion is a forsaking, specifically one receiving a bill of divorce. There are two verses in scripture that are translated apostasy.

Acts 21:21

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.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the **apostasy** <apostasia>comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.

In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he warns them not to be deceived by men claiming that the return of Jesus Christ will occur before a great apostasy or falling away from the truth God has revealed. In chapter one, verse seven God reveals He will be returning with the angels of His power and in flaming fire.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

and [to give] relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

Paul continues with the same thoughts and warnings concerning those who deceive through false teaching concerning the return (singular) of Jesus with and for His people.

2 Thessalonians 2:1

¶ Now we request you, brethren, with **regard** to the <u>coming of our Lord Jesus</u> Christ and our gathering together to Him,

The context is the return of Jesus and our gathering together with Him. Paul was comforting the saints at Thessalonica from being troubled by those who were teaching many falsehoods and fables even claiming Apostolic authority, faking and forging letters, receiving visions from God and other such deceptions to claim the first advent of Jesus was the day of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:2

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.

Now comes the revelations of God concerning the additional events that MUST occur prior to the return of Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

¶ 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,

Paul establishes what the condition is ... APOSTASY must come first, and the man of LAWLESSNESS will be revealed. The man of lawlessness is none other than the antichrist, the first seal of revelation whose spirit is already at work. Brothers and sisters in the Lord, Apostasy is here now and increasing. What is imminent is the revealing of the man of perdition, not the return of Christ to rapture His church. There is simply no such teaching in Scripture. In fact, the teaching of a secret rapture is in and of itself apostasy.

The spirit of antichrist was present in the time of Paul as it is now. God is restraining the spirit of the man of destruction until the fullness of his time has come.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7
- 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that **in his time he will be** revealed.
- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

God is what is restraining Satan, the antichrist from being fully revealed until the time that God ordains it to be so. He who now restrains is God and he who is taken out of the way is Satan, the False Prophet and the Beast as revealed in Revelation. Verse 7 of 2nd Thessalonians is stating he will be restrained until he is revealed and taken out of the way is to be understood as his being bound for a thousand years. (Rev 20:2)

- 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

The Coming of Jesus will indeed bring to an end the reign of Satan's dominion upon the earth.

Revelation 20:2

And he laid hold of the **dragon**, the serpent of old, **who is the devil and Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years;

We see there will be many signs and wonders according to the activity of whom? ... Satan the devil, that's who. Satan grants power to the two Beasts and the False Prophet so they can continue to deceive the nations, and even the elect, if possible.

Revelation 13:2

And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like [those] of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the **dragon gave him his power** and his throne and great authority.

We see this already starting to increase in frequency with miraculous claims of statues crying blood, visions and appearances of Mary, and other such abominations. People claim to be coming to the Lord as a result of these things, but who's doing it in verse 9? None other than Satan and those whom he grants power to deceive..

We also see false signs and wonders present in the Word Faith cult, the Pentecostal and charismatic movements who are priming people for Great Deception. Whenever attentions shifts away from God and His Holy Word and focuses upon the experiential and metaphysical, then deception has already laid hold of the mind and spirit. The Great Falling Away emerges form religious institutions and government and is inclusive of false revival so as to deceive the elect if they can.

We also see apostasy present in Dispensationalism as well. Dispensationalism teaches in direct opposition to the above teachings of Scripture and is without question apostate in its creation of the false doctrine of rapture which replaces resurrection and creates two separate and distinct comings of Jesus. Why they think the return of our Lord is like a Saturn rocket in several stages exceeds credulity.

Dispensationalism claims two returns of Jesus ... though they claim it is one return in two stages, 7 years apart ... yeah, right! Scripture clearly teach one return of Jesus.

Dispensationalism has two plans of Salvation, one for Israel/Jews and the other for Christians/Church ... the bible teaches one plan of Salvation

Dispensationalism teaches Imminent (at any time) return of Jesus where the bible teaches impending return of Jesus. Certain events must come to pass first as the above Scriptures point out. The events may be immanent, occur at any time, but the return of Jesus is not imminent, it must occur after these things.

The list goes on and is quite extensive, but let's return to Thessalonians and see why so many ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE DECEIVED ...

- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.
- 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,
- 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Who is being deceived by this? Verse 10 states all who perish and why? In verse 10 it says did not receive the love of the TRUTH to be saved. Those who place defending their theologies above God seem to be playing a dangerous game indeed.

Verse 11 should be sending chills up people's spine. The delusion comes from God to believe that which is false. Test the spirit within you to see where it is from.

God defines wickedness as all those who believe the lies of Satan the Devil and reject the truth when presented to them. This is not about winning arguments but identifying those who are saved from those who are lost ... CHOOSE WISELY.

Any theology or teaching engaging in the above is apostate. Any teaching that denies one return of Jesus with His mighty angels, in flames of fire, in the clouds of heaven, that is visible to all, and prior to the great falling away is deception and apostasy.

Let's take a look at the definition of the Greek word for apostasy, *aphistemi*. The Scripture listing of all occurrences of the Greek is in Appendix A. I'll list a few Scriptures so we can get the meaning of the Greek use of the word.

868 afisthmi aphistemi (af-is'-tay-mee)

from 575 and 2476; TDNT-1:512,88; v; to lead away, to depart from:— NAS-abstain (1), depart (1), departed (1), deserted (1), drew away (1), fall away (2), falls away (1), leave (1), left (2), let go (1), stay away (1), withdrew (1). AV-depart 10, draw away 1, fall away 1, refrain 1, withdraw self 1, depart from 1; 15

- 1) to make stand off, cause to withdraw, to remove
 - 1a) to excite to revolt
- 2) to stand off, to stand aloof
 - 2a) to go away, to depart from anyone
 - 2b) to desert, withdraw from one
 - 2c) to fall away, become faithless
 - 2d) to shun, flee from
 - 2e) to cease to vex one
 - 2f) to withdraw one's self from, to fall away
 - 2g) to keep one's self from, absent one's self from

1 Timothy 4:1

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will **fall away <868 aphistemi>** from the faith, **paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons**,

We see the above scripture being fulfilled as we speak. It will get progressively worse before the coming of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to **abstain <868 aphistemi>** from wickedness."

God's definition of wickedness includes anyone with a hardened heart who rejects God's truth for false teachings. Hardened hearts only respond to smooth words that are satisfying to the flesh ... but deadly to the Spirit.

Hebrews 3:12

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an **evil**, **unbelieving heart** that **falls away <868 aphistemi>** from the living God.

An evil heart is an unbelieving heart. Those who do not believe God or twist and pervert His truth, God calls evil and wicked.

Acts 19:9

But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he **withdrew <868 aphistemi>** from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Luke 8:13

"Those on the rocky *soil are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation **fall away <868 aphistemi>**

Let's take a look at Matthew 24 that is conspicuously missing from the above list. .

Matthew 24:10

"At that time many will **fall away** (**skandalizo**) and will **betray** (**paradidomi**) one **another** and **hate** (**miseo**) one another.

The Greek word *skandalizo* is translated fall away in the Matthew 24:10. Let's take a look at the definition of the term which I believe most of you probably already recognize, but few understand its proper meaning due to tabloid misuse and abuse.

4624 skandal izw skandalizo (skan-dal-id'-zo) ("scandalize")

from 4625; TDNT-7:339,1036; v; to put a snare (in the way), hence to cause to stumble, to give offense:—

NAS-cause (1), cause...to stumble (2), causes (2), causes...to stumble (6), fall away (7), falls away (1), led into sin (1), makes...stumble (2), offend (1), offended (1), stumble (3), stumbling (1), take (1), take offense (1), took offense (2).

AV-offend 28, make to offend 2; 30

- 1) to put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, metaph. to offend
 - 1a) to entice to sin
 - 1b) to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey
 - 1b1) to cause to fall away
 - 1b2) to be offended in one, i.e. to see in another what I disapprove of and what hinders me from acknowledging his authority
 - 1b3) to cause one to judge unfavorably or unjustly of another
 - 1c) since one who stumbles or whose foot gets entangled feels annoyed
 - 1c1) to cause one displeasure at a thing
 - 1c2) to make indignant
 - 1c3) to be displeased, indignant

The Greek term skandalize does not *directly* mean to fall away, but one who offends another. The bible clearly teaches that the offended party is almost exclusively non believers in the fellowship of believers. The offended party typically does remove him or herself from the fellowship of believers for the Word of God is indeed offensive to the flesh. Those scandalized by the truth of God are very much the ones who indeed fall away, swept up by smooth sounding apostasy. To translate skandalize as fall away is a sound translation, because it uniformly speaks to the resulting action of the party scandalized.

By the above definition, there are many scandalous fellowships where the truth of God has already been scandalized and replaced with smooth, sweet sounding words and teachings. When these false brethren hear the truth proclaimed, they are indeed the ones offended by such. They prefer scandalous doctrine, falsehood, and the doctrines of demons over the Word of God spoken in sincerity and truth.

Jesus uses the term skandalizo almost exclusively when speaking of those offended by Him and fall away. Paul is the only one using this term in Scripture (twice) apart from our Lord. Let's examine the use of skandalizo in Scripture. The complete list is included in Appendix A.

Matthew 11:6

"And blessed is he who does not take offense <4624 skandalizo> at Me."

It is equally scandalous to proclaim the "offensive" teachings of Jesus to be appropriate for the Jews only. This is what makes dispensationalism a scandalous and apostate theology.

Matthew 15:12

Then the disciples *came and *said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended <4624 skandalizo> when they heard this statement?"

How many modern day Pharisees we have disguised as Christians that attempt to remove the saying of Jesus as not appropriate to them. They are equally offended that anyone would dare apply the teachings of Jesus as relevant to them today.

Matthew 18:6

but whoever causes <4624 skandalizo> one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble <4624 skandalizo>, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

I'd be very careful about teaching or believing that the words of Jesus are not relevant to you today under the false premise that all things offensive are directed to ethnic Israel, the Jews. Your offense at our Lord may very well lead you into an eternal hellish existence. Examination of self is always indicated to see which spirit you are trusting, God or Satan.

Mark 4:17

and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they **fall away** <4624 skandalizo>

John 16:1

"These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept **from stumbling <4624 skandalizo>**

Those who proclaim the life of Christianity as one that is a smooth, paved road are liars, deceivers, and worse. All those in Christ must be preparing themselves for suffering, persecution and yes, even Great Tribulation. The pre-tribulation rapture is packaged in an apostate theology. It is a fable that contradicts the clear teaching of Scripture. Many saints will be caused to stumble when persecution and tribulation comes because they are conditioned by false prophets that it will not come. Jesus proclaims what may be

considered "bitter truth" to prevent us or keep us from stumbling. We should not be surprised or shocked when this happens.

John 6:61

But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble <4624 skandalizo>?

2 Corinthians 11:29

Who is weak without my being weak? Who is **led into sin <4624 skandalizo>** without my intense concern?

Apostasy is quite serious and has dire consequences to those teaching apostasy and also for those believing apostasy.

HERESY

Some claim that the early church of the first Century was a loose confederation of local fellowships and that many of these fellowship until the time of Constantine was not an organized group in terms of doctrine and organizational structure is simply not an accurate portrayal of the early church. Carnal humans will always look more to their human leaders than to Jesus our spiritual leader. This is documented in the pages of Scripture under the general heading of heresies as we shall soon see.

What was happening with the church at Rome was more of an attempt to "gather into the fold of Rome" all religions of conquered lands often rolling in and integrating their pagan beliefs and worship with "Christianity." Many of the false forms of worship persist to this day in Catholicism and many have spilled into general Christianity as a whole..

The apostles were always "purging out" from their fellowships attempts at this form of corruption and idolatry. To imply there was divisiveness among the Apostles in terms of doctrinal teaching is equally untrue. While there will always be carnal humans in the fellowship of believers, Scripture always warns us of the perils of carnality and that carnality is not of the body of Christ. All the Apostles knew of and taught about the Universal Church being the Body of Christ and the local church fellowships being the fullness of the Body of Christ present at each local fellowship. Paul calls this truth the *mystery of the church*.

In terms of early church organization there was clarity and structure. Local fellowships were subject to the authority and teaching of the Council of Elders at Jerusalem. The book of Acts records one such instance. The Council of Elders at Jerusalem had clear authority over local fellowships. The biblical model of local church fellowships does not have the autonomy that many in the contemporary model profess exists. Paul planted local churches and established a local Council of Elders as one of his first orders of business. The local councils have management and doctrinal authority over the local

fellowship, but not in a way to introduce "foreign doctrine" but to "purge" and "remove" heresies and heretics from the fellowship of believers.

All too many view the history of Catholicism as the history of the church. They are separate and distinct. Most of the ancient writings were of the history of Catholicism and not the history of the church of Jesus Christ. Let's take a look at what the bible considers heresy.

A bible study on heresy provided information that most people will find very disturbing when we see it the context in Scriptures. The primary Greek word for heresy airesiv hairesis (*hah'-ee-res-is*) ... the definition below. It primarily means factions and sects ... denominationalism if you will.

139 airesiv hairesis (hah'-ee-res-is)

from 138; TDNT-1:180,27; n f; choice, opinion:—

NAS-factions (2), heresies (1), sect (6).

AV-sect 5, heresy 4; 9

- 1) act of taking, capture: e.g. storming a city
- 2) choosing, choice
- 3) that which is chosen
- 4) a body of men following their own tenets (sect or party)
 - 4a) of the Sadducees
 - 4b) of the Pharisees
 - 4c) of the Christians
- 5) dissensions arising from diversity of opinions and aims For Synonyms see entry 5916

Sects, factions and dissentions, what we would call today **denominations** ... is heretical. God gives His reason for this ...

1 Corinthians 11:19

For there must also be **factions <139 hairesis>** among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

The reason is "so those who are approved may become evident among you." Those who try to introduce foreign teachings into the body of Christ "expose" themselves as heretics thus approving those who cling on to the traditions of Jesus and the Apostles. We see that trend alive and well ... unfortunately ... today.

Galatians 5:20

idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions <139 hairesis>,

Factions are in reality heresy, as the Greek demonstrates. Factions are not only a work of the flesh themselves, but often the root cause of many of the fruits of the flesh we

read about in Galatians 5. Denominations exist due to heresies being introduced to the body. They bring in their destructive philosophies, today we call these "theologies" with dispensationalism, Catholicism, Pentecostalism, and charismaticism being but a few samples ... though there are many, many more.

False teachings are what cause dissentions and divisions ... those who would taint the integrity of the Word through the introduction of "man made theologies" ... which are really philosophies in disguise.

2 Peter 2:1

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive **heresies <139 hairesis>**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

We see evidence of those introducing to the body heresies ... theologies, philosophies, denominationalism, and the multitude of other ism's. The Scriptures speak often about those who "wander" are "led away" from the truth of God will taste of these "deceptive" heresies. The Greek word used to describe such deceptions is pl anaw planao (*plan-ah'-o*)

4105 pl anaw planao plan-ah'-o

from 4106; TDNT-6:228,857; v; to cause to wander, to wander:—

NAS-deceive (3), deceived (9), deceives (3), deceiving (2), go astray (1), gone astray (3), leads...astray (2), led astray (1), misguided (1), mislead (4), misleads (2), misled (1), mistaken (3), straying (2), strays (1), wandering (1).

AV-deceive 24, err 6, go astray 5, seduce 2, wander 1, be out of the way 1; 39

- 1) to cause to stray, to lead astray, lead aside from the right way
 - 1a) to go astray, wander, roam about
- 2) metaph.
 - 2a) to lead away from the truth, to lead into error, to deceive
 - 2b) to be led into error
 - 2c) to be led aside from the path of virtue, to go astray, sin
 - 2d) to sever or fall away from the truth 2d1) of heretics
 - 2e) to be led away into error and sin

Let's examine the use of planao is Scripture.

Matthew 18:12

- "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has **gone astray <4105 planao>**, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying <4105>?
- 13 "If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone **astray <4105 planao>.**

Jesus teaches that even one sheep led astray by heresy and denominationalism ... factions, is worth going after to return to the fold.

Matthew 22:29

But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are **mistaken <4105 planao>**, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.

To be mistaken in the Word of God is indeed deception.

Matthew 24:4-5

- 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads **<4105 planao>** you.
- 5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead **<4105 planao>** many.

Mark 13:5-6

- 5 ¶ And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads misleads <4105 planao> you.
- 6 "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead misleads **<4105 planao>** many.

The deceptions of heresies, theologies and denominationalism should not come as a shock for Jesus Himself warns us to be on guard over such things.

Luke 21:8

And He said, "See to it that you are not **misled <4105 planao>**; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.

Matthew 24:11

"Many false prophets will arise and will **mislead <4105 planao>** many.

A false prophet is any who would lead you astray through their heresy, anything that is not of the Word of God. Some of these false prophets has been granted to perform great signs and wonders. One of the major groups involved in this false "signs and wonders" movement is the Word Faith movement with it's false revival teaching.

Matthew 24:24

"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to **mislead <4105 planao>**, if possible, even the elect.

All those with an indwelling of God's Holy Spirit are the elect of God. Most being called into and deceived by these false prophets are not those being led by the spirit of God, but the carnal minded, flesh oriented, concerned with the things below, not above people. Regardless, this does not diminish the tragic results of such abominations.

Matthew 7:13

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

Wake up dear children and examine yourselves and the false teachings taught to you by the false teachers in the light of the Word of God. Your eternal life hangs in the balance. Why choose death?

Mark 12:24, 27

- 24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are **mistaken <4105 planao>**, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?
- 27 "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly **mistaken <4105** planao>."

Jesus is teaching on the assuredness of the resurrection of every human being, some to eternal life and some to eternal death, in the above verses in Mark. Those false teachers and denominations that reject the teaching of resurrections, or teach a "soul sleep" or annihilations are teaching contrary to the Word of God. It is always true that the false teachers will always accuse the true of being false. The Word of God is the final court of arbitration. See who has understanding in the Word, and follow that teaching. The false have accused Jesus Himself of being a false teacher, do not think they will not do the same with His followers as well.

John 7:12

There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, "He is a good man"; others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads <4105 planao> the people astray <4105 planao>."

John 7:47

The Pharisees then answered them, "You have not also been led **astray <4105 planao>** have you?

All heresies are destructive for they bring about false teachings that are not of God,

1 Corinthians 6:9

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be **deceived <4105 planao>**."; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

Make no mistake about it. Adultery includes and divorced person who remarries. The Scriptures are uniform and consistent in both Old and New Covenants as well as the direct teaching of Jesus on this. Do not be deceived. Adultery is no small matter in the eyes of God.

2 Timothy 3:13

But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, **deceiving <4105 planao>**and being **deceived <4105 planao>**.".

One such example exists in the false and misleading philosophy of dispensationalism (from bad) that claims one does not need to accept Jesus as Lord to be saved (to worse) for to do so violates grace. If that is not the mother of all lies. Who'd of thought it would come to this? See where all false teaching leads? This is a true statement, so please heed, "If Jesus is NOT your LORD ... neither is He your SAVIOR."

Hebrews 3:10

"THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS **GO ASTRAY <4105 planao>**." IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS':

Though times may change the story remains the same ... People perish for lack of knowledge about God. Clearly more than half the professing Christian world has embraces heresy and false teaches and false philosophies and false theologies as their guide. Wide indeed is the road to destruction.

Revelation 2:20

'But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and **leads <4105 planao>**. "My bond-servants **astray <4105 planao>**. "so that they commit *acts of* immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Most the bond servants today have received their training in the Semitary ... that place they send you to bury the truth of God and replace it with ungodly philosophies that some call theology.

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who **deceives <4105 planao>**."the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

There are some who claim this is still yet to be in the future. Satan has not yet tried to overthrow the throne of God. Deceived and false workers are these. Be merciful dear Lord.

False teachers, false prophets, false philosophies, false theologies all cause factions, divisions, and schisms to the Body of Christ. The bible calls this divisiveness schisms. A schism is anything that tears apart sound doctrine and causes division or denominations.

4978 scisma schisma (skhis'-mah)

from 4977; TDNT-7:963,1130; n; *a split*, fig. *division:*—**NAS**-division (4), divisions (2), tear (2).

AV-division 5, rent 2, schism 1; 8

- 1) a rent
- 2) metaph. a division, dissension

For Synonyms see entry 5916

4977 scizw schizo (skhid'-zo)

apparently a primary verb; TDNT-7:959,1130; v -; to cleave, split:—**NAS**-divided (2), opening (1), split (1), tear (2), tears (1), torn (4). **AV**-rend 5, divide 2, open 1, break 1, make a rent 1; 10

- 1) to cleave, cleave asunder, rend
- 2) to divide by rending
- 3) to split into factions, be divided

Those introducing and advocating schisms are always named and identified for removal so one would not heed their heresies. The term is used to describe the tearing of the temple curtain, and the splitting of the rocks at the death of Jesus, the opening of the sky for the Holy Spirit to descend upon Jesus, that the guards not tear the cloak of Jesus but cast lots for it, what Scripture has to say about schisms

John 21:11

Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not **torn <4977 schizo>**.

This has profound meaning concerning the future of Christianity. The net is not torn though there was a huge number of fish that would usually have caused the net to tear apart or schism. The true body of Christ has no schism. Not all those claiming to be of the body are of the body. The Lord knows who are His ... even if you don't.

The parable of Jesus on schism has much spiritual implication that most have probably not been taught. I'd be interested to hear in anyone has heard a sermon on this parable and it's meaning.

Matthew 9:16

"But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse **tear <4978 schisma>** results.

Mark 2:21

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse **tear <4978 schisma>** results.

Luke 5:36

And He was also telling them a parable: "No one **tears <4977 schizo>** a piece of

cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both **tear <4977 schizo>** the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

The teachings of Jesus caused a schism among the Jews

John 7:43

So a division <4978 schisma> occurred in the crowd because of Him.

John 9:16

Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, "This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." But others were saying, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And there was a **division <4978 schisma>** among them.

John 10:19

A division <4978 schisma> occurred again among the Jews because of these words.

Acts 14:4

But the people of the city were **divided <4977 schizo>**; and some sided with the .Jews, and some with the apostles.

Acts 23:7

As he said this, there occurred a dissension between the **Pharisees** and **Sadducees**, and the assembly was **divided <4977 schizo>**

The following texts warn about accepting those who bring in destructive heresies and denominations with their theologies and philosophies.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no **divisions <4978 schisma>** among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 11:18

For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that **divisions** <4978 schisma> exist among you; and in part I believe it.

1 Corinthians 12:25

so that there may be no **division <4978 schisma>** in the body, but *that* the members may have the same care for one another.

If this does not disturb you and cause you to examine yourselves and to seek God through His Word and not through deceiving philosophies and theologies, it is probably because your conscience has already been seared as with a soldering iron.

1 Timothy 4:2

by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

It is incumbent upon every Christian to see to their personal relationship with the living God is based upon God's truth as he reveals in His Word. The bible is unfortunately not the foundation and the basis of most people's beliefs. They rather choose what to accept or reject based upon the fleshly likes and dislikes without heeding the Word of God. This is a tragic set of circumstances. Nonetheless, God is not mocked ... what you sow that you shall also reap.

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

May God's grace and mercy be upon you all.

Appendix A Apostasy - Heresy

APOSTASY - FALLING AWAY

646 apostasia apostasia (ap-os-tas-ee'-ah)

from 868; feminine of the same as apostasion; TDNT-1:513,88; n f *defection, revolt:*—NAS-apostasy (1), forsake (1).

AV-to forsake + 575 1, falling away 1; 2

1) a falling away, defection, apostasy

Scriptures

Acts 21:21

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.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the **apostasy** <apostasia>comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

868 afisthmi aphistemi af-is'-tay-mee

from 575 and 2476; TDNT-1:512,88; v; to lead away, to depart from:— NAS-abstain (1), depart (1), departed (1), deserted (1), drew away (1), fall away (2), falls away (1), leave (1), left (2), let go (1), stay away (1), withdrew (1).

AV-depart 10, draw away 1, fall away 1, refrain 1, withdraw self 1, depart from 1; 15

- 1) to make stand off, cause to withdraw, to remove
 - 1a) to excite to revolt
- 2) to stand off, to stand aloof
 - 2a) to go away, to depart from anyone
 - 2b) to desert, withdraw from one
 - 2c) to fall away, become faithless
 - 2d) to shun, flee from
 - 2e) to cease to vex one
 - 2f) to withdraw one's self from, to fall away
 - 2g) to keep one's self from, absent one's self from

Scriptures

Luke 2:37

and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never **left <868 aphistemi>** the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

Luke 4:13

When the devil had finished every temptation, he **left <868 aphistemi>** Him until an opportune time.

Luke 8:13

"Those on the rocky *soil are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation **fall away <868 aphistemi>**

Luke 13:27

and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; **DEPART <868** aphistemi> FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.'

Acts 5:37

"After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census and **drew away <868 aphistemi>** some people after him; he too perished, and all those who followed him were scattered.

Acts 5:38

"So in the present case, I say to you, **stay away <868 aphistemi>** from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown;

Acts 12:10

When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel **departed <868 aphistemi>** from him.

Acts 15:38

But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had **deserted <868 aphistemi>** them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

Acts 19:9

But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he **withdrew <868 aphistemi>** from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Acts 22:29

Therefore those who were about to examine him immediately **let go <868 aphistemi>** of him; and the commander also was afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had put him in chains.

2 Corinthians 12:8

Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave <868 aphistemi> me.

1 Timothy 4:1

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will **fall away <868 aphistemi>** from the faith, **paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons**,

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to **abstain <868 aphistemi>** from wickedness."

Hebrews 3:12

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an **evil, unbelieving heart** that **falls away <868 aphistemi>** from the living God.

4624 skandal izw skandalizo skan-dal-id'-zo ("scandalize")

from 4625; TDNT-7:339,1036; v; to put a snare (in the way), hence to cause to stumble, to give offense:—

NAS-cause (1), cause...to stumble (2), causes (2), causes...to stumble (6), fall away (7), falls away (1), led into sin (1), makes...stumble (2), offend (1), offended (1), stumble (3), stumbling (1), take (1), take offense (1), took offense (2).

AV-offend 28, make to offend 2; 30

- 1) to put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, metaph. to offend
 - 1a) to entice to sin
 - 1b) to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey
 - 1b1) to cause to fall away
 - 1b2) to be offended in one, i.e. to see in another what I disapprove of and what hinders me from acknowledging his authority
 - 1b3) to cause one to judge unfavorably or unjustly of another
 - 1c) since one who stumbles or whose foot gets entangled feels annoyed
 - 1c1) to cause one displeasure at a thing
 - 1c2) to make indignant
 - 1c3) to be displeased, indignant

Scriptures

Matthew 5:29

"If your right eye **makes you stumble <4624 skandalizo>**, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:30

"If your right hand makes you stumble <4624 skandalizo>, cut it off and throw it from

you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matthew 11:6

"And blessed is he who does not take offense <4624 skandalizo> at Me."

Matthew 13:21

yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he **falls away <4624 skandalizo>**

Matthew 13:57

And they **took offense <4624 skandalizo>** at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his *own* household."

Matthew 15:12

Then the disciples *came and *said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended <4624 skandalizo> when they heard this statement?"

Matthew 17:27

"However, so that we do not **offend <4624 skandalizo>** them, go to the sea and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for you and Me."

Matthew 18:6

but whoever **causes <4624 skandalizo>** one of these little ones who believe in Me to **stumble <4624 skandalizo>**, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 18:8

"If your hand or your foot **causes you to stumble <4624 skandalizo>** cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire.

Matthew 18:9

"If your eye **causes you to stumble <4624 skandalizo>** pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell.

Matthew 24:10

"At that time many will **fall away <4624 skandalizo>** and will betray one another and hate one another.

Matthew 26:31

Then Jesus *said to them, "You will all **fall away <4624 skandalizo>** because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

Matthew 26:33

But Peter said to Him, "*Even* though all may **fall away <4624 skandalizo>** because of You, I will never **fall away <4624 skandalizo>**."

Mark 4:17

and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they **fall away <4624 skandalizo>**

Mark 6:3

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they **took** offense <4624 skandalizo> at Him.

Mark 9:42

"Whoever causes <4624 skandalizo> one of these little ones who believe to stumble <4624 skandalizo> it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.

Mark 9:43

"If your hand **causes you to stumble <4624 skandalizo>** cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire,

Mark 9:45

"If your foot **causes you to stumble <4624 skandalizo>** cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast into hell,

Mark 9:47

"If your eye causes you to stumble <4624 skandalizo> throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell,

Mark 14:27

And Jesus *said to them, "You will all **fall away <4624 skandalizo>** because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

Mark 14:29

But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away <4624 skandalizo> yet I will not."

Luke 7:23

"Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me." <4624 skandalizo>

Luke 17:2

"It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he **would cause <4624 skandalizo>** one of these little ones **to stumble <4624 skandalizo>**

John 6:61

But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this **cause** you to stumble <4624 skandalizo>?

John 16:1

"These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept **from stumbling <4624 skandalizo>**

1 Corinthians 8:13

Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble <4624 skandalizo> , I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble <4624 skandalizo>

2 Corinthians 11:29

Who is weak without my being weak? Who is **led into sin <4624 skandalizo>** without my intense concern?

HERESY

139 airesiv hairesis (hah'-ee-res-is)

from 138; TDNT-1:180,27; n f; choice, opinion:—

NAS-factions (2), heresies (1), sect (6).

AV-sect 5, heresy 4; 9

- 1) act of taking, capture: e.g. storming a city
- 2) choosing, choice
- 3) that which is chosen
- 4) a body of men following their own tenets (sect or party)
 - 4a) of the Sadducees
 - 4b) of the Pharisees
 - 4c) of the Christians
- 5) dissensions arising from diversity of opinions and aims

For Synonyms see entry 5916

Scriptures

Acts 5:17

But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the **sect <139 hairesis>** of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy.

Acts 15:5

But some of the **sect <139 hairesis>** of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

Acts 24:5

"For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the **sect <139 hairesis>** of the Nazarenes.

Acts 24:14

"But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a **sect <139 hairesis>** I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;

Acts 26:5

since they have known about me for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I lived as a Pharisee according to the strictest **sect <139 hairesis>** of our religion.

Acts 28:22

"But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this **sect <139 hairesis>**, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere."

1 Corinthians 11:19

For there must also be **factions <139 hairesis>** among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

Galatians 5:20

idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions <139 hairesis>,

2 Peter 2:1

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive **heresies <139 hairesis>**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

4978 scisma schisma (skhis'-mah)

from 4977; TDNT-7:963,1130; n; a split, fig. division:— **NAS**-division (4), divisions (2), tear (2).

AV-division 5, rent 2, schism 1; 8

- 1) a rent
- 2) metaph. a division, dissension

For Synonyms see entry 5916

4977 scizw schizo (skhid'-zo)

apparently a primary verb; TDNT-7:959,1130; v -; to cleave, split:—**NAS**-divided (2), opening (1), split (1), tear (2), tears (1), torn (4). **AV**-rend 5, divide 2, open 1, break 1, make a rent 1; 10

- 1) to cleave, cleave asunder, rend
- 2) to divide by rending
- 3) to split into factions, be divided

Scriptures

Matthew 9:16

"But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse **tear <4978 schisma>** results.

Matthew 27:51

And behold, the veil of the temple was torn <4977 schizo> in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split <4977 schizo>

Mark 1:10

Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens **opening <4977 schizo>**, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;

Mark 2:21

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse **tear <4978 schisma>** results.

Mark 15:38

And the veil of the temple was torn <4977 schizo> in two from top to bottom.

Luke 5:36

And He was also telling them a parable: "No one **tears <4977 schizo>** a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both **tear <4977 schizo>** the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

Luke 23:45

because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was **torn <4977 schizo>** in two.

John 7:43

So a division <4978 schisma> occurred in the crowd because of Him.

John 9:16

Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, "This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." But others were saying, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And there was a **division <4978 schisma>** among them.

John 10:19

A division <4978 schisma> occurred again among the Jews because of these words.

John 19:24

So they said to one another, "Let us not **tear <4977 schizo>** it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it shall be"; *this was* to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS."

John 21:11

Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not **torn <4977 schizo>**.

Acts 14:4

But the people of the city were **divided <4977 schizo>**; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

Acts 23:7

As he said this, there occurred a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was **divided <4977 schizo>**

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no **divisions <4978 schisma>** among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 11:18

For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that **divisions <4978 schisma>** exist among you; and in part I believe it.

1 Corinthians 12:25

so that there may be no **division <4978 schisma>** in the body, but *that* the members may have the same care for one another.

4105 pl anaw planao (plan-ah'-o)

from 4106; TDNT-6:228,857; v; to cause to wander, to wander:—

NAS-deceive (3), deceived (9), deceives (3), deceiving (2), go astray (1), gone astray (3), leads...astray (2), led astray (1), misguided (1), mislead (4), misleads (2), misled (1), mistaken (3), straying (2), strays (1), wandering (1).

AV-deceive 24, err 6, go astray 5, seduce 2, wander 1, be out of the way 1; 39

- 1) to cause to stray, to lead astray, lead aside from the right way
 - 1a) to go astray, wander, roam about
- 2) metaph.
 - 2a) to lead away from the truth, to lead into error, to deceive
 - 2b) to be led into error

- 2c) to be led aside from the path of virtue, to go astray, sin
- 2d) to sever or fall away from the truth
 - 2d1) of heretics
- 2e) to be led away into error and sin

Scriptures

Matthew 18:12

"What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has **gone astray <4105 planao>**, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is **straying <4105 planao>**?

Matthew 18:13

"If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not **gone astray <4105 planao>**

Matthew 22:29

But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are **mistaken <4105 planao>**, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Matthew 24:4

And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads **<4105 planao>**you.

Matthew 24:5

"For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead **<4105 planao>** many.

Matthew 24:11

"Many false prophets will arise and will **mislead <4105 planao>** many.

Matthew 24:24

"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to **mislead <4105 planao>**, if possible, even the elect.

Mark 12:24

Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are **mistaken <4105 planao>**, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?

Mark 12:27

"He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly **mistaken <4105** planao>."

Mark 13:5

And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one **misleads <4105 planao>** you.

Mark 13:6

"Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead <4105 planao> many.

Luke 21:8

And He said, "See to it that you are not **misled <4105 planao>**; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.

John 7:12

There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, "He is a good man"; others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads <4105 planao> the people astray <4105 planao>."

John 7:47

The Pharisees then answered them, "You have not also been led **astray <4105 planao>** have you?

1 Corinthians 6:9

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be **deceived <4105 planao>**."; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be **deceived <4105 planao>**.": "Bad company corrupts good morals."

Galatians 6:7

Do not be **deceived <4105 planao>**.", God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

2 Timothy 3:13

But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, **deceiving <4105 planao>**and being **deceived <4105 planao>**.".

Titus 3:3

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, **deceived <4105 planao>**.", enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

Hebrews 3:10

"THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY <4105 planao>." IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';

Hebrews 5:2

he can deal gently with the ignorant and **misguided <4105 planao>**.", since he himself also is beset with weakness:

Hebrews 11:38

(*men* of whom the world was not worthy), **wandering <4105 planao>**." in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

James 1:16

Do not be **deceived <4105 planao>**.", my beloved brethren.

James 5:19

My brethren, if any among you **strays <4105 planao>**." from the truth and one turns him back.

1 Peter 2:25

For you were continually **straying <4105 planao>**." like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

2 Peter 2:15

forsaking the right way, they have **gone astray <4105 planao>**.", having followed the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we are **deceiving <4105 planao>**."ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 2:26

These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to **deceive <4105 planao>**."you.

1 John 3:7

Little children, make sure no one **deceives <4105 planao>**."you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

Revelation 2:20

'But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and **leads <4105 planao>**."My bond-servants **astray <4105 planao>**."so that they commit *acts of* immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who **deceives <4105 planao>**."the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 13:14

And he **deceives <4105 planao>**."those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell

on the earth to make an image to the beast who *had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 18:23

and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were **deceived <4105 planao>**."by your sorcery.

Revelation 19:20

And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he **deceived <4105 planao>**."those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

Revelation 20:3

and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not **deceive <4105 planao>**."the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Revelation 20:8

and will come out to **deceive <4105 planao>**."the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.

Revelation 20:10

And the devil who **deceived <4105 planao>**."them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.