



Zionophobia: Review: 2 Thess 2:3-10; Principles on Operation *Apollumi*: The Importance of Pivot Power During Historical Downtrends

77. From this examination of propaganda and brainwashing utilized by the Communists against our Korean War POWs we are able to see the effectiveness of the duplicity and deceit utilized by Lucifer in his assaults against the human mind which too often results in menticide.
78. This approach was actually invented by Lucifer and first applied by him in the Garden of Eden and he has through demon influence and demon possession made use of this technique throughout history.
79. His restrained efforts are evident in the Church Age where we find that the “mystery of lawlessness is already operational” (2 Thessalonians 2:7).
80. When the restraint of the Holy Spirit is removed at the Rapture, the duplicity and deceit of satanic propaganda knows no bounds and is advanced by means of prestidigitation—the “wonder miracles of the lie.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Do not let anyone deceive you in any way since the Tribulation cannot come unless the Rapture has come first, and then the man who is lawless—the one doomed to destruction—shall be revealed [**the Antichrist**].

v. 4 - He [the Antichrist] sets himself against the Lord and he exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship so that he is installed in the Temple of God proclaiming himself to be God [**abomination of desolation**].

v. 5 - Do you not remember that when I was still face-to-face with you I constantly taught you these doctrines?

v. 6 - And so now [in light of this review], you know the One Who restrains [the Holy Spirit indwelling believers] so that he [the Antichrist] may be revealed in his own dispensation [the Tribulation].

81. Paul has now reviewed for the believers at Thessalonica several doctrines: (1) the Rapture, (2) the Resurrection, (3) dispensational theology with emphasis on the Church Age and the Rapture, (4) the impossibility of the Beast-Dictator appearing until after the Rapture occurs, (5) the establishment of a global religious clique, (6) the anti-Christ policy of the Beast-Dictator, and (7) a reminder to them that he had previously taught them all these doctrines.

v. 7 - For the mystery of lawlessness is already operational [**satanic modus operandi**]. Only He Who now restrains [the Holy Spirit] will continue that ministry of restraint until He [the Holy Spirit] is taken out of the way [Rapture of the Church].

82. Satan’s cosmic system of deception is unrestrained in the Tribulation. However, it is already operational in the Church Age. Nevertheless, it is prevented from achieving its objective of global domination by the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit. By functioning though the Pivot of each generation’s client nation, the Holy Spirit will continue His ministry of restraint until the conclusion of the Church Age which occurs at the Rapture.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 - At that time [following the Rapture], the lawless one [the Antichrist] shall be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus shall destroy with the breath of His mouth, in fact He shall neutralize him by the appearance of His coming [Second Advent].)



v. 9 - The appearance of the lawless one shall be according to the modus operandi of Satan with all power and by means of miracles, even wonder miracles of the lie [σημείον καὶ τέρας ψεύδος, *sēmeion kai teras pseudos*: **physical miracles even verbal prestidigitation and legerdemain**],

83. The closing phrase indicates the source of the Beast-Dictator's ability to capture the imagination and the following of so much of the world's population in the Tribulation. He has the power of Lucifer to perform visual miracles and the high intellect to communicate the lie in such a fashion that it is broadly accepted as the truth. Prestidigitation is defined as "deception through the juggling of words," or "tricking the mind by the transmission of deceptive information."

v. 10 - and by means of all deception of unrighteousness to those who are being led astray, deprived, ruined, destroyed [ἀπόλλυμι, *apollumi*: **Operation Gang Aft Agley**] because they have not received the love of the truth [**negative volition toward doctrine**] that they might be saved [**evangelism in the Tribulation**].

PRINCIPLES:

- 1) Rejection of truth leads to believing the lie.
- 2) When this happens on a large scale within a client nation it results in national decline as the fabric of society comes unraveled.
- 3) Nevertheless, throughout the Church Age, the Pivot will always be a restraining influence on Satan's modus operandi for achieving global domination.
- 4) Since the Holy Spirit is omnipresent He cannot be personally taken out of the way by the Rapture of the church.
- 5) It is the sudden removal of the body of Christ and especially its mature believers of that day which causes the termination of restraint.
- 6) This brings on the Tribulation during which there will be a large number of people worldwide who join forces with the Beast –Dictator.
- 7) Their rejection of available Gospel truth is described as being what causes them to be led astray and enter into unbeliever reversionism.
- 8) Paul cites this crisis in a future dispensation to illustrate crises during the Church Age.
- 9) Paul is pointing out how degeneracy occurs in the unrestrained environment of the Tribulation and uses it as a warning for those who have the duty of providing restraint in the Church Age.
- 10) In the Tribulation, unbelievers must express a love for the truth of the Gospel in order to be saved.
- 11) In the Church Age, the body of Christ must express a love for the truth of Bible doctrine in order to be delivered from personal self-destruction and national discipline.
- 12) Rejection of truth in any dispensation results in God honoring human free will and allowing poor decision-making to take its natural course.
- 13) It is for this reason—rejection of truth—that the permissive will of God sends strong delusion to the reversionist.