

## “That Man of Sin”

Tract c2

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

So who is "that man of sin"? "The" 'Antichrist'? Nero? Mohammed? From the context it seems "that man of sin" may have to do with a "falling away", or apostasy, which would be from the church.

".....so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God,....."  
Can we get to know that "man of sin" better, by finding out more about where he "sitteth" - that is - in "the temple of God"?

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

The temple that Jesus built in three days, is clarified in the following:

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 ....for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are.  
2 Corinthians 6:16 ...ye are the temple of the living God....

So born again believers **are** the temple of God:

1 Corinthians 6:19 .....your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.....

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone]; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

The corporate body of Christ - all believers together - is also the temple of God. These literal verses are not open to interpretation. So "that man of sin" may "sitteth" in the individual or corporate body of Christ, and may include an apostasy or "falling away" from the "church" or "temple of God".  
Strong's: apostasia - ä-po-stä-se-'-ä  
1) a **falling away**, defection, **apostasy**

Soeren Kern: "The proliferation of mosques housed in former churches reflects the rise of Islam as the fastest growing religion in **post-Christian** Europe." "As **Islam replaces Christianity** as the dominant religion in Europe..."

But how can "that man of sin" be manifest in the corporate body of Christ? We are not likely to find Satan rocking the boat at an atheist convention, or in Hollywood, since he already has them in his back pocket. So shouldn't we be looking for Satan to be hanging around the church trying to plunder Jesus' potential goods? Satan is the

author of all unsound doctrine. The "overcommeth"ing in the second and third chapters of Revelation is about overcoming unsound doctrine, not Satan, **except** as he is the author of it.

1 Timothy 4:1 .....in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

"Bondage Breaker", by Neil Anderson, regards his years of experience delivering Christians from unclean spirits and points out how "familiar" spirits can masquerade as the Holy Spirit and haunt regenerate Christians for years. These unclean spirits may be the result of inadvertent invitation, severe abuse at an early age causing as in MPD/DID, and also by ancestral assignment from spiritualists or Satanists within the last few family generations.

**Thus it's important to be on guard for "that man of sin"**, and avoid being blinded by doctrine into believing "him" to have been over and done with in the first century, or about some future someday that doesn't concern us. If we can recognize where "that man of sin" might "sitteth", what should we to expect him to do?

"Who opposeth....."  
If the "falling away" is apostasy from the "temple of God" then how might "that man of sin" who "sitteth" in the "temple of God" "opposeth"? As feeble as Satan's power is over repentant believers, if we don't recognize his cunning, we could find ourselves in hot water. Let's explore just how.

1) Youtube search - spirit of Kandalini in the church - and you will find one of Satan's new age guises, posing as the Holy Spirit,

right there within the individual and corporate body of Christ - the "temple of God".

2) Speaking in tongues is a gift of the spirit to be understood with appropriate gravity, time and place.

1 Corinthians 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, **not to them that believe**, but to them that believe not.....

Some churches teach that speaking in tongues is the only indication that a person is saved. This puts pressure on those who haven't yet spoken in tongues, to invite any manner of spirit, that will manifest itself in that way.

1 Corinthians 12:8 For **to one** is given... 10.....**to another** discerning of spirits; **to another** [divers] kinds of tongues; **to another** the **interpretation** of tongues:

Not surprisingly these same churches do not test or "try" the spirits that they regard so casually:

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God.....

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

If we don't test or "try the spirits" we are inviting unclean spirits right into our congregation and the "temple of God". Thus It's important to "try the **spirit**" - not the person - when it manifests itself, or the answer will be subject to the will of the flesh.

3) Other examples are charismatic movements like the "Toronto Blessing", with "laughing in the spirit" and even crawling around on all fours and barking like dogs, and more recently Todd Bentley's "healing" ministry where he claimed he healed an old woman by "kicking her in the face" with his "biker boot". His "ministry" crashed and burned in the wake of an adulterous affair with an aid.

4) Regenerate believers with multiple personality disorder sometimes have a host of spirits, some unclean and some demonic, while others operate in the capacity of guardians or protectors, doing their best to maintain order within the community of alternates. Read "Shining Man With Hurt Hands", by Ellis Skolfield to get a view straight into this spirit world.

"..... and exalteth himself above all that is called God....."

5) The motto of the ECUSA is "scripture, tradition, reason". Thus a majority of nicolaitans in their "House of Bishops" "reasoned" their way into ordaining a homosexual divorcee as bishop - who had abandoned the home of his wife and two minor daughters and was shackled up with his boyfriend when ordained - in spite of the requirements for Bishop clearly detailed in 1 Timothy 3. Did those bishops exalt themselves above "all that is called God"?

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**.

".....so that he as God....."  
Were they acting as God by ignoring scripture and acting upon their "reason"? It should be no surprise to find that just as the bishop related scriptures indicate,

it seems the ECUSA bishop was prone to the "snare of the devil", since he checked himself into an alcohol rehab center just a couple of years after his ordination.

6) As a result of Roman Church styled replacement theology or punitive supersessionism, many Christians don't hesitate to proclaim God's judgement against faithful Jews, from whose eyes the Lord may not yet have lifted the "spirit of slumber". Though it doesn't seem difficult to count two groups in the following:

1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and [that] no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

A half-century ago Christians recognized this as a "mystery", and believed that faithful Jews were God's chosen people, and subjects of **everlasting** covenants. But as the "church" put away bibles, moving it deeper into the "falling away" in the mid-20th century, attitudes changed. Who on earth has authority to proclaim God's judgement faithful Jews or anybody else?

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable [are] his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Might Satan prefer we believed "that man of sin" was about the first century (preterism), or some future "someday" (futurism), rather than trying the spirits and practicing good housekeeping in the "temple of God"? To explore the **traditional** historicist approach to prophecy please visit: **ChristianEschatology.com**

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