

*I stood before the council, 21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day. Two chapters, and two years later Paul was next brought before the new governor Festus, and king Agrippa. Here is some of what Paul said unto them as he once again presented his case: ACTS 26:6 *And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: 7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. 8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? ...22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: 23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.**

Paul later wrote a whole chapter about the resurrection in 1 CORINTHIANS 15 explain in greater detail Paul's gospel message concerning the resurrection. Let's look at some highlights from 1 CORINTHIANS 15. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3 *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. ...12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*

Timothy knew Paul's gospel message, and knew for a fact what Paul wrote him in 2 TIMOTHY 2:8 *Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel.* Not only did **Timothy** know Paul's gospel message, but also in the next verse Paul reveals that once again he is in bonds for preaching his gospel message. 2 TIMOTHY 2:9 *Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.* On your own study the portions of 2 TIMOTHY we have left out here, and do what Paul wrote **Timothy** to do in 2 TIMOTHY 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* It takes our guide into all the truth, the Holy Ghost, to help us rightly divide the word of truth, and to teach us all things, and to bring to remembrance those things which Jesus said unto us, and he said these things unto us in The Word of God, which we read here that we are to study and rightly divide.

(18) Philetus

Then in the next three verses of 2 TIMOTHY 2 Paul introduces the next men in our list of thirty-four individual mentioned by name in these last three epistles of Paul. 2 TIMOTHY 2:16 *But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.* These two had taught error concerning Paul's gospel of the resurrection, which we spent some time looking at in the preceding paragraphs. We already discussed **Hymenaeus** in association with **Alexander** when we looked at him in 1 TIMOTHY 1:20 *Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.* {Review pages 1335-1337 of these notes.}

Hymenaeus was the second man on our list of thirty-four. Here in 2 TIMOTHY 2:17 **Hymenaeus** is found mentioned with the next man on our list, **Philetus**. **Philetus** then is number eighteen on our list of thirty-four, and interestingly eighteen just happens to be the number associated with BONDAGE. **Hymenaeus** and **Philetus** together taught false doctrine. We learned in our earlier studying about **Hymenaeus** that his name means: “married,” or “a wedding song.” But he missed the truth of Paul’s gospel message found in ROMANS 7:4 *Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.* ROMANS 7:4 is forward looking; upward looking. Simple logic would tell us that if the resurrection is past already as **Hymenaeus** and **Philetus** taught, then Christ would already be married, and ruling and reigning with His Bride by His side. But this is not the truth, so what **Hymenaeus** and **Philetus** taught is then false doctrine. So Paul warns **Timothy** in 2 TIMOTHY 2:16 to *...shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.* **Philetus** name means “amiable,” so he must have been a likeable character. Brother Copley wrote: “**Hymenaeus** means, “married,” or a “wedding song.” This speaks of pleasure. **Philetus** means, “Amiable.” The pleasure-seeker and the amiable both missed the mark. ...They deny the actual resurrection of the body of Christ. Paul terms such teaching blasphemy and empty babbling. Instead of helping men Godward; it makes men more ungodly. “Their word doth eat as a canker.” The original read, “Their word will find a plenty to feed upon.” Error is more readily received than truth. Error has far larger patronage than truth. “Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.” (A quote from JOHN 3:19.) “It is no conclusive proof that a thing is right because the multitude accept it. “Woe be unto you if all men speak well of you.” (A quote from LUKE 6:26.) “Your doctrine is to be questioned if everybody recommends it.” {End of quoting Brother Copley.} No wonder then that Paul first wrote **Timothy** to *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth...* 2 TIMOTHY 2:15.

(19) Jannes and (20) Jambres

In chapter 3 of 2 TIMOTHY Paul writes Timothy of the conditions of the last days, a time in which we are now living. 2 TIMOTHY 3:1 *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.*

(21) Moses

A part from the facts of the last days listed above, we find introduced the next three people that Paul mentioned by name in his last three epistles of 1 TIMOTHY; TITUS; and 2 TIMOTHY. Number nineteen and twenty we will look at together: **Jannes** and **Jambres**. And the only reason they are mentioned is because they were found in opposition to **Moses**, who is number twenty-one in the list of thirty-four. We have all heard much about **Moses**, yet up until this verse in scripture we have never heard of **Jannes** and **Jambres** mentioned by name. We will discuss why **Jannes** and **Jambres** are not found mentioned by name prior to 2 TIMOTHY 3:8 in a minute, but first realize that **Jannes** and **Jambres** are here spoken of as examples of those in opposition to the truth, and