

**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