

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

picture those who also resist the truth as **Jannes** and **Jambres** were found doing in the days of **Moses** when the children of Israel were still in bondage in the land of Egypt. Paul, in mentioning **Jannes** and **Jambres** for the first time in scripture here, reveals some knowledge that was second nature to Paul coming from his well-educated Pharisee upbringing. We read in ACTS 15:21 that *...Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.* In other words each week during the Jewish Sabbath day services, facts about **Moses**, and his doctrine, the law in this case, would be read, and taught in the synagogues. When discussing the facts of EXODUS chapters 7 through 9 the names of the magicians of Egypt would come up, and it seems it was common knowledge of Jewish tradition that the names of the magicians was **Jannes** and **Jambres**. Perhaps Gamaliel, from whom Paul learned the perfect manner of the law from in his youth, taught Paul their names. The point here is that Paul knew their names as **Jannes** and **Jambres**, but the point again of emphasis to **Timothy** was that these men are examples of those who resist the truth. We live in a world today called by Paul in 2 TIMOTHY 3:1 the last days of this church age when perilous times shall come. If you think other wise, you need prayer that the eyes of your understanding be enlightened.

Let's read what Brother Copley had to say about **Jannes** and **Jambres** in his study book of 2 TIMOTHY. "**Jannes** means, 'he speaks; he opposes.' **Jambres** means, 'foamy healer; the sea with poverty.'" These fellows were Egyptian sorcerers. From the meanings of their names, we infer that the first was a false prophet and the second was a false physician. Together they were official agents of Satan in powerful opposition against **Moses** and God. They sought to perform the same feats that **Moses** performed. They counterfeited the miracles of **Moses**. Counterfeit is the most subtle sort of opposition. Hence, not all religious healing is of God. And if the devil could work miracles then, and astonish the people; how much more can he work them today; for he has had 4,000 years' experience and training. He has learned to precipitate false healings upon the people. Those only who preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified and raised from the dead, can teach Divine healing according to the scriptures." {End of quote from Brother Copley.}

Before we examine further these Egyptian sorcerers, **Jannes** and **Jambres**, recall that back in ACTS 13:6-12 that Paul early on in his first missionary journey had an experience with a certain sorcerer named Bar-jesus. Bar-jesus name indicates that he was the son of a man named Jesus. Even his name reeks a lie. JOHN 8:44 again reads: *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.* This man Bar-jesus may have been the son of a man named Jesus, but he certainly wasn't the son of Jesus Christ. His name explained his devilish mission: to bar Jesus, meaning to oppose, prevent, forbid, obstruct, exclude, to keep out the gospel message of Jesus. Let's read the account in ACTS 13:6 *And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: 7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. 9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, 10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.* We see here that it didn't end well for Elymas the sorcerer who tried to oppose God's man the Apostle Paul, and it didn't end well either for **Jannes** and **Jambres** who also withstood God's man **Moses**. And it won't end well either for the men and women Paul wrote **Timothy** about above in 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9 who oppose God, and the truth of the gospel in these last days.

Jannes and **Jambres** were the best of the best wise men, and the sorcerers, and magicians Pharaoh had to call upon in his opposition to **Moses**. **Jannes** and **Jambres** are first noted in EXODUS 7:11 *Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.* Let's review the highlights of these men found in EXODUS. As we go through this we will also examine some things concerning **Moses**, and why he is an icon of faith from the Old Testament. We will do our best to limit our discussion of **Moses** as it relates to **Jannes** and **Jambres**, and Pharaoh before the children of Israel were delivered by the mighty hand of God from the land of Egypt. Also as we go through this keep in mind that Egypt in scripture is a type of the world. GALATIANS 1:4 tells us that Jesus Christ *...gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.*

We will begin in EXODUS 4:19 *And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life. 20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. 21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. 22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: 23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.* We see here that even before **Moses** went back into Egypt to deal with Pharaoh that the Lord had told **Moses** in advance what to expect of Pharaoh. Note that it was the Lord who would harden Pharaoh's heart. Remember what JEREMIAH 17:9 & 10 says about the heart examiner: *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.* In Pharaoh's case the Lord knew what was in Pharaoh's heart. EXODUS 4 concludes with these words, which **Moses** and Aaron spoke unto the children of Israel as **Moses** returned to Egypt after forty years absence. EXODUS 4:29 *And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: 30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.*

EXODUS 5:1 *And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. 2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. 3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. 4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, **Moses** and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.* Brother Copley in his study book on EXODUS here notes: "But, instead of yielding to his demand, he imposed upon Israel harder bondage. The taskmasters exacted brick from them without straw. That illustrates how Satan binds sinners and makes them slaves of passions and evil habits. When they would turn to the Lord, Satan refuses to let them go. The mighty power of God only can loosen them. But that bondage awakened a cry in Israel for deliverance. Likewise, afflictions and disappointments in life sometimes arouse the unsaved to cry out to God for salvation from sin. People do not want the Lord, as long as the world satisfies them." {End of quote from Brother Copley.} As you read on in EXODUS 5 you will find that the children of Israel were not to happy with **Moses** and Aaron, and starting in verse 20 we read: *And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: 21 And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. 22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore*

hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

In EXODUS chapter 6 we read the Lord's answer. EXODUS 6:1 *Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. 2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. ("JEHOVAH" means: He WAS, and IS, and SHALL BE.) 4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. 5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: 7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD. 9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. 10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? 13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. ...28 And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee. 30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?*

The Lord answered Moses in EXODUS 7. EXODUS 7:1 *And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. 2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. 3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. 6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they. 7 And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh. 8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. 10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. 13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

There are a lot of things going on in the above verses. In verse 11 we are introduced to **Jannes** and **Jambres** though their names are not recorded in scripture until 2 TIMOTHY 3:8. We will discuss them further shortly in connection with Pharaoh, and **Moses**. There are eighteen (BONDAGE) scriptures that make note of Pharaoh's heart being hardened, and two of them are in

the passage above from EXODUS 7. {Study EXODUS 4:21; 7:3; 7:13; 7:14; 7:22; 8:19; 8:32; 9:7; 9:12; 9:34; 9:35; 10:1; 10:20; 10:27; 11:10; 14:4; 14:17; 1 SAMUEL 6:6.} The above references to Pharaoh's heart being hardened by God are further explained in ROMANS 9:15-23. ROMANS 9:15 *For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.* 16 *So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.* 17 *For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.* 18 *Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.* 19 *Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?* 20 *Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?* 21 *Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?* 22 *What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:* 23 *And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory.* Brother Copley made the following statement after referencing this passage from ROMANS 9 above: "God's address to Pharaoh would have softened his heart if he had received it, for He showed him mercy again and again. The same truth which melts the heart if received, also hardens it if it is rejected." {End of quoting Brother Copley.} Sister Bodie here notes: "Pharaoh is a striking example of the self-willed, sinful old man that refuses to yield to God under any consideration. He will not say, "yes," to God. He is born this way. The Word of the Lord only stirs up his enmity and hatred. It brings to the surface all the deep seated depravity of the human heart. If God himself did not come upon the scene and open our eyes to our condition, we would resist His will and revile His name. God was not in ignorance as to the result of His first creation. He was all prepared for it. He had another man in His purpose before he created the first Adam. And Paul argues rightly that we should not find fault with this. The potter has power over the clay to make one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor. And we do not object. He is sovereign in this respect. The lump belongs to Him. And so God had a perfect right to create a man that he knew would fail; for this is the force of the illustration used. He did not make Adam sinful; but he knew he would become so. He further purposed to use him as the display of His authority and power, as well as a contrast to His perfect sinless new man. He was also aware that the Second Man, the Last Adam, would not fail. *Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world...* ACTS 15:18." {End of quoting Sister Bodie.}

Note in EXODUS 7:1 that Lord told **Moses** He would make him a god to Pharaoh, with Aaron being his prophet. This was a big deal, so make special note of this. Realize that the Egyptians had their gods, and the Lord God Himself, whom **Moses** now knew as JEHOVAH, was about to show Pharaoh who the real God was, and what He could do. Still through all of this Pharaoh's heart remained hardened. The Lord told **Moses** in verse 4 above: *...But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.* Have you ever heard of slave people having armies? Of course not, but that is not the way God viewed His chosen people, the children of Israel. Study EXODUS 12:51 and see that *...the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.* In EXODUS 13:18 we read: *But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.* This word harnessed in EXODUS 13:18 comes from the Hebrew word "chamush" {khaw-moosh'}, (number 2571 in Strong's Hebrew Concordance), and it is a military term used of armies meaning: in battle array, arrayed for battle by five's, armed; by five in a rank; and thus shows us that it was by GRACE that the children of Israel were redeemed by the mighty hand of the Lord out of the land of bondage in Egypt, just like it is by GRACE that we were redeemed from the life of sin that we were conceived in. The ranks in the redeemed children of Israel out of Egypt is a type to us, and shows to us that there are ranks in the redeemed in the

resurrection.

In EXODUS 7: 8 & 9 we find The Lord telling **Moses**: *When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.* The word “miracle” here is significant. This is the only time where we find the word “miracle” in the Old Testament, and it he Lord God who spoke this to **Moses**. It’s usage here shows that God knew Pharaoh would demand a special display of God’s power as proof that God had sent **Moses** on this mission to set the children of Israel free from their bondage in Egypt. In a prophetic sense the use of this word “miracle” here fore shadows a future event. The rod in **Moses** day was a symbol of authority or rank, and was carried by all the nobles, and official persons in the court of Pharaoh. God had already demonstrated to **Moses** His Superior Power through the rod in **Moses** hand. Back in EXODUS chapter 4 we read starting in verse 2 -- *And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: 5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.* This sign was given to **Moses** for the purpose of demonstrating to the children of Israel that **Moses** was truly sent by God to deliver them out of the land of Egypt. Reading on in EXODUS 4:17 we find God telling **Moses**: *And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs. ...20 ...and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.* Thus we see the rod in **Moses** hand was the rod of God, the Superior Power. The serpent was a god to the Pharaoh’s of Egypt, seen by them as the patron, and protector of their country. They viewed the Egyptian serpent as the embodiment of life-giving powers. The image of the serpent was thus used as the great symbol of Egypt. Of course this did not go unnoticed by JEHOVAH God, whose name again means: He WAS, and IS, and SHALL BE. So in EXODUS 7:9 the Lord tells Aaron to take his rod, *...and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.* EXODUS 7:10-12 tells what happened next: *10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods.* Apparently Pharaoh felt this was some sort of a trick preformed by **Moses** and Aaron, and Pharaoh’s sorcerers, **Jannes** and **Jambres** seemed to duplicate this feat. But the rod of Aaron, whom God made a serpent, swallowed up their rods, their symbols of authority and power, thus revealing the Superior Power of God. This act pointed to the defeat of Egypt, and the executing of judgment against all the gods of Egypt. This would be further manifest in the ten plagues whom JEHOVAH God visited judgment upon Egypt in the next four chapters of EXODUS. Through it all we find that Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened. EXODUS 7:13 *And he hardened Pharaoh’s heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

C. I. Scofield has a good note here in his reference Bible, which says: “As **Moses** rod was the rod of power, the rod of the King (DEUTERONOMY 33:4 & 5 -- *Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob. 5 And he was king in Jeshurun, [a symbolic name for Israel] when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.*), so Aaron’s was the rod of life, the rod of the Priest. As here the serpents, the symbols of Satan, who had the power of death (REVELATION 12:9 *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.* HEBREWS 2:14 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*), are swallowed up, so in the resurrection death will be “swallowed up in victory” (1 CORINTHIANS 15:54 *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying*

that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.}” {End of quoting Scofield.}

JEHOVAH God in the above example of having Aaron’s rod swallow up **Jannes** and **Jambres** rods was showing Pharaoh, if he would only see it, that He was going to defeat Egypt. This act pointed to God’s executing judgment against all the gods of Egypt. But as noted above in EXODUS 7:13 *And he hardened Pharaoh’s heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.* Reading on in EXODUS 7:14 *And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh’s heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. 15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river’s brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. 16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. 17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.* The Nile River was worshipped in ancient Egypt under many names, and symbols, and was seen as the natural source of life. The Egyptians had a god of the river Nile, which was worshipped throughout Egypt. The Lord God JEHOVAH (He WAS, and IS, and SHALL BE) knew this, and was about to prove Himself to be above all gods. 1 CHRONICLES 16:25 tells us: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.* PSALMS 97:9 *For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.* {See also 2 CHRONICLES 2:5; PSALMS 95:3; PSALMS 96:4; and PSALMS 135:5.}

Reading further in EXODUS 7 we find what happened next. EXODUS 7:19 *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.* We see here that the river Nile, which the Egyptians worshipped, became a river of death, and the waters of Egypt became blood, undrinkable, and unusable. One commentator noted: “nothing could more humble the pride of Egypt than this dishonor brought on their national god.” Pharaoh didn’t exactly see it this way however. Pharaoh calls **Jannes** and **Jambres** to the rescue in the following verse. EXODUS 7:22 *And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.* What did **Jannes** and **Jambres** really do? **Jannes** and **Jambres** made the matter worse. They didn’t heal the water, nor could they. EXODUS 7:23 *And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. 24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. 25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.*

There is deeper truth fore-shadowed in the above portion of scripture from EXODUS 7 concerning the river Nile being turned into blood. Blood and water are both necessary for life. LEVITICUS 17:11 tells us: *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.* None of us can live without blood, can we? And none of us has eternal life without accepting the fact that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood for us on the cross of Calvary as noted in 1 PETER 1. 1 PETER 1:18 *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who*

by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Jesus shed blood made atonement for our souls on the cross of Calvary. Water in scripture is typical of The Word of God, and REVELATION 19:13 expressly tells us that The Word of God is Jesus! Again we note that blood and water are both necessary for life. Jesus said in JOHN 3:5 ...*Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.* 1 JOHN 5:6-8 further tells us: *This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.* Thus we see blood and water are essential to eternal life also! In REVELATION 21:6 we find these words of Jesus: ...*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

Back to the story of **Moses** and his dealings with Pharaoh and **Jannes** and **Jambres**, we next read in EXODUS 8:1-4 -- *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: 3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs: 4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.* The frog was a symbol of the most ancient forms of idolatry in Egypt as they worshipped nature rather than JEHOVAH God. These are the kind of people spoken of in ROMANS 1:25 *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.* The Egyptian god Ptha was represented with a frog's head. Now knowing this, we read on in EXODUS 8:5 *And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. 6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.* Note here in verse 7 that on a much smaller scale the magicians **Jannes** and **Jambres** seemed to duplicate this feat of making frogs appear, but note also that they could not make them disappear. Thus in the end **Jannes** and **Jambres** only made the plague worse. Make no mistake in your thinking here concerning **Jannes** and **Jambres**, they could not create life. COLOSSIANS 1:16 & 17 speaks of Jesus, and says: *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.* The overcomers of REVELATION 4 know this, and are found worshipping, and saying in verse 11: *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.* Back in EXODUS 8 with the frogs now in abundance, **Jannes** and **Jambres** with their skills as magicians were able to make it seem like they duplicated this feat of God performed by the hand of **Moses**, but again **Jannes** and **Jambres** couldn't make the frogs disappear, thus their feat only made the plague worse.

Pharaoh soon realized this, and in EXODUS 8:8 we read: *Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.* Let's think about this for a minute. Do you think that Pharaoh first asked **Jannes** and **Jambres** with their skills as magicians to now make the frogs disappear? I would imagine they had such a conversation, but if they did, it was short lived for **Jannes** and **Jambres** had no such power. Thus we read that Pharaoh soon called for **Moses** and Aaron to make a powerful prayer unto the Lord on the behalf of Pharaoh and the Egyptian people to take away the frogs. As their reward for doing so Pharaoh made this vain

promise: *...I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD...* EXODUS 8:8. **Moses** had the wisdom of God in this matter, and wanted Pharaoh to know for certain that it was only JEHOVAH God, whose name again means: He WAS, and IS, and SHALL BE, who could take away the frogs, for after all it was only JEHOVAH God who made the frogs appear in the first place. So in EXODUS 8:9 we read: *And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?* Our King James version doesn't make it real clear here what **Moses** was saying unto Pharaoh using the words "Glory over me," but the Bible in Basic English brings this out, reading: *And Moses said, I will let you have the honour of saying when I am to make prayer for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs may be sent away from you and your houses, and be only in the Nile.* The wisdom of God given **Moses** here was to allow Pharaoh to pick the time that best pleased him for the frogs to be removed. We see by this that **Moses** was a man of great faith knowing that the Lord would do in this matter what **Moses** by faith requested Him to do. Furthermore **Moses** made it clear that the frogs would remain in the land, but in the river only. Pharaoh was allowed by **Moses** to choose the time of their removal so there would be no doubt in Pharaoh's mind Who was in charge; for **Moses** knew it was JEHOVAH God who had such power. Pharaoh's answer to **Moses** as to when he wanted the plague of frogs to abate is found in EXODUS 8:10 *And he said, To morrow.*

The rest of verse 10 and all of verse 11 are **Moses'** response to Pharaoh. EXODUS 8:10 *...And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God. 11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.* We see here that **Moses** already knew *...the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power...* spoken of in EPHESIANS 1:19. Furthermore **Moses** also had learned by faith to trust in *...him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...* as is written in EPHESIANS 3:20. **Moses** made it very plain to Pharaoh *...that there is none like unto the LORD our God...* who only can send plagues, and remove them at His pleasure, which the gods of Pharaoh could not do, nor could his magicians **Jannes** and **Jambres**. We read the conclusion of this matter in EXODUS 8:12-15 -- *And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. 13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. 14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank. 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

Recall what brought us to review **Moses** dealings with Pharaoh in this portion of our study on the life of the Apostle Paul is Paul's last letter to **Timothy**, where Paul gives **Timothy** instructions concerning the mindset of unbelieving people during the last days. Here again is what Paul wrote to **Timothy**: 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.* Note that during this time, which we are now living in the pinnacle thereof, where men are so consumed with self interests, and love pleasures, and self gratification more than anything else, that they resist the truth of the gospel of God, and deny the power thereof. **Jannes** and **Jambres** were Old Testament examples of these kind of

unbelievers, who were found in direct opposition to God's man on the scene in that day, a man of great faith named **Moses**. Note here that Pharaoh is not even given a honorable mention here in 2 TIMOTHY 3, but his agents **Jannes** and **Jambres** are mentioned here this one time in scripture as examples of men of such corrupt minds, reprobate (failing the test) concerning the faith, who also resist the truth. Pharaoh is a type of Satan in the record of EXODUS. Pharaoh's agents, **Jannes** and **Jambres** are found mentioned, not by name, but as magicians, in six different scriptures in EXODUS. Recall from our meaning of the Bible numbers study that six is the number associated with MAN; SATAN; and SATAN'S INFLUENCE OVER WORLDLY MAN. So far we have seen **Jannes** and **Jambres** simulate the miracles God performed by the hand of **Moses**, yet they could not reverse the plagues; their actions only made the matters worse. As we get to **Jannes** and **Jambres** fourth dealing with **Moses**, we will find that ... *their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was...* 2 TIMOTHY 3:9.

We find the next mention of **Jannes** and **Jambres** as magicians in EXODUS 8:16-19, which reads: *And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. 19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

There are several points to note here as it pertains to our studying about **Moses'** dealings with **Jannes** and **Jambres**. First we need to define what "lice" was. "Lice" as spoken here references a very small insect that came from the dust, not water like a mosquito. Much debate has gone on through the centuries as to what this "lice" insect really was. Note that this "lice" was found in man, and in beast, who affixed itself to both man and beast, and left a painful bite. Perhaps it was a very tiny worm like creature that an old English writer named Vinisaufr wrote about, who, speaking of the expedition of King Richard 1 to the Holy Land, says, that "while the army were marching from Cayphas to Caesarea, they were greatly distressed every night by certain worms called tarrentes, which crept on the ground, and occasioned a very burning heat by most painful punctures; for, being armed with stings, they conveyed a poison which quickly occasioned those who were wounded by them to swell, and was attended with the most acute pain." Perhaps this "lice" was like a small tick. Whatever it was, this "lice" had a painful bite. We find in verse 18 above that **Jannes** and **Jambres** attempted to bring forth lice themselves, but without success. One almost has to laugh here, for what if they could make it appear like they could produce "lice," it still would have only made the matter worse, and not better. Verse 18 concludes ...*so there were lice upon man, and upon beast*. Perhaps deep inside Pharaoh was thankful that **Jannes** and **Jambres** were unable to create "lice," thus making the plague worse. **Jannes** and **Jambres** did give a concluding thought to Pharaoh in verse 19: *Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God*. Since **Jannes** and **Jambres** couldn't duplicate this feat, they acknowledged that **Moses** and Aaron had accomplished this by a superior power that they were not familiar with, which was a true statement. One commentator notes that **Jannes** and **Jambres** didn't acknowledge **Moses** and Aaron to have skills superior to their own, but rather had acknowledged that they were restrained by a power which was greater than any they, or **Moses** and Aaron themselves possessed, which again is a true statement. Concerning **Jannes** and **Jambres** this statement written by Paul in ROMANS 1 applies: ROMANS 1:18 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

Thus we find the reason why EXODUS 8:19 records this of Pharaoh: *and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.*

Reading on in EXODUS you will find that next there was a plague of flies given by the Lord unto the land of Egypt, except for the land of Goshen where the children of Israel dwelt. The plague was severe in the land of Egypt, and in order to get relief Pharaoh requested that Moses once again pray to the Lord God to take away the plague of flies, and he would then let the children of Israel go. EXODUS 8:30-32 records the results: *And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. 31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. 32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.* During this particular conflict Jannes and Jambres were not called upon by Pharaoh, nor were they called upon in the next plague found in EXODUS 9:1-7, which reads: *Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, 3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain. 4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel. 5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land. 6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. 7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.*

This brings us to the next contest with Pharaoh, which will be the last time we read about Jannes and Jambres until their mention by name in 2 TIMOTHY 3:8. EXODUS 9:8 *And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. 9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. 10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. 11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. 12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.*

This plague again was against the Egyptians, and not the children of Israel, so God's chosen people suffered not from the boils. The previous manifestation's from God before this plague, the Egyptians had not been attacked directly in their persons, but that all changed with this plague of boils. Recall what is written in EXODUS 1:13 & 14 -- *And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.* This action against God's chosen people did not go unnoticed by God, and we read in EXODUS 2:23 *And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.* DEUTERONOMY 7 explains why God had respect unto the children of Israel. DEUTERONOMY 7:6 *For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: 8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth*

covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; 10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. This then explains a little of what was taking place here in EXODUS 9:8-12. By this time in Egypt, many of the children of Israel had been driven by the Egyptians to serve with rigour in the furnaces, and now the ashes of the furnace are made a terror to the Egyptians as these ashes cast heavenward ...*became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast...* EXODUS 9:10. **Moses** sprinkled handfuls of these ashes towards heaven in the sight of Pharaoh that he might be an eyewitness of the miracle, he himself seeing with his own eyes that nothing else were cast up into the air but a few light ashes. God had **Moses** cast these ashes towards heaven, to show that the plague or judgment came down from heaven, from the God of heaven, whose wrath was now revealed from thence, apparently immediately. Note that **Jannes** and **Jambres** here were not able to ...*stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians...* EXODUS 9:11. **Jannes** and **Jambres** were allowed by God to proceed no further, nor do we ever read of them again until 2 TIMOTHY 3:8 *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.*

We have just spent ten plus pages of notes reviewing a little of the lives of three people Paul highlighted in his second epistle written unto **Timothy**; (**Moses**, and **Jannes** and **Jambres**). **Moses** was a man of faith, further highlighted in the 11th chapter of HEBREWS as an Old Testament icon of faith. **Jannes** and **Jambres** are noted in 2 TIMOTHY 3:8 as examples of the best the world had to offer in opposition to God's man of faith, **Moses**. **Timothy** wouldn't face **Jannes** and **Jambres**, but he would be opposed by men of exactly the same mind set as had **Jannes** and **Jambres**: men that ...*also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.* **Jannes** and **Jambres** were well trained in the ways of the world, and they were the best opposition that Pharaoh could bring against **Moses**, as **Moses** repeated God's demands before Pharaoh time and time again. Pharaoh hardened his heart time and time again, and in the end God destroyed Pharaoh. We read this in EXODUS 14:13 *And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. 15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. 17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. ...21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, 25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. 26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the*

waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

Now lest you think Pharaoh wasn't drowned in in the above account, let's read what PSALMS 136 says starting in verse 10: *To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever: 11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever: 12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever. 13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever: 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever: 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.*

The point Paul though the inspiration of the Holy Ghost was driving home to **Timothy**, and in turn us, here is that *...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived...* 2 TIMOTHY 3:13. Such is the conditions today, as we truly live in the last days of this church age. Let's read again what Paul wrote before this: 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.*

As we have said before, these are the conditions we are living in today. Even our supreme court has ruled against the foundational principles of God, who ordained marriage to be between a man and a woman way back in GENESIS 2. GENESIS 2:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* Jesus quoted this verse in MATTHEW 19:4 & 5, which reads: *And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Truly we are surrounded with those high-minded unbelievers who resist the truth of the gospel, and are reprobate (incapable of testing the truth) because their minds are beclouded with their own speculations. Paul then adds this note to **Timothy** in 2 TIMOTHY 3:13 *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

Then Paul adds these instructions to his son in the faith **Timothy**. 2 TIMOTHY 3:12 *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. ...14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* 2 TIMOTHY 4:1 *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

With these words Paul ends his instructions to **Timothy** that encouraged him to continue running the race course of a full overcomer, and to be a well equipped good soldier of Jesus Christ, well aware of who the enemy was: *But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an*

evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry... 2 TIMOTHY 4:5. Paul then goes over some personal information concerning himself, which we won't review here at this time, and then makes a request to **Timothy**, which he repeats twice. This request is first found in 2 TIMOTHY 4:9, which reads: *Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: ...* . This request is repeated in 2 TIMOTHY 4:21 *Do thy diligence to come before winter*. Conyebare and Howson have Paul writing this request in 2 TIMOTHY during the spring of 68 A.D. They also have Paul being executed during the last days of this very same spring, thus it appears as if **Timothy** never got to see Paul here on earth before his death. His time here on earth ran out before **Timothy** could get to Paul before winter. Thus the instructions found in 2 TIMOTHY were the last words written to **Timothy** from Paul, and highly treasured by him.

(22) Demas

In his concluding remarks of 2 TIMOTHY 4 Paul makes special mention of thirteen more people that **Timothy** also knew. **Demas** is mentioned first, and is number twenty-two in our list of thirty-four people Paul mentions by name in his last three epistles of 1 TIMOTHY, TITUS, and 2 TIMOTHY. Let's don't passover this point too lightly that **Demas** is number twenty-two in the list of thirty-four people that the Holy Ghost had Paul write about in his final three epistles. Twenty-two is the number associated with LIGHT. JOHN 1:4 speaks of Jesus, and says: *In him was life; and the life was the light of men*. The word life in this scripture is number 2222 in the Strongs Greek Concordance: Zoe. In this verse life and light are the same. This 2222 in Strong's = Zoe, which is life as God has life. Because of Jesus' work on the cross, we can have this same life or light in us. Reading on in JOHN 1:6 *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world*. Reading further in JOHN 8:12 we find these words of Jesus: *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life*. Again in JOHN 9:5 Jesus says: *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world*. What did Saul of Tarsus find in the way on the road to Damascus? LIGHT. This LIGHT was brighter than the noonday sun. Who was this LIGHT? ACTS 9:5 gives the answer: *...And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks*. Jesus the LIGHT of the world appeared in the way to Saul of Tarsus, and he indeed saw the LIGHT. Saul of Tarsus goes on to become the Apostle Paul, who writes in 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*. One of the thousands who personally heard the Apostle Paul preach, and teach the gospel message of Jesus Christ, the light of life, was **Demas**, who is mentioned three times by Paul in Paul's epistles. The last time Paul writes about **Demas** is in 2 TIMOTHY 4:10 *For **Demas** hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica...* . Perhaps **Timothy** noted a dried tear or two on the parchment as he read these words of Paul *...**Demas** hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica...* . No doubt these words were also painful for Paul to write. Perhaps as **Timothy** read this he too thought within himself: "no not **Demas**, what happened to him?" Let's attempt to answer this question, for there are a lot of **Demas**' out there.

Recall that we have discussed **Demas** before in this study, for he was one of the ten we identified as visiting Paul at Rome during Paul's first prison term there. {Study again pages 1182-1184 of these notes.} **Demas** name means: "popular," or "of the people." Paul, and Paul's doctrine wasn't "popular," nor was it "popular" "of the people." Satan has influence over worldly man, and promotes the ones who are "popular" in this world. Recall that there was a number we discussed in our meaning of numbers study that had to do in part with SATAN'S INFLUENCE OVER