

Life – Cycles and Repeats Itself

- The early church, guided by the apostles remained faithful to the word of God.
- Gave warnings about error and false teachers.
- This is a cycle that will repeat itself over and over again until the end of the age.
- Jesus warned of false prophets coming into the midst of His disciples wearing sheep's clothing.
- This too is an ever repeating cycle.
- Faithful churches brought into being by preaching the truth
- These churches led into error by false teachers.
- These things will occur! Never “*if*” only “*when*”

God Dealt with This on a Global Scale

- *That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. 11 There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after. Eccl 1:9-11*
- Born – Grow Up – Children – Old Age – Death
- Individuals, Nations, Churches – The Same.

Same Truth in Different Words

- *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Rom. 15:4*
- *Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 1Cor. 10:11*
- *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Heb. 12:1*

Same Truth in Different Words

- *But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. 2Pet. 2:1-3*

Principles Don't Change

- Every doctrinal departure from the Scriptures will always have an example or a Scripture to help navigate through it.
- Paul captured this in Corinth.
- *For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. 19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. 1Cor 11:18-20*

Apostasy Also Follows the Same Cycle

- *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 2 Tim 4:1-5*

Before We Identify Fables – Know Truth

- *Jesus: Mt. 7:13-23; 15:8-9; 28:18-20;*
- *Jn 8:31-32; 14:15, 21, 24; 15:9-10, 14*
- *John 1Jn. 4:6; 2Jn 9-11; Rev. 22:18-19*
- *Paul Gal. 1:6-9; I Cor 4:6; I Cor 14:37*
- *Peter 2Pet. 2:1-4; 3:18-19;*
- *Jude Jude 3-4*
- **Scriptures are Absolute. Any attempt to move away from them is always a fable.**

Men and Events change Principle Same

- Saul changed the mission God gave to him, rejected as King *1 Sam. 15:1-24*
- Cain changed ? *Gen. 4; Heb 11:4*
- Nadab & Abihu strange fire *Lev. 10:1-3*
- David & Uzzah carried ark *2Sam. 6:1-8*
Jeroboam priesthood, feast days and other aspects of God's commands *1Kgs. 12:26-33*
God said "done worse than any before *1 Kgs. 14:7-10*

What God Seeks is Humility

- *O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. Jer. 10:23*
- If we believe this, we will be humble and never seek to go beyond what is written.
- We will seek for guidance and authority before making an decision.
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A Two to Three Generation Cycle

- *7 So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel. ... 10 When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel. Judg 2:7-10*

Another Cycle

- *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Tim 4:1-4*
- Errors will change from generation to generation but cycle will continue.

Come in secretly— Take— Go out from us

- *Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in **unnoticed**, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 3-4*

Come in secretly— Take— Go out from us

- *And this occurred because of false brethren **secretly** brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), 5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. Gal 2:4-5*

Come in secretly— Take— Go out from us

- They **went out from us**, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. 1Jn. 2:19

Identifying The Fables

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Fable

- We don't need Bible Authority for everything we do.
- *till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should **no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,** 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — Eph 4:13-16*