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MATTHEW 24:9-12; LUKE 18:8; 1TIMOTHY 4:1; REVELATION 12:17; 13:7

APOSTASY

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

**³Let 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;
(2 Thessalonians 2:3)**

THE FALLING AWAY

THE APOSTASY (ἡ ἀποστασία)

- As a noun *apostasia* occurs two times in the New Testament (Ac.21:21 and 2Th.2:3). Both refer to an ideological departure.
- In the Septuagint (LXX) it refers to an ideological departure (Js.22:22; 2Ch.29:19; 33:19; Ez.4:19; Je.2:19).

A defiance of an established system or authority, rebellion, abandonment, breach of faith.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4 — THE APOSTASY

PAST: (52AD)

Thessalonian's Misunderstanding

COMMENTS

- Some taught the Thessalonians that they were experiencing the Day of the Lord (**2Th.2:3**). They were taught they missed the rapture creating despair.
- Paul laid a foundation of hope teaching that they will be delivered at the Revelation of Christ before the Day of the Lord judgment (**2Th.1:5-10**). Since the apostasy and the revealing of the Lawless one has not yet occurred, they could not be in the Day of the Lord's wrath.

FUTURE: (Prerequisites)

1. The Apostasy (False Believers)
2. The Revealing (Man of Sin)

COMMENTS

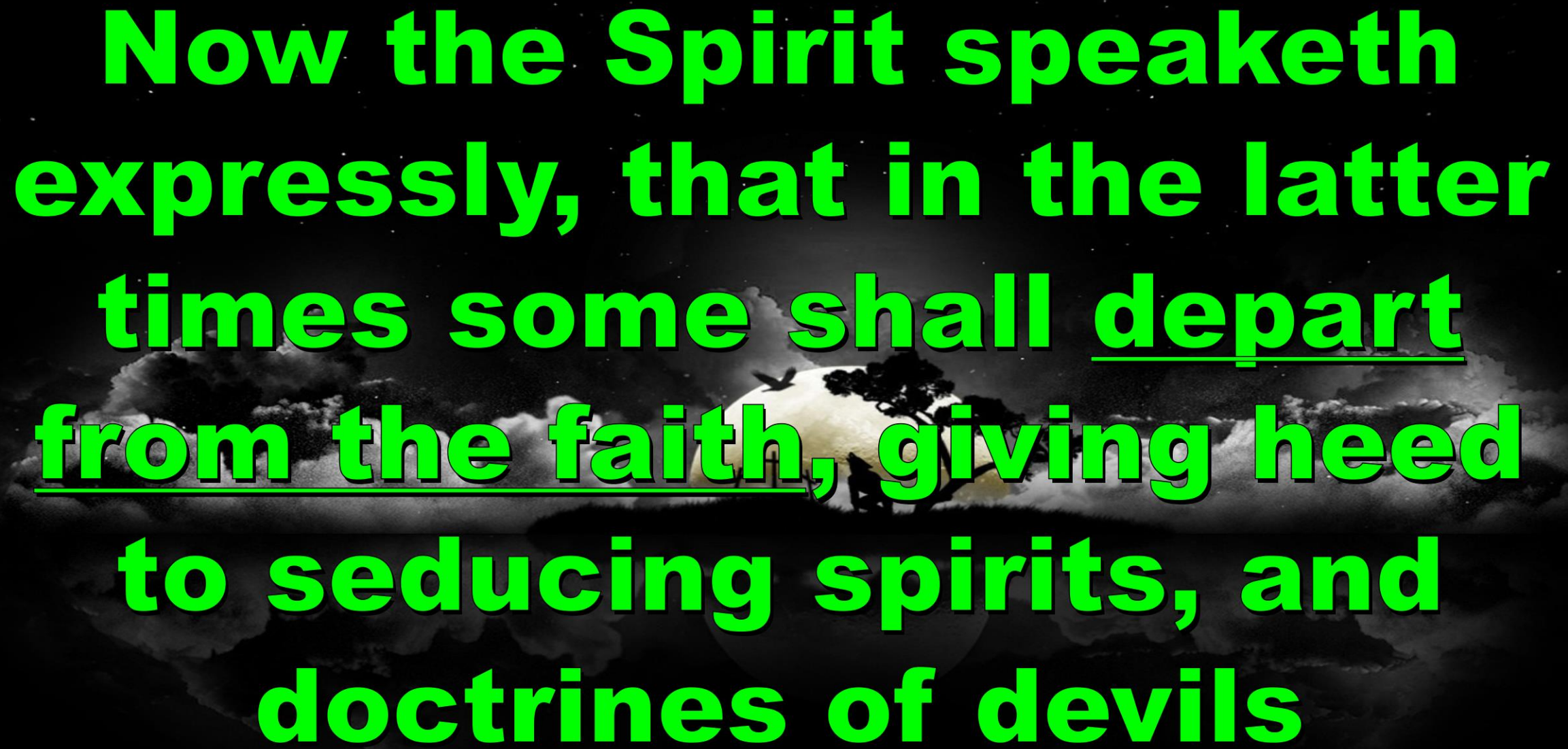
- That the word "falling away" (*apostasia*) is accompanied by the Greek article (*ho*, "the") points to a specific and more discernible eschatological event.
- Paul expected the recipients of the letter to know about the apostasy and revelation of Antichrist (**2Th.2:5,15**). This certainly has already been taught in Scripture.
- Jesus taught that there will be a time of great Tribulation (**Mt.24:9**). That is, there will be a great falling away because of intense hatred and persecution toward believers (**Mt.10:22; 24:9-25**). This will be an unparalleled time in human history (**Mt.24:9-12**), and of unknown duration. This will be so intense that Jesus said it will be "cut short" for the sake of the elect (**Mt.24:22**).

FUTURE: (Unbeliever: Judgment)
(Believer: Blessed Hope)

Day of the Lord

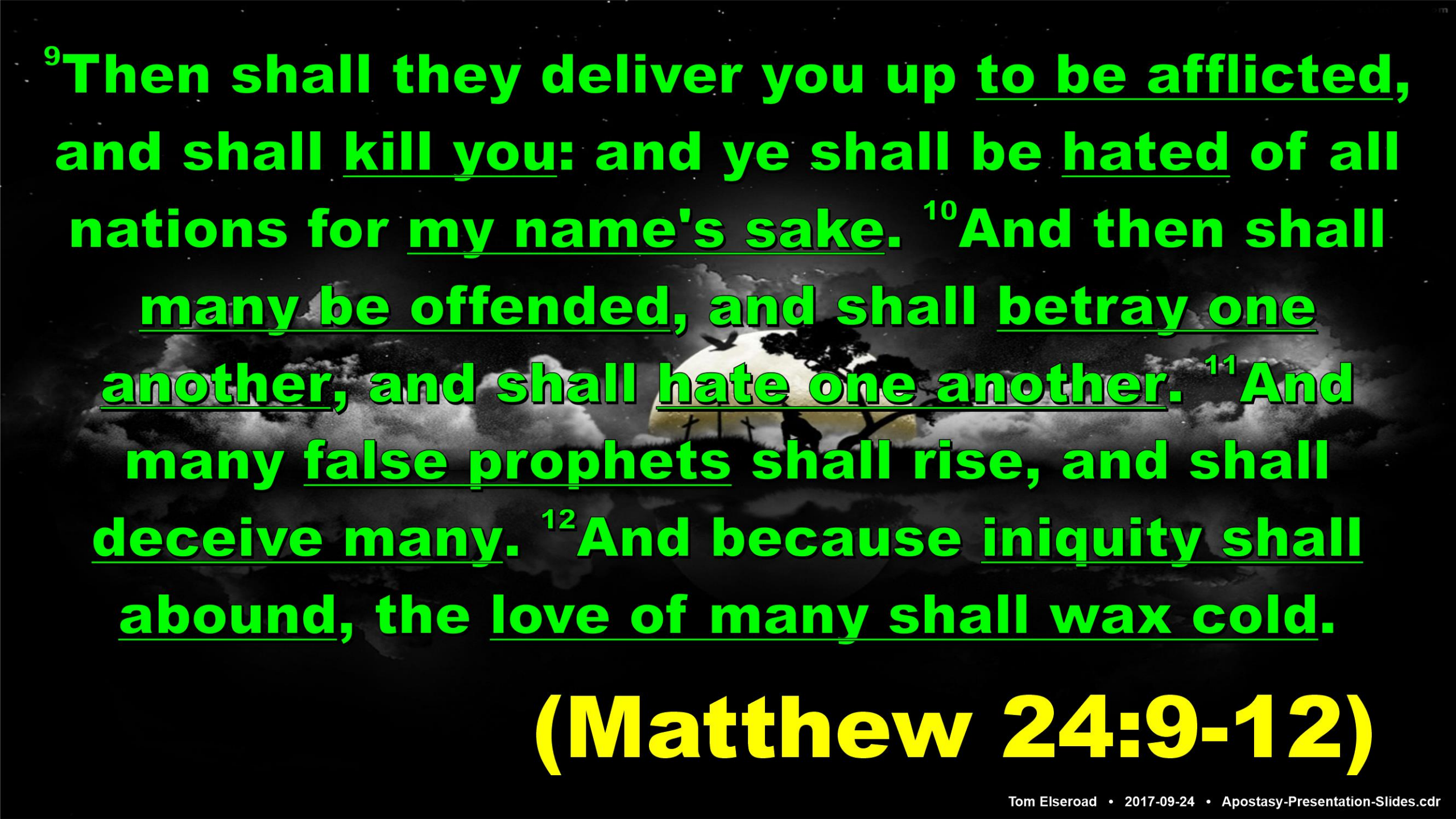
COMMENTS

- The revelation of Christ is the "blessed hope" of the believer (**Ti.2:13; 2Th.2:1**). The believer looks forward to that day.
- The revelation of the Antichrist is the beginning of the Great Tribulation (**Mt.24:15, 9-14**).

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**Now the Spirit speaketh
expressly, that in the latter
times some shall depart
from the faith, giving heed
to seducing spirits, and
doctrines of devils**

(1 Timothy 4:1)



⁹Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted,
and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all
nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰And then shall
many be offended, and shall betray one
another, and shall hate one another. ¹¹And
many false prophets shall rise, and shall
deceive many. ¹²And because iniquity shall
abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

(Matthew 24:9-12)

THE APOSTASY

- **“Deliver you to be afflicted” (Mt.24:9)**
- **“Shall kill you” (Mt.24:9)**
- **“Shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake” (Mt.24:9)**
- **“Many be offended” (Mt.24:10)**
- **“Shall betray one another” (Mt.24:10)**
- **“Shall hate one another” (Mt.24:10)**



- **“Many false prophets... shall deceive many” (Mt.24:11)**
- **“Iniquity shall abound... love... shall wax cold” (Mt.24:12)**
- **“Great tribulation...not since the beginning... nor ever shall be” (Mt.24:21)**
- **“There shall arise false christs... if possible... shall deceive the very elect” Mt.24:24)**
- **“Behold, I have told you before” (Mt.24:25)**
- **“Except those days should be shortened... no flesh saved... but for the elect’s sake” (Mt.24:22)**



²³Then if any man shall say unto you,
Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it
not. ²⁴For there shall arise false
Christs, and false prophets, and shall
shew great signs and wonders;
insomuch that, if it were possible,
they shall deceive the very elect.

(Matthew 24:23-24)

WHEAT & TARES (weeds)

GROW UNTIL THE HARVEST

- **WHEAT = Believers**
- **TARES = UnBelievers**
- **HARVEST = The End (v.39); D.O.T.L.**
(Mt.24:3,6,13,14; 28:20, “the end” begins the Day of the Lord)
(Purging: Believers raptured & unbelievers go through judgment)

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 37-39

**And it was given unto him to
make war with the saints, and
to overcome them: and power
was given him over all
kindreds, and tongues, and
nations.**

(Revelation 13:7)

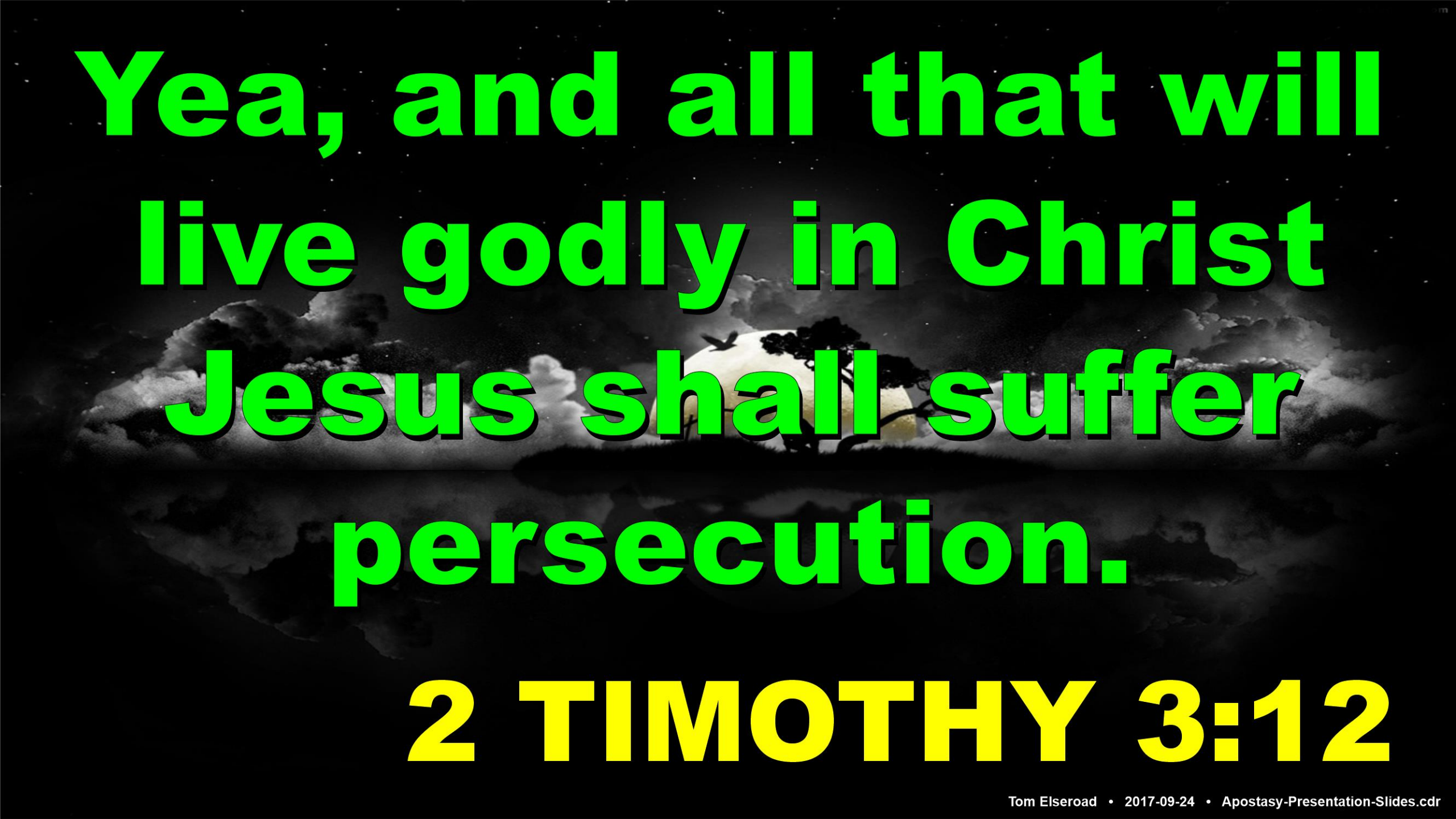
¹³And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, ¹⁴And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

(Revelation 13:13-14)

APOSTASY QUESTIONS

? What is easier, living for Christ or dying for Christ?

? What is worse, dying for Christ or apostatizing from Christ?



**Yea, and all that will
live godly in Christ
Jesus shall suffer
persecution.**

2 TIMOTHY 3:12