

“The Sign of Rebellion”  
**John 8:37-47**

**I. The Jews reveal of picture of those who are unrighteous (lost).**

- A. The Jews failed to perform the deeds of Abraham.
- B. The Jews failed to show the character of God.
- C. The Jews reflected the nature of rebels.
- D. The Jews could not hear God because they did not really know God.

**II. Those who are righteous possess:**

- A. A heart that is humble toward God.
- B. A spirit that is submitted to the will of God.
- C. A willingness to hear the word of God.

**Scripture References and Notes**

2 Corinthians 4:4

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> in whose case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

John 16:8-11

<sup>8</sup> And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; <sup>11</sup> and concerning judgment, because **the ruler of this world** has been judged.

Matthew 24:4-5, 9-14, 23-24

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many.

<sup>9</sup> “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. <sup>10</sup> At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. <sup>12</sup> Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow

cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. <sup>14</sup> This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

<sup>23</sup> Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is*,' do not believe *him*. <sup>24</sup> For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

### deceive [πλανᾶω (planaó)]

1. to cause to go astray from a specific way, act
  - a. *lead astray, cause to wander*
  - b. *mislead, deceive*
2. to proceed without a sense of proper direction, *go astray, be misled, wander about aimlessly*

#### 1 Samuel 15:20-23

<sup>20</sup> Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. <sup>21</sup> But the people took *some* of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal." <sup>22</sup> Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup> "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king."

#### Romans 13:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; <sup>4</sup> for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. <sup>5</sup> Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

#### 1 Peter 2:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. <sup>16</sup> *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

#### Jude 1:11

Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the **rebellion** of Korah.

#### ἀντιλογία (antilogia)

- contradiction, dispute
- hostility, rebellion
- (from *antilégo*, "to dispute," derived from *antí*, "opposite to" and *légo*, "speaking to a conclusion") – properly, a *contrary* conclusion which closely "*corresponds*," but does so in an *opposite* way; a controversy (dispute, "gainsaying"), taking the opposite side to attack (supposedly on the basis of sound logic).

Titus 1:5-6

<sup>5</sup> For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, <sup>6</sup> *namely*, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or **rebellion**.

ἀνυπότακτος (anupotaktos)

- pertaining to refusing submission to authority, *undisciplined, disobedient, rebellious*
- not subject to rule, unruly.
- (from A "not" and *hypokrités*, "under God's arrangement") – properly, not submissive; disobedient (unruly), unwilling to come under Christ's Lordship; refusing to "fall in line with" (fit in with) God's plan; uncooperative, with a defiant attitude towards duly-appointed authority; uncontrollable, refractory (unsubjected); anti-authoritarian (rebellious).

Luke 23:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to **rebellion**, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.

ἀποστρέφω (apostrephó)

- to turn something away from something, *turn away*
- pervert, incite to revolt
- to desert
- (from *apó*, "away from," which intensifies *stréphō*, "to turn")

Romans 1:21-22

<sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.