

## 2 Timothy 3

### The last days

1. V. 1 - How should we understand this phrase, “the last days”?
  - a. Prophetically?
  - b. Contextually?

Future - Acts 2:17 – 20; Joel 2:28-29; Book of Revelation?

Present - 1 Peter 1:20; Galatians 4:4-5 ; Mark 1:15; Luke 11:20 Hebrews 1:1-2

We cannot help but to attribute the future to verses like these because our hope lies in Christ’s return to restore order to His creation. That being said, it may not always be prophetic in nature but it is certainly not wrong to make application for us.

### The love of god-self *Philautos* –

1. Philautos – only used here. Nowhere else in the Bible. – love of self/self loving
2. Love may come disguised as love for another but the relationship is to support the love of self.
3. The church and its leaders can be led astray as put in Luke 16:14; Philippians 2:21 Paul gets to the heart of the matter 2 Tim. 3:4
4. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God “without a love of good”; describing someone who is hostile to the things of God. 2 Peter 3:3
5. Having a form of godliness, but denying its power.

*“The relation of the form of godliness to the men who make the grievous times, is that it conceals their true character. It is self throughout, in a more or less hateful form, and therefore the real power of godliness is denied. But it does not appear so nakedly and hatefully to be self where there is a form of acknowledging God. The relation of the form of godliness to the grievous times is, that it allows evil to work more insidiously. It is not so difficult to meet pure heathenism as it is to meet a Christianity that has become heathenish.”* Thomas

Croskery D.D, Commentary on 2 Timothy 3

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### Jannes and Jambres

1. Who were they?
2. What is Paul’s point v.9

### All Scripture is God breathed

1. Paul’s testimony to Timothy
2. Believers will be prosecuted
3. Remember
4. This will help: All scripture is breathed out by God.