

Introduction

1. This good Epistle
2. The closing part of it
3. This inspired prophecy

Summary:

- (i) our adversary
- (ii) his final defeat
- (iii) how God will bring it about

1. OUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL

- 1) His Names:
 - (i) Satan: Adversary
 - (ii) Devil: accuser of the brethren
 - (iii) Beelzebub: Christ's enemies used it of Him
- 2) Description of his character
 - (i) 'that old serpent': referring to Genesis 3
 - (ii) 'a liar'
 - (iii) 'a murderer'
 - (iv) 'god of this world'
 - (v) 'roaring lion' / 'serpent'
 - (vi) 'dragon'
 - (vii) 'angel of light'
- 2) The Nature of Satan's Activity
 - (i) deceiving people
 - (ii) blinding their eyes to the gospel
 - (iii) stealing God's Word from them
 - (iv) sending bad preachers into the world
 - (v) promoting + stirring up enemies to God and his people

APPLICATION: This shows why the world is so evil a place.

2. THE FINAL DEFEAT OF SATAN

- 1) He was cast out of heaven – not however totally crushed. God allowed him some further time to do evil.
- 2) He has been frustrated all throughout history:
 - (i) the godly line of Messiah
 - (ii) none of the elect ever lost
- 3) Signally defeated by Christ:
 - (i) at the Temptations
 - (ii) the exorcisms
 - (iii) the Cross: Col. 2:15 But not yet crushed.
- 4) At last he is to be totally overthrown
OBSERVE: He knows his time is short

3. HOW GOD WILL DO THIS

- 1) See Rev. 20:7-10: Eternal torment.
OBSERVE: How great his punishment will be!
- 2) All his works + agents will be punished with him: Rev. 20:10; all false prophets, antichrists, deceivers, etc.
- 3) "Under our feet": we shall be there to rejoice over his downfall.
- 4) Why is God called 'the God of peace'?
 I think because God will at last restore peace to the whole creation.

CONCLUSION

No more strife at last! It is coming soon!

PSALM

143¹: 1 – 5

143²: 8 – 12

109: 28 - 31