

## **THE MAN IN THE MIRROR (Jas. 1:5-8,16-25)**

*I John 2:18, KJV LITTLE CHILDREN (paidion – immature child), it is the last time: and as ye have heard that ANTICHRIST (opposite, instead of Christ) shall come, even now are there MANY ANTICHRISTS; whereby we know that it is the last time.*

*I John 2:22, KJV Who is a LIAR (falsifier, utterer of untruth) but he that DENIETH that Jesus is the Christ? He is ANTICHRIST, that DENIETH the Father and the Son.*

**NOTE:** “DENIETH” (*arneomai*) – This is from a (the particle) and *rheo* (to speak or say), and it means, “to contradict, disavow, reject; to deny or refuse something offered.”

*I John 4:1-3, KJV Beloved, believe not every spirit, but TRY (dokimazo – test metals) the spirits whether they are of God: because many FALSE PROPHETS are gone out into the world.*

*2 Hereby KNOW (perceive) ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that CONFESSETH (homologeo) that Jesus Christ IS COME IN THE FLESH is of God:*

*3 And every spirit that CONFESSETH NOT that Jesus Christ IS COME IN THE FLESH is not of God: and this is that spirit of ANTICHRIST, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even NOW ALREADY is it in the world.*

*2 John 1:7, KJV For many DECEIVERS (planos – impostor, misleader; to rove as a tramp) are entered into the WORLD (kosmos), who CONFESS NOT that Jesus Christ IS COME IN THE FLESH. This is a DECEIVER (same) and an ANTICHRIST.*

**PRINCIPLE:** “ANTICHRIST” (instead of Christ) aptly describes any system of apostasy, or individual apostates (the carnal mind); an “ANTI-CHRIST” is a RELIGIOUS apostate from true Christianity, not some SECULAR political figure. Antichrist is the spirit of ERROR. ANTICHRIST is not so much a PERSON (Napoleon, Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Gorbachev, Ronald Wilson Reagan, Prince Charles, Bill Gates, etc.), but rather a SPIRIT.

**ANTICHRIST is a SPIRIT—the “prophecy clock” takes a lickin’ and keeps on tickin’! There WERE (2,000 years ago) and there ARE “many antichrists” (1 Jn. 2:18). These are the many “thieves” of John 10:1,8, who try to CLIMB UP (*anabaino*) “some other WAY (*allachotheren* – some other or different place; from elsewhere” (contrast Jn. 14:6, where Jesus is the “WAY”).**

***2 Corinthians 4:3-4, KJV But if our gospel be HID (cover up, veil), it is hid to them that are LOST (perishing):***

***4 In whom the GOD OF THIS WORLD (aion) hath BLINDED (obscured, darkened) THE MINDS (noema – perceptions, thoughts; purpose) of them which believe not, lest the LIGHT (phitismos – illumination; enlightening) of the glorious gospel of CHRIST, WHO IS THE IMAGE (eikon – representation and manifestation; “and likeness” – AMP) OF GOD, should SHINE (augazo – beam forth; radiate; dawn [daylight]) unto them.***

**PRINCIPLE: CHRIST is the IMAGE OF GOD (2 Cor. 4:4). ANTICHRIST (“instead of Christ”) is ANY OTHER IMAGE.**

The “spirit of ANTICHRIST” is “every spirit” that will not CONFESS (*homologeō*), AGREE (Amos 3:3), and PREACH (Gal. 1:6-10) that Jesus Christ “IS COME in the FLESH” (1 Jn. 4:3).

He DID come in the FLESH (Jn. 1:14). He will COME AGAIN in the FLESH (Acts 1:11 – “in like manner”). But the Church, the BODY of Christ, “IS” His ONGOING INCARNATION, the Word made flesh! “CHRIST,” the image of God “IN you” (plural) is the hope of glory (Col. 1:27):

**CHRIST (anointing) produces the KINGDOM (Lk. 17:20-21)**

**PROPHET produces RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom. 14:17)  
(1 Kg. 19; 2 Kg. 2)**

**PRIEST produces PEACE  
(Ex. 40)**

**KING produces JOY  
(1 Sam. 16)**

**Moreover, the NINE FRUIT of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) are found in the King’s GARDEN, His BRIDE (Song 4:12-16) – all is WITHIN!**

**Galatians 4:22-26, KJV** For it is written, that Abraham had TWO SONS, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

**23** But he who was of the BONDWOMAN was born after the FLESH; but he of the FREEWOMAN was by PROMISE.

**24** Which things are an allegory: for these are the TWO COVENANTS; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

**25** For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

**26** But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

**PRINCIPLE: DUALITY** (the notion of TWO natures) is **IDOLATRY** – a false image is a false face (1 Cor. 15:44-49, AMP).

**OLD TESTAMENT (COVENANT)**  
**OLD NATURE**  
**BEAST (ADAM)**

**NEW TESTAMENT**  
**NEW NATURE**  
**BEAUTY (CHRIST)**

### TWO WOMEN

**HAGAR, THE BONDWOMAN**  
**MOUNT SINAI – THE LAW**  
**EARTHLY JERUSALEM**

**SARAI, THE FREEWOMAN**  
**MOUNT ZION – GRACE**  
**HEAVENLY JERUSALEM**

**LEAH**  
**MICHAL**  
**VASHTI**  
**STRANGE WOMAN (Pr. 7)**  
**HARLOT (Rev. 17-18)**

**RACHEL**  
**ABIGAIL**  
**ESTHER**  
**VIRTOUS WOMAN (Pr. 31)**  
**WIFE (Rev. 19)**

### TWO MEN

**ADAM AFTER Gen. 3**  
**NIMROD**  
**ISHMAEL**  
**ESAU**  
**ELI**  
**SAUL**  
**SAUL OF TARSUS**

**ADAM BEFORE Gen. 3**  
**ABRAHAM**  
**ISAAC**  
**JACOB (ISRAEL)**  
**SAMUEL**  
**DAVID**  
**PAUL THE APOSTLE**

## THE “MARK” OF THE BEAST IS A PRESENT REALITY

*Revelation 13:16-18, KJV* And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their *RIGHT HAND*, or in their *FOREHEADS*:

*17* And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the *MARK*, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

*18* Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is *SIX HUNDRED THREESCORE AND SIX* (666).

*Acts 17:29, KJV* Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, GRAVEN by *ART* and man’s *DEVICE*.

**PRINCIPLE:** The word for “MARK” is *CHARAGMA* (Strong’s #5480) and it means, “a scratch or etching, stamp (as a badge of servitude); a carved or sculptured figure (statue or graven work); an imprinted mark; the mark branded upon horses.” It is akin to *charakter* (an impress), used in Hebrews 1:3, and is translated (KJV) seven times in the Book of Revelation as “MARK” (13:16-17; 14:9,11; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4); and in Acts 17:29 as “GRAVEN.”

When Paul arrived in Athens, the whole city was given over to worshipping *IDOLS*, fashioned by the *MIND* and *HAND* of men. Again, the word for “GRAVEN” (Acts 17:29) is *CHARAGMA* (the same word as “mark” in Rev. 13:16)!

**NOTE:** “ART” (Acts 17:29) is *TECHNE*, and it means, “trade, skill; handicraft, made by *HAND*” (English, ‘technique, technical, or technology’); it is rendered as “occupation” in the KJV of Acts 18:3 and “craft” in the KJV of Revelation 18:2.

The word for “DEVICE” in the same verse is *ENTHUMESIS*, and it means, “deliberation; thinking, consideration, think; cogitation, *INWARD REASONING*; a surmising or supposition (given as ‘thoughts’ in the KJV of Matt. 9:4; 12:25; Heb. 4:12).”

**Genesis 16:1-2, KJV** Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an EGYPTIAN, whose name was HAGAR.

**2** And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; IT MAY BE that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

**1 Samuel 9:2, KJV** And he had a son, whose name was SAUL, a choice young man, and a goodly...from his SHOULDERS AND UPWARD he was higher than any of the people.

**PRINCIPLE:** The FOREHEAD and RIGHT HAND respectively picture the WISDOM and STRENGTH of MAN (666).

The word for “BEAST” (used 16 times in Revelation 13) is *THERION*, and it means, “a dangerous animal; a wild beast; metaphorically, a brutal, bestial man, savage and ferocious.”

Likewise, ISHMAEL, a GOOD IDEA, was a “wild man or wild donkey” (Gen. 16:12), and was a product of Sarah’s HEAD (human wisdom) and Abraham’s LOINS (human strength).

So the MARK of the BEAST is in the FOREHEAD and the RIGHT HAND (compare King SAUL in 1 Sam. 9:2 who was “shoulders and upward” higher than his contemporaries)!

**Genesis 3:1, KJV** Now the SERPENT (*perverted wisdom*) was more SUBTIL (*cunning; shrewd, crafty, sly*) than any BEAST of the FIELD (*Matt. 13:38*) which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, HATH GOD SAID, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

**PRINCIPLE:** Again, CHRIST is the “image of God” (2 Cor. 4:4); ANTICHRIST is any other image! Every IDOL is the product of MAN’S MIND and MAN’S HAND.

The OLD MAN is a BEAST (Gen. 3:1)—anything that is the fruit of HUMAN WISDOM (a good idea, cp. Gen. 2:9) and HUMAN STRENGTH (handiwork, technology) is stamped with the mark of the beast! What man’s MIND conceives, man’s HAND creates.

**NOTE:** Contrariwise, with regard to the **MARK** of the **LORD** (Rev. 3:12; 7:3-4; 9:4; 14:1; 22:4), what His divine intellect (His **MIND**) has envisioned for the glorious Church, His apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers (His “**HAND**,” as in Eph. 4:11; 1 Pet. 5:6) will fashion and create by His spoken, living Word!

*Song 1:5, KJV, I am **BLACK** (dusky, dim, dark), but **COMELY** (suitable, beautiful, seemly), O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the **TENTS OF KEDAR** (the second son of Ishmael in Gen. 25:13), as the **CURTAINS** (drapes; hangings, as tremulous) **OF SOLOMON**.*

*Song 1:15, KJV Behold, thou art **FAIR** (beautiful, bright), my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast **DOVES’ EYES** (single).*

**PRINCIPLE:** There are not **TWO NATURES** in the believer, only **ONE**. We are fighting a **MEMORY**. **ADAM** was put to death at the cross—note these **ILLUSTRATIONS**:

1. **THREE MEN CRUCIFIED** (Lk. 4:3,9,13; 23:39).
2. The **PERFECT** and **AROIST** tense verbs of Romans 6.
3. The immature **SHULSAMITE’S PERCEPTION** of Song 1:5, seeing herself both black in Adam **AND** beautiful in Christ. Contrast this with the King’s response of 1:15—“you have been cleansed”). Again, **DUALITY** is **IDOLATRY**.

## **THE MAN IN THE MIRROR, THE GENESIS FACE**

*James 1:5-8, KJV If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men **LIBERALLY** (bountifully), and **UPBRAIDETH** not (reproach, chide); and it shall be given him.*

*6 But let him ask in faith, nothing **WAVERING** (hesitating, doubting). For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea **DRIVEN** (blown) with the wind and **TOSSED** (agitated – see Eph. 4:14).*

*7 For let not that man **THINK** (suppose, imagine) that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.*

*8 A **DOUBLE MINDED** man vacillating in opinion or purpose; uncertain, divided in interest) is **UNSTABLE** (inconstant, restless; unsettled, disorderly; not set in order) in all his ways.*

**James 1:8, AMP [For he being as he is] a man of TWO MINDS—hesitating, dubious, irresolute—[he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything (he thinks, feels, decides).**

**James 1:16-18,22-25, KJV Do not ERR (planao – cause to roam or stray from safety, truth, or virtue), my beloved brethren.**

**17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is NO VARIABLENESS, neither SHADOW OF TURNING (contrast 1:8).**

**18 Of His own will BEGAT (breed forth, give birth) He us with the word of truth, that we should be a KIND (tis – a certain kind or species) of FIRSTFRUITS of His creatures.**

**22 But be ye DOERS OF THE WORD, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

**23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man BEHOLDING (observe fully, contemplate) his NATURAL (genesis) FACE in a GLASS:**

**24 For he BEHOLDETH HIMSELF (in Christ), and GOETH His WAY (go off, aside, behind), and straightway FORGETTETH (lose out of mind, no longer care for, neglect) what MANNER (kind, sort, quality; how great) OF (New) MAN he was (in the Mirror).**

**25 But whoso LOOKETH (bending and stooping) INTO (eis) the perfect law of liberty, and CONTINUETH THEREIN (parameno), he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be BLESSED (happy) in his deed.**

**2 Corinthians 3:18, KJV But we all, with OPEN (unveiled) face BEHOLDING AS IN A GLASS (to Mirror oneself) the GLORY of the Lord, are CHANGED (metamorphoo) into the SAME image FROM (apo) GLORY (Moses' face in chapter 3) TO (eis) GLORY (Jesus' face in chapter 4), even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

**2 Corinthians 4:6, KJV For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the LIGHT (photismos – illumination, brightness; this denotes understanding) of the (experiential) KNOWLEDGE of THE GLORY of God IN THE FACE of Jesus Christ.**

**Exodus 20:3, KJV Thou shalt have NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME (*paniym* – before My FACE).**

**PRINCIPLE:** The Brazen Altar reveals the CROSS of Jesus. The Brazen Laver typifies the Mirror, the Word of God, revealing the FACE of Jesus. The Man in the Mirror is the NEW (creation) MAN. The MIRROR of the Laver directs us to the WATER of the Laver. JESUS, the prototype of the NEW MAN and the Pattern Son, is BOTH. We contemplate and behold HIM, and become like the One we worship!

Sin is a MISTAKEN IDENTITY (falling short of or missing the “mark,” the *charagma* or “character” of Christ). We do not know WHO we are IN HIM (Hos. 4:6)! Again, these “antichrists” (“thieves” of Jn. 10:8) are the products of the carnal mind, and are death (Rom. 8:1-6). These false images and faces are idolatrous—DUALITY is IDOLATRY. STAY in the WORD, the MIRROR. BEHOLD HIM! We must pull down and cast down these “STRONGHOLDS” (fortresses; arguments and reasonings) and “IMAGINATIONS” (*logismos* – computations; 2 Cor. 10:3-6)!

**PRINCIPLE:** Here is contrasted the NATURE of Him, the “Father of lights” and the “Father of spirits” (Heb. 12:9), whose we are. The word for “NATURAL” in James 1:23 is *GENESIS*, and it means, “nativity, nature; source, origin, a book of one’s lineage,” (translated in Matthew 1:1 as “generation”). It is literally, “the face of his birth” (the begetting of verse 18).

Again, the Man in the Mirror is the NEW MAN, and He has but ONE, SINGLE EYE, not the EVIL EYE of DUALITY, seeing two natures (Matt. 6:22-23). This is the face of a NEW NATURE—HIS nature, the “glory of the Lord!” “He beholds HIMSELF (in Christ),” and “straightway” (immediately, at once) FORGETS what “MANNER” of (NEW) MAN he WAS (in the Mirror)! He goes his “OWN WAY” to worship ANOTHER (antichrist) image. “We...have gone astray” and “turned every one to his OWN WAY” (Isa. 53:6). Every failure is a BROKEN FOCUS!

So keep on beholding HIM—your “natural face” is the face of your NEW NATURE IN CHRIST! We become what we worship!

