

2 Thessalonians 2:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders—the lawless one's parousia (παρουσία, arrival) mimics Christ's coming. His appearance is **after the working of Satan** (kat' energeian tou Satana, κατ' ἐνέργειαν τοῦ Σατανᾶ, according to Satan's supernatural activity). He manifests **all power** (dynamēi, δυνάμει, miracle-working force), **signs** (sēmeiois, σημείοις, authenticating miracles), and **lying wonders** (terasīn pseudous, τέρασιν ψεύδους, deceptive prodigies).

These aren't fake miracles but genuine supernatural acts empowered by Satan for deceptive purposes. Just as Christ's miracles authenticated His message (Acts 2:22), Antichrist's miracles will authenticate lies. Miracles don't prove truth—they can emanate from demonic sources. Doctrine, not signs, tests spirits.

Historical Context

Ancient magicians and wonder-workers competed with Christian evangelists. Simon Magus (Acts 8:9-11), Bar-Jesus (Acts 13:6-8), and others performed occult signs. Jewish tradition expected false messiahs with supernatural credentials. Jesus warned of false Christs performing great signs (Matt. 24:24).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How do you discern between miracles from God and counterfeit signs from demonic sources?
2. Why do humans so easily believe spectacular lies while rejecting mundane truth?
3. What 'lying wonders' operate in contemporary culture to deceive people away from Christ?

Interlinear Text

οὗ	ἐστιν	ἡ	παρουσία	κατ'	ἐνέργειαν	τοῦ	
Even him whose	is	G3588	coming	after	the working	G3588	
G3739	G2076		G3952	G2596	G1753		
Σατανᾶ	ἐν	πάσῃ	δυνάμει	καὶ	σημείοις	καὶ	τέρασιν
of Satan	with	all	power	and	signs	and	wonders
G4567	G1722	G3956	G1411	G2532	G4592	G2532	G5059
ψεύδους							
lying							
G5579							

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 24:24 (Parallel theme): For 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.

Revelation 19:20 (Parallel theme): And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that

had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

John 4:48 (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

Ephesians 2:2 (Parallel theme): Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Revelation 18:23 (Parallel theme): And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Mark 13:22 (Parallel theme): For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

2 Corinthians 11:3 (Parallel theme): But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Revelation 20:10 (Parallel theme): And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 12:9 (Parallel theme): And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Acts 13:10 (Parallel theme): And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?