

BACKSLIDING - APOSTACY

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1 CHRONICLES 28:9

9 Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind. For the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you. But **if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.**

1 SAMUEL 15:11

11 I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for **he has turned back from following Me** and has not performed My commandments. It grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.

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ISAIAH 65:11-16

11 **You are those who forsake the LORD**, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for Gad, and who furnish a drink offering for Meni.

12 I will number you for the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because, **when I called, you did not answer**; when I spoke, you did not hear. But **you did evil before My eyes and chose that in which I do not delight**.

13 Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed;

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ISAIAH 65:11-16

14 Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and wail for grief of spirit.

15 You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen; for the Lord GOD will slay you, and call His servants by another name;

16 So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth. He who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten; because they are hidden from My eyes.

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JEREMIAH 2:19

19 Your own wickedness will correct you, and **your backslidings will rebuke you**. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing that **you have forsaken the LORD your God**, and the fear of Me is not in you, says the **LORD GOD** of hosts.



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JEREMIAH 3:6-14

6 The LORD said to me in the days of Josiah the king: **Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done?** She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree and there played the harlot.

7 I said, after she had done all these things, **Return to Me.** But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 **I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery,** I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, But went and played the harlot also.

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9 So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that **she defiled the land and committed adultery** with stones and trees.

10 Yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense, says the LORD.

11 The LORD said to me, **Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.**

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: Return, backsliding Israel, says the LORD, I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful, says the LORD; I will not remain angry forever.

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13 Only acknowledge your iniquity, that **you have transgressed against the LORD your God**, and have scattered your charms to alien deities under every green tree, and **you have not obeyed My voice**, says the LORD.

14 **Return, O backsliding children**, said the LORD; for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family. I will bring you to Zion.

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JEREMIAH 3:22

22 Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Indeed we do come to You, for You are the LORD our God.

JEREMIAH 5:6

6 Therefore a lion from the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the deserts shall destroy them; a leopard will watch over their cities. Everyone who goes out from there shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many; their backslidings have increased.

JEREMIAH 8:5

5 Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit, they refuse to return.

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JEREMIAH 17:5-6

5 Thus says the LORD: **Cursed is the man** who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, **whose heart departs from the LORD.**

6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.

JEREMIAH 31:22

22 **How long will you gad about, O you backsliding daughter?** For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth: a woman shall encompass a man.

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EZEKIEL 3:20

20 When a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

EZEKIEL 18:24

24 When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, Shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

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EZEKIEL 33:12-13

12 Son of man, say to the children of your people: The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression. As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness. **Nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.**

13 When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live; **He trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity.** None of his righteous works shall be remembered. But because of the iniquity that he has committed, **he shall die.**

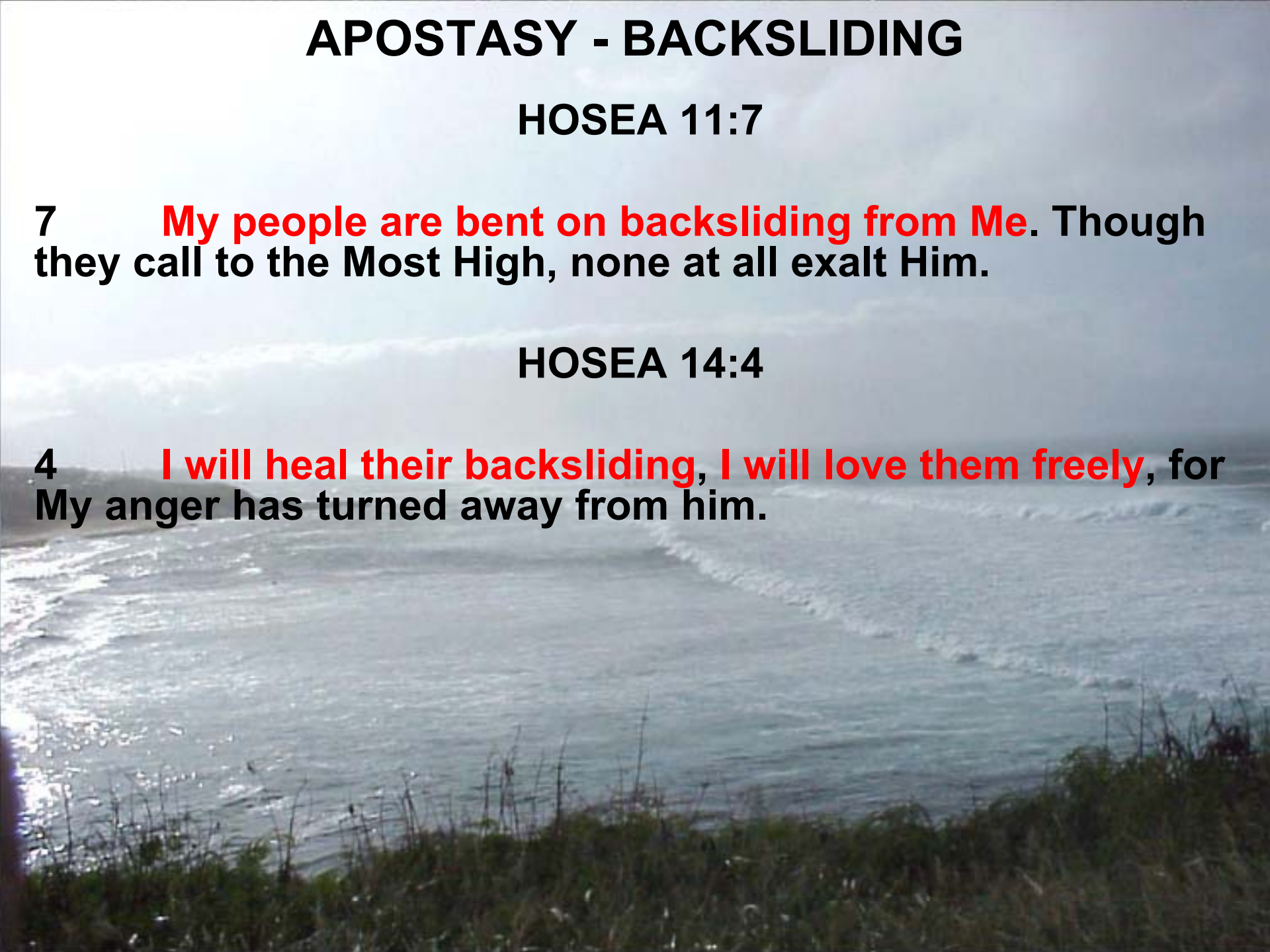
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HOSEA 11:7

7 **My people are bent on backsliding from Me.** Though they call to the Most High, none at all exalt Him.

HOSEA 14:4

4 **I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely,** for My anger has turned away from him.



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ZEPHANIAH 1:4-6

4 I will stretch out My hand against Judah, and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place, the names of the idolatrous priests with the pagan priests.

5 Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops. Those who worship and swear oaths by the LORD, But who also swear by Milcom;

6 Those who have turned back from following the LORD, and have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him.

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LUKE 8:11-15

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, **who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.**

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LUKE 8:11-15

14 And the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

(Matthew 13:3-9; 13:18-23

Mark 4:3-20)

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MATTHEW 24:9-13

9 They will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 Many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

11 Then **many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

12 And **because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.**

13 But He who endures to the end shall be saved.

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JOHN 15:6

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered. And they gather them and throw them into the fire and they are burned.

JOHN 15:22

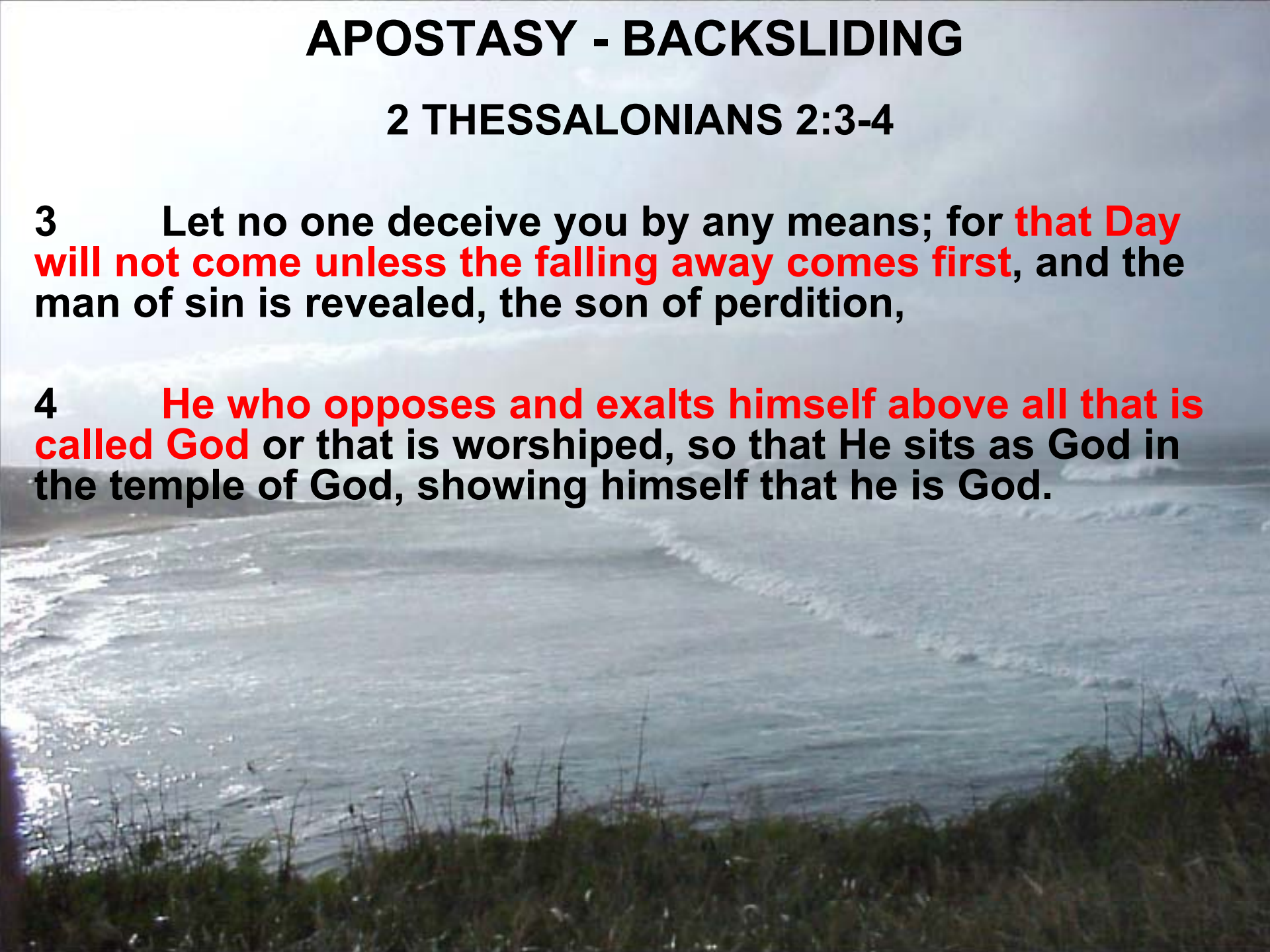
22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, But now they have no excuse for their sin.

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2 THESSALONIANS 2:3-4

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for **that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first**, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 **He who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God** or that is worshiped, so that He sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.



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2 THESSALONIANS 2:9-12

9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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HEBREWS 3:12-13

12 Brethren, Beware lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.



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HEBREWS 6:4-6

4 It is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 And have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 **If they fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

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HEBREWS 10:24-27

24 Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.

25 **Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,** but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

26 **For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth,** there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 **But a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.**

HEBREWS 10:39

39 **We are not of those who draw back to perdition,** but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

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1 TIMOTHY 1:18-20

18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare,**

19 **having faith and a good conscience,** which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,

20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

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1 TIMOTHY 4:1-3

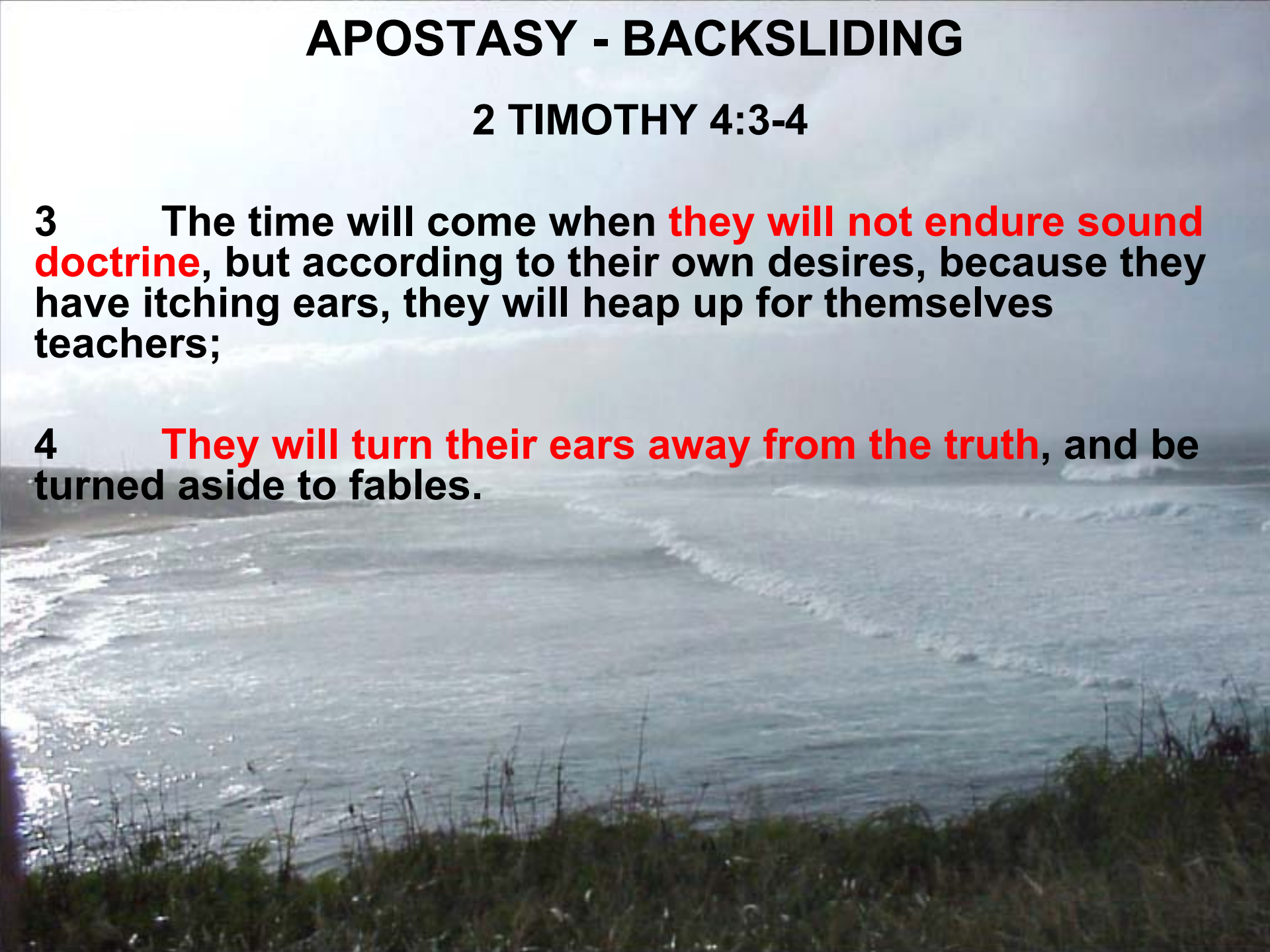
- 1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- 2** Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
- 3** Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

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2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

3 The time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 **They will turn their ears away from the truth**, and be turned aside to fables.



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2 PETER 2:1-2

1 There were **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, **who will secretly bring in destructive heresies**, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 And **many will follow their destructive ways**, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.



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2 PETER 2:15-22

15 **They have forsaken the right way and gone astray**, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 He was rebuked for his iniquity. A dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 **These are wells without water**, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

18 When **they speak great swelling words of emptiness**, they allure through **the lusts of the flesh**, through **lewdness**, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

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2 PETER 2:15-22

19 While they promise them liberty, **they themselves are slaves of corruption**; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

20 For if, **after they have escaped the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled in them and overcome**, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

21 It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb: **A dog returns to his own vomit**, and, a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.

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2 PETER 3:17-18

17 Beloved, since you know this beforehand, **Beware, lest you also fall from your own steadfastness**, being led away with the error of the wicked;

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.



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JUDE 1:3-7

- 3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.**
- 4 Certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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JUDE 1:3-7

- 5 But **I want to remind you**, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, **afterward destroyed those who did not believe.**
- 6 And **the angels who did not keep their proper domain, But left their own abode**, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
- 7 As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, **having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh**, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

