

Perilous Times II (2023)

Perilous means exposure to the risk of being injured, d**estroyed**, or lost.

Perilous times are d**angerous** times.

Perilous times are something that imperils or e**ndangers**.

Perilous times have definitions, descriptions, and s**ources**.

What are some sources of perilous times?

KJV **Acts 2:40** And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourself from this **untoward generation**.

ESV **Acts 2:40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this **crooked generation**."

Amp **Acts 2:40** And Peter solemnly testified and continued to admonish and urge them with many more words, saying, "Be saved from this **crooked and unjust generation!**"

Why are there perilous times?

I

This is n**othing** n**ew**!

Children of God can become crooked and twisted!

NKJV Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He. ⁵ “They have **corrupted** themselves; They are not His children, Because of their blemish: A **perverse and crooked generation**.

Perverse is h6141. שָׁקֵץ ‘iqêš; from 6140; distorted; hence, false: — crooked, froward, perverse.
AV (11) - froward 6, perverse 4, crooked 1;
twisted, distorted, crooked, perverse, perverted

Crooked is h6618. פִּתְּלוֹל petaltôl; from 6617; tortuous (i.e. crafty): — crooked.
AV (1) - crooked 1;
twisted, tortuous

ESV Deuteronomy 32:5 They have dealt **corruptly** with him;
they are no longer his children because they are blemished;
they are a **crooked and twisted generation**.

*When we change the glory, the truth, and the natural use we bring corruption leading to the wrath of God. **Romans 1***

II

Being twisted will hinder our walk of faith.

When we are twisted it hinders our confidence.

When we are faithless and twisted it hinders our results.

^{ESV} **Matthew 17:17** And Jesus answered, “**O faithless and twisted generation**, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.”

When we are faithful and straight, we are positioned to be used.

^{NKJV} **Matthew 17:18** And Jesus **rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured** from that very hour.

Start straight! Stay straight! Finish straight!

III

To advance the kingdom in perilous times we must be right with God and man.

^{ESV} **Philippians 2:15** that you may be **blameless and innocent**, children of God without blemish in the **midst of a crooked and twisted generation**, among whom **you shine as lights in the world**,

Blameless means g0273. ἄμεμπτος amemptos; from 1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of 3201; irreproachable: — blameless, faultless, unblameable. AV (5) - blameless 3, unblameable 1, faultless 1; blameless, **deserving no censure, free from fault or defect**

Innocent means g0185. ἀκέραιος akeraios; from 1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of 2767; unmixed, i.e. (figuratively) innocent: — harmless, simple. AV (3) - harmless 2, simple

1 unmixed, pure as in wines or metals **2** of the mind, **without a mixture** of evil, free from guile, innocent, simple

Be uncompromising!

Be of high character!

- Be light in a twisted generation!
- *Look in a mirror behind you!*
- *Know who's behind you!*
- *Look through your windshield before you!*
- Consider what's at stake if you get distracted!

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