

## The Pied Piper Of Pentecost

In 1284, while the town of Hamelin was suffering from a rat infestation, a man dressed in pied clothing appeared, claiming to be a rat-catcher. He promised the mayor a solution for their problem with the rats. The mayor, in turn, promised to pay him for the removal of the rats. The man accepted, and played a musical pipe to lure the rats with a song into the Weser River, where all but one drowned.

Despite his success, the mayor reneged on his promise and refused to pay the rat-catcher the full amount of money. The man left the town angrily, but vowed to return some time later, seeking revenge.

On Saint John and Paul's day while the inhabitants were in church, he played his pipe yet again, dressed in green, like a hunter, this time attracting the children of Hamelin.

One hundred and thirty boys and girls followed him out of the town, where they were lured into a cave and never seen again. Depending on the version, at most three children remained behind.

One of the children was lame and could not follow quickly enough, the second was deaf and followed the other children out of curiosity, and the last was blind and unable to see where they were going. These three informed the villagers of what had happened when they came out of church.

There are many different versions of this story, but as I look at it I can see that the Pied Piper of Pentecost has done the same in this day and time.

Not only has he deceived the children, but the adults also have followed close behind, not seeing they follow, not hearing the word of God they are lead astray.

The Pied Piper of Pentecost is none other than the devil himself who has lead many astray, being fully aware of where they were going and the consequences of following him.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

1 Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Israel was warned more than once about following false God's

Deuteronomy 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived and ye turn aside and serve other gods and worship them;

Jesus warned the people of his day:

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ and the time draws near: go ye not therefore after them.

I can see in these last days that people are unaware of the deception of Satan as they follow him as he plays a tune that has lulled them into spiritual sleep.

Not because they don't know better, but because they have convinced themselves that it doesn't matter about being faithful to the words of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 30:17-18

17 But if your heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away and worship other gods and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither you pass over Jordan to go to possess it.

James 1:14-16

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Warning after warning has come and people have refused to listen, refused to change, refused to follow after God and will be lead as these children in the story, to their own destruction.

Satan, like the Pied Piper feels cheated, he feels like he hasn't gotten what is due him, but God revealed to the angels his deception to take over the Kingdom and here on earth and they willingly followed him to their destruction:

He's still playing his music but it is not praise to the Lord but a tune of deception that leads people to destruction.

2 Peter 2:4-7

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

And Satan willingly, without force, has drawn people away to be destroyed. Church is not a quick fix when you are feeling low and need a spiritual high.

Church is the sanctuary where the Almighty God meets His people to give instructions on what his plan for humanity is.

But the Pied Piper of Pentecost has played a tune that has caused many to grow cold and feel that they have no need for the things of God.

Revelation 3:15-22

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because you say, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and know not that you art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear and anoint your eyes with eye salve that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me.

21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

The tune of death has been played and people are dancing their way into hell!

People that are truly seeking heaven need to seek God for clear directions. Paul wrote to Timothy in

2 Timothy 4:2-4

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers,

having itching ears;

We are living in that day right now and people aren't aware of it.

I am talking about Church People!

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.

This is what is happening today! They have turned away their ears from the truth, and have believed a lie and they have turned to fables, fictional stories: which is not the full truth.