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## Paths Pt 2 the path that leads to destruction

This is our second study from the scriptures on pathways. In our first teaching we covered three points– (i) there is a path of the Lord which is righteousness and judgment (ii) the Lord leads his children in the paths of righteousness, and (iii) The Lord keeps the path of judgment and preserves the way of his saints. In this study we cover an additional three points – (i) the path of the wicked is destruction and wasting, ii) enter not into the path of the wicked, iii) the false prophets cause God's children to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths

### 1.The path of the wicked is wasting and destruction.

“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. [7] Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths” (Is.59:2,7).

### 2. Enter not into the path of the wicked

“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men” (Prov.4:14).

### 3. The false prophets cause God's children to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths

“Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up” (Jer.18: 15).

#### Illustration

The way of the Hair Krishna on the street is to entice those who are beguiled by sin, the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes and the pride of life– those things which are not of the Father, and they offer a form of godliness, but deny the truth thereof. They hand out their literature with well meaning intent – to help the struggling to get out of their pathway of sin and degradation. But those that join them only jump “out of the frying pan into the fire”, as the saying goes.

#### Question of the scriptures

What ways of the wicked entice believers to take a path that leads to destruction?

#### Answer from the scriptures

The path of the strange woman leads unto the dead– “To deliver thee from the strange woman...her house inclineth unto death..” (Prov.2:16).

The “lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: [4] But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. [5] Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell...” (Prov.5: 3–5).

The strange woman – let not thine heart decline to her ways nor astray in her paths “Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths” (Prov.7: 25).

None that take her path return again nor the paths of life– Prov.2:19–“None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life”

Let us “Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; [13] And make straight paths for your feet...” (Heb.12: 12, 13). Knowing that the Lord weighs the path of the just (Is.26: 7). Lest He incline our ways and make them crooked (Lam 3:9). Be not seduced to enter into the path of the wicked, but make thy path straight.