

The Great Deception

*How To Keep From Falling Away in the Last Days
(Part 4)*

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Ephesians 6:12 KJV

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12 AMPC

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

Ephesians 6:12 GNT

*12 For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, **the rulers, authorities,** and cosmic powers of this dark age.*

This is the group of angels that make up the kingdom of satan right now. There is a group of angels that remain with satan and a group of fallen angels that came down before the flood of Noah and after the flood of Noah. These race of giants were then completed destroyed at the time of David.

God's Word is telling you and I to help us understand what we are fighting because these wicked angels will be with satan until the end of the Tribulation. These are the one-third from Revelation 12:4 and the other angels that came down into the daughters of men who produced the giants which are now in hell but have spread their seed.

Three Groups of Angels:

- 1. Angels that are still with the Lord (2/3)**
- 2. Angels that are bound under the earth. (2 Peter 2, Jude)
These are fallen angels.**
- 3. Angels that are working with satan (Revelation 12 and Ephesians 6). These are the principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness of this world and the spiritual wickedness in high places.**

Angels can be a spirit and invisible...

Psalm 104:4 KJV

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Psalm 104:4 AMPC

4 Who makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His ministers.

Hebrews 1:14 AMPC

14 Are not the angels all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service [of God for the assistance] of those who are to inherit salvation?

So, angels can be invisible and unable to be seen with the human eye. But, angels can also take upon themselves the form of humans beings (2 angels at the time of Lot, Genesis 18 & 19) all throughout scripture. Angels, which are spirits can take on a variety of forms.

Luke 3:22 KJV

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:16 KJV

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

When these people were standing in the Jordan River they did not see a man descending from heaven, they saw a dove. They recognized it as the Holy Spirit and realized that the Spirit can take on different forms.

We need to understand when we are talking about angels and spirits, we are dealing with an entirely different realm than what you and I are familiar with. We are familiar with the natural realm and fighting “things” with man’s armor or ideas instead of God’s.

You and I are anointed to fight these giants (**or Canaan**) in our lives, in government, education, media and in the End Times Church. We need to stop looking and thinking about our own abilities to fight back, using our own wisdom. God has given you and I something on the inside - His Spirit to fight the enemy.

1 Samuel 16:1-23 AMPC

*1 The Lord said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing **I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil;***

*I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For **I have provided for Myself a king among his sons.***

2 Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take a heifer with you and say, I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.

3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.

4 And Samuel did what the Lord said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming and said, Have you come peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice. And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

6 When they had come, he looked on Eliab and said, **Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him.**

7 **But the Lord said to Samuel, Look not on his appearance or at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.**

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. But Samuel said, Neither has the Lord chosen this one.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. Samuel said, Nor has the Lord chosen him.

10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, **The Lord has not chosen any of these.**

11 **Then [he] said to Jesse, Are all your sons here? [Jesse] said, There is yet the youngest; he is tending the sheep.** Samuel said to Jesse, Send for him; for we will not sit down to eat until he is here.

12 Jesse sent and brought him. David had a healthy reddish complexion and beautiful eyes, and was fine-looking. **The Lord said [to Samuel], Arise, anoint him; this is he.**

*13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David **from that day forward.***

David was anointed to prepare for war, to face giants in his life and for God's people - from his own family, friends, Philistines - everything. He wasn't supposed to face these giants thinking it was his own abilities and resources that would give him victory.

The giants (**or Canaan**) in your life will keep you up at night - they will taunt you when you try to figure out your own way. In this passage in 1 Samuel, David was already anointed to be the next king by Samuel. He had been preparing for the next appointments in his life. From his sling shot to protect the sheep, to the harp in order to one day be playing for the first King, Saul in his court. Now, 5 years after being anointed King, let's look at what David did in 1 Samuel 17.

1 Samuel 17:16-54 KJV

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. (Goliath was taunting them)

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren;

18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded

him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, **the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name**, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? **for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, (not a child of God)** that he should defy the armies of the living God? (he's stating God is bigger than the giant)

27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; **and Eliab's anger was kindled against David**, and he said, Why camest thou down hither?

and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

*31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before **Saul: and he sent for him.***

32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

You are anointed to deal with the giants (Canaan) in your life with God's Word, with His Spirit and His wisdom. You are not anointed to deal with it as a natural man or with your old way of doing things which leads to depression, anxiety, fear, sleepless nights, drunkenness, addictions, apathy, etc.

Proverbs 14:12 KJV

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 KJV

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

These giants that David fought, conquered (seed of the serpent/spirits), that we have been studying in God's Word want to stop you, to deceive you and ultimately rob you of the promise of eternity. They want to stop God's Word from being preached, the whole counsel of God's Word to be taught, His Laws, His Commands so that people will be deceived, duped and misled into error. This is just as the Bible said it would happen.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 AMPC

1 But understand this, that *in the last days will come (set in) perilous (spiritually difficult) times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].*

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

The cause(s) of these “spiritually difficult times” is what we are identifying during this study. There is the seed of the serpent (sin nature) that we are born into that we need to die to every day. Then, there’s the spiritual wickedness in high places. These forces are the world rulers of this present darkness, spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

There is a battle going on and although it manifests itself in the natural or physical realm, it is a spiritual battle. The battles in the United States are not political but Biblical. The church is being deceived when we think and speak “it’s just political”.

This spiritual warfare is manifesting itself politically, it is the End Times Harvest shaking that Paul told the End Times Church would take place. The enemy comes to divide all people, including the Church. When you see the dividing of God's Word/Laws, the adding and deleting of His Word, that is the spirit of the antichrist.

“The Church” in the United States is divided on what is truth, what is political, what is Biblical, which causes many Christians to stay silent because they don't want to fight. I've got news for you - you are in God's Army and you are in a fight, a fight for your life, your eternity and for the lost souls which we are commanded with spreading the seed of the gospel.

The enemy is cunning and uses what is going on in this country to divide followers of Christ and the Church. The dark and light, or believer and unbeliever, are already divided so it should not come as a surprise when evil attacks that which is good.

Romans 16:17-20 AMPC

17 I appeal to you, brethren, to be on your guard concerning those who create dissensions and difficulties and cause divisions, in opposition to the doctrine (the teaching) which you have been taught. [I warn you to turn aside from them, to] avoid them.

18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites and base desires, and by ingratiating and flattering speech, they beguile the hearts of the unsuspecting and simpleminded [people].

19 For while your loyalty and obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I would have you well versed and wise as to what is good and innocent and guileless as to what is evil.

20 And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you.

Romans 16:17-20 KJV

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

We are instructed to know the Word and be able to rightly divide it. Not be divided by what people are twisting and making us feel inferior about what God's Word says. Mockers and scoffers are here in the Church which was foretold in Peter and Jude.

2 Timothy 2:15 AMPC

15 Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1 Corinthians 11:2 AMPC

*2 I appreciate and commend you because you always remember me in everything and keep firm possession (**preserve, conserve**) of the traditions (the substance of my instructions), just as I have [verbally] passed them on to you.*

1 Corinthians 11:2 KJV

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

Deuteronomy 6:6 KJV

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

These passages are just a few examples in God's Word of the synonyms for commands: traditions, truth, law, Word, ordinances, instructions, etc.

John 14:15 KJV

*15 If ye love me, keep **my commandments**.*

John 14:23 KJV

*23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep **my words**: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

You and I are here for such a time as this (Esther 4:14) to preserve or conserve the traditions of, or the truth of God's Word at all times and every where. Unashamed, not afraid - no fear.

John 8:32 KJV

*32 And ye shall know **the truth**, and the truth shall make you free.*

In this passage, Jesus says, the truth: My words, My commands all meaning the same thing. God's Word is His commands and the Father will love you and will come to whoever keeps them.

But, there will be people as the Word says (Romans 16, 2 Peter, Jude), that come to divide you and I or the Church from the outside or the dark but also from within, the Church. This spirit will manifest itself by sharing partial truths, speaking false or heresy and also speaking/acting outside of the pulpit contrary to God's Word. They will also use their platforms and podiums to mislead people by their cunning and subtle deceptions.

Genesis 3:1 KJV

*I Now the serpent **was more subtil** than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Genesis 3:1 AMPC

*I Now the serpent **was more subtle and crafty** than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?*

Satan is referenced all throughout God's Word and we are given his characteristics or his character in order not to be fooled.

Synonyms for Satan

adversary, angel of the bottomless pit, accuser of our brethren, the devil, enemy, evil spirit, father of lies, liar, lying spirit, old serpent, power of darkness, prince of this world, prince of demons, prince of the power of the air, spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience, tempter, the god of this world.

God knows the character of satan because He created him and knows how he is trying to deceive you and I along with the 1/3 of the angels that left to go with satan to rule this world.

As the prince of this world, ruler of this present darkness, the spirit force of wickedness, he uses multiple venues or spiritual green houses to grow the wicked seed or sinful seed. This is a resurrection of the giants which is the seed of the serpent that God's people are supposed to destroy and that Paul said "I die to daily".

So, how does this seed (good or bad) grow? The good seed needs to be watered by a good or righteous environment to grow righteously or holy. In our development of that good seed as we accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the pastor is commanded to come along and help in this process - but, you have to participate in this process, you're commanded to as well.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 AMPC

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:

2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,

4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

The bad seed needs to be watered or grown in a wicked/evil environment. That seed needs growth or watering from an environment, that environment (government, education, media, woke/liberal church) helps to grow seed. God's Word, His commands, are meant for the believer's protection from being with other "bad seed".

Proverbs 13:20 GNT

20 Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make friends with stupid people, you will be ruined.

Proverbs 13:20 KJV

20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Paul is answering the question(s) by the Church in Corinth: Did we miss the rapture? Is this the Tribulation? What must I do to be ready for the rapture, what should I look out for?

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 AMPC

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, impurity of a sort that is condemned and does not occur even among the heathen; for a man has [his own] father's wife.

2 And you are proud and arrogant! And you ought rather to mourn (bow in sorrow and in shame) until the person who has done this [shameful] thing is removed from your fellowship and your midst!

3 As for my attitude, though I am absent [from you] in body, I am present in spirit, and I have already decided and passed judgment, as if actually present,

4 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, on the man who has committed such a deed. When you and my own spirit are met together with the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 You are to deliver this man over to Satan for physical discipline [to destroy carnal lusts which prompted him to incest], that [his] spirit may [yet] be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 [About the condition of your church] your boasting is not good [indeed, it is most unseemly and entirely out of place]. Do you not know that [just] a little leaven will ferment the whole lump [of dough]?

7 Purge (clean out) the old leaven that you may be fresh (new) dough, still uncontaminated [as you are], for Christ, our Passover [Lamb], has been sacrificed.

8 Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of vice and malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened [bread] of purity (nobility, honor) and sincerity and [unadulterated] truth.

9 I wrote you in my [previous] letter not to associate [closely and habitually] with unchaste (impure) people—

10 Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether!

11 But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person. 12 What [business] of mine is it and what right have I to judge outsiders? Is it not those inside [the church] upon whom you are to pass disciplinary judgment [passing censuring sentence on them as the facts require]?

13 God alone sits in judgment on those who are outside. Drive out that wicked one from among you [expel him from your church].

Paul is speaking to a church here again, answering the same questions...

Galatians 6:7-8 KJV

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

So, there's the command for God's Seed, you and I, new creatures or creations in Christ, to stay away from the bad seed. It's not a command to not share the gospel but to not have close personal relationships with people who are pulling you down.

Those people or seed that are in the dark or say they are believers but do not show fruit and habitually sin - we are commanded to walk away from. When they are not turning from their sin, or repenting and you are continually in their life, God's Word says in order for them to see their wicked ways is for you to allow His Word and His discipline to work through you - you have to leave.

First we have "seed", and then "environment". That environment is controlled by the prince of this world, ruler of this present darkness, the spirit force of wickedness (Ephesians 6:12). This is what draws seed together and waters it and allows it to grow. The giants/spirit gain strength from this environment.

This process works both ways, good seed and bad seed. Godly environment from home, church, friends, family, devotions etc. the seed grows. Without that environment the good seed dies and the bad seed will seek out it's wicked environment. Remember anything absent from God's Word is wicked or evil.

What satan is using for the evil seed/giants to grow is: Government (rules and laws), Education, Media, Entertainment/Sports and the Liberal Church (Liberating from the truth). These environments have been around since the beginning of time and we are seeing more spiritual wickedness in these high places than ever before.

Ephesians 6:12 AMPC

*12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly **(supernatural) sphere.***

These areas of influence or environments are critical today for the Kingdom of God. This is where the enemy who is subtle, cunning, & ruthless wants to use as a trap to get as many people in the Church as he can to hell. This is where the fight in the natural through supernatural means will be won or lost. Our job as followers or imitators of Jesus Christ is to raise up, point out the wickedness, blast the trumpet, sound the alarm to help those in the church and a new generation to realize and understand the bigger picture. Remember, don't be duped, deceived and be misled into error - in the Church.

Matthew 4:8-11 AMPC

8 Again, the devil took Him up on a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory (the splendor, magnificence, preeminence, and excellence) of them.

9 And he said to Him, These things, all taken together, I will give You, if You will prostrate Yourself before me and do homage and worship me.

10 Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan! For it has been written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve.

11 Then the devil departed from Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Matthew 4:8-11 KJV

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The first deception, deceiving “thing” (character/spirit/giant/Canaanite/attribute/characteristic) that we will be studying is Jezebel.

This study on Jezebel and the spirit of Jezebel is not to down women spiritually. We have to be able to talk about God's Word without fear of being politically correct. The devil would love for you to hear this and let it divide you because that is the spirit of the antichrist and you won't hear what the Holy Spirit is trying to tell you about this Jezebel spirit - for your protection.

When you read the Bible you will find there was a female judge by the name of Debra in the Old Testament-Judges 4 & 5. There were also 5 women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

You will also discover in the book of Joel that it says 'sons and daughters and handmaids' (handmaids is female), are going to prophesy.

Joel 2:28-29 AMPC

28 And afterward I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

29 Even upon the menservants and upon the maidservants in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 KJV

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

This was first seen or the beginning of the fulfillment of “this is that” in the New Testament in Acts 2 when the 120 were instructed by Jesus to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-18 AMPC

1 And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,

2 When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit [a]kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].

5 Now there were then residing in Jerusalem Jews, devout and God-fearing men from every country under heaven.

6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together and they were astonished and bewildered, because each one heard them [the apostles] speaking in his own [particular] dialect.

7 And they were beside themselves with amazement, saying, Are not all these who are talking Galileans?

8 Then how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own (particular) dialect to which we were born?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and [the province of] Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and the transient residents from Rome, both Jews and the proselytes [to Judaism from other religions],

11 Cretans and Arabians too—we all hear them speaking in our own native tongues [and telling of] the mighty works of God!

12 And all were beside themselves with amazement and were puzzled and bewildered, saying one to another, What can this mean?

13 But others made a joke of it and derisively said, They are simply drunk and full of sweet [intoxicating] wine.

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: You Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be [explained] to you so that you will know and understand; listen closely to what I have to say.

15 For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is [only] the third hour (about 9:00 a.m.) of the day;

16 But [instead] **this is [the beginning of] what was spoken through the prophet Joel:**

Acts 2:16 KJV

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams.

18 Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom].

Why did Jesus tell them to wait for the Holy Spirit?

John 16:8-13 AMPC

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

12 I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

Why, at the Time of the End, would we need to be reminded about: sin, righteousness, judgment and “things” to come?

Matthew 24:3-11 AMPC

3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?

4 Jesus answered them, Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;

8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish].

9 Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 And then many will be offended and repelled and will begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.

11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.

Paul said it would be spiritually difficult and that false preachers/teachers would come lead people into error. Jesus, Peter, John and Jude all told the End Times church that many will come into the Church no longer preaching the true gospel. They would twist the truth about sin, about the end time events, about judgment and many false prophets will come... many.

There are Old Testament prophets who have been proven never to be wrong and we have examples in the New Testament as well. Phillip had four virgin daughters who prophesied.

Acts 21:8-9 KJV

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

Now, this doesn't mean all women will prophesy, this doesn't mean all men will prophesy. This doesn't mean all will have the gift of healing...this is false teaching that is going on in the Church at large today. These false teachers are trying to divide the Church and get their followers (not followers of Christ) to become full of spiritual pride - that was prophesied that in the Last Days that would happen.

1 Corinthians 12:1-14 KJV

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 *Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.*

3 *Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*

4 *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

5 *And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.*

6 *And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.*

7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

8 *For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*

9 *To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*

10 *To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*

11 *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man severally as he will.***

12 *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

14 *For the body is not one member, but many.*

1 Corinthians 12:11 AMPC

*11 All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] **as He chooses**.*

1 Corinthians 12:11 ESV

*11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually **as he wills**.*

God performs His will by giving who He needs to do that which He wants. **The teaching of practicing healing or practicing prophecy is heresy and makes people believe that there is something wrong with them if they can't.** This also leads people to believe that this false teacher is the only one that can fix them, that they have the power. But Jesus said "it's not me but it is God, He does the work".

He or she preacher/teacher/self proclaimed prophet makes that person even more dependent on them instead of Jesus Christ. You will see great spiritual pride in this movement and a stubbornness to come under any spiritual discipline or authority.

Now let's look at this spirit of Jezebel that is referred to and seen throughout God's Word. This spirit is primarily found in women but it can be in men also. Remember, God's Word says what happened in the beginning will happen in the end... I command you to know so you won't be deceived and duped, led into error. This spirit attacks God's people from positions outside of the Church and inside the Church. This is very important to understand...

We are going to start with the Old Testament and begin with Jezebel, identify the others and go back and break them down to what is happening right now (thru the lens of scripture in the current events).

1 Kings 16:29-31 KJV

*29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and **Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.***

*30 And Ahab the son of Omri **did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him.***

*31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that **he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians,** and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.*

Jezebel was the daughter of King Ethbaal and the wife of King Ahab. She was so fierce in her dominion and control that she beheaded prophets of God.

1 Kings 18:4 KJV

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

The second woman in the Old Testament that is rarely preached about is found in 2 Kings 11:1. Ahaziah was King Ahab's son and his mother Athaliah was the daughter of Jezebel. The Bible says that she killed or destroyed the royal seed.

2 Kings 11:1 KJV

*1 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, **she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.***

So, you have Jezebel beheading the prophets of God. Then you have a daughter who comes years later who becomes a leader and with that power begins to slay the royal seed of Judah.

The royal seed of Judah was born from the Kings of Judah and she wanted to be queen, she wanted to be in control. So, she would do whatever was necessary to sit on the throne where men had sat for centuries. She would go as far as murder to have her assignment or desire accomplished.

However, there was one infant by the name of Joash (2 Kings) who was hidden in a special chamber for six years in the Temple... At age 7 he came forth and was anointed king and ruled for 40 years defeating that spirit in that day.

The seed that the Bible said would prophesy in Joel 2:28-29. The seed of the serpent or giants going back to the beginning who were trying to stop God's people from their Promises or Promised Land.

This giant or evil spirit of Jezebel is not just trying to kill babies but she is trying to shut down God's Word from being spoken today. That (Jezebel) spirit is trying to get laws changed that are contrary to God's Word. She is trying to kill and destroy the seed of righteousness.

But, just like God gave protection to that Royal Seed in 2 Kings, **He will preserve a remnant to do His Word for the appointed time.**

There are two women who have the same spirit in the New Testament. Remember, this spirit which is predominately found in women, will kill the seed and kill the seed of the gospel from being spread. This spirit wants to be in authority and will do it at any cost - we will get into the specifics of the characteristics later in this study and how it manifests itself in: **government, education, media, entertainment and in the Church.**

One of the women in the New Testament was named Herodias. She was the woman who had a daughter that Herod lusted after. The lust burned so bad that he said I will give you anything you want, even up to half of the kingdom. So, she went back to her mother and said I want you to get the head of John the Baptist.

Matthew 14:8 AMPC

8 And she, being put forward and prompted by her mother, said, Give me the head of John the Baptist right here on a platter.

Herod was terrified of John, but went ahead with the vow that he made and had John the Baptist killed and brought his head to her on a silver platter.

When you go back to the time of Ahab in 1 Kings 18, there were thousands of prophets who were beheaded by Jezebel. When you go forward to the time of Christ, you have that same spirit.

That spirit is operating the same way, she is taking away the voice of a man in the wilderness (just like the prophets of old).

Matthew 3:1-6 AMPC

1 In those days there appeared John the Baptist, preaching in the Wilderness (Desert) of Judea

2 And saying, Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 This is he who was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness (shouting in the desert), Prepare the road for the Lord, make His highways straight (level, direct).

4 This same John's garments were made of camel's hair, and he wore a leather girdle about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the country round about the Jordan went out to him;

6 And they were baptized in the Jordan by him, confessing their sins.

Often times a church doesn't want to hear repent, doesn't want to hear stop being like the world, doesn't want to hear stop the craziness, doesn't want to hear all religions don't believe the same...John had to leave and go out and preach The Word.

That Word was what Jesus preached, repent. They preached that we are the called out ones, not to unite with the world as the Church. The same things Jesus, Peter, Paul, John and Jude said.

This spirit is trying to seduce the men of God to stop preaching the truth (lust/sexual enticement), to twist the truth (desire to be liked) - it is seducing men to stop the seed from going out. Herodias (spirit of Jezebel) hated that voice so much (killing the seed or babies) that she did whatever she could to cut off the head of John the Baptist to silence any opposing voice.

Why was she mad at John? Because she had been someone else's wife and Herod had come in and stripped her away from that man and John the Baptist said it is illegal to be married to her. **She didn't like what he was saying - coming up against "her rights" so she had him killed. Didn't like the truth and attacked or killed the Word or the messenger of the Truth.**

Now, we have another Jezebel in the New Testament, it was a female teacher in Thyatira which was one of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. What happened in the beginning will happen in the end (Isaiah 46)...

Revelation 2:18-29 AMPC

18 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze:

19 I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones.

20 But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired],

and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols.

21 I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.

22 Take note: I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings.

23 And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves.

24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say—I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:

25 Only hold fast to what you have until I come.

26 And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority and power over the nations;

27 And he shall rule them with a sceptre (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father;

28 And I will give him the Morning Star.

29 He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).

Notice, God didn't say she was a prophetess...no, she called herself a prophetess. If you are prophetic, you don't have to go around telling everybody that you are a prophet, to "call me prophet so and so"...

If you call yourself a prophet, tell me ten prophecies that you gave and if 9 of the 10 didn't come to pass or anything short of 10, you're not prophet. **In the old days they would have been stoned. So if you think you're a prophet or listen to someone who thinks they are and they are wrong, (that's how serious God takes false preaching, teaching and prophecy) God or God's Word is not wrong - ever.** We will talk about this more in the weeks to come but this is how the enemy is using the "church" to get people divided.

The Bible says she called herself a prophetess and one of the things she was doing in the Church was seducing the men and was telling them it was ok to be offering or doing "things" that were sacrificed to idols or were no longer sin. (Rev. 2:20)

God's Word says He was going to give her a season to repent but if she didn't, He was going to remove her from the position completely.

Four Jezebel Spirits

1. Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab Athaliah,
2. Jezebel's daughter
3. Herodias, who was the wife of Herod.
4. The woman teacher at Thyatira
in the book of Revelation.

Let's go back to the original Jezebel...God, in the Old Testament tells us what He thinks of this woman and this spirit during that day and today.

1 Kings 21:25 KJV

*25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife **stirred up.***

1 Kings 21:25 AMPC

*25 For there was no one who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord as did Ahab, **incited** by his wife Jezebel.*

1 Kings 21:25 GNT

*25 There was no one else who had devoted himself so completely to doing wrong in the Lord's sight as Ahab—all at the **urging** of his wife Jezebel.*

