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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.

"...freely ye have received, freely give," Mat. 10:8.

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The Apostle Peter warned, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” 1 Pet. 5:8. To be sober means to be discreet, while to be vigilant means to keep awake and watch. Are you employing these tactics in your life or have you gone to sleep and has Satan gotten the advantage over you? This treatise is prepared for you to examine yourself to see whether you have fallen victim to Satan or not.

By Jerry Healan

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An interesting statement is made in Rev. 12:9, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, **WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Isn't it amazing that the very first book of the Bible (Genesis) begins with the deception of the woman in the garden of Eden and when we get to the very last book of the Bible (Revelation) deception is still going on? Shouldn't this tell us something about the serpent Satan? Shouldn't this warn us that something is extremely wrong and that we should take another look at things? Is it always the other religions, the other faiths that are in error while your own faith is the one true faith?

I was a member of a church some years ago that believed that they were the one true church. That church alone had the truth and the inside track to Salvation and the kingdom. Why does anyone choose to be a member of a certain church or faith? Isn't it usually because they believe that they have the keys to salvation and the kingdom? Surely no one attends a church believing that they are deceived and do not have salvation in that way of life and faith which they embrace in that congregation or group of congregations. Surely they believe that their church or study group has an inside track on salvation or they wouldn't be attending there. Surely they don't believe that they are deceived.

One man used to quote, “A deceived person doesn't know that he is deceived.” Isn't that true? A deceived person may eventually find out later that he has been deceived, but during the time that he is deceived, he doesn't know that he is.

The Apostle Paul encouraged, “Put on the whole armour of Yahweh, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil,” Eph. 6:11.

Paul also wrote, “To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of the Messiah; lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices,” 2 Cor. 2:10-11.

THE MEANINGS OF WORDS & NAMES

Words and names have meanings that we sometimes overlook or have a tendency to fail to understand them in the overall scope and concept of their meaning. This is especially true concerning the Scriptures. It would be very instructive to take the descriptive words concerning Satan the devil and look at those words under a magnifying glass. It certainly should increase our scope of understanding as to what is meant.

The word in Eph. 6:11 that “wiles” has been translated from is the Greek word “methodia”. It is #3180 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* (Greek Dictionary). Its meaning is given as: *traveling over*, i.e. *travesty* (*trickery*). It is also translated as “lie in wait.”

“Travesty” means: **1.** a grotesque or farcical imitation for purposes of ridicule; burlesque **2.** a crude, distorted, or ridiculous representation (of something). (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*)

Notice also that the word “wile” has to do with “trickery.” *Webster’s New World Dictionary* defines “wile” as: **1.** a sly trick; deceitful artifice; stratagem **2.** a beguiling or coquettish trick **3.** craftiness, guile.

Do you see what we can already learn about Satan just by researching into the one word “wile” and its various meanings? His character is to misrepresent that which is good and pure with ridicule, burlesque, a crude, distorted or ridiculous representation. How does he do it? Through sly tricks, deceitful artifices and stratagems, beguiling or coquettish tricks, craftiness and guile.

What does “coquettish” mean? **Coquet**, **1.** to behave as a coquet; flirt **2.** to **trifle** or dally....**Coquette**, a girl or woman who merely from vanity tries to get men’s attention and admiration; flirt. (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*)

A harlot is a coquette isn’t she? Don’t the Scriptures reveal

that there is a great harlot who sits on many waters? (Rev. 17:1) This great whore has caused the whole world to wonder at the beast (v. 8). Scripture says that she has committed fornication with the kings of the earth and has made the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine of her fornication (v. 2). Here is a spiritual application of the word “coquette.”

Let’s look at one more word associated with “coquette” which is the word “trifle.” Trifle’s etymology is given thusly; **n.** [ME. < OFr. *truffle*, mockery, dim. of *truffe*, deception] **1.** something of little value or importance; trivial thing, idea, etc.; paltry matter. (*ibid*)

Now how would “trifle” apply spiritually? Could it be that Satan causes us to focus on trifling things and make them into the “more important things” in our mind? While, on the other hand, the important things are made to appear as “trifling” to us?

Now let’s focus on the word “devices” found in 2 Cor. 2:11. “Devices” comes from the Greek word “**noema**” which means, a *perception*, i.e. *purpose*, or (by impl.) the *intellect*, *disposition*, etc. It is #3540 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. It is also translated into our English words mind, thought. It comes from #3539 “**noieo**” which means, to *exercise the mind (observe)*, i.e. (fig.) to *comprehend* and *heed*. “Noieo” is variously translated as consider, perceive, think, and understand.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Now let’s apply this to the scenario presented to us in the Scriptures concerning the incident in the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were “naked” and not ashamed (Gen. 2:25). But when they ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked (Gen. 3:6-7).

What was wrong with them being naked? They were the only two humans around. When Yahweh made them, He made them naked and allowed them to continue in their nakedness. Scripture says, after the whole creation was completed, it was very good (2:31) so there was nothing wrong with that nakedness. Yet, when they took of the fruit they

knew (perceived) their nakedness and made aprons of fig leaves in order to cover themselves (3:7).

However, when Yahweh came walking in the garden in the cool of the day they ran and hid. Why? Adam said, “I heard Thy voice in the garden and I was afraid, because **I was naked**; and I hid myself,” Gen. 3:11. How is it that he still considered himself naked? Didn’t he cover himself with fig leaves? His physical nakedness was covered, but his statement revealed that his nakedness now went further than skin deep. His nakedness now was a concept developed in the mind, the intellect, the perception (noema/noieo).

What had the serpent done? Hadn’t he used trickery, a stratagem, a coquettish trick to deceive the woman into taking of the forbidden fruit? There were two trees in the midst of the garden, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (which represented corruption, sin, death, vanity). Which is better to choose, life or death? Life should be full of movement, awareness, stability, strength, production, enjoyment, even pleasure. But death is full of darkness, chaos, confusion, failure of strength, failure of freedom of movement, cessation of life etc. Life is the choice of reality. Life is the choice of wisdom and understanding. Death is a trifle compared to life. Death is empty, vain, uselessness, nothingness.

The serpent employed a coquettish, trifling trick to beguile the woman into taking of the fruit of emptiness, vanity, grief, suffering and death. Yes the serpent utilized a coquettish trick to parade the tree of the knowledge of good and evil before the woman. He made vanity (a trifling thing) to appear as if it were wonderful and the thing to be desired to make one wise. How did he do that?

THE SUBTIL SERPENT

Scripture says, “Now the serpent was more SUBTIL than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made,” Gen. 3:1. The word “subtil” is #6175 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. Its definition is given as, ‘**ârûwm, pass. part of 6191; cunning** (usually in a bad sense):—crafty, prudent, subtil.

#6191 = ‘**âram**, a prim. root; prop. to *be (or make) bare*; but

used only in the der. sense (through the idea perh. of *smoothness*) to *be cunning* (usually in a bad sense):— x very, beware, take crafty [counsel], be prudent, deal subtilly.

One of the interesting things about this is that when Scriptures say of Adam and Eve, “And they were both NAKED, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed,” (Gen. 2:25), this word “naked” comes from the same root word #6191 ‘âram.

The word to describe Adam and Eve’s nakedness is #6174 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* which is defined as, ‘ârôwm; from 6191 (in its orig. sense); *nude*, either partially or totally:—naked.

E. W. Bullinger comments about this, “they were both naked (‘arum), the man and his wife, and [knowing only good, 2.17] were not ashamed [before G-d]. But the *Nachash* was more wise (‘arum) than any living being of the field which J-hovah Elohim had made, and [knowing evil, and not ashamed (2.25) to question the truth of G-d’s word] he said unto the woman,’ etc.”

Adam and Eve in their original nakedness were good and not knowing any evil were not ashamed of their nakedness. The serpent was more naked, in a spiritual sense, because he knew evil and was not ashamed of it, but rather relished it. He wasn’t even afraid of or ashamed of contradicting Yahweh’s word. This explains how Adam and Eve could have had their nakedness covered with fig leaves, yet still considered themselves naked before Yahweh. That nakedness became a spiritual condition of the mind rather than the outer physical nakedness of the body.

Webster’s New World Dictionary defines “Subtil or subtle” as, 1. thin; rare; tenuous; not dense or heavy [a *subtle* gas] 2. a) capable of making or noticing fine distinctions in meaning, etc. [a *subtle* thinker] b) marked by or requiring mental keenness [subtle reasoning] 3. delicately skillful or clever; deft or ingenious [a *subtle* filigree] 4. not open or direct; crafty; sly 5. delicately suggestive; not grossly obvious [a *subtle* hint] 6. working insidiously; not easily detected [a *subtle* poison].

Satan, the serpent is insidious. He is very skillful, deft, clever and sly. He is a subtle thinker who is able to make or notice

fine distinctions in meaning. Let's take, for example, what he said to the woman, "Yea, hath Elohim said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?' And the woman said unto the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim hath said, 'Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.' And the serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall not surely die: for Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as elohim, knowing good and evil.'" Gen. 3:1-5.

CONTRADICTION

Notice the tactic, the device of the serpent which was employed here. Begin first with a question, then contradict or deny the very words of Yahweh the Creator.

Jude warns, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," v. 3.

Jude is writing to the New Testament assembly. He is warning them (us) that we need to earnestly contend for the ORIGINAL FAITH. What was wrong? What had happened?

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, impious men, **turning** (can also be translated as "perverting") the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness, and **denying** (can also be translated as "contradicting") the only Sovereign Yahweh, and our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah," v. 4.

These are the tactics of the serpent Satan, "pervert, corrupt, and twist, deny and contradict." He did that to deceive the first woman, Eve, and he has done that to also deceive the bride of the Messiah.

The Apostle Paul warns, "Would to Elohim ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with pious jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to the Messiah. But I fear, lest by any means, AS THE SERPENT BEGUILED EVE THROUGH HIS SUBTILTY, SO

YOUR MINDS SHOULD BE CORRUPTED FROM THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN THE MESSIAH,” 2 Cor. 11:1-3.

The Apostle Peter also warned, “But there were false prophets also among the People, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying (contradicting) the Sovereign That bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of (blasphemed). And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not...Yahweh knoweth how to deliver the pious out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of (blaspheme) dignities (the glorious ones). Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before Yahweh. But these, as natural brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of (blaspheme) the things that they understand not, and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; and shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls; an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children; which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man’s voice forbad the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of

the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Sovereign and Saviour Yahshua the Messiah, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, 'The dog is turned to his own vomit again'; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire," 2 Pet. 2:1-3, 9-22.

As the Apostle Paul writes, the New Testament Assembly is to be the bride of Yahshua, but warnings throughout the Scriptures reveal Yahweh's people are deceived time and time again to turn to corruption, emptiness and vanity. Yahshua, Jude, Peter, Paul and others warned the New Testament Assembly that deception and corruption would come to the many even among themselves. The subtle serpent would send his own emissaries to utilize subtle, coquettish tricks to lure the believers away from the truth, from eternal life to a life of vain pursuits and death.

The believers, like Adam and Eve, will find themselves covered with a covering that they trust in among themselves and toward the outside world, but when Yahshua returns, they will realize their error as Adam and Eve did and run and hide because of their nakedness.

THE NAME SATAN

At this point we need to look into the meaning of the name of the perpetrator of deception and evil, that is, Satan. Satan is a Hebrew word. Its meaning is described in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance #7854 of the Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary as; from 7853; an *opponent*; espec. (with the art. pref.) *Satan*, the arch-enemy of good. It is also variously translated as adversary and withstand.

#7853 is defined as; **sâtan**; a prim. root; to *attack*, (fig.) *accuse*. It is variously translated as; (be an) adversary, resist.

The meanings of this name reveal the very nature of Satan the Devil. He is the arch-enemy of everything that is good. He

withstands and resists that which is good. He utilizes the tactics of accusations and attacks (whether true or false) to accomplish his means. He stands as an opponent and adversary against the Creator and His chosen people.

But the first part of the name or word Satan also comes from another Hebrew word “sêt” (sayte). “Sat/set” [sayte] is #7846 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. It is defined as; from 7750; a *departure* from right, i.e. *sin* and is variously translated as revolter, that turn aside.

Satan is the king of those who depart from that which is right, those who turn aside to sin. He is the great revolter or rebel. He is sin (the transgression of the law [1 Jn. 3:4]) personified.

“Sat/set comes from #7750 which is the Hebrew word **sûwt** (soot) which is defined as; a primitive root; to *detrude*, i.e. (intrans. and fig.) become *derelict* (**wrongly practise; namely, idolatry**) and is usually translated as turn aside to. (Emphasis mine.)

The Hebrew characters for Satan are *shin* (c), *tet* (T), and *nun* (n). (Paleo Hebrew) Each Hebrew character not only serves as a letter to make up words, but they also can represent numbers, and/or hieroglyphics. Putting the hieroglyphics together actually can help us to understand the words better.

Let’s take, for instance, the Hebrew word for a woman’s womb, which is *beten* (nTb). The *beit* (b) has to do with a tent, temple, house, or family. The *tet* (T) has to do with something that is surrounded, or an encircling snake. The *nun* (n) has to do with a seed, or life. The seed of life (*nun/n*) is sown in the womb, which is the house (*beit/b*), that surrounds (*tet/T*) that seed. The womb surrounds, houses the seed of life until the day that the birth occurs. Then the family has another life added. So we see how the hieroglyphics help us to understand the meaning of the word.

The characters for Satan are also very descriptive. The *shin* (c) has to do with teeth which are utilized to consume or destroy. The *tet* (T) has to do with that which surrounds, a snake, or serpent. The *nun* (n) has to do with seed, or life. Thus, Satan destroys (*shin/c*), that which surrounds (*tet/T*), the seed, or life (*nun/n*). Or put another way, Satan (nTc) is the encircling

snake, or serpent (*tet/T*) that destroys (*shin/c*) the seed, or life (*nun/n*).

Satan is called a serpent. One of the Hebrew words for serpent is “tan”. “Tan” is #8565 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as; from an unused root prob. mean. to *elongate*; a *monster* (as preternaturally formed), i.e. a *sea-serpent* (or other huge marine animal); also a *jackal* (or other hideous land animal) also being variously translated as dragon, or whale.

One of the first things that comes to mind concerning the definition as a “sea-serpent” is the “leviathan.” Yahweh prophecies, “In that day Yahweh with His sore and great and strong sword shall punish **leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and He shall slay the dragon** that is in the sea,” Isa. 27:1.

“Leviathan” is #3882 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. It is defined as; from 3867; a *wreathed* animal, i.e. a *serpent* (espec. the *crocodile* or some other large sea-monster); fig. the constellation of the *dragon*; also as a symbol of *Bab*. It is also translated as “mourning.” (NOTE: Have you ever wondered why a wreath is placed on the door of a house wherein one of its occupants has died?)

#3867 is the Hebrew word “lavah”; a prim. root; prop. to *twine*, i.e. (by impl.) to *unite*, to *remain*; also to *borrow* (as a form of *obligation*) or (caus.) to *lend*. It is variously translated as; abide with, borrow (-er), cleave, join (self), lend (-er).



Artistic rendering of a great sea serpent.

This accounts for the first part of the word “leviathan” which is “levia”, but it leaves the last part “than” unmentioned. “Than” is made up of the same Hebrew characters that “tan” is made up of, namely, (תן). It is important to keep this in mind as we continue on with the descriptions of Satan. The word “leviathan” would carry the important meaning of the sea-serpent (tan/than) that joins or unites (lavah/levia) with something.

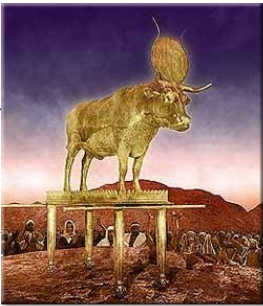
Satan is the leviathan. He is the serpent that unites one with the wrong practices of idolatry. This produces a nakedness that is beyond the natural physical nakedness in which Adam and Eve were created. It is a spiritual nakedness introduced by the serpent Satan to cause one to wrongly practise, namely IDOLATRY. Practicing idolatry, of course, leads to death and destruction.

THE GOLDEN CALF

Upon Israel's deliverance out of Egypt, they were brought to the foot of Mt. Sinai where Yahweh proposed to make a covenant with the people if they would promise to obey Him (Ex. 19:1-8). After personally delivering His commandments, statutes and ordinances (Ex. 20-23) the people promised that they would obey all the words that Yahweh had spoken (Ex. 24:3-8).

Moses was called up into the mount in the midst of the cloud where Yahweh further instructed him concerning the building of a tabernacle, the establishment of the Aaronic priesthood and certain rituals that were to be performed (Ex.24:18, and chapters 25-31).

While Moses was people began to ing where Moses doubt as to whether come back (Ex. Aaron to make before them. Aaron the golden earrings, golden calf from an altar for it, proffered offerings to it down to eat and play (Ex. 32:1-6).



The golden calf, symbol of Israel's idolatry.

in the mount the lose faith question- was and expressing Moses would even 32:1). They besought them elohim to go had them break off etc., fashioning a the jewelry. He built claimed a feast, of- and the people sat drink and rose up to

Israel had just been delivered out of Egypt where the Pharaoh had been worshipped as the incarnate son of god. He was represented by the apis calf or bull. All of the pagan idolatrous nations represented their gods or elohim as a form of a calf or bull. Israel had quickly turned to

idolatry.

When Moses came down to the camp he and Yahshua, the son of Nun heard the noise of the partying and saw the idolatrous abomination that Israel had turned to (Ex. 32: 15-19).

Moses angrily cast the tablets of stone wherein Yahweh had written His commandments breaking them to pieces. He took the golden calf, burned in with fire, ground it to powder and cast it into Israel's water making them drink thereof (Ex. 32:19-20).

Ex. 32:25 says, "And when Moses saw that the People were NAKED; (for Aaron had made them NAKED unto shame among their enemies:)"...

The people had quickly "turned aside", "turned out of the way", "become derelict in their duty", "wrongly practised, namely idolatry" becoming NAKED not only physically, but in a spiritual manner.

This is after the manner of Satan. Satan causes a deep, intense NAKEDNESS that goes further than skin deep. It is a SUBTLE NAKEDNESS that is of the spirit. One can be physically clothed as Adam and Eve had clothed themselves with the fig leaves. As long as it remains physical in appearance to the eyes of man, it appears as if the nakedness is covered. But there is a subtle nakedness that is associated with the mind that does not become apparent until Yahweh discloses Himself. Then the nakedness appears because it is spiritual in nature.

THE SPIRITUAL NAKEDNESS

E. W. Bullinger makes a comment concerning Ex. 32:1 which says, "And when the People saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the People gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, 'Up, **make us elohim (gods)**, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.'

Bullinger comments: "**make us gods**. The great sin of to-day (1 Cor. 10.7, 11). Made now not of materials; but **made by imagination**; and worshipped by the senses." (*The Companion Bible*, p. 34).

Bullinger is referring to the writings of Paul who warned, “**Neither be ye idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, ‘The People sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play’...Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come,” 1 Cor. 10:7, 11.

Bullinger had tremendous insight when he stated that the great sin of today was that the idols were not now necessarily made of materials; but **MADE BY IMAGINATION**. How could Satan deceive the New Testament Assembly so easily that it cannot be detected? Through his subtlety, through his intellect, through the use of skillful mental keenness which notices fine distinctions in meaning (see the definition for the word “subtle” again).

Paul also warned, “Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted,” 1 Cor. 10:6.

What happened to Israel was a warning to us. It was a situation of examples or ensamples (Gk. = tupos = types) for those of us upon whom the end of the age has come.

NEW TESTAMENT APOSTASY

The book of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3 gives an overview of the history of the New Testament Assembly. There were seven assemblies named in those chapters each possessing identifying characteristics. Even though all seven assemblies have possibly co-existed down through history, we do know that they did co-exist at the time that the prophecy was given to the Apostle John. It appears that the order in which the messages are given to each assembly is also an order of the history of the assembly as it existed down through the ages. It seems that the individual spirit of a certain assembly has prevailed during certain eras of history.

The first assembly and prevailing spirit was that of Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7). They were evidently a very hard working, patient assembly that could not tolerate any form or association with the works of idolatry. But they left their first love.

What was the first love of the assembly? Wasn't it to go everywhere and witness to the righteousness and fulfillment of

the Scriptures by Yahshua? Didn't they declare His faithfulness everywhere? But time and other conditions work against us all. Daniel was inspired to prophesy that a little horn would rise up out of the fourth beast kingdom (Dan. 7:8, 20-21). This little horn would wear out the saints of the Most High who were given into his hand (Dan. 7:24). In chapter 8 another little horn was prophesied to rise up which would "destroy the mighty and the holy People" (Dan. 8:24). The word "destroy" can also be translated as "corrupt." In Rev. 13:7 the beast was allowed to make war against the saints and to overcome them. Time and adversity seems to have eventually overcome many of them and they left their first love.

The Smyrna assembly (and era) evidently resisted the beast and its little horns to the death. They loved not their lives in this world, but were willing to suffer in the same manner of the Messiah in order to gain eternal life. It appears that most of them were persecuted right out of existence in this present evil world.

The Pergamos assembly held steadfast to Yahshua's name and did not deny Yahshua's faith, but they began to allow those who held the doctrine of Balaam and also the Nicolaitans to dwell in their midst. Balaam taught Balac how to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel causing them to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication. Peter warned that Balaam loved the wages of unrighteousness.

The Greek word used for "stumbling block" is "skandalon" from which we get our English word "scandal." It can also be translated as trap-stick, snare, occasion to fall and offence. Since Pergamos dwelt where Satan's seat was, it is not difficult to see how Satan could begin to easily influence the saints to allow idolaters into their midst.

The message to Thyatira reveals another step in the downward spiral into idolatry. There is a "Jezebel" in her midst who teaches Yahshua's servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. There are many in this assembly who know the "depths" of Satan (Rev. 2:24). This word "depths" comes from the Greek word "bathos" which also means; *profundity*, i.e. (by impl.) *extent*; (fig.) *mystery*. One of the definitions for "profundity" or "profound" is; marked by

intellectual depth.

There are those in Thyatira who know and teach the profundity, the deep intellectual mysteries, the subtleties of Satan. They are held in a mystery just as the things of Yahweh and Yahshua are held in a mystery. One mystery leads to death while the other leads to life everlasting. But Satan has deceived the many, with his own mystery.

The next assembly era is Sardis which receives a frightening indictment. They have a name as if they live, yet are dead. This can only apply to a name of idolatry, the name of a false elohim. Yahshua warns that most of the names (of the members) in Sardis will be blotted out of the book of life, however he states that there are a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments and will walk with Yahshua in white. He promises to confess the names of the faithful before His Father and before His angels.

Those of the Philadelphian assembly and era keep Yahshua's word and do not deny His name. They evidently undergo a great deal of persecution for this steadfastness because Yahshua promises to make them of the synagogue of Satan to come and worship before their feet, causing them to know that He has loved them. Yahshua promises to write upon them the name of His Elohim, the name of the city of His Elohim, new Jerusalem and Yahshua's own new name.

It is apparent that the Smyrna and Philadelphian eras undergo persecution for holding fast to the truth and the pure worship for which they are exonerated, while the other assemblies have lost their first love and allowed satanic idolatry to come into their midst.

When we finally get to the Laodicean assembly a lukewarm condition exists because they are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing. But Yahshua says that they don't even know that they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and NAKED.

Nakedness means that they are practicing IDOLATRY! However, they are absolutely BLIND to this condition. How can this be? How has this come about? Remember that there is one called Satan! Paul had warned that he had feared that as the serpent had beguiled Eve through his craftiness, even so

their minds were become corrupted from the simplicity that is in the Messiah. (2 Cor. 11:3).

Paul warned, "For if he that cometh preacheth another Yahshua, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another evangel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him," 2 Cor. 11:4.

ANOTHER SAVIOR

Satan is crafty and subtle. He is mentally keen and insidious. He is capable of making or noticing fine distinctions in meaning, etc. Balaam had taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel. Satan has sent his emissaries into the New Testament assembly to cast stumbling blocks before the assembly.

Jude warned, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For **there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, unrighteous men, turning the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness, and denying the only Sovereign Yahweh, and our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah,**" 3-4.

Yahshua had warned of false prophets and false messiahs who would come to deceive. We have already seen that those stumbling blocks were cast before the assembly as reported in Revelation chapters 2 and 3.

Author Raymond Capt writes, "It is of interest to note that the Druids revered a form of the cross. It was their custom to search diligently for a large, handsome oak tree, having two large armlike branches. When viewed in conjunction with the trunk of the tree they formed a cross. This 'cross' was then consecrated by cutting characters for the word 'Hesus' spelled 'Yesu,' upon the right branch. Upon the middle trunk they cut the word, 'Taranus,' upon the left branch, 'Belenus,' and over them all the word 'Than,' meaning God.

"Hesus' or Yesu was the Supreme God whom they worshipped as the great 'All-Heal' and they believed in Him as

the ‘Saviour’ of the world. In both the Druidic religion and the Hebrew religion of patriarchal times we can see a parallel preparation for the coming of Christ. The Old Testament prophets proclaimed that the promised Messiah would come as a babe, grow to be a great teacher, and finally be revealed as the Redeemer.

“Through the ministry of the Druids, the same doctrines were believed, with the expectation of the same Saviour, Hesus (Jesus). In the ancient British tongue, ‘Jesus’ had never assumed its Greek, Latin or Hebrew form, but remained the pure Druidic ‘Hesus’ or ‘Yesu.’ Talisen, a Welsh bard of the sixth century wrote: ‘Christ, the Word from the beginning was in the beginning our Teacher, and we never lost His teachings. Christianity was a new thing in Asia, but there never was a time when the Druids of Britain held not its doctrines.’” (*Stonehenge And Druidism*, pp. 78-79).

Mr. Capt further reveals on page 6 of said book that this sacred oak was the Celtic Zeus.

What is revealed here is that the Hesus of Druidism is equivalent to the Greek Iesus, the Latin Jesus and the modern day Jesus.

THE SACRED OAKS

James G. Frazer European trees claims as the oak pre-eminently the Aryans. Its wor-all the great Aryan stock in seen that it was tree, but the princi-ship of both Celts ing to Grimm, the among the holy mans, and was in-god. It is certainly adored by them in dom, and traces of

Esus felling a tree, one panel of a pair of four-sided blocks, probably originally parts of an altar, found during excavations in the choir of Notre Dame church, Paris, France, in 1711.



The pagan Celtic god Esus, pronounced Hesus.

writes, “Now of all none has such to be considered as sacred tree of the ship is attested for branches of the Europe. We have not only the sacred pal object of wor-and Slavs. Accord-oak ranked first trees of the Ger-deed their chief known to have been the age of heathen-its worship have

survived in various parts of Germany almost to the present day. Amongst the ancient Italians, according to Preller, the oak was sacred above all other trees. The image of Jupiter on the Capitol at Rome seems to have been originally nothing but a natural oak-tree. At Dodona, perhaps the oldest of all Greek sanctuaries, Zeus was worshipped as immanent in the sacred oak, and the rustling of its leaves in the wind was his voice. If, then, the great god of both Greeks and Romans was represented in some of his oldest shrines under the form of an oak, and if the oak was the principal object of worship of Celts, Germans, and Slavs, we may certainly conclude that this tree was one of the chief, if not the very chief divinity of the Aryans before the dispersion; and that their primitive home must have lain in a land which was clothed with forests of oak. (*The Golden Bough*, pp. 291-292)

It is interesting that all of these pagan deities, Zeus, Jupiter, Taranus, Belenus and Hesus (Jesus) were worshipped in the sacred oaks, for Yahweh issues indictments against such things, “And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake Yahweh shall be consumed. For **they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired**, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them*,” Isa. 1:29-31.

Notice that Isaiah says they have forsaken Yahweh and desired the oaks. He also writes, “The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and Yahweh alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of Yahweh of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and **upon all the oaks of Bashan**, And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up, And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures, Isa. 2:11-16.

This condemnation has everything to do with idolatry, pa-

ganism and heathenism for Hosea writes, “My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their Elohim. They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, **under oaks** and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof *is* good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery,” 4:12-13.

Would there be any connection between this Scripture and the immoral sexual practices imbibed in by our world today? The increase in teenage pregnancy is phenomenal in our nation (which is supposed to be a Christian nation) and world at large. Well over half of the marriages end in divorce most of them because of adultery.

Hesus (Jesus) was an oak of Bashan. Those who love the name “Jesus” openly hate and despise the name Yahweh and those who have been led to turn to the true and proper Name of the Creator. They have forsaken Yahweh and turned to love the oaks that Yahweh warns against. However, the world has been deceived by Satan and doesn’t even know of the tie in with the Celtic oak. The assembly has been beguiled by Satan and led to worship another messiah. Satan has “turned aside” the many “uniting them with idolatry.”

THE ENCHANTING SERPENT

If we go back to the excerpt from Raymond Capt’s book *Stonehenge and Druidism* we will find that the word which was written over the names Yesu (Hesus), Taranus and Belenus was the word “Than” meaning “God.” **Than** is a purely Hebrew word for the sea-serpent! The worship of this sacred oak was and is, in fact, serpent worship.

In Gen. 3:1 we read, “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made.” The Hebrew word for “serpent” is “nachash.” It is #5175 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* being defined as; from 5172; a snake (from its hiss).

#5172 is presented as the same Hebrew word “nachash” and is defined as; a prim. root; prop. to hiss, i.e. whisper a (magic) spell; gen. to prognosticate and is variously translated as; di-

vine, enchanter, (use) enchantment, learn by experience, diligently observe, etc.

The serpent whispers a magic spell. He uses whispers, magic spells and enchantments in order to mislead others. "Magic" is the use of charms, spells, and rituals in seeking or pretending to cause or control events, or govern certain natural or supernatural forces; sorcery; witchcraft (*Webster's New World Dictionary*).

Satan has been deceiving and misleading this world through the use of enchantments, charms, spells, rituals, sorcery and witchcraft which causes his adherents to think that they can control events or even govern certain natural and supernatural forces.

THE SPIRITUAL CALF

The incident with the golden calf in the wilderness was a warning to our day and age as Paul warns, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come," 1 Cor. 10:11.

He had previously used the incident of the golden calf as an example, "Now these things were our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, 'The People sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play,'" 1 Cor. 10:6-7. The quotation Paul employs here comes directly from Ex. 32:6 which is related to the incident with the golden calf.

Most of the professing Christian world does not know where the word "God" came from, but many of the teachers and ministers do. In an effort to overthrow the growing movement of the true and proper Names a booklet was produced by Garner Ted Armstrong of the Church of God International which gives true origin of the word "God."

Armstrong writes, "Take, for example, our English word 'God.' Where did it come from? *The Encyclopedia Britannica*, eleventh edition, says, 'God. The common *Teutonic* word for a personal object of worship...The word 'God' [German 'Gott' from 'Guth,' which was related to Tau-

rus, the Bull] on the conversion of the Teutonic races to Christianity, was adopted as the name of the one Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe... 'God' is a word common to all Teutonic language. In Gothic it is *Guth*; Dutch has the same form as English; Danish and Swedish have *Gud*, German *Gott*. According to the *New English Dictionary*, the original may be found in two Aryan roots, both of the form *gheu*, one of which means 'to invoke,' the other 'to pour', the last is used of sacrificial offerings. The word would thus mean the object either of religious invocation or of religious worship by sacrifice. It has also been suggested that the word might mean a 'molten image' from the sense of 'pour.'" (Vol. 12: p. 169.)" (*What is God's Name?* P. 6).

Here is a man who has discovered the root origins of the word "god," which has been utilized as the name of the Creator, and yet he thinks nothing about it. He simply explains it away thusly; "Gott' and related terms, then, were merely Teutonic sounds for 'deity' or 'things that are worshiped,' and are therefore the equivalent of the Hebrew *Elohim*, the Greek *Theos*, and the English *God*.

"Notwithstanding the pagan origins of the word itself, it is important to understand that words are merely sounds, or written characters, which convey thought, meaning, understanding, to the human mind. Today, when a modern Englishman or American addresses 'God' in prayer, he is thinking to address the Father of Jesus Christ; the great God who is Ruler of the universe; the Member of *Elohim* Who created all things *through* His *Logos*, or Spokesman of His Divine Family. Surely, no modern American or Briton thinks he is using a word which connotes a molten image, or means 'to pour,' no matter the ultimate Aryan roots of the English word." (ibid, pp. 6-7).

I agree with GTA on the fact that no one in the modern day world thinks that when he uses the word "God" that he is thinking to address "Taurus, the Bull" or a "molten image" no matter the ultimate Aryan roots of the English word, but GTA also knows the Scripture in Rev. 12:9 which states, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out

into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Remember, a deceived person doesn’t even know that he is deceived does he?

Notice how Armstrong seeks to explain the use of the word “God” away by saying that words are merely sounds and written characters which convey thought, meaning and understanding.

Notice the complaint that Armstrong had against his own father when he found out that he was employing the same tactics that he, himself, is seeking to justify using, “I was especially shocked when he (HWA) told me, and wrote in a letter, of how, when he spoke with Arab heads of state, like Egypt’s late President Anwar Sadat, he could not speak about ‘God and Jesus Christ.’ He said, ‘Their word for God is ‘Allah.’ So, when I speak to them about God, I use the word, ‘Allah.’” But the Bible said we are to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God *in Jesus’ name*. It was the *name* of Jesus that infuriated the Pharisees.

“My father said he spoke to the Jews about the ‘Messiah,’ rather than using the name of Christ. Again, there was disagreement between us.” (*The Origin and History of the Church of God, International* p. 45).

Question: How is it that GTA can excuse and justify the Teutonic races for adopting their own “pagan” name for the Creator and yet condemn his own father for allowing other races to do the same thing?

Question: How is it that GTA can continue to justify utilizing the name “Jesus” as the name that the Pharisees heard when he knows that such is not the case? He knows that the Savior was never called “Jesus” during His whole lifetime and that the Savior’s true name is the same as Yahshua the son of Nun and Yahshua the High Priest (or Yehoshua). The modern day English equivalent to the name Yahshua is Joshua not Jesus.

Question: Why does GTA stand against the use of the word “Messiah” (which is the more accurate, original and true) preferring and arguing for “Christ” the English equivalent to the Greek “Christos”?

Isn’t it strange that he publishes one booklet in 1992 justify-

ing and agreeing with usage of pagan names on the one hand (in *What is God's Name?*) and condemns it in another (in *The Origin and History of the Church of God, International*)? Isn't this duplicity?

GTA continues, "It is also important to understand that God does not frown upon everything created by 'pagan' (or non-Hebrew) cultures. *He forbids only those things that are contrary to His laws and things that misrepresent Who and What He is!*" (*What is God's Name?* p. 7).

Good statement! The word "God", in reality and its original meaning, misrepresents Who and What He is!

ETYMOLOGY OF THE WORD GOD

According to the *New English Dictionary*, the word "God" may be found in two Aryan roots, both of the form *gheu*, one of which means "to invoke," the other "to pour".

In his book *The Roots Of English* Robert Claiborne gives the following meanings for *gheu*: **GHEU-1**, L *fundere, fus-*, to pour, whence the FUNNEL through which you pour things, and the FOUNDRY in which FUSED (molten) metal is poured into molds. Figurative uses include CONFUSE ("pour together"), DIFFUSE ("pour apart"), PROFUSE ("pouring forth"), TRANSFUSE ("pour across"), and REFUND ("pour back"). To REFUSE is another kind of "pouring back"—though some derive the word from a quite different root. A more remote L relative is *futilis*, easily emptied, leaky; pouring water into a leaky vessel is FUTILE.

Gc members of the tribe include GUSH, GUST (a "gush" of wind), the GEYSER from which hot water gushes, and—improbably but pretty certainly—GUT (? because the guts of a butchered animal "pour out").

GHEU-, to yawn or gape (? related to *ghai-*), whence the GUMS you expose when you do. A Gk word for a yawning chasm gave us CHAOS, from which a seventeenth-century Dutch scientist coined GAS.

GHEU (h)-, to call, invoke, whence the Gc GOD one invokes, and GIDDY—a word much weakened from its original sense, "possessed by a god, insane."

In *Word Origins And Their Romantic Stories* (author un-

known) the following is said about the word God: “The central word of all faiths is *God*, and the history of the title *God* is a tangle of guesses. The word *God* itself is related to similar words in Danish, Saxon, Old High German, Scandinavian, and other languages, and may even be related to an ancient Lithuanian word that referred to *someone who practiced magic*.” (p. 279)

Wade Cox of the Christian Churches of God also writes, “The word God is derived from the old Teutonic form *gudo* which means that which is invoked (or worshipped) by sacrifice (cf. Oxford English Universal Dictionary, art. *God*, p. 808). This was adapted among the Teutonic tribes in the variant forms.

“The words are further misunderstood from a symbolism adopted in the early Hebrew and among the Semites. **This was instanced in the practice of referring to the deity by the symbolism of a bull.** The clear indication comes from Psalm 22:12. The strong bulls of Bashan which are associated with Gilead are of the word form SHD 47. This word and the word from SHD 6499 are combined in the usage, and both are termed bulls.

“The word rendered strong bulls is actually the word *abbiyr* derived from SHD 46 ‘*abiyr* meaning mighty one and spoken of God. SHD 47 *abbiyr* means angel [heavenly messenger], bull or chiefest, mighty one, stout, strong or valiant.

“The terms occur in Psalm 22:12 where the bulls are also reduced to lesser beings. They occur in Psalm 50:13; 68:30; Isaiah 34:7; and Jeremiah 50:11.

“Jeremiah 20 refers to the twelve brazen bulls under the altar by the term SHD 1241 *baqar* in distinction to the term *abbiyr* which he uses elsewhere.

“The representation of the loyal heavenly Host as bulls representing God is ancient, even being found in pre-Hebrew culture. The Babylonian system in its mystery cults adopted the bull-slaying typology which carried into Mithraism. The bull-slaying typology is a representation of the wars in the heavens (see David Ulansey *The Origins of the Mithraic Mysteries*, Oxford, 1989 for the cosmology; Perseus is the bull-slayer for the Mysteries). This symbolism is carried on in the association

with the mighty one and the centrality of goodness or Gott or Goode.

“The English word God, via the Teutonic Gudo and the earlier forms, is associated with the ancient Semitic and Hebrew as we see above. Thus, the bull was both symbol of reverence and the significant sacrifice. Hence, the name came to be associated with the bull. **This pointed towards the sacrifice of Messiah as the Bull of Atonement.** This understanding was long held among the Semites from Shem as high priest from the post-flood epoc. From recent finds, it seems this was further distorted in the system at Ur.

“Yahovah is the Bull of Israel. He is Messiah as the Great Bull of Heaven acting for the Father, the centre of ultimate goodness.” (End of quote.)

There are several mistakes that Wade Cox has made here that must be pointed out. #1 He says that there were twelve brazen bulls under the altar which was referred to in Jer. 20. The reference is actually in Jer. 52:20. Wade is confused concerning the brazen altar. Even though bulls and bullocks were slaughtered on the altar, Solomon did not make twelve bulls under it. The twelve bulls were placed under the molten sea in order to hold it up (1 Ki. 7:23-25).

#2 He calls the Messiah the Bull of Atonement. The bull that was sacrificed on the day of Atonement was for Aaron the High Priest and all his house. The animal that was sacrificed for the sins of the people on the day of Atonement was a kid of the goats (Lev. 16). Yahshua is nowhere called a bull. He is always called the Lamb of Yahweh.

#3 He glorifies the system at Ur, but it was that system that Abram was called out of as a type of Yahweh’s people being called out of Babylon today.

#4 He calls Yahovah (Yahweh) the Bull of Israel and Messiah the Great Bull of Heaven. Paul writes, “Because that when they knew Yahweh, they glorified Him not as Elohim, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and CHANGED THE GLORY OF THE UNCORRUPTIBLE ELOHIM INTO AN IMAGE MADE LIKE TO corruptible man, and to birds, and FOUR-

FOOTED BEASTS, and creeping things.

If I were Wade Cox I would tread very softly because I have never seen any Scriptures which make Yahweh into the form of a bull. One should only refer to Yahweh and Yahshua in the manner that the Scriptures allow. Even though Yahshua is called the Lamb of Elohim by John the Baptist and is referred to as a Lamb and a Lion in Revelation we must take care as to how we view Him. His is like a lamb in sacrifice and like a Lion as king, but we are to make no images as such for this would be against Yahweh's commandment (Ex. 20:4-6).

However, Wade's article coupled with GTA's as well as Robert Claiborne's *The Roots of English* serve the purpose of revealing the etymology of the word "God" and its true original meaning. It was a popular Teutonic word utilized for their mighty ones which had to do with representing them as a bull, a molten image, a thing to be worshipped, a thing to invoke or pray to and associated them with Taurus the Bull, one of the constellations in the heavens.

ASTROLOGY AND BULL WORSHIP

Wade admits that bulls representing God is found in pre-Hebrew culture. Such, of course, is exactly the case. The following is an excerpt from *Insight On The Scriptures* Vol. 1, p. 207, under the article *Astrologers* with the sub-title *Molech And Astrology In Israel*:

There is evidence to show that astrology was closely allied with the Molech, a god who was pictured with a bull's head. The bull was worshipped by the Babylonians, Canaanites, Egyptians, and others as a symbol of their deities—Molech, Baal, and so forth. The bull was one of the most important signs of the zodiac, Taurus. The sun-god was often represented by bulls, the horns signifying the rays and the bull's strong



Molech

reproductive power, the sun's power as 'giver of life.' The female, the cow, was given equal honor as a symbol of Ishtar

or Astarte, as she was variously called. So when Aaron and Jeroboam introduced in Israel such worship of the bull (calf worship) it was indeed a great sin in Yahweh's eyes—Ex. 32:4, 8; De. 9:16; 1 Ki. 12:28-30; 2 Ki. 10:29.

“This apostate ten-tribe kingdom of Israel was denounced for joining this astrology cult, for ‘they kept leaving all the commandments of Yahweh their Elohim and proceeded to make for themselves molten statutes, two calves, and to make a sacred pole, and they began to bow down to all the army of the heavens and to serve Baal; and they continued to make their sons and their daughters pass through the fire and to practice divination and to look for omens.’—2 Ki. 17:16, 17.

“In the two-tribe kingdom to the south wicked king Ahaz and his grandson Manasseh both took the lead in worshipping the star gods and in fiendishly offering up their children to be burned alive as sacrifices (2 Ki. 16:3, 4; 21:3, 6; 2 Chr. 28:3, 4; 33:3, 6). Good king Josiah, however, ‘Put out of business the foreign-god priests’ who were making sacrificial smoke to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations of the zodiac and to all the army of the heavens,’ and he tore down the high places and made Topheth unfit for worship so ‘that no one might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.’ (2 Ki. 23:5, 10, 24). Yahweh, by his prophets Zephaniah and Jeremiah, denounced them for their astrological practices, as ‘those who are bowing down upon the roofs to the army of the heavens, and those ‘making sworn oaths by Malcam (Molech).’ Zeph. 1:5; Jer. 8:1, 2; 19:13.

“Further showing the interconnection of Molech worship, calf worship, and astrology is Stephen's account of the rebellion of the Israelites in the wilderness. When they cried to Aaron, ‘Make us gods for us to go ahead of us,’ Yahweh ‘handed them over to render sacred service to the army of heaven, just as it is written in the book of the prophets, ‘It was not to Me that you offered victims and sacrifices...But it was the tent of Moloch and the star of the god Rephan that you took up.’ Acts 7:40-43.” (End of excerpt)

Israel's apostasy was associated with calf worship which was itself associated with the worship of the host of heaven, especially Taurus the Bull. God is a word which stems from pa-

ganistic idolatry and is related to and associated with Taurus the Bull. Has a GREAT DECEPTION been foisted on the people of the earth by Satan? Scripture says that such is the case!

THE TRINITARIAN BULL

Wade Cox points out that one of the Hebrew words for bull (-s) is “abiyrim.” This word is #47 in Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance Hebrew And Chaldee Dictionary. Its definition is given as: **abbiyr**; for 46:—angel, bull, chiefest, mighty (one), stout [-hearted], strong (one), valiant.

#46 is defined as: **abiyr**; from 82; *mighty* (spoken of G-d):—mighty (one).

#82 is defined as: **abar**; a prim. root; to *soar*:—fly.

#83 also comes from #82 and is defined as: **eber**, from 82; a *pinion*:—[long-] wing (-ed).

I list these words and definitions in order to link this word with Figure #1. This is a Syrian representation of an abbiyrim. Syria, Assyria and other nations depicted their gods and kings as part man and part bull even as this relief depicts the images as the upper half men and the lower half bulls. This relief depicts the Syrian representation of the Trinitarian sun god. The sun is given wings because it soars through the heavens. The three man-bulls would be the Trinitarian Taurus the Bull that mediates between heaven and earth for they uphold the sun as it wings its way through heaven.

Figures #2 & #3 are panels from four-sided blocks, probably originally parts of an al-
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(pronounced Hesus) was
mainland Europe. Jovis
were Roman gods. Thus
be a blending of Celtic
ties.



Taros Trigaranus

tar, found during
of Nôtre Dame
1711. The re-
featured Jovis
Esus
a Celtic god in
and Volcanus
there appears to
and Roman Dei-

Taros Trigaranus simply means “The tri-
une bull.” Notice the three cranes on the back of the back of

the bull. A crane flies through the midst of heaven. Thus this would symbolize mediators between heaven and earth. These are Celto-Roman gods (bulls). Jovis is Jupiter while Volcanus was a fire-god. Esus (Hesus) is none other than Jesus.

Alexander Hislop writes, “It is well known that Kronos, or Saturn, was Rhea’s husband; but it is not so well known who was Kronos himself. Traced back to his original, that divinity is proved to have been the first king of Babylon. Theophilus of Antioch shows that Kronos in the east was worshipped under the names of Bel and Bal; and from Eusebius we learn that the first of the Assyrian kings, whose name was Belus, was also by the Assyrians called Kronos. As the genuine copies of Dusebius do not admit of any Belus as an actual king of Assyria, prior to Ninus, king of the Babylonians, and distinct from him, that shows that Ninus, the first king of Babylon, was Kronos. But, further, we find that Kronos was king of the Cyclops, who were his brethren, and who derived that name from him, and that the Cyclops were known as ‘inventors of tower-building,’ occupied a position exactly correspondent to that of Rhea, who ‘first erected (towers) in cities.’ If, therefore, Rhea, the *wife* of Kronos, was the *goddess* of fortifications, Kronos or Saturn, the *husband* of Rhea, that is, Ninus or Nimrod, the first

king of Babylon, must have been ‘the god of fortifica-

“The name Kronos little to confirm the Kronos signifies one.’ As a horn is a ental emblem for Kronos, ‘The Horned according to the mystic synonym for the applied to Nimrod— ‘The mighty ‘He began to be mighty on the earth.’....



Another form of the Trinitarian bull.

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‘The Horned well-known Ori-power or might, one,’ was, ac-system, just a Scriptural epithet viz., *Gheber*, one’ (Gen. x.8),

“The meaning of this name Kronos, ‘The Horned one,’ as applied to Nimrod, fully explains the origin of the remarkable symbol, so frequently occurring among the Nineveh sculp-

tures, the gigantic HORNED man-bull, as representing the great divinities in Assyria. The same word that signified a *bull*, signified also a *ruler* or *prince**.

*The name for a bull or ruler, is in Hebrew without points, Shur, which in Chaldee becomes Tur. From Tur, in the sense of a bull, comes the Latin Taurus; and from the same word, in the sense of a ruler, Turannus, which originally had no evil meaning. Thus, in these well-known classical words, we have evidence of the operation of the very principle which caused the deified Assyrian kings to be presented under the form of the man-bull.

Hence the 'Horned bull' signified 'The Mighty Prince,' thereby pointing back to the first of those 'Mighty ones,' who, under the name of Guebres, Gabrs, or Cabiri, occupied so conspicuous a place in the ancient world, and to whom the deified Assyrian monarchs covertly traced back the origin of their greatness and might. This explains the reason why the Bacchus of the Greeks was represented as wearing horns, and why he was frequently addressed by the epithet 'Bull-horned,' as one of the high titles of his dignity. Even in comparatively recent times, Togrul Begh, the leader of the Seljukian Turks, who came from the neighbourhood of the Euphrates, was in a similar manner represented with three horns growing out of his head, as the emblem of his sovereignty....

"As sovereignty in Nimrod's case was founded on physical force, so the two horns of the bull were the symbols of that physical force. And, in accordance with this, we read in 'Sanchuniathon,' that 'Astarte put on her own head a bull's head as the ensign of royalty.'

By-and-by, however, another and a higher idea came in, and the expression of that idea was seen in the symbol of the *three* horns. A cap seems in course of time to have come to be associated with the regal horns. In Assyria the three-horned cap was one of the '*sacred emblems*,' in token that the power connected with it was of celestial origin, — the three horns evidently pointing at the power of the trinity.

"There was another way in which Nimrod's power was symbolized besides by the 'horn.' A synonym for Gheber, 'The mighty one,' was 'Abir,' while 'Aber' also signified a 'wing.' Nimrod, as Head and Captain of those men of war, by whom

he surrounded himself, and who were the instruments of establishing his power, was 'Baal-aberin,' "Lord of the mighty ones.' But 'Baal-aberin' (pronounced nearly in the same way) signified 'The winged one,'" and therefore in symbol he was represented, not only as a horned bull, but as at once a horned and winged bull—as showing not merely that he was mighty himself, but that he had mighty ones under his command, who were ever ready to carry his will into effect, and to put down all opposition to his power; and to shadow forth the vast extent of his might, he was represented with great and wide expanding wings. To this mode of representing the mighty kings of Babylon and Assyria, who imitated Nimrod and his successors, there is manifest allusion in Isaiah vii. 6-8: 'Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; now therefore, behold, The Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and mighty, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory; and he shall come up over all his banks. And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over; he shall reach even unto the neck; and the STRETCHING OUT OF HIS WINGS SHALL FILL the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.' When we look at such figures as those which are here presented to the reader (Fig. 14 and 15), with their great extent of expanded wing, as symbolising an Assyrian king, what a vividness and force does it give to the inspired language of the prophet! And how clear is it, also, that the stretching forth of the Assyrian monarch's WINGS, that was to *fill* the breadth of Immanuel's land,' has that very symbolic meaning to which I have referred—viz., the overspreading of the land by his 'mighty ones,' or hosts of armed men, that the king of Babylon was to bring with him in his overflowing invasion!

"Now, the understanding of this equivocal sense of 'Baal-aberin' can alone explain the remarkable statement of Aristophanes, that at the beginning of the world 'the birds' were *first* created, and *then after* their creation, came the 'race' of the blessed immortal gods.' This has been regarded as either an atheistical or nonsensical utterance on the part of the poet, but, with the true key applied to the language, it is found to contain an important historical fact. Let it only be borne in mind that

‘the birds’—that is, the ‘winged ones’—symbolised ‘the Lords of the mighty ones,’ and then the meaning is clear, viz., that men *first* ‘began to be mighty on the earth;’ and *then*, that the ‘Lords’ or Leaders of ‘these mighty ones’ were *deified*.” (*The Two Babylons* pp. 33-39.)

THE BULLS OF BASHAN

Look at Ro. 1:23 again for men turned the glory of the incorruptible Elohim into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things (serpents, reptiles, etc.). Each of the Figures represented carry the form of man, birds and four-footed beasts (bulls). This all comes from the subtle and clever serpent Satan. It is, in reality, serpent or Satan worship. This is a travesty, a coquettish trick, a deceitful stratagem foisted upon an unsuspecting mankind.

Wade Cox refers to Psalm 22. Psalm 22 is about the suffering Messiah. Notice the language, “I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and Thou hast brought me into the dust of death...They pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell (count) all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture,” vv. 14-18.

Now notice verse 12, “Many bulls (פְּרִימִ/parim) have **compassed me**: strong *bulls* (אֲבִירֵי/abiri) of Bashan have **beset me round**.”

Just as there were the “oaks of Bashan”, there were also “bulls of Bashan.” Like the oaks, the bulls have been instrumental in keeping men steeped in idolatry.

When the Psalmist (Savior) cried out about being **compassed** and **beset round**, there are deeper realities implied here than first meets the eye. The Hebrew word for “compassed” is “cabab” (saw-bab). Its primary meaning is to revolve, surround or border. The Hebrew word for “beset round” is “kathar.” Its primary meaning is to “enclose;” hence

(in a hostile sense) to “besiege.”

The instance concerning Yahshua the High Priest, son of Josedeck portrays the true intended meaning here. Zechariah is showing Yahshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to **resist** him. (Zech. 3:1).

There is an interesting thing about the Hebrew word that is translated as “resist.” The Hebrew word for the name “Satan” is (שָׂטָן) while the Hebrew word for “resist” is (מָאַס). The Hebrew name for “Satan” is #7854 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* while the Hebrew word for “resist” is #7853. The definition proffered for #7854 (Satan/שָׂטָן) is “from 7853: an *opponent*; espec. With the art. Pref.) *Satan*, the arch-enemy of good:—adversary, Satan, withstand.

The definition for #7853 is “satan/מָאַס; a prim. Root; to attack, (fig.) accuse:—(be an) adversary, resist.

What is being revealed here? Certainly that Satan is resisting Yahshua, but in what manner? To attack, accuse, withstand, yes, but deeper than that, Satan has “satanized” the Savior. How? By surrounding Him with paganistic, idolatrous practices.

Yahshua was clothed (surrounded) with filthy garments (Zech. 3:3). The Hebrew word for filthy is tsoyayim (צוֹאִיִּם) which has to do with excrement or dung (See Strong’s #6674 & #6675). Jeremiah reveals that, because of Judah’s practices of the worship of the host of heaven, they would become as dung upon the face of the earth, “At that time, saith Yahweh, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves: **and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped:** they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; **they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.** And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of of them that remain of this evil family, which

remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith Yahweh of hosts. Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Yahweh; Shall they fall, and not arise? Shall he turn away, and not return? Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return,” 8:1-5.

SYNCRETISM

King Solomon had built the temple for Yahweh’s name in Jerusalem (1 Ki. 6, 8). But Solomon had many strange (foreign) women and wives who turned his heart away from Yahweh in his old age (1 Ki. 11:1-4). He began to worship their deities also building high places for the deities of all his strange wives so they could burn incense in worship to them (1 Ki. 11:5-8).

Jeremiah reveals that the people of Jerusalem of his day were worshipping other deities and then coming to Yahweh in His temple to worship Him, “Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and **burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not: and come and stand before Me in this house**, which is called by My name and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations?’” 7:8-10.

The prophet Malachi was inspired to write, “Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of Yahweh which He loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange El,” 2:11.

Furthermore, Malachi was inspired to write, “A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? And if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? Saith Yahweh of hosts unto you, O priests, **that despise My name**. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? **Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar**; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, the table of Yahweh is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? Offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept

thy person? Saith Yahweh of hosts....For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense *shall be* offered unto My name, and a pure offering: for My name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith Yahweh of hosts. **But ye have profaned it**, in that ye say, The table of Yahweh *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible. Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!* and ye have snuffed at it, saith Yahweh of hosts; and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith Yahweh. But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto Yahweh a corrupt thing: for I *am* a great King, saith Yahweh of hosts, and My name *is* dreadful among the heathen,” Mal. 1:6-8, 11-14.

Yahweh says that He and His name have been polluted by the actions of the Levitical priesthood and the leaders of Judah and Israel. For this He warns, “And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto My name, saith Yahweh of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, **and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts**; and *one* shall take you away with it,” Mal. 2:1-3.

Since they polluted His name and His ways with false heathenish practices, the worship of the host of heaven, the sun, moon, and stars, etc., which are as vain and useless as dung, Yahweh proclaims that He will in turn smear their faces with dung and that they will be as dung on the face of the earth (Jer. 8:2).

CLOTHING OF DUNG

The point is that idolatry and the syncretism of the worship of Yahweh with the worship of the deities of the nations (heathen) is regarded by Yahweh as dung. Yahshua the high priest, the son of Josedech was a symbol of the true Heavenly High Priest, Savior and Messiah Yahshua for Zechariah was inspired to write, “And the word of Yahweh came unto me,

saying, ‘Take of *them* of the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Yahshua the son of Josedech, the high priest; And speak unto him, saying, ‘Thus speaketh Yahweh of hosts, saying, ‘Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of Yahweh: Even he shall build the temple of Yahweh; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.’” 6:9-13.

Yahshua the high priest, the son of Josedech was a type of Yahshua the Heavenly High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, the Son of the Most High Elohim, the righteous Yahweh. Josedech is a Hebrew name that is a combination of two words Yehow and tsadaq. Yehow or Yaho/Yahu (יהו) is equivalent to the name Yahweh while tsadaq has to do with being morally right, clean, clear, righteous. Josedech = the righteous Yahweh. The yod (i), hei (e), waw (f) are the only characters that can be associated with the name Yahweh (יהוה) that can be utilized in any man’s name, even the Savior’s.

But Yahshua the Savior and Heavenly High Priest has been withstood (satanized) by Satan who has compassed (clothed) Him with the filthy clothing of idolatry (dung). We can read the New Testament Scriptures and already learn that even in the apostle’s day the corruption had begun.

THE WORD “CHRIST”

Due to the Greek influence, the Savior is called the “Christ” rather than the “Messiah.” Christos is said to be the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew word Mashiyach. A quick look into *Webster’s New World Dictionary* reveals another disturbing thing about this appellation. The etymology of the word **Christ** as given in said dictionary is [ME. & OE. *crist* < LL. (Ec.) *Christus* < Gr. *christos*, the anointed (in NT., MES-SIAH) *chriein*, to anoint < IE. base **ghrei-*, to spread over,

smear, **whence GRIME**]. (Emphasis mine.)

“Grime” is defined as dirt, esp. sooty dirt, rubbed into or covering a surface, as of the skin. (*Ibid*) Thus, in the very word Christ, itself, is the description of Zech. 3:3.

We have already seen how the current name Jesus, used for the Savior, is steeped in idolatrous paganism. We have also seen how the word God is affiliated with bull or calf worship. These are the tools of idolatry which is nothing more than dung. Also, we now find that the word Christ is associated with filth. But Zechariah reveals another step in the road to idolatry.

THE CLEAN GARMENTS

After Satan is rebuked in Zech. 3:2, the statement is made to take away the filthy (excrementitious, dung soiled) garments from him (Zech. 3:4, first part). The statement is then made, “Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment,” Zech. 3:4, last part. The Jay P. Green Sr. *Interlinear Bible* renders this last part of verse 4 thusly, “See, I have caused to pass from you your iniquity, and I will clothe you with **FESTAL GARMENTS.**” Do you get that? **FESTAL GARMENTS!** In other words, **garments of the feasts!** Which feasts? The feasts that Yahweh commanded in Lev. 23!

Not only have the Savior and His Father been given false pagan idolatrous names, but they have been and are being worshipped through false pagan idolatrous feasts (holidays) in today’s world.

Yahweh commanded the seventh day Sabbath observance (Ex. 20:8-11, Lev. 23:1-3). Most of the Christian world today has changed that day from the seventh to the first day of the week called Sunday, the day of the invincible sun (*Solis Invicti*).

Yahweh also commanded the observance of 3 specific times of the year which included the Passover/-Unleavened Bread observance (the first time), Pentecost (the second time) and the fall festival season (the third time) which included Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. But most of Christianity has been observing the pagan festivals of

December 25 (birthday of the unconquered sun), Lent (mourning for Tammuz), Easter (the day of the pagan goddess Ishtar and her consort Tammuz), etc. Even the day of devils, witches, demons, and the dead being called Halloween, which means Hallowed (holy), een (evening).

THE CLEAN MITRE

One final and most important link to understanding the importance of what has happened concerning the holy names is found in Zech. 3:5, “And I said, ‘Let them set a fair mitre upon his head.’ So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of Yahweh stood by.”

Josephus wrote concerning the mitre of the high priest, “A mitre also of fine linen encompassed his head, which was tied by a blue riband, about which there was another golden crown, in which was engraven the sacred name [of God:] it consists of four vowels.” (*The Works Of Josephus*, Wars of the Jews, Book v., p. 556.)

Josephus is writing about the high priest and his entrance into the holiest place once a year on the day of Atonement.

Zechariah’s request concerning the clean mitre portrays the significance and importance of the true holy name of the Creator. Yahweh’s name was to be placed upon the mitre of the high priest. Satan had not only surrounded the true High Priest, the Messiah Yahshua with paganistic idolatrous clothing and holidays that had/have to be removed, but he also has deceived man into placing names of Baal, names of idolatrous deities upon his head.

The true name of the Creator is Yahweh. Yahshua, the true High Priest, came in His Father’s name, “I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive,” Jn. 5:43. Another has come in his own name and the world has received this false idolatrous messiah and rejected the true Messiah and His Father as well as their names.

The true gist of Zech. 3 is that the Savior, the true heavenly High Priest has not only been surrounded by false paganistic

idolatrous practices (dung) which must be cast away and replaced with the true, but that He and the Father have also been misrepresented with false paganistic idolatrous Baal names which also must be cast away and replaced by the true.

THE IDOL SHEPHERD

Yahweh reveals in Zech. 11 that He would raise up an idol shepherd (v. 17). Furthermore, this idol shepherd would take the instruments of a foolish shepherd (v. 15). The word “foolish” also means worthless, impious, or perverse. When would this event occur? The answer is given in vv. 12-13, “And I said unto them, ‘If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear.’ So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And Yahweh said unto me, ‘Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them.’ And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of Yahweh.”

This was the prophecy of the selling out of the Savior. Judas sold Yahshua out for thirty pieces of silver (Mt. 26:14-16). After Yahshua was taken prisoner, Judas repented himself and sought to return the money casting it down in the temple of Yahweh (Yahweh’s house [Mt. 27:3-5]). The thirty pieces of silver was utilized in purchasing the potter’s field (Mt. 27:6-10).

It was after this time that Yahweh had prophesied in Zech. 11 that a foolish idol shepherd would be raised.

Yahshua, Himself, had warned of the coming deception of false prophets and messiahs (Mt. 24:4-5, 11, 23-24). It was Zechariah who gave us the key concerning from whence this deception would come, “Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; when I have bent Judah for Me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, **against thy sons O Greece,**” 9:12-13.

The deception and the false shepherd would come from Greece!

BABYLON THE GREAT

Satan has been at the right hand of the Savior Yahshua resist-

ing (satanizing) Him at every turn. He has deceived the world into turning aside to paganistic idolatry and encompassing the Savior with such practices. This is Babylon, Babel, confusion.

The Apostle John was given a revelation concerning the events and conditions that would exist in the last days. He was shown a great beast and false prophet in Rev. 13. In Revelation 17 another piece was added to the puzzle for he was shown a great whore who sits upon many waters. She has committed fornication with the kings of the earth and has made the inhabitants drunk with the wine of her fornication.

This woman sits upon the beast which is FULL OF NAMES OF BLASPHEMY being arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, decked with gold, precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. She is called MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

This woman is a great religious system which causes the inhabitants of the earth to wonder at and worship the beast as the messiah. It is a great religious system which employs the idolatrous practices of the nations, pagan gentiles and heathenism in its worship. She has also spawned many harlot daughters.

We are told, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, **and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies,**" Rev. 18:2-3.

Look at how the merchants wax rich through the abundance of the delicacies of December 25th, Easter, Valentine's Day, etc. The merchants even wax rich through the abundance of the delicacies of Sunday worship for everyone decks out in their Sunday best with expensive clothes, shoes, jewelry, automobiles, etc. in order to make a good showing.

Don't overlook the fact that the kings of the earth are also associated with this Babylonian harlot and her spiritual fornication (see Psa. 2:1-3; Rev. 17:1-6; Rev. 18:1-3).

Satan and his great beast power has opened his mouth to blaspheme Yahweh, His name and tabernacle (Rev. 13:6). He has waged war against the saints of the Most High overcoming them (Rev. 13:7). He has spoken great words against the Most High, wearing out the saints of the Most High, thinking to change times and laws (Dan. 7:25). He has brought about what he told Eve in the beginning when he said, "For Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as elohim, knowing good and evil," Gen. 3:5. Man has become deceived to worship himself and every created thing, "Because that which may be known of Yahweh is manifest in them; for Yahweh hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and headship; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew Yahweh, they glorified him not as Elohim, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible Elohim into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things," Ro. 1:19-23.

This treatise has given you the means and methods, the devices that Satan has utilized to lead man astray, away from his Maker and Elohim Yahweh.

What can we do? The voice cries out, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and Yahweh hath remembered her iniquities," Rev. 18:4-5.

Yes, come out of her. Turn and repent of the paganistic idolatrous influences utilized by this world in the worship of the Father and Son. Satan HAS DECEIVED THE WHOLE WORLD! (Rev. 12:9). He has been instrumental in blaspheming the names of the Heavenly Father Yahweh and His glorious Son Yahshua. He has been instrumental in perverting and corrupting man's understanding of the Savior, thereby encompassing Him with deceitful, coquettish, trivial matters. He has utilized sly tricks, deceitful stratagems, guile, etc. to lead the world astray into the idolatry that he loves.

If you are taking part in the heathenish practices of Sunday worship, celebration of Dec. 25th, observance of Easter, Valentines' Day, Halloween, etc., utilizing the word God in worship of the Father and Son, utilizing the name Jesus Christ and its derivatives for the Son, then you have fallen for the deceitful tricks of Satan the Devil.

The voice cries, "Come out of her." Yes, come out of her so that you be not partakers in her sins and the wrath which is soon to be poured out.



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