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# SECOIN HAS STARTED

## Foreword

We find it necessary to consider two important topics relative to 1). That there is a Second Death and 2). To prove from the Scriptures that the Adversary, Satan or the Devil is not a delusive character; but does in reality exist. There are some among Bible students, who are influenced by the teachings of Universal Salvation to a greater or lesser degree.

For this reason, we have researched, along with our own conclusions, various areas of study from Charles Taze Russell's, *Studies in the Scriptures*, *Zion's Watch Tower* Reprints, *Expanded Biblical Comments*, *The Keys of Revelation*, by Frank Shallieu, *Satan's Counterfeit of True Religion*, by Arthur Pink, etc. A comprehensive and thorough collection of Scriptures has been brought to bear on both subjects.

The study is divided into two parts. Part One deals with the Second Death. Part Two deals with Satan, the Adversary of God, the Devil. An almost equal amount of space has been apportioned to each subject since these erroneous views held by such individuals are each a part of the Universal Salvation theory still promulgated today.

We can only hope that this may impact those who view the Bible in such a fashion and that it may be both a help and blessing to the rightly exercised. Further, that it might be able to convince the gainsayer that these are viable truths worthy of consideration and profitable for understanding "that the man of God might be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2Timothy 3:16,17)

To hold such a view, as do Universalists, would be a hindrance to the New Creature for they would not be aware of the attacks of Satan, the Wicked One, who is in the world today. Such would easily fall prey to his designs which would be to catch (1John 5:18) and destroy the good work begun in them and theirs would be a fate similar to that of Judas. (John 13:2)

It does not take too much thought to trace Satan's actions since Eden and in more recent times through the Early church, the Gospel Age, the terrible persecutions of the Saints and the Jews by his favorite system. From the Pogroms of Russia to the Holocaust and unrelenting persecution of the Jew in Israel today by Mohammedan extremists blowing themselves up and taking all nearby Jews with them. All are in evidence that Satan is indeed real and the worst is not yet. His design is to take out the remnant church (Revelation. 12:17) and the holy remnant of Israel in Jacobs's trouble. (Jeremiah 30:5-7)

We trust that this study will be a blessing and help to all the Lord's dear ones, that they may be able to stand having the whole armor of God and the "shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil [Wicked] (one)." (Ephesians 6:16)

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## PART ONE

# SECOND DEATH

## WHAT SAY THE SCRIPTURES?

***“The Lake of fire which is the second death.” Revelation 20:14, 15. “All of the wicked will He (God) destroy.” Psalm 145:20. “He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just (St Paul and other who point these things out), even they are both an abomination to the LORD (Jehovah).” Proverbs 17:15***

FROM the abundant Scriptural standpoint, *there is no question as to the fate of the wicked* or incorrigible -- those obstinate against God or his will concerning mankind. The Scriptures are all quite clear and very specific in nature; that ***God will not permit evil or evildoers to everlastingly remain along side of those found worthy*** of inheriting his dominion or kingdom which will occupy earth for the eternal future. The Kingdom or judgment day is a ***time of purgation*** or purgatory as in the introduction of that Kingdom by smashing devastation to the beastly and debased worldly empires, all four of which are slated for destruction or annihilation; for when they are dashed to pieces and become as the summer threshing floor and are blown away, no place is found for them anymore. **(Daniel 2:35)** “Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, ***so that no place was found for them***: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.”

We all know that our progenitor, father Adam, transgressed the divine law -- a simple request forbidding him to eat of the tree of life which was in the center of the garden of Eden and was called “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Simply, he disobeyed the divine command, however, without experience. Therefore, he was remanded to the promised fate of ***the “first death.”*** This, of course, ***is the death that has passed unto all men*** **(Romans 5:12)** Therefore, as through ***one man sin entered*** into the world, and death through [on account of original] sin; and ***so death passed unto all men***, for that all sinned)--and is the reason why we die and is called "the valley of death's shadow." Psalm 23. There remains no question as to the fact that "by one man (Adam) sin entered the world, and so (as a result) death (***the first death***) has passed upon all men (Adam's posterity -- you and me). Romans 5:11,12. This, of course, is the reason why our human life ***is cut short in death***. The concomitants are sorrow, suffering, pain, disease -- all of which eventuate in the grave condition. With Joseph, the "pains of death" (the first death) got hold upon him.

Had there been no provision for a way of escape from that condition of what, theoretically ***would have been eternal death***. But, by reason of a ***“substitutionary sacrifice”*** offered by the man Christ Jesus, the Savior of all men provision was made for an opportunity for life. "He that

hath the Son, hath (eternal) life," i.e. he who has accepted the Savior and keeps his commandments, either in this life or in the life to come. "And (in the Millennial Kingdom) *they that hear (obey) shall live!*"). In other words, **all** of mankind, **including Adam**, would have remained *in the prison house of death forever* -- in the grave. But we rejoice, for "now is Christ risen from the dead" and become the first of "the first fruits" of them that slept the sleep of death. However in their case, (i.e., the church of Christ) they are not called "*dead in Adam*" because they have been raised to a "*newness of life*." They are called the dead in Christ. **1Thessalonians 4:16** "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: *and the dead in Christ shall rise first;*" Having been buried with Christ in his death, they were raised, beginning with baptism, in a *new life outside of Adam and his death curse*. That life, is as embryonic new creatures, who are having the mind of God and of Christ formed within. Having thus, *at the end of their course*, proven to have "loved righteousness" and having "*hated iniquity*" are then called the "*dead in Christ*" rather than "dead in Adam" for the reason that they were "*transferred from Adam to Christ*" at the time of their consecration. As the hymn expresses it, "*Now I belong to Jesus and Jesus belongs to me. Not for the years of time alone, but for eternity.*"

Remember as Satan is only one being who, in his previous glorious state, was called *Lucifer* (which means, *a brilliant light* which relates to his former *brilliance of intellect*. He was created second but was *the third person* in heaven's realm. Being the third reminds us of the ever-so-present, blasphemous Trinitarian *doctrine which Satan established*. As touching the name Lucifer, "How art thou fallen from heaven, Lucifer, Son of the Morning?" (Isaiah 14:12), it becomes very obvious to the reader that the individual described here is none other than Lucifer or Satan (hater, accuser of the brethren) who would be the only one who could possibly fall from heaven. Certainly Nebuchadnezzar could not. He was never there. Nor was he the "Son of the Morning" - - one of the early bright morning stars of creation. There is no question that *Lucifer was Satan's early name before transgression*. (See Z. 5843:1; Z. 5896:1; Z. 1642:2; Z.1686:1; Z. 1686:3) Perhaps had he not wandered so much among the "stones of fire," (the stars of the universe) (**Ezekiel 28:14** "Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, [so that] thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.") and been more attentive to his Father, Jehovah God, neither pride no ambition would have been found within his heart. Thus, he *would not have sinned* and would have had no desire to tempt the first human pair.

But instead, he became "a liar" and "murderer from the beginning," (John 8:44) constantly compounding his evil actions and thus became the Adversary of God and men. He, Satan, became the murderer of Adam and thus of the whole of human posterity. *His fate is destruction*. "He who had the power of death" and *who brought death*, goes (continues) "as a roaring lion seeking *whom he may devour*." Notice, if one is devoured by a lion, he *is pretty much dead*. Again, speaking of the saints or the righteous ones, St John says, "He keepeth himself (in Christ) that the Wicked One (Satan) *catches him not*." (1John 5:18)-- causes him to be devoured and to *die outside of Christ -- eternally in Second Death*. It was Christ who was his Savior from Adam's death and who caused him to walk upon the narrow road that leads to eternal and immortal life. To allow himself to be caught by the Adversary in returning to that very "broad road that leads to destruction" on which he previously was in Adam *would be a fatal mistake*. Notice that the road moving in swiftly downward decent is described in the "Great Pyramid." It

also *leads to the 'pit' which is "second death" or eternal extinction*. However in all of Satan's action against Adam and Eve, the first dispensation of the three worlds mentioned by St Peter, was *not given to Satan*, even though it was mentioned by inference, "that by usurpation he thought to be on an equal par with Jehovah God."

Although the Angels were permitted to try to uplift mankind back to God's righteous standards they, too, soon failed and fell prey to the corruption of both Satan, the dominant one and they became his angels, elsewhere called Demons. Like him they *turned in defiance of Jehovah God and refused their former estate* preferring rather to remain in the earth with sinful humanity and to bring forth a polluted hybrid offspring (half-human) called *Nephilim* (fallen ones.' -- *Studies in the Scriptures*, The Atonement Between God and Man, Vol. 5, p.104). Not having been a part of the divine program in creation, *these hybrids were eternally destroyed* in the flood *without any hope of a resurrection*. They were *not in Adam*. Christ did not die for them. Their genetics were altered by a ploy of Satan *to manufacture an undying race* and it failed, having become subject to the direct judgment of God ending this countermanding plot *against the divine sentence "dying, thou shalt die."*

Satan is the "god of this world," (1Corinthians 4:4) elsewhere called by St Paul "this present evil world." In the kingdoms of this world he was referred to as the King of Babylon, the King or Prince of Persia, the King of Greece and the King of Rome, both Pagan, (when as usurped king of kings and lord of lords he offered all of these kingdoms to Christ [who turned them down and said, "Thou shalt worship Jehovah, your God and Him only shalt thou serve"] if he would bow down and worship him [as did already the fallen angels or demons], who as Satan, would therefore be like unto Jehovah God) and Papal Rome who accepted his offer and since by usurpation, he is the "god of this world," he gave to them "all the kingdoms which thou seest, will I give unto thee." The Pope became the "Holy Fake and veritable "god of gods" Pope Martin claimed "to be ABOVE ALL GODS" and uttered the blasphemous words "Wherefore, if those things I do be said not to be done of man, but of God - WHAT CAN YOU MAKE OF ME BUT GOD.' C314:1- "(The Pope) who therefore being God cannot be judged by men, ' - said Pope Nicholas I. "And the canon law, in the gloss, denominates the Pope -'an lord God.' Pope Innocent III C.311:4,5.

And what do we find? In their quest for power and dominion, Charlemagne (Charles the Great), gave, true to form and Satan's offer, all of the kingdoms of Europe to be put under one head, the Pope, Pontifex Maximus or chief religious ruler and who retains the title of "King of kings" and takes the claim "Christ's representative on earth, Vicar of the Son of God, Christ in unction (anointing or the anointed Christ on earth reigning over the kingdoms of this world. You see, since Christ rejected his offer, he put his own many false C in the form of the Pope in power as "king of kings" under him (Satan), the great god of this world and usurping "king of kings" - Satan, the King of Rome). This proffered Papal Millennium ended with the tragic consequences of Napoleon and the French Revolution. However, to the present day, the Pope still retains his boastful claim to be 'king of kings and load of Lords.' -- he yet wears the triple crown. Does Satan have power? Yes. Does he have the power of death? Yes. In so, so many ways. But, thank God, Satan shall be crushed under our feet shortly, at the end of the Millennial Kingdom age. We here talk about enemies. Satan is an enemy of God and man. Death because of Adam is an enemy.

Death because of Adam and the grave (hell, hades) are both to be cast into the lake of fire, eternal destruction.

Continuing our theme, As Satan was only one being transgressing God's inborn law fell from heaven - a falling star (a god or mighty one - Son of the Morning) so Adam was only one being who was not deceived but was willful in his transgression of Divine law inborn in him. He was sentenced to the First Death taking all future generations with him careening into the pit of death - the grave. Adam became willful because Satan, styled a murderer and liar from the beginning and many, many times afterward. Satan first deceived Eve by working through the weakness of the Woman. But Adam was not deceived and certainly knew better as he was directly commanded, "But the tree that is in the midst of the garden, thou shalt not eat of it. For in the day, thou eatest there of, Thou (dying) shalt (thou) surely die." However, as we said, Adam lacked experience.

We have *another "one man"* - the man *Christ Jesus*, who gave himself a *Ransom for ALL* in that *He ALONE was a corresponding ransom for the one perfect man Adam* (and thus his posterity in him "as all in Adam die"), who was in the transgression and brought death upon all -- all of his posterity IN HIM! Rom. 5:12. Death, the First Death reigned from Adam to Moses (law) even on them who had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's (willful) sin. Rom 5:14. We are also noting that Satan *can be one being* and an adversary to both God an man and that *the effects of one being can be very great* either through personal action or in collusion *with other agencies* - angelic, hybrid (which were destroyed) or human.

We have also noted that those angels who were created perfect by God, rather than overcoming the evil among mankind, *became influenced by it* and came under the control of *the disobedient third person in heaven's realm*, second in creation, Satan the Devil, and looked to him as their leader whom they regarded as their "Prince" or King in the stead of God. Also, that God cast out those other "fellers," fallen from heaven ones and forbade or prevented their materialization in earth among men. That they left their first estate of heaven and were content to dwell here in the earth bringing forth presumably undying race called *nephilim* whom God shocked by their destruction in the flood. Nevertheless, before that, they were content to dwell in earth amidst evil and 'violence "and their thoughts were evil CONTINUALLY."

Also, "Jehovah our God is one God, Jehovah." God cannot look upon evil. James 1:13. *He ALONE is Holy!* Rev. 15:4. Let no man say, when he is tempted, "I am tempted of God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man." "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth (Second) death. We know that God has permitted evil and that it thrives in the wicked "as the green bay tree." Psa. 37:35. The Prophet David expresses God's intent to destroy the wicked from this earth and their life upon it!

The following is from an article by Pastor Russell on the subject of the destruction of the wicked found in Zion's Watch Tower Reprints, Pages 3083,3084, OCTOBER 1, 1902, titled "*Are Their Few That Be Saved?*"



## ARE THERE FEW THAT BE SAVED?

Charles Taze Russell, October 1, 1902

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We preface our remarks in our study on 'Second Death' with an *introductory* and concluding article from the pen of C. T. Russell Pastor with regard to universal salvation and second death. His remarks, under the heading, 'Are There Few That Be Saved?' are as follows:

"Emerging from the blackness of error called Calvinism (with its heaven of blessing for the "little flock" and its eternal torment for all others, as taught by good but very *sadly deceived men* -- John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, Charles H. Spurgeon and others --) into the glorious light of the goodness of God, shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord and revealed in the divine plan of the Ages, *the writer was subjected to the same attacks* of the Satan (the great enemy of God and man) to which all others seem to be exposed. Coming as an angel of light, he seemed to welcome us into the light out of the gross darkness which he himself had brought upon the world. And while our heart trembled with joy, and yet with fear also, lest after all we should find some evidence that God would do some terrible and unjust thing, to some of His creatures, at least, *the suggestion came*, God would not permit any to be lost."

"At this time the word "lost" had associated with it that unscriptural, wicked and awful meaning of eternal torment; for, although we had gotten rid of that misbelief, and saw that dead *means dead*, destroyed, the influence of that old error still gave a *false coloring* to the words formerly *supposed* to teach it. Hence the *greater force* in the suggestion that *God would not permit any to be lost*; -- for surely no enlightened mind can candidly imagine the *eternal misery of a solitary individual* in all God's universe."

"Reason and judgment swayed for a time, first to one side and then to the other, according to circumstances and moods, until we learned that *our reasoning powers are not to be relied upon to settle such questions*; that *they are imperfect* as well as liable to be prejudiced; and that *for this cause God had given us His inspired Word* to guide our reasoning faculties *into proper channels*. Then, *appealing to the Scriptures*, we found abundant proof that unless God trifles with His children's confidence (and as men would say 'bluffs' them, with suggestions and threats which He knows He will never execute) *there surely will be some lost as well as some saved.*"

"Among these Scriptures are not only those similes which speak of the salt which lost its value, and was thenceforth good for naught, but to be trodden under foot, and of the destruction of those servants which would "not have this man to rule over" them Matt. 5:13: Like 19:14-27), etc., but *the following plain statements*: --"

"Some 'wrest the Scriptures *even to their own destruction.*' 2 Pet. 3:16"

"Pride goeth *before destruction.* "Proverbs 16:18"

"The LORD *preserveth* (*saves*) the souls of His saints." Psa. 97:10"

"The LORD *preserveth* al them that love Him, but all the wicked (not the ignorant) will He destroy.' Psa. 145:20."

"False teachers ... bring in damnable heresies .... and *bring upon themselves swift destruction.*' 2 Pet. 2:1"

"Some are 'vessels of wrath *fit to destruction.*' Rom. 9:22"

"Them that walk after the flesh ... shall *utterly perish in their own corruption.*' 2 Pet. 2:10-12"

"The *destruction of the transgressors* and of the (willful) sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD *shall be consumed.*' Isa 1:28"

"The LORD will '*destroy them that would corrupt the earth.*' Rev. 11:18"

"The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but *destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.*" Prov. 10:29,30; 21:15"

"Some fall into 'many foolish and hurtful lusts (desires), *which drown men in destruction.*' 1Tim.6:9"

"For many walk .... the enemies of the cross of Christ *whose end is destruction.* ""Who shall be *punished with everlasting destruction.*' 2 Thes. 1:9"

"If any man defile the temple of God, *him will God destroy.*' 1 Cor. 3:17"

"The judgment of God (is) that they that do such things *are worthy of death.* Rom. 1:32"

"Let us fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you *should seem to come short of it.*' Heb. 4:1"

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit .... *if they should fall away*, to renew them again unto repentance; *seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh* and put him to an open shame.' Heb. 6:4-6"

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh; for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth (Moses, the typical teacher), *much more shall we not escape*, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven' Heb. 12:25"

"Looking diligently lest any man *fall of the grace of God.*' Heb. 12:15"

"The soul that shall not hear that prophet *shall be destroyed from among the people.*' Acts 3:23"

"By one offering he (Christ) hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. .. Let us (therefore) draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith. ...Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, ...exhorting one another, so much the more as ye see the (Millennial) Day drawing on. For *if we sin willfully*, after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, *there remaineth no more (part for us in the) sacrifice for sins*, but a certain *fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall consume the adversaries.*' Heb. 10:14, 22-27"

"If 'he who (in the typical nation) despised the law of Moses (the typical lawgiver) *died without mercy, of how much (more serious) punishment shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden under foot (disgraced) the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the (New) Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy (ordinary) thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*' Surely the wages of such conduct would be everlasting, while that in the type was not, but was covered by the great sacrifice for sins once for all. 'It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.' Heb. 10:28,29,31"

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and *he that believeth not the Son shall not see life*; but the wrath of God abideth on him.' John 3:36; 1 John 5:12"

"His servants are ye to whom ye render service; *whether of sin unto death*, or of obedience unto righteousness.' Rom. 6:16"

"The end of those things *is death.*' Rom. 6:21"

"To be carnally minded *is (to reap the penalty) death*; but to be spiritually minded is (to reap the reward) life and peace.' Rom. 8:6"

"Sin when it is finished, *bringeth forth death.*' Jas. 1:15"

"There is *a (kind of) sin unto death*; .... and there is a (kind of) sin not unto death.' 1 John 5:16,17"

"Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill (destroy) the soul (being): but rather fear Him which *is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna (the second death).*' Matt. 10:28"

"The *Wages of sin is death.* Rom. 6:23"

"As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure *in the death of the wicked*; but that the wicked should turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; *for why will ye die?* Ezek. 18:32; 33:11."

"*All the wicked will God destroy.* Psa. 145:20; 147:6"  
(Continued at the conclusion of the study)

## WHAT SAY THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT SECOND DEATH?

**Psalm 9:5** "Thou hast rebuked the nations (Heb. goi. outsiders to the New Covenant). Thou hast DESTROYED the wicked, THOU HAST PUT [removed] OUT THEIR NAME (*from the book of life or the living*) forever and ever." - second death. No future remembrance of their name. It is taken out of the book of life.

**Psalm 9:17** "The wicked shall be [re]turned (Heb. shub to return to) hell (Heb. sheol) (a Second death. Some go again to the grave a second time. "Christ dieth no more.") and the nations (Heb. goi. Outsiders - not New Covenant Israelis) that forget God." (Z.2610:3). They once knew God and then willingly forgot Him. See Psalm 11:4-6 - DESTRUCTION of the wicked.

**Psalm 37:1,2** says, "Fret not thyself because of evildoers neither be envious of the workers of iniquity (sin). For soon *they shall be cut (lopped off* and cast away as dried brier) down (in a *second death*) as (a lawnmower cuts the) grass and wither as the green herb."

**Psalm 37:9** "For *the evildoer shall be cut off [in second death* – Strong's #3772 Heb. karath - kaw-rath' a primitive root; to cut (off, down or asunder); by implication, to destroy or consume. As *Gk. Kolasin -- lopped off*)(like the grass blades from life [eternal]). For yet a little while and *the evildoer shall not be* [--found *anywhere in the universe*]. You shall diligently look for his place and it shall not be (Where is he? Where is he? *He is not anywhere at all*).

**Psalm 37:11** "But the (only the) meek (the sheep-like teachable ones of God) shall inherit the earth (the promised land of Canaan as with Moses)."

**Psalm 37:12** "The wicked plotteth (Marg. *practices*) evil against the just..."

**Psalm 37:13** "The Lord (Jehovah) shall laugh at him - *his day is coming* (Millennial Judgment Day)."

**Psalm 37:14** "The *wicked have drawn their weapons ... and slay the upright* in conduct (the saints and upright in the way)." Verse 14.

**Psalm 37:20** "BUT THE WICKED (incorrigible) *SHALL PERISH (in second death)* AND THE ENEMIES OF JEHOVAH SHALL BE AS THE FAT OF THE LAMBS - THEY SHALL *BE CONSUMED (entirely consumed)* INTO (as) SMOKE SHALL THEY BE CONSUMED AWAY." - into second death.

**Psalm 37:21** "The wicked borroweth and payeth not again, but the righteous showeth mercy and giveth."

**Psalm 37:22** "For such as are blessed of Him (God) [In Christ's Kingdom or before) shall inherit the earth -- the Church through rulership, the World perfected through ownership **shall**

**inherit the earth** and ETERNAL LIFE] and they that be *CURSED of Him shall be CUT OFF (in eternal SECOND DEATH).*"

**Psalm 37:27** "Depart from evil and do good and dwell (in eternal life) forevermore."

**Psalm 37:29** "The righteous *shall inherit the land* (of earthly Canaan) and dwell there forevermore (eternal life - "but the righteous (shall go) into life eternal)." Matt. 25:46

**Psalm 37:34** "He shall exalt thee to inherit the (promised Canaan) land when the WICKED are CUT OFF (in second death) Thou shalt see it (done)."

**Psalm 37:38** "But the *transgressors shall be DESTROYED [ALL]together*. The END of the wicked *shall be CUT OFF (in second death).*"

**Psalm 68:2** "So let the wicked perish at the presence (Christ's second presence is *prosopon* from out of the face of God Acts 3:19-21 - " whoever will not hear that prophet (Christ) shall be cut off from among the people.") of God." At Christ's second presence, the wicked shall be DESTROYED, cut off in a Second death from which there will be no ransom or resurrection. While all will cease to be wicked it does not mitigate against the fact that *the wicked incorrigibles will perish forever* after having had a full opportunity for life.

**Psalm 92:7-9** "When the *wicked spring (up again in the kingdom)* as the grass and WHITHER, and when the workers of iniquity do flourish - IT IS THAT THEY SHALL BE DESTROYED FOREVER (*in second death*). For to thine ENEMIES of Jehovah SHALL PERISH' -- *in second death.*

**Psalm 119:155** "Salvation (in the Kingdom Age) is far from the (*perishing*) *wicked*, for they seek not thy (either in the Christian age or during the New Law Covenant age) statutes." They will not get salvation to everlasting life but on the contrary, second death.

**Psalm 138:19-24** "Thou wilt *slay the (willfully) wicked (in second death)*. [This includes both *evil men and evil angels*. Note the following:]. *I hate them that hate thee (Jehovah) with a perfect (righteous) hatred.*"

**Psalm 145:20** "The Lord (Jehovah) preserves in (eternal) life all them that love Him; but *all the wicked will He (Jehovah, the judge of all) DESTROY (in second death).*

**Psalm 145:21.** "(Only) The perfect (righteous, obedient) shall remain (forever in eternal life) in the Lord (Jehovah)."

**Proverbs 2:22** "But *the wicked shall be cut off* (in second death) *FROM THE EARTH* and the transgressors shall be *rooted ('Twice dead [or dead a second time* or second death - plucked up by the roots." Jude 12) *out of it (the earth).*"

**Proverbs 10:29** "DESTRUCTION shall be to the workers of iniquity. Verse 30. The righteous shall never be removed (from the earth eternally) but *the wicked SHALL NOT INHABIT THE EARTH.*"

**Proverbs 11:19** "As righteousness tendeth (is a sowing) to (eternal) life, so he that pursues evil does so (i.e., *in sowing*) *to his own* (Second) DEATH."

**Proverbs 21:27** "The sacrifice of the Wicked is an ABOMINATION. How much more when he bringeth it with a wicked mind (such as *pouring out a drink offering* before the Lord).

**Proverbs 28:1** "The wicked flees when no man pursues (fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Fear of death and are all their life subject to bondage) They that forsake the law (God's law of righteousness) praise (or glorify) the wicked (among them and thus condone or promote their wickedness) such as (endeavor to) keep the law contend with them (openly oppose their wicked acts)."

**Ecclesiastics 3:17** "God will .... judge the wicked. (as worthy of eternal life or second death in the kingdom age)."

**Isaiah 11:4** "With the breath of His lips shall he slay the wicked." He shall say, 'GET OUT!! The wicked and evildoer shall be *cast off is Second Death*.

**Ezekiel 3:18,19** "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely DIE and you give him not warning nor speakest to warn the wicked (in the kingdom or now) of his wicked way TO SAVE HIS LIFE (from Second Death) THE SAME WICKED MAN SHALL DIE IN HIS OWN INIQUITY BUT HIS BLOOD SHALL I require AT THY HAND!! HE SHALL DIE (the second death) in HIS INIQUITY.

**Ezekiel 18:4** "The *SOUL that SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE. THE SON SHALL NOT BEAR THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHER (Adam)...*"

**Ezekiel 18:20** "THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED SHALL BE UPON HIM!"

**Ezekiel 18:23** "Have I (Jehovah) any pleasure that the wicked should DIE (the Second Death)?" **No indeed!**

**Ezekiel 18:24** "In his trespass (sin) that he has trespassed (sinned), he shall (now who is Christ-enlightened and becomes willful either now or in *the* kingdom age) DIE (a Second Death)." Read the entire chapter.

**Malachi 4:1** "...proud and they that do wickedly - the day cometh that shall bum things up. It shall leave them neither root ("twice plucked up at the roots - Second Death) nor branch (to spring forth from as touches the willfully wicked in that Kingdom Age)."

**Malachi 4:3** "You shall TREAD DOWN *the* wicked ("He [Christ] shall reign until he has tread or put all enemies under His feet" 1Cor. 15. - crushed in Second Death will be all willful or incorrigibly wicked at the exact end of 7000 years - not at all afterward in the eighth day or millennium) for they shall be *as ashes* under *the soles of* your feet, in the day

that I shall do this, saith Jehovah of armies." Burned thoroughly - those who will be burned or DESTROYED in second death. This is as in Ezekiel 28:18 will be done with a very REAL SATAN. "I will bring thy (Satan's) ashes UPON THE EARTH in the sight of all them (of mankind) who behold thee." The Devil that deceived them is cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. Rev 20. Again, "I will crush Satan under your feet shortly." Rom. 4. Again, while it is true that wickedness shall be removed from the people in Christ's kingdom, it does not mitigate against the fact the incorrigibly wicked will be rooted out and *become as ashes* under our feet.

## CHRISTIAN GREEK SCRIPTURES ON SECOND DEATH

**Matthew 18:8,9** "If thine eye offend thee pluck it out ... If thine hand offend thee cut it off..." The lesson here is to deal drastically with sin not to literally pluck out an eye or cut off a hand as they do in Islam.

**Matthew 5:29,30** ..."Better to be maimed and enter into ETERNAL LIFE than having two eyes and TO BE CAST INTO ETERNAL (GEHENNA) FIRE." Destruction, Second Death.

**Matthew 25:41** "Then shall he say to those on his left hand (of disfavor), "DEPART FROM ME, YE CURSED (as was Adam in the First Death) into EVERLASTING FIRE." (The lake of fire that burns FOREVER AND FOREVER - which is the SECOND DEATH.

**John 3:16** "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten (Gk. *monogenes*) Son, that whosoever BELIEVETH in him might not PERISH but have everlasting life.'

**Romans 6:23** The wages of sin is (eternal) death (Z. 4820:6. "Second death is the extreme penalty of the divine Law, not eternal torment.") but the gift (reward) of God (for obedience to Him) is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord." He that hath the Son hath LIFE. He that hath not the Son hath NOT LIFE.

**Romans 8:6** "For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is (Second) DEATH; but to be spiritually minded is (eternal) LIFE."

**Romans 8:13** "If ye live after the flesh (in its lusts) YE SHALL DIE (the Second Death); but if ye through the spirit do mortify (put to death, kill) the deeds (acts, practices) of the (lustful) body, you shall LIVE (have eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord).

**Romans 16:20** "And the God of peace shall bruise (in the lake of fire of the Second Death) Satan under your feet (power and authority of Christ, primarily and the church) shortly." (at the end of the little season of the millennial age.)

**1Corinthians 3:16,17** "Ye are the temple of God. God's spirit dwells in you. If any man defile the temple of God (themselves), him shall God DESTROY."

**1Corinthians 9:27** "I keep my body under ... lest ...I myself should be a castaway (Great Company or Second Death. Z. 5687. Castaway as worthless to God or anyone else)."

**1Corinthians 10:5** "But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were OVERTHROWN IN THE WILDERNESS." (they died never having obtained the Canaan of ETERNAL LIFE in the Canaan either of heaven or earth. They pictured those dying in THEIR wilderness of SIN for their sin against God.)

**1Corinthians 10:6** "Now these things were our examples (types or figures) to the intent that we should NOT LUST after evil things, as they also lusted." (and they died figuratively Second Death).

**1Corinthians 10:8** "Neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed (Num. 25) and fell in one day twenty and three thousand (dead - again picturing Second Death)."

**1Corinthians 10:9** "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted (Moses who pictured Christ - Num. 21:8) and were DESTROYED of serpents (an illustration of rebellion and punishment, showing that they were bitten by the serpent of sin and died Second Death)."

**1Corinthians 10:10** "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and WERE DESTROYED OF THE DESTROYER." "The children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron over the DESTRUCTION of Dathan, Abiram, and Korah in the rebellion against Moses. Num. 16. Fire from heaven DESTROYED the 250 priests. The earth opened and swallowed the three rebels, their houses and their men. In all cases were a type of Second Death destruction. Z. 5268:4, Z. 4502:4, Z. 2300:4.

**1Corinthians 10:11** "Now all these things happened unto them for examples (Marg. types) and they are written for OUR admonition 'upon whom the ends of the ages (1st and second advents) are pressing down' (CTR Trans.)" They were warnings to us so that we would not stray from God to our eternal hurt.

**1Corinthians 10:12** "Wherefore LET HIM WHO THINKETH THAT HE STANDETH (and hath eternal LIFE) TAKE HEED LEST HE FALL!

**1Corinthians 15:24** "Then the end ..."when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." (No evil or wicked person shall be carried over into the 8th millennial day).

**1Corinthians 15:25** "For he must reign, till he has put (crushed) all enemies under his feet." The Father committed all judgment unto the Son for this purpose to develop a righteous race of humanity in subjection to the Father's will. All enemies are those who have resisted the will of Jehovah God who is the judge of all.



**1Corinthians 15:26, 27** "The last enemy that shall be DESTROYED is death (and its remnants because of Adam. Therefore, when all the INCORRIGIBLE are DESTROYED because of having refused to come out of the Adamic sin state in which they found themselves and having resisted the will of God and Christ in the kingdom to uplift them, they shall as those self-willed goats perish in the fire of eternal Second Death. And when that is accomplished, i.e., their DESTRUCTION, death because of Adam or the First Death shall be destroyed as pictured as "death and hell were cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:14.

**1Corinthians 15:54,56,57** "Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." When the righteous come forth in that glad day having passed faithfully their judgment day under Christ and in the final test when Satan is once more set loose. They shall shout for joy as with those now, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." The Victory is of God through Christ for all those sheep who will go in unto ETERNAL LIFE. The wicked will not so shout for they will be the victims of their own sinful undoing and will be remanded to the death of *gehenna* fire, second death. The "sting of death" is still "sin" to the disobedient. The Law of God will still be the "proof" of sin.

**2Corinthians 7:10** "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to SALVATION (and Eternal life) not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world (or worldly insincere sorrow) worketh (Eternal Second) death."

**Galatians 5:19-21** "The works of the flesh are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness (by or expressing lust.-- *Webster*), Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, (at) emulations (Lat. *aemulus*, trying to equal or surpass or rival successfully.-- *Webster*) wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, drunkenness (including drugs), revelings, and such like... they that do such things shall not inherit the earth." The meek only will get ETERNAL life - the earth, whether by rulership or earthly inheritance. All others who practice these things will not get life but the opposite ETERNAL Second Death, be they of this age or the millennial age.

**Galatians 6:7,8** "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh (and its appetites) ... shall reap corruption (ETERNAL DESTRUCTION, Second Death) but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap LIFE EVERLASTING (whether Great Company or Little Flock)."

**Ephesians 5:5** "For this ye know that no whoremonger nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator hath ANY INHERITANCE in the kingdom of God and Christ." No inheritance -- Second Death. See Eph. 2:3 "Our past conduct was in the lust of our flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh and the mind and were children of wrath even as others." (before our consecration) Also Eph. 4:22 "That ye put off concerning the former conversation (more properly -"conduct") the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts."

**Philippians 3:18,19** "Many walk, of whom I have told you ... and now tell you with weeping, they are enemies of the cross of Christ whose end is DESTRUCTION" (Second Death) who mind earthly things.

**Colossians 3:5** "Mortify, therefore, your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence (to desire, strong desire, esp. sexual desire; lust -- *Webster*) and covetousness which is idolatry for which sake the wrath of God COMETH (Second Death) on the (consecrated covenant people of) the children of DISOBEDIENCE." Those who are now enlightened and do not those things which God through Christ has commanded that they do. "Love righteousness. Hate iniquity."

**2Thessalonians 1:6-10** ..."Them that trouble you (*in the past, esp. early church* or now) ... the Lord Jesus shall be revealed in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not (who *will not know*) God *even when he is revealed in the kingdom age*. Z.5527:4 Those who have troubled and persecuted even unto death, the saints in the past may be cut off with a fiery vengeance *if they still are without remorse and resist Christ then* OV 324:1) and them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ *of those who have it* especially now) WHO ("willful sinners." OV 363 T.) SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH ETERNAL (Second Death Z. 5344:1) DESTRUCTION FROM THE (1000 year) PRESENCE OF THE LORD and from the glory (from the time of the glorification of the church and *during his presence onward*. The time of the *revelation (apokalupsis)* will be the "time of trouble" *in anarchy*. It is in the "time of trouble" that several parables of the Lord referred to with the statement *"bind him hand (works) and foot (walk) and cast him into outer darkness."* *If not recovered from this condition* in the tribulation, they would be the ones referred to in this scripture as *"them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."* We also think that this would refer to a class who have *entered into covenant relationship* with the Lord and whose *consecration had been accepted* and *who were vitally justified* as the Scripture Studies, Vol. 6, "The New Creation," 1916 Forward correctly points out. Such *incorrigibles* would be remanded to the fate of the Second Death who would *refuse to wash their garments* and make them white in the "blood of the Lamb." We do *not think* that this scripture *applies exclusively* to the "apokalupsis" but, rather *from that time through the entire "parousia."*

**2Thessalonians 2:9,10** "...After the workings of Satan (whose very existence many deny F 609) with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN THEM THAT PERISH (in Second Death); because they (those wicked consecrated ones)received NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED (to eternal LIFE)."

**2Thessalonians 2:11** "And for this cause, God shall send them STRONG DELUSION ("literally a frenzy of delusion Z 4514:2, Persistence in that which in the beginning, at least, was clearly recognized as wrong; but, which, through self-will persisted in, subsequently became a gross deception. F 166, Great delusions are just before us ... Had it been foretold precisely what form these deceptions would take, this would have somewhat hindered their deceptive power. D 581. Note this also. *It is Satan "who has the power of death"* and it is *he who has every intent* of using that power against the consecrated, called to be saints, *so that THEY might eternally perish*. Jesus brings eternal

life. *Satan is the bringer of death.*) "that they might believe a LIE." (and depart from the truth. Z 3125:2 We think that such would be amenable to a lie -- especially in wishing to justify a wrong course taken. We know of some who have left the truth and have accepted the old lies of the nominal church that Satan put there. They say "You brethren have no love!" They have not corrected their life but have sought a supposedly easy way out for sin and still to have salvation. You live the truth and subject yourself to God's prescribed methods of recovery - not escape!

**2Thessalonians 2:12** "That they all might be damned [to eternal Second Death] (Gk. *krithosi* to be judged) (Condemned Z 3941:5; Z 3490:3; 23125:2. Those once having heard the truth, **turned from it**, REJECTED IT. Z 2274:6) who believed not (i.e. to obey) the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (Diaglott: Gk. *adikia* - **iniquity**). There are various reasons for turning from the truth. Pride, ambition, self-will, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure, lovers of the world, moral corruption, lovers of iniquity. Jesus loved righteousness and hated iniquity (SM 326:1) and we must follow in his steps. . .

**1Timothy 2:17,18** "And their word shall eat as a canker: of whom is Hymanaeus and Philetus; who **concerning the truth have erred** saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.'

**2Timothy 2:25,26** "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves (either in conduct or in being against the truth); if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the Devil (a very real and personal Devil), **who are taken captive by him at his will.**" If such fail to be recovered they may be destroyed by the DESTROYER "who had the power of death" and **their end** may be the Second Death.

**2Timothy 3:7-9** "Ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth, men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men as theirs (Jannes and Jambres) also was." This represents a class in opposition to the truth whose efforts will fail when it come to undermining the truth which will stand firm on its own as did Moses. It would seem to imply that there would be a possibility **those who would not hold the truth properly could be influenced by such and led astray by their efforts.** They could also be the theologians of our day upon whom some rely and to whom some have turned (Z 4060:3).

**Titus 3:10,11** "A man who is a heretic (those who wrest (twist) the Scriptures, and thus turn the truth into a lie. R.1575:3) after the first and second admonition reject ("If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine [of Christ] Vs. 9] receive him not in your house, neither bid him God speed). Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself

**Hebrews 2:14** "...That through (his) death he (Jesus) might DESTROY (in the lake of fire, picturing the Second or eternal Death) him who had the power of [that leads to] death (see our earlier comments on the "power of death"), that is the Devil."

**Hebrews 3:8** "HARDEN not your hearts, as in the day of temptation (provocation of Jehovah) in the wilderness."

**Hebrews 3:10** "Wherefore I was grieved with that generation and said they do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways."

**Hebrews 3:11** "So I sware in my wrath, They shall NOT ENTER into my (millennium or earthly CANAAN OF REST - ETERNAL LIFE) rest (shall not at all enter into the land but would *the in the wilderness of SIN* the Second Death)"

**Hebrews 3:12** "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief IN DEPARTING FROM THE LIVING GOD. ("they to whom it was first preached entered not in (to the land of Canaan - ETERNAL DEATH is thus pictured) because of unbelief." Heb. 4:6.

**Hebrews 3:13** "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened (In sin) through the deceitfulness of sin."

**Hebrews 3:15** "While it is said, To day if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation."

**Hebrews 3:16** " For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all came out of Egypt" (ALL of that generation died in the *wilderness* except Joshua, Caleb and Aarons sons -- the two priests, Eleazear and Ithamar).'

**Hebrews 3:17** "But whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them who had sinned, whose carcasses fell (picturing SECOND DEATH either in this age or the kingdom age) in the wilderness (of Sin)?"

**Hebrews 3:18** "And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest?. (of Canaan) but to them that believe not?"

**Hebrews 3:19** "So we see that they could not enter in (to ETERNAL LIFE) because of practiced willful sin against God antitypically) because of unbelief."

**Hebrews 4:1** "Let us (of the heavenly call) fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest (of eternal life in the spiritual Canaan) any of you should seem to come short of it. (and perish eternally, therefore in Second Death)."

**Hebrews 4:2** "For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them (Israel in the wilderness of Sin); but the word preached did not profit them (for they died allegorically), not being mixed with faith in them that heard it (they did not believe Moses who was typical of Christ)."

**Hebrews 4:3** "For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest on the seventh day We had no part of sin far seven thousand years) from all lhs works."

**Hebrews 4:5** "And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest (a rest in righteousness and without sin)."

**Hebrews 4:6** "Seeing therefore it remaineth that some (the church of this age and the righteous sheep of the next age) must enter therein (receive eternal life), and they to whom it was first preached (Israel in the wilderness of Sin) entered not in because of unbelief; (and they therefore died second death)."

**Hebrews 4:7** "Again He limiteth a certain day, saying to David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day (first to the Church; later to the world) if ye will hear His voice ("my sheep" in age "hear my voice" in the next whoever will not hear that prophet shall be CUT OFF from among the people. Acts 3:19-21. "And they that hear SHALL LIVE." John 5:25), harden not your hearts (and die the second death)."

**Hebrews 4:8** "For if Joshua had given them rest (from sin) then he would not afterward have spoken of another day (Gospel and Kingdom day)."

**Hebrews 4:9** "There remaineth therefore a rest (for eternal life) to the people of God [Israel of the spirit and Israel of the earth] (in both Christian and Kingdom ages)."

**Hebrews 4:10** " For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works (of the flesh, works of death or dead works) as God did from His (work of the six creative days when all was perfect; and refusing to be attached to the works of sinful humanity)."

**Hebrews 4:11** "Let us LABOR therefore to enter into THAT rest (of eternal life) lest any man fall (in eternal Second Death) after the EXAMPLE (type) of unbelief (or the rejection of God and Christ)." again, If they shall enter into my rest (a rest in righteousness and without sin)."

**Hebrews 5:9** "And (he, Jesus) being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation UNTO ALL THEM THAT **OBEY** HIM."

**Hebrews 6:4,5** 'For it *is impossible for those who were once enlightened* and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were *made partakers of the Holy Spirit*, and have *tasted of the good word of God*, and the *powers of the world to come*."

**Hebrews 6:6** "If they shall *fall away*, to *renew them again unto repentance*; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh (*a second time, as did Judas the first time*), and put him to an open shame." Hebrews 6:8 "But he that beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing (as was Adam) whose end is to be burned (destruction in Second Death as pictured by fire.)"

**Hebrews 10:26** "FOR IF WE SIN **WILLFULLY** (for it will be Second Death for willful sin) AFTER we have come to a knowledge of the truth *there remains no more sacrifice* for sins (willful sins). There will be no second sacrifice for *Christ dieth no more!*"

**Hebrews 10:27** "BUT A CERTAIN FEARFUL looking for judgment *and fiery indignation* (as with Moses, the fiery judgments of God as expressed against His adversaries) WHICH SHALL DEVOUR his adversaries (fire thus picturing destruction and an illustration of the Second Death for the willful or incorrigible either in this age or the next.)"

**Hebrews 10:28** "He who despised Moses Law (thus representing God's Law and which Law we have not after the letter but after the spirit) DIED WITHOUT MERCY (there is no mercy for willful sin *for it is practiced sin and a sin without repentance*)."

**Hebrews 10:29** OF HOW MUCH SORER (severe) punishment (Death without a resurrection. F.168; Z.5093:5; Z.4605:1; Z.4591:6; Z.1951:5. Second Death. F. 168) suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy who has trodden under foot the blood (enemies of Christ, who really trample him and his goodness and love under their feet, figuratively, disdain his mercy and favor as well as his instruction in righteousness. Z.5939:1; Z.4077:6) of the Son of God (*Judas trampled under foot the blood of the Son of God the first time and was remanded to Second Death*) and has counted the (Ransom) blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified (justified, consecrated and accepted of God) an unholy thing (Gk. *koinos* - common, defiled, unclean. Z. 4435:6; 4491:1. The very reason for the ransom was to bring him and all out from sin. Having engaged in willful sin made the ransom an unholy thing, a thing of no value) and done despite to the Spirit of grace (The grace of God which provided the atonement and fellowship in his sacrifice and reward F.168)."

**Hebrews 10:30** "Vengeance belongs to me. I will repay, saith the LORD God. The LORD (Jehovah) shall judge His people (for life or death)."

**Hebrews 10:31** "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God."

**Hebrews 10:38** "Now the just shall live by his faith; but if any man draw back (go back to sin, as the dog to vomit or the pig to the mire of sin) my (God's) soul (Gk. *psuche*) shall have NO PLEASURE in him (to give him eternal life but who contrariwise receives second death)."

**Hebrews 10:39** "We are not of them who draw back UNTO PERDITION (DESTRUCTION - second death) but of them which BELIEVE to the saving (to eternal life) of the soul (Gk. *Psuches* -- *the be-ing – the right to be or exist*)."

**Hebrews 12:13** "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame (sinful, blemished through sin. Z.2849:1; Z.4348:2) be tuned out of the way (of righteousness Z.2849:1 Into Second Death), but let it rather be healed."

**Hebrews 12:14** "Follow ... holiness, without which no man shall see the LORD (Jehovah) (And thereby get eternal life.)"

**Hebrews 12:15, 16, 17** "Looking diligently ... Lest there be any fornicator, or profane (in the sense that all Gentiles or heathen were recognized as profane - Godless, not reverent,

unbelieving, preferring the things of this present life. Z.3955:6), as Esau, who sold his birthright for a morsel of meat (fleshly pleasure). For we know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: FOR HE FOUND NO PLACE FOR REPENTANCE, though he sought it carefully with tears." (Unrepentant, unfruitful tears of sorrow. NOT Godly sorrow. (By his unrepentance and fleshly cravings, he was sinful and represented there a Second Death class) Z 4907:5; Z.2283:6)

**Hebrews 12:20** "For they could not endure that which was commanded. And if so much as a beast (or a man come in contact with, touch the mountain) touch the mountain (representing the kingdom and God's law) it shall be stoned (in second death) [Everything in conflict with the Mt Zion kingdom rule will, if persisted in, bring Second Death and even whatever will come in conflict with the kingdom even now shall be the same judgment.] Z.4011:4; NS299:2

**Hebrews 12:25, 26** "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For they escaped not (with their life). WE SHALL NOT ESCAPE if we REFUSE him that speaketh from heaven." We will die the second death! "Whose VOICE then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

**Hebrews 12:27** "And, this word, Yet once more, signifieth the REMOVING OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE SHAKEN, AS OF THINGS THAT ARE MADE that those things that cannot be shaken shall remain."

**Hebrews 12:28** "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace (favor), whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly FEAR."

**Hebrews 12:29** "For our God is a consuming fire!" (will DESTROY in figurative *gehenna* fire all incorrigible ones worthy of second death). Vengeance belongeth unto me. I will recompense saith Jehovah. Again, the Lord will judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. F.120. His anger will *burn against willful sin* to its utter destruction, and if we harbor such sins a portion of His anger will assuredly burn against us proportionately, and we should not be fit for the Kingdom" [or anything else] NS.558:6 God's anger burned against Adam when he was willfully disobedient *and it still burns* NS.558:6].

**Hebrews 13:4** "Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers (fornicators F.557) and adulterers God will judge (such sin if persisted in will mean eternal DESTRUCTION)." James 1:5 Lust when it is conceived it brings forth sin and sin when it is finished brings forth DEATH (Second Death.)"

**James 3:6** "A tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity, so is the tongue among the members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; is set on fire of gehenna (which is the second death)."

**James 4:4** "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that friendship with the world is enmity with God? whosoever will be a friend of the world IS THE ENEMY OF GOD." All enemies will be destroyed in the second death. See 1 Corinthians 15.

**2Peter 2:1** "But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves SWIFT DESTRUCTION (Contrary to the Universalist theory [everyone is saved, say they]. Z.3083:2 [Second] death is the penalty for willful sin. HG.305:6

**2Peter 2:2** "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; [of destruction] by reason of whom the truth shall be spoken evil of."

**2Peter 2:3** " And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose JUDGEMENT a long time lingereth not, and their DAMNATION (in second death. See comment on 2:1) slumbereth not."

**2Peter 2:4** 'FOR God spared NOT the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (Gk *tartaroo*, our earth's atmosphere.SM.195:1 [We might suggest within our relevant solar system. Perhaps (?) even in the area of the moon Titan of the planet Saturn. The translators erred in giving the marginal reading of Gk. *tartarus* a word used in Grecian mythology as the name for a dark abyss or prison. Q.743:3 Thus separated from the holy angels. Z.4068:2; SM. 195:T. If both mankind and the angels are to be judged during the same period, it would seem entirely reasonable that both should be associated with the earth and its atmosphere. Z.2646:4. We think this would be especially true if those repentant angels would still *be on* trial within the kingdom age in the vicinity of the earth and their trial of judgment by Christ and the Church being completed at its close. It gives real meaning to the conclusion of that age in the expression of Jesus to the goat class, 'depart YE (of mankind) into the FIRE (DESTRUCTION) prepared for the Devil AND his (literal) ANGELS.' Continuing, "and delivered them into chains of darkness" (cut off from fellowship with God and the holy angels and no longer permitted to materialize.Z.4682:2; Z.5043:5 Spiritualist séances Z.2603:5; HG 30:1, darkness of night. Q.841:T, dens of darkness or literature coming from such a fountain, all foul spirits of earth seek its cover. HG.30:5, foremost condition of their manifestation HG.30:3. Continuing, "to be reserved unto judgment;" (Gk. *krisis* which, in fact, is a coming trial for LIFE or DEATH).

**2Peter 2:5** "AND spared not the old world, but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of RIGHTEOUSNESS, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly." While ending the first world or *kosmos*, it also displayed God's intent to Destroy the wicked willful ones from the earth. While those of mankind then will return in the resurrection, it certainly showed that God does not intend to spare the willfully wicked.

**2Peter 2:6** "AND turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorha (with their homosexual content) into ashes (picturing total annihilation of the incorrigibles - no recovery, no resurrection from the dead picturing that those who in this life as a consecrated Christian or in the next age with mankind who will practice the willful sin of homosexuality or



lesbianism which is contrary to God's laws, shall just as surely perish as did those "in the days of Lot.") condemned them with an overthrow, making them an *example* (a type or picture of second death) unto *those* that *after* (Christians of this age or mankind of the kingdom new law age) [that] should live ungodly (outside of God or His law, sinfully or incorrigibly)."

**2Peter 2:7** "And delivered just Lot, (who was a picture of the Great Company delivered so as by fire and who were spared from death on the lower plane while Abraham representing the church was upon the higher mountain. Nevertheless while Lot's attitude and heart desire was with the righteous and was called "just" was therefore) vexed with the filthy (conduct) conversation of the (typically or picture of the willfully) wicked."

**2Peter 2:8** (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing (their extreme wickedness) and hearing (their filthy, corrupt conversation), vexed his righteous soul (whose heart was in harmony with righteousness, picturing the Great Company) from day to day (every day since his being there) with their unlawful deeds (acts which if practiced now by the Christian or the world in the kingdom age would be worthy of second death)."

**2Peter 2:9** "The Lord knoweth how to deliver (Diaglott - 'rescue') the godly out of temptation (Diaglott - 'trial') and to reserve (Diaglott - 'to keep') the unjust (Diaglott 'the unrighteous for a Day of Judgment (Gk. *krisis*. HG 231:5) (The godly are rescued now. To them it is a day of judgment or trial to mankind in the kingdom age it will be the day of judgment or Gk. *krisis*) to be punished (Gk. *kolasin*, to cut off, as lopping off branches of trees, to prune. Z.1040:2; Z.2608:2; HG. 133:5; OV. 166:T." In our understanding and within the context of this chapter there are those who are on trial in the present age. The course that they take would be one of eternal life, as in the case of the godly or righteous who are under covenant with God, or in the case of the unrighteous who in this same *krisis* or trial time would be cut off eternally in second death.

**2Peter 2:10** "BUT CHIEFLY them that walk after the flesh, (Diaglott - in the lust of pollution [or which pollutes]) (Principally teachers, and chiefly in the end of this age; those *once* among the elect. F.166) and despise government (Margin -- dominion, Gk. *kuriotetos* - lordship. 'Dignities - Those whom God has honored and "set" in the body.' F.166.

**2Peter 2:11-14** "BUT THESE (all the willfully wicked, disobedient or rebellious. Z.5078:5; OV.185:4. Disobedient; lovers of evil. PD.95/109; Z.5167:2; NS579:4. Willful sinners against full light. OV363:T.

The unwilling, recalcitrants. OV24:3) as natural brute beasts (Those who forfeit and lose the likeness of God, the perfection in which he created them, are reckoned as unworthy of the honorable title of sons of God - as the brute creation which never had and never lost this likeness. Z.1005:1. None will ever be redeemed from *the* second death. CR.270:2; NS.832:3; NS.844:6; OV291:4;) made to be taken and destroyed, (The second death. OV.363:T; Z.5344:1; Z.5314:6; Z.5078:5; HG.643:6; PD.95/109. As it is proper to destroy a corrupt person who has injured others, and to cut off his opportunity of perpetuating evil, so it would be to destroy a brute beast [who has likewise done the same]. Q.244:6) speak evil of [Diaglott - reviling] things

they do not understand [having become blinded to the truth of God's Word or its servants]; shall utterly perish in their own corruption. (Everlasting destruction. OV.166:T; 145:5; 125:T; Z.5641:2; Z.5371:2; CR.293:4. Annihilation. Q.763:2; NS.832:3; NS.863:6. Whoever willingly and knowingly rejects the grace of God [The same grace which we have all received], and chooses sin in preference to righteousness, will be esteemed a wicked sinner, unworthy of everlasting life or any further favors from God. Z.5314:6; NS.844:6. Their destruction will be similar to the brute beast that perisheth. Z.4755:4; HG.643:6. If we shall fall away, it will be impossible to renew us again unto repentance. God would have nothing further for us, our disregard of His mercy would mean we would die the second death. (Jude 12). Z5641:2. We once died to sin and to have it revive means a *return to* wallowing in the mire. Z.4843:4; Q.507:8. Contrary to the universalist theory. NS.831:1. (*Their own corruption* - Those who demonstrate their unwillingness to come into heart sympathy with righteousness. SM.437:1. We may rejoice even in the second death of the unwilling and disobedient, realizing that true and righteous is the divine edict under which they will perish. CR.67:4)"

**2Peter 2:15, 16** "Which have forsaken the right way and have gone astray, following the way of Baalam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity; the dumb ass speaking with a man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet."

**2Peter 2:17** "*These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest to whom the midst of darkness is reserved forever.*" To be a well without water means to be devoid of truth and that the truth has clean dried up in them. Like as in Jude, they are clouds without water carried about with the wind -- deficient in both aspects. They had lost the love of the truth. The penalty attached is "to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever' - i.e., second death.

**2Peter 2:18** "*For whom they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were (for a while) clean escaped from them that live in error.*" The effect of such a class worthy of destruction is to deceive others and to bring them that had escaped, by their course of conduct, into iniquity.

**2Peter 2:19** "*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.*" Such say do not listen to others who say you are doing wrong. They have not the love. You will find both love and the freedom you want with us! The second part of the text is true. Corruption of character or truth breeds corruption.

**2Peter 2:20** "*For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse than the beginning.*" Having escaped from sin through Jesus Christ, not only have they become polluted, but they have become entangled with iniquity. The latter end is worse than the beginning when they first received the knowledge of Jesus Christ for they have come to practice sin and it is worse in the sense that their remains no sacrifice than if they would be of the world in the kingdom age.

**2Peter 2:21** "*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 commandments (to five righteously)*

*delivered unto them.*" It is much like Judas of whom Jesus said, *"It had been better for him if he had not been born."* This takes it one step in another direction that it would have been better for him had he not received the truth than to take it, pollute himself again, and to deceive others in the path of gross iniquity. The end is second death as with Judas. **'Better for them'** -- "Those who sin willfully after receiving a knowledge of the truth -- and consequently no hope for them in the coming age. [Heb. 10:26] Z.2698:1; Z.1698:3; F167; SM715:T" "They have had their blessing. Z.4628:5" **"Of righteousness"** -- When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them (unrepentant), for his iniquity that he hath done he shall die." (Ezek.18:26) Z.2016:6" "They are in a much worse condition than the world. 'It is impossible to renew them again unto repentance.' (Heb. 6:6) Z.2698:1; Z.4628:3; Z.1698:3; Z.383:4; 260:6; F166; F630; SM715:T" "There can be no more imputation of Christ's merit to such. Z.4628:5" **"To turn from"** -- "Having wandered off, losing their first love. Z.4784:5" Much like Satan wandered and the wandering stars of Jude 13.

**2Peter 2:22** *"But it is happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."* "Wallowing" -- "The class who returns to sin again. Z.5270:1; Z.3892:2; Z.2295:1; Z.1633:6; NS382:4; NS745:4. Those who turn willfully and deliberately back the will of the flesh. Z.5486:2; Z.4628:4. The class who returns to sin again. Z.5270:1; Z.3892:2; Z.2295:1; Z.1633:6" "These will die the second death. Whether their numbers be large or small is not for us to judge. We may reasonably hope that such unfaithful characters do not predominate.. HG668:5." "If a new creature sinned willfully, he would no longer be a new creature. Z.5729:1" "Those who draw back unto perdition (destruction)." (Heb.10:39) T68."

**1John 2:1** *"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And, if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."* "Jesus did not die for the willful sins of the new creature but for the sins due to the fall -- Adamic sins. Z.5491.6" "The death of those new creatures who live after the flesh will be the second death. Z.5270:5; CR389:4"

**1John 3:9** *"Whosoever is begotten of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God."* "Does not practice sin. (Diaglott) could not [continually] practice sin in their lives. Z.5742:5; Z.1151:4\*; T54; Q808:4" Willful sin. Z.5439:6; Z.5440:1" "Willingly, designedly, preferably. Z.2941:3; Z.2440:3. "Those begotten of the good seed of truth, begotten of the Holy Spirit, cannot, so long as that seed of truth and the Spirit of the Lord is alive in them, willfully, deliberately turn to sin to practice it. R.3323:6; Z.5939:5; Z.5938:5; Z.4830:2; Z.2941:3; Z.2440:3; Z.2235:5"

**1John 3:10** *"In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God."* "Of the devil" -- Such will be destroyed with Satan in the second death, symbolized by the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:14) Z.1180:1"

**1John 3:12** *"Not as Cain who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous."* He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." -- "For willful and deliberate toward a brother to be engendered in the heart would seem to mean the perishing of the spirit of love there, and if so

would mean the second death." Z.3930:4 1 John 5:16 "There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it." "The sin unto death should be looked for to approach us in one of two forms. The first is described in Hebrews 6:4-9, a moral retrogression; and the second in Hebrews 10:26-32, a doctrinal retrogression. SM773:1" "There is a degree of willful sin, against full light and ability that God will never forgive. Z.1694:1; 381:3; Q653:1" "Eventually manifested outwardly, either in a denial of the atonement or by gross immoralities. F302" "Willful, intentional sin against clear knowledge. Z.1250:1; 5440:2; HG305:6; Q638:0

"Deliberate, willful sin against the Holy Spirit. Z.5453:1; Z.3132:1; Z.2612:2; Z.1699:1; F166; NS244:1 Matthew 12:31,32 SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT. "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven men. Whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him neither in this world, neither in the world to come." NS244:1 What means this Scripture? A sin against the Holy Spirit brings death for the unrepentant. Sin against the Holy Spirit refers mainly to those who have the Holy Spirit -- who are in Grace Covenant relationship with God through Jesus Christ during the Gospel or Christian age. We know that there are others who have come in contact with the bright light and works of Jesus Christ and that they bore responsibility for there actions at the time who were not in covenant relationship. This, as mentioned before, is an indicator of great damage done to their character which, if not corrected in the kingdom age, would lead to the '*gehenna*' second death from which they would not escape. The Pastor comments: "The Pharisees to whom these words were addressed, **could not** commit this sin , **because they had not the fullness of knowledge.**" Z.5293:4 5452:6 Further: "Every sin against the Holy Spirit, against clear light and knowledge of divine power, is unforgivable." Z.4608:6; E273 This does not mean that some sins against the Holy Spirit could not have corrective action. "Some sins against the Holy Spirit **might be punished with stripes**, others with death." Z.5452:6 Such sins would be **within a covenanted relationship** of this age or **in the next within a covenanted or covenant refused relationship**.

The Scribes and Pharisees had neither a covenant relationship with God so as to be brought under ransom responsibility nor did *they* have *the Holy Spirit* as did the Disciples of Christ. The Holy Spirit is now given to "the servants and handmaidens." In the kingdom age, the Holy Spirit will be given to the world -- "all flesh." Such a gift brings responsibility. Joel 2:29, 28. Knowledge is the basic source of responsibility. Consequently there would be tolerability for Sodom and Gomorrah in the kingdom judgment day than for Bethsaida and Chorazin who saw the mighty miracles or works and yet did not believe. Clearly "the rest were blinded" by Satan. Heb.11. "In whom the God of this world hath blinded *the* minds of *them* that believe not" and are still the "lost." 2 Cor. 4:4 "I wot that through ignorance ye did it (kill the Prince of Life) as did also your rulers (chiefs, religious heads)." Acts 3:17 "For had they known it (fully and completely apart from Satan or any selfish aspirations), they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." 1 Cor. 2:8 We believe that the Scribes and Pharisees will return in the kingdom for judgment in that day. On this point "How (hardly) shall you escape the judgment of *gehenna* (second death)? (Matt. 23:33) Brother Russell says, "He (Christ) perceived in them so much dishonesty and hardness of heart that he prophesied that they would have a hard time to reform character even under the favorable conditions of the Millennium. HG617:2" "Not that they were already doomed to it (*gehenna*),

but rather that, from their present attitude and course, they were in great danger of it (*gehenna*, second death). Z.1557:6"

However, Judas was a different story. He *was an Apostle* of Jesus Christ, *called of God*. Peter declares, "He was *numbered with us (12 Apostles)* and *obtained a part in this ministry* (of Jesus Christ)." Acts 1:17 He *was a brother of Christ*, a cross-bearing, *consecrated son* of God who *was in Christ a disciple* or learner (*taught of the Holy Spirit*) by reason of Christ's Holy Spirit teaching -- "*the words I speak, they are Spirit and they are life.*" He was *called to sonship* based upon the *ransom price being laid down from Jordan* and pictured (without question) *in the slain bullock at that time* (which bullock's *flesh* was offered up for three and one half years to his death). See Vol. 5, 1916 Forward, page ii, par. 1, line 6. Upon him (Judas) was *conferred the Holy Spirit by Christ to perform miracles* (which he did). Judas was not a sham! He did *not need the greater outpouring* of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost before he could be judged worthy of eternal second death *because of his responsibility to the measure of Holy Spirit that he possessed* in the "*ministry,*" his "*works,*" and through "*learning*" from his confidant and "*Great Teacher*" of the Holy Spirit, *Jesus Christ himself*. He *held a special relationship before God and Christ* (who began the Christian age at Jordan) and *bore responsibility for his actions* 1). *Treading under his feet the literal blood of Christ* -- He betrayed innocent blood -- a mortal sin against Christ and the first to do so. 2). *His sin was against the Holy Spirit that he possessed*, in *his miracles*, by *his knowledge*, against God and his Son Jesus Christ. *He did despite to the Holy Spirit* of grace and *could not be renewed to repentance*. Therefore, *he was the first to be consigned to second death of the Christian church of this age*.

This militates against the views of many in the "creedal" churches and of the *Watchtower* of today, who believe Judas *was not* covered by the ransom for all and that he had *no true relationship* because the Holy Spirit (at Pentecost) *was not yet given*. Therefore they believe, in one way or another, that it is open *season* either for eternal torment or for second death to any who would *NOW be outside of Christ*. They declare that they must have *faith in the ransom (not far all)* or must be saved in Christ. Others say some, such as the *Witnesses* regarding present day judgment, according to their belief, are liable to perishing. I believe in the "foundation" no other man could lay -- "a ransom for all." I do not believe that there are any exceptions -- especially Judas. the major excuse for such dramatic conclusions.

**1John 5:16** (Continued) "*There is a sin...*" "Eventually manifesting itself outwardly, either in a denial of the" [ransom] "atonement or by gross immoralities." F 302. "The sin unto death should be looked for to approach us in one of two forms. The first is described in Hebrews 6:4-9, a moral retrogression; ; and the second in Hebrews 10:26-32, a doctrinal retrogression." SM773:1. "There is a degree of willful sin, against full light and ability that God will never forgive." Z. 1694:1, 381:3; Q653:1 "*Unto death...*" "The second death. T40: Z.5264:2; 5100:5; 4830:5; 2759:4; 2658:2;2612:2;1250:6; HG222:3; Q212:6; 653:1; SM515:1 'Destruction contrary to the Universalist theory.'" Z.3083:5; 4345:5. "Willful, deliberate, intentional sin unto second death." Q653:1; 212:6; Z.5264:2; Z.4830:5; Z.2658:2; Z.1250:2; NS162:3 "A consecrated child of God could not die the Adamic death. His death would be either the sacrificial death or second death. If he should turn away from God, then it would be the second death." Z.5264:2; Q212:6 "The church is on trial now for either life or

death, and there is no future opportunity." Z.4400:6 "Mortal sin; there is no hope of recovery; it is unto death, second death, destruction. It is not covered by the ransom because it is not in any sense traceable to Adam's transgression and its consequences." Z.1250:1,6, 723:4. "The conduct of one could not send another into the second death without his cooperation; but whatever influence we have may be used for either assistance or injury of another." Z.4831:1.

**1John 5:18** *"We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself that the wicked one toucheth him not."* "Sinneth not." "willfully" Z.5742:6; 4810:6; 4252:3; 3281:5; 2440:3 1698:2 "Does not practice sin." (Diaglott) 5491:6 "Keepeth himself" "Abide in him" Abstain from every appearance of evil." Take heed to yourselves," "Forget that which is behind, Mortify your flesh," and earthly desires and ambitions." Keep close to the master. Z.5148:5. And that wicked one.." "Satan, whose presence is now denied by many." F.609 "The evil day with which this age shall end will have the severest trials ever known to God's people, and they will have the greatest need known for the armor of truth and righteousness." Z.4253:1 "Toucheth him not.." Catcheth them not. Z.2161:1; 1697:6 The idea here seems to be that the "wicked one" Satan would, as a roaring lion not be able to catch and devour as does a lion its prey.

**2John 1:9** *"Whoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hash not God."* "Whoever commits willful sin unto death it will surely be manifest outwardly -- by their lips, if they are doctrinal transgressions, or by their immoralities if they have turned to walk after the flesh.." F302.

**2John 1:10** *"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, bid him God speed."* "Not referring to slight differences of understanding, but radical differences all of which might be proved by the ransom doctrine." Z.5949:1; 1860:6 "For those whom we recognize as being doctrinally astray from the foundation principles of Christ, very drastic measures are appropriate -- a proper showing of our disfellowship with the false doctrines taught." Z.3035:1 "It is an ignoble compromising spirit that is unwilling to forego the friendship of those who oppose the Lord by opposing the truth." Z.3200:4 Those who would affiliate with those who commit willful sin unto death, would be accounted as taking their places as of God and as partaking of the evil deeds OR doctrines, as the case might be." F302 " Except we judge ones course by his fidelity or infidelity to the truth, we shall be using error quite as often as truth." Z.1362:5 We note here that it is a matter of doctrine as well as the Christian life that is involved in giving recognition to one who has strayed from the faith. If it is with the life, and judgment having or having not come, we may not have fellowship with such in our home -for we may not have fellowship with the works of darkness -- sin. The same would apply to the doctrine. 2 John 1:11 "For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker with his evil deeds." "To encourage or to assist." Z.17:12 When we meet false, seductive teaching, we must without strife and to the best of ability unmask it and be careful neither in word or deed to wish it God speed." Z.3185:3, 3035:1, 1320:5. "Is partaker..." He who sympathizes with the evil doer, who God condemns, is partaker of his evil deeds. Z.764:5; 1712:3 See also Rev. 18:4

**Jude 1:5** *"The Lord (Jehovah) having saved the people out of the land of Egypt destroyed them that believed not."* Numbers 14:26-29 "Jehovah spoke unto unto Moses and

Aaron saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which have murmur against me... As I truly as I live, saith Jehovah, so will I do unto you. Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered among you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me." We have here a generation of disobedients. They did not survive the wilderness. They did not enter into the land of Canaan. This is the previous reference in Hebrews 3:17. "He (was) greived forty years.? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore He (Jehovah God) that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? Canaan is an illustration of the survivors of mankind. In this allegorical picture, the death of those whom *the Lord styles "wicked"* is one of the many examples of second death. This represents the mind of Jehovah God and that He has no pleasure in the wicked, that He is Lord of the Universe, that His holy will shall be carried out and that judgment to live or die resides with Him and Him alone! That He is capable of such judgment is clearly written in His Word. To presume upon the capability of God to destroy the wicked would be to place one's self in God's stead and to proclaim a love and mercy greater than His declared statements! To assume this bold position would be blasphemy against both His name and Will!

**Jude 1:6.** *"The angels which kept not their* (assumed human bodies for sensual reasons; to live as men and bring forth a new race, (Z.5622:5; SM97:1) *first estate* (spirit beings preferring the animal plane, OV17:4) *but left their own habitation* (nature Z.2843:6), *He hath reserved in age-lasting chains* (restrained in darkness and kept from using their powers, Q20:1;671:1) *under darkness* (some limitations may gradually be removed allowing them to ...work... "lying wonders" in the daylight ...more than since the flood. HG725:2) *unto the judgment of the great day."* (See 2 Pet. 2:4). "Unto the Judgment of the great day." "The permission for them to find and use means of materialization and communication with mankind will furnish the special trial and testing of the fallen angels. It will prove which of them are sorry for sin and at heart now loyal to God, and which are otherwise. It will be within the period of man's day of trouble." Z.4070:4

Their judgment for life or for eternal second death will rest on the matter of *obedience to God*. Disobedience in the conclusion of this age by materialization and wickedness will demonstrate the lack of obedience to God and will merit the "*krima*" judgment of second death. The repentant remainder will have to demonstrate their obedience in the remaining time of the "Day of Judgment" and will not be permitted access to heaven until "raised to perfection." In the little season the final test is given. The worthy angels whom the completed church, "The Christ" will judge shall receive the award of life eternal. They will "have the Son." The Devil and the wicked angels demonstrated in the final judgment, however, shall then depart into *Gehenna* Fire along with the disobedient of mankind in Rev. 20.; Matt. 25:41. God will no longer tolerate sin. Any future judgment of mortal beings will be summary judgment as Isaiah tells us -- "affliction shall not (be permitted to) arise the second time." Nahum 1:8,9

**Jude 1:7** *"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an*

*example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.*” For an example - “An illustration of those who would suffer everlasting destruction or second death.” Z.4070:3, 5351:2, 1857:3, 1860:2

*Of eternal fire* - “A symbol of destruction. Z.1618:2 Everlasting destruction or second death. Z.4070:3”

**Jude 1:10** “*But these speak evil of those things which they know not: and what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves (are destroyed).*” *As brute beasts* -- All not willing to recognize and obey the King of Glory are to be destroyed as "natural brute beasts." (2 Pet. 2:12) Z.5847:4 The new creature once died to sin, and to have it revive means a return to wallowing in the mire--ready to be taken and destroyed as a brute beast. Q507:8

**Jude 1:11** “*Woe unto them! For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah.*” *Woe unto them* -- Those once among the elect who commit willful sin. F166 *In the way of Cain* -- The sin of Cain was hatred of his brother--murder. Z.3044:2 Forsaking the ways of righteousness for earthly gain. Peter's words (2Pet. 2:10-22) imply that this class will be found principally among the teachers of the Church, and chiefly in the end of this age. F166 *Gainsaying of Core* -- The gainsaying of Core was his rebellion against divinely instituted arrangements. (Num. 16:1-3) Z.3044:4, 4047:2 Korah, "not holding the head." (Col. 2:19) F120; C200; Z.2461:Z.3613:5

**Jude 1:12** “*These are they who are hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;*” *These are spots* “Those who turn willfully and deliberately back to the will of the flesh.” Z.5486:2 *Twice dead* -- If the Christian sins willfully, the seed of the new nature is dead. Nothing would then await him but the second death; for he had been lifted out of the first, or Adamic death. To die again would mean he had come under the penalty of God's law a second time. Z.5742:5, 4855:1, 4843:1, 4830:3, 4656:1, 4626:3; Q507:8, 658:5 A person in this condition will surely manifest the spirit of Satan--anger, malice, hatred, envy, strife. Z.4606:1, 4626:3 Those who sin willfully, after a knowledge of the truth, after tasting of the Word of God, after partaking of the holy Spirit, then falling away. (Heb. 6:4-6, 10:26) Z.5641:2, 1056:2 Those who die the second death (Rev. 20:6, 21:8), having done "despite to the spirit of grace." (Heb. 10:29) Z.4634:6, 5641:2, 1056:2; OV152:6 Ceased to have any relationship with God. Z.4656:1 Spoken of one who, once begotten of the holy Spirit, has willingly, intentionally adopted the old life of sin. One for whom there would be no more sacrifice for sin. (Heb. 10:26) R4830:3 If one begotten of the spirit lose the spirit, become dead to spiritual things, then he is "twice dead." Z.4855:1, 4626:3; Q658:5 Therefore, gradually passing into outer darkness, he will see no more than a nominal churchgoer or any worldly person. Z.4606:1

This would mean that, the fleshly will having revived, the spirit-begotten new will had died. Z.5486:2, 4843:1, 4656:1; Q507:8 Two classes are described as "twice dead." One is a class who repudiate the covenant of sacrifice and turn back to the ways of the world. Another is those who renounce the Redeemer, the merit of his sacrifice. Z.4872:5 *Plucked up by the roots* -- Cast forth as rejected branches. (John 15:6) Z.1056:2 Belonging to the thorn and brier family, and not to the vine. (Heb. 6:8) Z.4592:3 Taken and destroyed as a brute beast. (2 Pet. 2:12) Q507:8; Z.4843:4;



OV145:4

**Jude 1:13** “*Wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved forever.*” *Foaming out their own shame* – They unabashedly are in open sin and not ashamed. *Wandering stars* -- Satan was a wandering star who wandered among “the stones of fire” or stars surveying his opportunities and developing pride which will lead to his destruction in second death – “*the blackness of darkness hath been reserved forever.*”

**Jude 1:23** “*And some save, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*” *Pulling them out* -- Away from the influence and snares of the Adversary. Z.2770:6 By reminding them of the Rock Christ Jesus, and by throwing them the rope of divine promises. Z.5948:6 We may be obliged to speak very plainly to them; tear open and expose before their eyes the sores of their immoral course, showing them the grossness of the sin or error in which they are involved. Z.3035:2 Perhaps in strong language, if we realize that nothing short of this has availed to arouse them from their lethargy. Z.3035:2, 4327:1 Some should be dealt with energetically. Z.1860:3 *Of the fire* -- The consuming fire of God's just indignation. A320 The second death. Z.3035:2 *Hating even* -- Those who hate sin and who take the matter to the Lord in prayer, endeavoring to right any wrong they may have committed. Z.2962:1 *The garment* -- The imputed garment of Christ's righteousness. Z.2961:6, 2782:6 *Spotted by the flesh* -- Through receiving of the spirit of the world. Z.2782:6 This class, failing to keep their robes unspotted, failing to go to the Lord in prayer with every discovery of trespass, get their robes sadly bedraggled through contact with the world. HG358:4

See *The Book of Jude*, (1979) by Frank Shallieu. An in-depth study in that book.

**Revelation 3:5** “*He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*”

*Blot out his name* -- But some names will be blotted out because of unfaithfulness, to be replaced by others. C364; Z.3212:1, 2570:2, 2540:5, 1893:4, 1113:4, 694:6 Erased from amongst the names of the "elect" Church. Z.2160:4 All were just as free to leave the church as to come into its gatherings; and when any "drew back" or proved unworthy, their names were "blotted out" in the heavenly records only. Z.1420:6 The names of the Great Company may remain, but those who go into the second death will surely have their names blotted out. Z.5669:5, 5377:5

**Revelation 20:6** “*Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a [the] thousand years.*”

*The second death hath no power* – Those who attain this state of the first resurrection will never have to fear second death. *This is the resurrection of the Little Flock.* “Let us not be those of whom the LORD styles ‘wicked’” (PD Introduction). *A wicked class* of those who, having consecrated to the LORD and failing to carry out that consecration *because of disobedience* would therefore, be *worthy of second death.*

The Church is to be raised to the same nature and glory to which her Lord was raised. NS177:6 The ***blotting out of their sins will be in death***, because the Church will be awakened in the resurrection perfect. CR186:6 [See article "The Blotting Out of Sin."] The first resurrection began with our Lord Jesus and is not yet completed. The faithful Bride shares in his ***glorious resurrection to the divine nature***. Z.5179:5; HG229:5 This class will receive pre-eminence over all other classes in earth or in heaven. They receive glory, honor and immortality, and are exalted far above angels and granted the divine nature. Z.5711:1, 5132:4 The elect enter into the joys of glory, honor and immortality, not at death, but in the resurrection. CR21:4 The Church class is now reckoned as ***passed from death into life***" figuratively, but the real passing into life will be at the close of this age, at the second coming of Christ. NS582:6 "The gates of hell [the grave, *ed.*] (hades [Greek] and sheol [Hebrew]) shall not prevail" against them. (Matt. 16:18) Z.5693:2 Those in the first resurrection will live and reign with Christ a [the, *ed.*] thousand years. Therefore those of ***the Great Company will have no part whatever*** in the first resurrection. Q308:4; Z.5116:6 The Great Company class shall be sharers in a goodly resurrection, although ***not participants in the first resurrection***. Z.5232:5, 5105:2

Others shall come forth to a resurrection ***over whom the second death may have power***. Whether or not they ***will ever get altogether free from death*** will be determined by their conduct. Z.5612:5

**Revelation 20:8** "***And shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.***"

**Go out** - Then all, armed with complete knowledge and experience, and hence fully able to stand the test, will be tested severely (as was Adam), but individually. E402; Z.4882:1 Satan's ambition, even then, will lead to an attempt to establish some measure of authority and influence among men. Z.1687:1 He will soon see a new avenue to the success of his long-cherished ambition, and be inspired with a fresh hope that his original purpose may yet be accomplished. Z.1687:1

**Deceive the nations** -- How? By God ***relaxing the rigor of the hitherto iron rule*** which made obedience to divine law obligatory. Z.1234:1 As evil will be bound by the infliction of punishment, ***it will be loosed by allowing evil deeds for a time to go unpunished***. Z.332:1 The deception will not touch the question of right or wrong, but, like Eve's, a deception as to God's ability or willingness to execute the already declared penalty of sin. Z.1234:4 ***Eve willed sin, and only fear hindered***. The deception merely removed the fear, and left the will free to act. Z.1234:5 As in the deception of Eve, theirs will not be an interference with their free will, but an aid to the manifestation of their real desires. Z.1234:6 Even as some now, they may presume upon the love of God or ***underrate his justice***, and acting upon such presumption proceed to ***carry out their own will*** regardless of the counsel of the Lord. Z.1234:6, 893:4, 401:5\* By that time every one will know right from wrong. The test, therefore, will be to determine whether those who know right will practice wrong. Z.5240:5, 5116:5, 2609:2 All that love unrighteousness will be deceived by Satan. Z.5294:1, 4986:1 To demonstrate to what extent ***the forced obedience*** of that age shall have rightly affected the hearts of those who experience its

blessings. Z.2833:2, 1219:1; D520 To demonstrate who are absolutely loyal at heart, and not merely obedient for the sake of policy. PD96/110 That it may be manifested whether their obedience results from a fear of the punishment of evil doing, or from a heart love of God, and a desire to do those things well pleasing to him. Z.332:1; E402 To test his creatures then thoroughly acquainted with both good and evil *and the consequences of each*, and to *demonstrate to all his justice in destroying all who finally prefer evil*. Z.893:3 A test so searching and thorough as to prove and make manifest the hearts of all to all. Z.1057:3 *So thorough that*, though they shall still be free moral agents, God is able to guarantee that thenceforth "there shall be no more sighing, no more crying, no more dying." (Rev. 21:4) OV131:T By Satan conveying the idea that they can now *disobey God with impunity*. Z.1234:2 *Mankind will then be like Adam*. When he was perfect, God permitted him to be tested. And so the world of mankind will be permitted to be tempted by Satan. Q575:2; Z.4882:1; OV13:3, 305:T The Lord will prove them, as he did father Adam and mother Eve, to demonstrate whether they are as loyal to him as they should be. Z.5240:5, 5182:5 True to his diabolical character, the great deceiver is specially busy now among the consecrated, as he will be with the world when loosed for a little season in the end of their judgment day. Z.401:3\* His object now, as it then will be, is to deceive those running for life, and *if possible, to deprive them of it*. Z.401:4\* God does not purpose to receive them everlastingly without a thorough test of their heart-reliance. Z.5116:5 Doubtless *the temptation will again rest upon his old doctrine--that they shall not surely die*, even if they do disobey and oppose the will of God. Z.1687:2, 1234:6, 401:4\* The nations, mankind, typified by Gershom, encamped at the rear of the Tabernacle. F129

**The number of whom** -- The number of all mankind. But that many will follow Satan's evil example and choose evil and disobedience we need not suppose. Z.2609:2, 1773:4, 1234:2, 1040:6, 893:3, 883:4; HG233:1; NS464:5; OV130:5 How many will prove unfaithful is not indicated. Z.4575:6

**As the sand of the sea -- Innumerable.** OV48:1 The world *will then be very populous*. Z.332:1

**Revelation 20:9** "*And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down out of heaven, and devoured them.*"

**And they went up** -- The *outward opposition* of those at heart rebellious toward God. Z.1040:4 Man is not a mere machine, but is possessed of a free will and intelligence. In dealing with man *individually*, God therefore respects his endowment *and acts accordingly*. Z.1233:6 This shows the condition of many of the world at that time. Many of them will become restless. Z.4882:4 Those in whom the goodness of God has *not wrought* filial submission, but in whom pride has asserted itself, *will be easily deceived*. Z.1687:2 The close of the Millennium will not only find all men fully informed and *outwardly obedient*, but it will find some who have partially misused their opportunities, whose wills will *not be fully submitted* to the Lord's will. Z.2051:5 Not outward perfection merely, but *inner perfection will be the test*. So, too, Adam was perfect before his trial, but he had *not developed* a consecrated will *fully submitted* to the Lord. Z.1773:2 A conspiracy of self-will against agents of divine authority will be permitted.

OV48:1 If, after being perfected, he again *becomes defiled by willful sin, he must die*, as shown typically by the penalty for touching unclean things. (Lev. 7:19-21) T98

**And compassed** -- Possibly the temptation will be the desire to take possession of the Kingdom *before it is fully turned over* to them. Z.4882:1 In rebelling against the earthly phase of Messiah's Kingdom *they are rebelling against the Lord*. Z.5182:6; OV305:3 [This is shadowed in the rebellion against Moses -- "let us make us a golden calf" which as a god, became a representation of the leadership of Satan. "These be the gods that brought us out of the land of Egypt."-- Ed.]

The *obscurity* of the question as to when the thousand-year period would fully begin or fully end will have something to do with the final test of loyalty--be an important feature of their testing. Z.2739:3 They will think that the period of Christ's Mediatorial Kingdom ended before the Lord's time; *and some, impatient, will make a demonstration, and demand* of the earthly representatives [as pictured in their rebellion against Moses by Miriam who was smitten with Leprosy, the 250 Priests who were *destroyed by fire* (Num. 16:35), etc. -- Ed] that full dominion be at once restored to perfect men. Z.2739:6 The rebellious faction of mankind will protest against their faithful princes. We fancy that we hear them say, "It is time that *this government was turned over to us*." Z.5182:6, 4882:4 The experience with Satan will be a test of heart-reliance, of loyalty, in that God will apparently not be in control. Z.5116:5, 4882:1

**Camp of the saints** -- There will still be a distinction between the camp of the holy ones and mankind in general to show that even when man shall have reached perfection, the Ancient Worthies will still in some sense *be separate and apart* from the remainder of the perfect race. Z.4389:5, 4882:4, 3445:2 The term camp implies that theirs is only *a temporary condition* or arrangement, and that *God has some better thing in store for them—the spirit nature*. Z.5182:6, 4389:5

**Revelation 20:10** "*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*"

**The devil** -- Together with his angels, his messengers, all who follow his leading and his course. (Matt. 25:41) F619 With reference to Satan, nothing is stated in Scripture to indicate a future trial. Z.696:6 *Before their destruction* comes they will have had the fullest opportunity to repent. *Satan will have had the opportunities of seven thousand years and yet remain incorrigible*--ample proof of his being established in sin. Z.1443:5 When *good can no longer be served through his permitted existence*. R725:3

**Lake of fire** -- (An *illustration of the second death* as mentioned in verse 14 -- after having come out from under the first death penalty because of Adam. They, of mankind, will stand on their own cognizance and face the judgment of Jehovah God before the "great white (righteous, pure) throne" in their final trial for life everlasting or eternal destruction as the penalty for disobedience. -- Ed.) More properly, the "abyss of fire and brimstone." NS309:1 *Gehenna* fire itself is *a symbol of destruction, never a figure of preservation*. NS309:1

**And brimstone** -- Intensifying the symbol of destruction. Burning brimstone, one of the most deadly elements known, is *destructive to all forms of life*. Z.2608:4, 382:4; NS183:3 **Representing extinction of life**. No life is [death-] proof against the fumes of brimstone. Z.332:1; NS309:1 Even today, if we were making symbols, we could think of nothing that would more *thoroughly represent utter destruction of life* and being than the figure which the Lord has here used. NS309:2

**Where the beast** -- The symbolism of the lake of fire is further shown by the fact that the symbolic Beast and the symbolic false prophet, and death and hell, *as well as the Devil and his followers, are destroyed in it*. Z.2608:4 Symbols representing false and beastly systems. If the Beast is not actual, so also with the "lake of fire and brimstone." Q831:2 Symbols of institutions now existing in the world. The same figure referred to in verse 4. HG162:6; Q225:5 **The second destruction (or death) begins quite early with the false systems, but it will not reach the world of mankind, as individuals, until they have first had full trial**. Z.2609:1 The systems which in the Gospel age deceived some. Z.893:6

**And false prophet** -- Another *system of religion*--not a man, *not men, but a system*. Q225:5 The great false systems which have long oppressed and misled nominal Christendom. Z.2608:6 The organizations or systems of error which together constitute Babylon. Z.2609:1

**Are** -- These systems were destroyed at the end of the Gospel Age and *will remain destroyed forever*. They were the handiwork of the Devil. We are now seeing the extent to which Satan has gone with Mohammedism in the destructive teachings of the *Koran* -- *especially toward the Jew and Israel* in the current setting of today. Satan has polluted the Word of Jehovah God by claiming his work to be a revelation from the Angel Gabriel, whose identity he plagiarized. He lacked originality in it and borrowed texts from both the *Hebrew Scriptures* and the *Christian Greek Scriptures* to add flavor to this corrupted work. It was not only true of Mohammed but also of Joseph Smith of the *Book of Mormon*. Satan is the "father of lies." These systems, including the various Heathen deceptions, *will never again come into existence*. It is the same *eternal destruction* described here. - Ed.

The trouble and judgment into which the Devil and those followers will be cast is of the same sort as that into which the symbolic Beast and false prophet are cast at the end of this Gospel age. Z.332:1 The Beast and prophet are symbols also of systems which will be cast into a great consuming trouble in the close of this Gospel age. Z.1040:5

**Tormented** -- Verse 9 tells of the *destruction of the individuals who join with Satan*. They are devoured or consumed in fire. This being the case, the torment here cannot refer to these human beings. Z.2609:5

**For ever and ever** -- Greek, *aionion*, i.e., lasting. It will continue as long as they last, until they are utterly consumed. Z.2609:4, 1040:5; Q831:2 The lessons attendant upon the destruction of the systems of deception and error will be lastingly remembered. Z.894:1 More properly "unto" the ages of ages, or "until" the perfect ages are due. Z.332:2

**Revelation 20:14** “*And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, [even] the lake of fire.*”

**Death** -- Adamic death (which claimed the whole race for the sin of their progenitor) shall be forever swallowed up. Z.2608:5 The result of the curse that came upon Adam. Q830:2 "Death and hell" is used several times in the Revelation as expressive of the first death. Z.894:1 The same as that described in the 13th verse. E380 Not the second death, but the Adamic death, which Christ came to destroy by liberating all its subjects. Z.1592:5, 769:5

**And hell** -- Greek, hades, **the grave**. Z.2608:4, 2601:1, 894:1; Q830:2 Oblivion. E379 *Hades* [Greek] and *sheol* [Hebrew]--the dark, secret condition, the grave, which in the present time speaks to us of a hope of future life by God's resurrection power in Christ--shall be no more. Z.2608:5, 894:1; OV363:2 Hades, the prison, the tomb. Z.894:1 The tomb will be no more, and **the Adamic death will be no more**. Z.333:2 Called **a great prison**, because those who enter it, though actually extinct, **are reckoned as not extinct**, but merely confined for a time. Z.894:1 **The grave is really a symbol of hope**; for we would not speak of it as a prison house were it not for our hopes of resurrection. Z.894:2 **Hades is never associated with the second death**, because **those who go into the second death are in no sense "prisoners of hope;" they are utterly destroyed**. Z.894:4 "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is [Adamic or death because of Adam --Ed.]death." (1 Cor. 15:26) Z.2601:1, 1592:5, 1443:5

**Were cast** -- The first death and the hopes of resurrection will pass away, or be **utterly destroyed, in the second death**. Z.894:2 The **two deaths are not the same**--one is cast into and destroyed in the other. Z.769:5 Merely another way of explaining to us that Adamic death, and the grave connected therewith, will be **superseded by the second death**. HG497:6 Signifying **their destruction, or termination**. "There shall be no more death." (Rev. 21:4) Q827:2 The destruction of the first death and *hades* commences with the beginning of the Millennial reign and continues to its close. Z.894:4 The casting of death and the grave **into destruction** during the Millennial age is **a part of the second destruction** which will include every improper, injurious and useless thing. Z.894:4 When full opportunity is offered to each individual, **although Adamic weaknesses shall be upon them**, their death will not be counted as being a part of Adamic death, **but as being a part of the second death** because their failure to make progress will be the result of their own willfulness, and not that of Adam. E380 As in Jericho--trumpets were blown for six days and the city fell on the seventh; so the Bible message has foretold **the destruction of evil during the Millennium** for six thousand years. Z.5344:1

**Lake of fire** -- Referring to fires kept burning in the Valley of Hinnom (*Gehenna*) for the destruction of offal and the prevention of contagion. Into this fire the carcasses of malicious evildoers might be thrown **for destruction**. It **thus symbolized the second death**. Z.4559:1, 2609:3, 2601:2, 2051:5; HG617:1 The lake of fire is just as symbolical as the beasts are. Jesus explains this particular symbol and says: "**The lake of fire is the second death**." HG165:3 A symbol of destruction. Z.4627:3, 2601:1, 894:1 **The lake of fire (Gehenna) represents utter destruction, the second death**, which shall **utterly destroy all evil things**. E380 "Prepared for the devil and his angels"—[Ed. - Both **literal angels** as wells as] messengers or servants. (Matt. 25:41) Z.3084:1, 2607:6

**Second death -- Annihilation.** Q831:2 In contradistinction to the first or Adamic death, and not to signify that everything which goes into it dies a second time--death, *hades*, "the beast," and "the false prophet" will never have been destroyed before. Z.2608:4 The difference between the two deaths is that *the latter will know no revocation*--there will be *no redemption from it* and *no resurrection*. Q831:T; Z.5057:5, 4999:6, 4965:4; SM554:3 *Death is the wages of sin*. The first, the wages of Adam's sin; *the second death, the wages of their own*, and not of Adam's sin. Z.381:1; NS285:1 *Nowhere denominated an enemy, but the friend of God--his servant, to "destroy those who (would) corrupt the earth."* (Rev. 11:18) Z.3175:6, 3175:6 There seems no reasonable question as to whether or not **the second death means** future life or *annihilation*. The word *death itself stands for the opposite of life*. HG356:4 *Second death will never be destroyed*. Z.894:4, 381:4 Adamic death is called a "sleep." *No such symbol is used in reference to the second death*. Z.2608:5, 381:3 But one full individual trial is provided. *But one ransom will ever be given. Christ dieth no more*. A242 *Without hope*. NS858:1; Z.5057:5; OV42:1 Since "Christ dieth no more" (Rom. 6:9), *it follows that not one of such condemned ones can be redeemed or ransomed as Adam was*. Z.912:6, 381:4; A144; HG162:3 *Jesus ransomed no one from the second death*; the ransom he gave was in settlement of the first or Adamic death only. Z.763:6 The wages or punishment of sin being death, the hopelessness of any rescue or further redemption from death, makes that death *an everlasting punishment*. Z.2304:6, 1180:1 A destruction which will never be terminated by a resurrection. Z.1882:4, 528:1\*, 276:4; HG334:6 The first death terminates the first life. *The second death ends the second life*. If no resurrection follows, *it becomes as absolute a termination to life* as the first death would have been under similar circumstances. Z.1450:1\*

**Revelation 20:15** "And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire."

**Whosoever was Not found written** --Those who will not come into harmony with the law of love, which is the opposite of all the works of the Devil, *will be counted as servants of sin and of Satan*. Z.4217:5 Such as willfully spurn God's favor when able to avoid it, *are fit subjects for destruction--the second death*. Z.912:2 *The willfully wicked* and not the merely ignorant, mislead, blinded or deceived. HG329:4; 728:4 *Including "whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."* (Rev. 22:15) Z.477:4 Proved by a trial to *still love sin*, notwithstanding all their knowledge and experience with it--it's cost, etc. Z.1073:4 Accounted as the Lord's opponents. E480; HG233:1; NS335:5 At the close of the Millennium none will be servants of Satan ignorantly or unwillingly, as so many now are. Z.1040:3 It will require all of the thousand years to demonstrate who are friends of truth and righteousness and who their enemies. Z.2736:6 *No one shall be destroyed who is worthy of life*, whose living longer would be a blessing to himself or to others in harmony with righteousness. Z.893:3 *All the wicked (willfully so) will he (God) destroy.* (Psa. 145:20) *The wicked shall be [re]turned (Hebrew, shub, turned back, returned) into hell (Greek, sheol--hence, second death).* (Psa. 9:17) Z.769:5

**Were cast into The lake of fire** -- Here, as everywhere, being used as *a symbol of destruction*, and the symbol being drawn from *Gehenna*, or Valley of Hinnom. Z.2601:3 In *Gehenna*, not torment, *but annihilation*, was taught. Nothing was tormented in the fire of the valley of Hinnom. HG653:6; OV363:1 *The full penalty of God's law*. Z.726:4 That evil may be rooted out and righteousness firmly and lastingly established in and through them that love it.

Z.1108:5 If our wayward loved ones are already in the "lake of fire" why do the Scriptures say, "The Lord knoweth how to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." (2 Pet. 2:9) HG347:4

**Revelation 21:8** *"But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part [shall be] in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death."*

**But the fearful** -- At the conclusion of the world's coming judgment. A144 The true character of the goat class is portrayed in this verse. ["fear of death"] Z.2609:4; A144 Such company would be repulsive to any honest, upright being. Z.2609:4, 1443:6

**Unbelieving** -- Those who *will not trust God*. Z.2609:4, 893:6

**Abominable** -- Who, knowing the truth, *yet love unrighteousness*. Z.2608:6 Who at heart are. R2609:1

**Murderers** -- Brother-haters. Z.2609:4, 893:6 Not that a man who has once been *a murderer might not reform* and become a saint and an heir of the Kingdom. One murderer, guilty of the murder of Stephen, was Saul, who afterward became an Apostle. Z.4992:4

**Sorcerers** -- The instruction to Israel was very explicit, that they should not have any communion with those who work miracles by means of sorcery or incantations. Z.2172:1; HG726:1 (Those who are given to *mind-altering drugs* and who will not give that up and for whatever reason practice that craft. They would not be regarded as obedient children of God; but would rather have the "pleasure of sin for a season." Such would merit destruction. – Ed.)

**Idolaters** -- Such as misappropriate and misuse divine favors, who give to self *or any other creature* or thing that service and honor which belong to God. Z.2609:4, 893:6

**Liars** -- In a word, all who do not love the truth and seek it, and at any cost defend and hold it. Z.2609:4, 893:6 (Satan was "a liar – from the beginning" when he told mother Eve that she would not surely die and that God had deceived her. Such will be considered to be like their father the Devil and will not get life but *will receive eternal second death* because they "abode not in the truth."-- Ed.)

**Shall have their part** --The two classes will have been *completely separated*--the obedient and *the disobedient*; those in harmony with *the letter and spirit of God's law, and those out of harmony with it*. A144 Such as *willfully spurn* God's favor and *cling to sin* when able to avoid it, *are fit subjects for destruction--the second death*. Z.912:2; OV362:5 That will *not be a time for pardoning wicked men*, but for pardoning those who desire to forsake their wicked ways and thoughts. Z.1364:3 Some, even after a hundred years *will be but partially developed*; but their *willful rejection is reckoned as the same as though* they had reached perfection, and *then rebelled against God's laws*. Z.1261:6 *No one shall be destroyed who is worthy of life*, whose living would be a blessing to himself or to others in harmony with righteousness. Z.893:3 None need *suppose that God is too loving to cut some off in second death*, or that if he did so, he



would give them other and yet other chances. This would lead some to *take advantage* of God's grace *and use it as a license for willful sin*. Z.893:4, 382:4

**The lake which burneth** --Greek, *gehenna*, symbol of *utter destruction*. Z.2609:4, 893:3 The city was pictured by Jerusalem, and the "fire" by *Gehenna*. As the offal of the literal city was put in the Valley of Hinnom for destruction, so *all the offal of the Millennial Kingdom will be destroyed*, and be kept outside of the Golden Jerusalem. Z.4992:5, 2601:3; NS309:2, 841:1 As the literal *Gehenna* was not a place of torment or grief, but represented the *utter destruction* and hopelessness of those (already dead) cast into it, so must its antitype teach the same lesson. HG304:5 All those rejecting the ministries of reconciliation *will have been cut off in the second death*. NS359:5 God has determined to "*make an end of sin* and to bring in everlasting righteousness." (Dan. 9:24) Z.1364:3 "Everlasting fire *prepared for the devil and his angels*." (Matt. 25:41) Z.2607:6 Before their destruction comes the evildoers will have had fullest opportunity to repent. Satan will have had the opportunity of *seven thousand years*, and *yet remain incorrigible*, ample proof to all. Z.1443:6; B153 Being on as fair and full a trial as Adam was, and with greater experience, they will be *as culpable as he, and as worthy of condemnation to death under the law*. Z.912:6 The death which will come upon some for willful sins will not be an enemy in God's sight, not an enemy to those in harmony with God who will *rejoice to see his will done in cleansing the universe*. Z.1219:4 The trial being ended, *the gift of life of which these shall have proved themselves unworthy, shall be taken from them*. Z.2609:4 In the end of that age Satan is to be loosed for a little season for the final testing of mankind, and *at its close he and those who follow his spirit and leadership shall be destroyed*. Z.763:6

**Fire and brimstone** -- Fire is always a symbol of destruction, and when brimstone is added in the symbol, *the destruction is intensified*. Brimstone is a most *destructive agent against life* in any form and degree. Z.912:4, 382:4; NS309:2 Even today, if we were making symbols, we could think of nothing that would more thoroughly, more *completely represent utter destruction* of life than the figure that the Lord has here used. NS309:2

**Second death -- Literal**. Z.912:4 Plainly *stating the meaning* of the symbol of the lake of fire and brimstone. NS841:4 The term "*second death*" is *specific and cannot refer to a figurative use of the word death*. Z.891:2 When *anything is called a "second" it recognizes one, and only one preceding it, of the same kind*. Z.891:2, 381:1 Neither an apple nor a pear would *be a second peach; so the second death, like the first, must be a cessation of life or being*. Z.381:1 As the first death terminates the first life, so the *second death may terminate the second life*. Z.1324:1 There is a radical difference between *the law regulating the first death and that regulating the second*. The first comes upon *the entire human race, the second death will reach no man independent of his will*. Z.1324:1 The first death must be abrogated or set aside in some manner, *before the second death would be possible*. Z.381:1 *Before there was any second death there was the second sin; before there was any second sin there was the second judgment; before there was any second judgment there was the second life*. Z.1478:1\* The *second death is the second penalty*, the result of failure during the second trial of the world, of *a class not worthy of a place in the "book of life"*. Z.891:3 Every trial must reach a conclusion and have a sentence. The first trial, in Eden, ended with a sentence. *The second trial is to have a sentence*

*also.* Z.891:6 Distinguishing it from the first sentence which came upon all men as the result of the first or representative trial. Z.891:6 The *second trial is individually*, and not representatively. Z.892:1, 381:2 If they *then willfully sin, they will die for their own sin.* (Jer. 31:30; Acts 3:23) Z.541:5\*, 381:2 *Death is the wages of sin.* The first was the wages of Adam's sin. The *second death will be the wages of their own*, not Adam's sin. Z.381:1,2 The first, or Adamic death, is called a sleep because in due time all should be made alive. The *second death is not a sleep, because there is no hope of resurrection from it.* Z.381:3 From which there will be *no redemption, no resurrection, no recovery. It is everlasting punishment, everlasting destruction*--not everlasting torment. NS403:1 *The second trial is final. A third trial is never suggested in Scripture; consequently there could not be a third death*, and none is mentioned. Z.892:2; HG356:4 There seems no reasonable question as to whether or not *second death means future life or annihilation. The word itself stands for the opposite of life.* HG356:4 The first death is recorded in the first part of the Bible, and the second death is never once met with *until the last part of the Bible is reached. This fact is highly suggestive.* Z.1478:1\* *Second death will never be destroyed.* Z.381:4 Since *'Christ deth no more,'* (Rom. 6:9) it follows that none of such condemned ones can be redeemed or ransomed as Adam was. Z.912:6, 892:3, 381:4; OV362:5 *Second death will receive the incorrigible at the close of the Millennium.* At that time Christ's Kingdom, the thousand year day of judgment, comes to an end. Z.1454:6, 4794:1 *We make no claims of universal salvation, but distinctly speak of some who will die the second death.* CR51:6; HG654:6 The term death signifies destruction, extinction. Z.891:3 The second destruction (or death) begins quite early in the new judgment--with the systems of error, But it *does not reach men as individuals until they have first had full trial.* Z.892:2 If any, enlightened by the truth, and restored (either actually or reckonedly) to human perfection, *"draw back" they, with the unbelievers, will be destroyed.* A107; HG344:5

**Revelation 21:27** *"And there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life."*

*In no wise enter --* There is no intimation that God will ever compel any one to accept the gift of life everlasting. Z.890:6 [No one shall be allowed to enter to enter the city of the New Jerusalem unless and until he has complied with the terms and conditions as set forth under the terms of the New Law Covenant and has been thoroughly tried and has proven himself to be in accordance therewith. The reason is, that Jehovah God will not participate with the wicked for the same reason he has not directly recognized mankind since the disobedience of Adam who had brought death and its consequences into the world for seven thousand years.

At the "exact end" of the seven thousand years, when the rebellion of Satan, men and angels, surrounding the camp of the saints shall have been put down, and when the earth is cleansed from sin and sinful creation, then shall come the fulfillment of Psalm 24. "Lift up your heads O ye gates and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? Jehovah of Hosts (Armies). Mighty in Battle. He is the King of Glory."

His recognition will be of those and only those who are the obedient sheep and who love Him supremely and are in complete compliance with His Holy Will. Sin because of Adam, having been completely and forever put down and those styled the "wicked" will have been destroyed by a second death. His name "Jehovah" will be engraved upon the foreheads of mankind. "Then

shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in Victory.” 1 Cor. 15. Then will be fulfilled the promise written, “The tabernacle (tent or dwelling place) of God shall be with men and He will dwell with them. He will be their God (unlike historic and present day multiplicity of gods, idols, sticks and stones, sun, moon, Allah of Mohammed, Satan, Trinity, Mariolatry, etc., etc.) And they will be His people.” He will be recognized by all then as “the only wise and TRUE God,” Jehovah. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!– Ed.]

**Into it** -- Or, become a part of it. Z.654:5

**Any thing that defileth -- Sinful.** Z.219:3 Anything common. Z.2834:4 The heady, the high-minded, the proud, the self-conscious and self-righteous have no promise of the Kingdom; and cannot inherit it, nor enter into it. Z.2139:4\*

**Maketh a lie** -- The voice that prophesies smooth things, *contrary to the Word of God*, is not the voice of the good Shepherd. Z.1648:4 **The dishonest** are not now worthy of the truth. By and by they will get honest enough to receive the truth *or else be cut off in the second death as those who make and love a lie.* Z.1037:5

**Which are written** -- If they *do not remain faithful*, their *names will be blotted out of the book of life*. If they do, their names will not be blotted out, and they will attain all the glorious things promised. Z.5669:4

**Lamb's book of life** -- The Lamb's book of life includes those, and *only those*, who attain to position of joint-heirship with Christ, [and -Ed] whose names are written in heaven [Such would pertain and relate to the Lamb, Christ. Hence the Lamb's book. Hebrews 12: Little Flock and great company – the Church of the firstborn ones - Ed] during this age. Z.2834:4; SM555:T Including the Great Company. All will attain life on the spirit plane whose names are written in the Book of the Lamb. Z.5105:2; Q309:1 To be *distinguished from the book of life* of Rev. 20:12, which will include all of Adam's race found worthy of eternal life. NS858:4

**Revelation 22:11** “*He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still.*”

**Let him** -- He will not *"let" nor consent to endless transgression* of his law. Z.477:1\*

**Unjust still** -- The unrighteous and the filthy simply ignore the message, and are not moved specially by it. Z.3572:6 He who is unjust or unholy according to the law of God's Word, will forever stand so judged by it, until he becomes changed or restored in his nature. Z.527:5\* The standard of judgment is God's revealed Word. By it the saints judge themselves. When the righteous rule and the curse is removed, still the same law will be the standard of judgment. Z.477:5\*

**Editor's Note:** There will come a time in Jehovah God's program when there shall be a cessation or halting of the cleansing for righteousness processes as applied in accordance with Malachi Chapter 3 -- the cleansing of the sons of Levi and refining them “as gold” tried in the fire. Verse 12 informs us that the work of cleansing will cease and the gold class (little flock)

will be complete. Then will come the “great time of trouble” mentioned in the Scriptures. The Great Company will have to be refined as silver in that time of trouble yet future – anarchy. The filthy class *draw ever closer to second death*. Whereas the holy ones – lovers of righteousness, remnant church, “the remnant of her seed” (Rev. 12) – proceed ever more closely to the time when they shall be taken in death have deliverance from this body to the glory promised. Christ says in verse 12 of this chapter, “Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me.”– Ed.

“*Keys of Revelation*” Book comment. “These words indicate the arrival of a critical point in history when *no more additions, no more vacancies*, are available for *membership in the body of Christ*—the time for *completion of the Very Elect being at the very door*. The time of fulfillment is so near at hand that *little space remains for repentance and reform*. What is to be done *must be done instantly*. Let no man deceive you with the Laodicean music of complacency and with hymns of wanton mercy and unprincipled love! The message is not meant to encourage the evildoer in his sin but, rather, to indicate the urgency and the *immediacy of judgment*. Perhaps unnoticed initially, there *is a comparison of opposites*: the unjust (the unrighteous) and the filthy with the righteous and the holy. Four classes are being described. The first class, the *unrighteous, are represented by worldlings*, those not consecrated, not justified. The implication is that no more candidates for the Little Flock are to be called out from this condition. The second class, *the filthy ones, signify the formerly consecrated who, having cast off their robes of Christ’s righteousness*, expose their own filthy rags (Isa. 64:6). They are true to the proverb: “The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Pet. 2:22). Of the third class, the righteous ones, the Sinaitic reads, “Let him *work righteousness still*.” Possibly these *represent the Great Company*, the foolish *virgin* class, whose robes need washing and whitening in the blood of the Lamb as they go through tribulation (Rev. 7:14). The fourth class, the “*holy*,” represent the “*saints*” or *remaining members of the body of Christ*.

When giving the sop to the traitor Judas at the Last Supper, Jesus said to him, “That thou doest, *do quickly*” (John 13:27). So the *time is at hand for the bruising of the heel members* of the body of Christ. – *Frank Shallieu*

***Be filthy still*** -- The revelations of the divine plan are not intended to turn the filthy, to make them righteous, nor will they be inclined contrariwise to turn the righteous to sin. Z.3572:5

***He that is righteous*** -- Not only those who are saints. There are some who are not saints, who are, nevertheless, righteous persons. Z.3572:5

***Holy still*** -- He that is judged holy by that law now, will then, in the ages to come, be holy still. Z.477:5\*

**Revelation 22:15** “*Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie.*”

***Dogs***, Representing gentiles or outsiders of the New Law Covenant. They willfully reject a covenant relationship with Jehovah God as administered by Christ and his church – the little flock. – Ed.

**Sorcerers, pharmakeia** (Rev. 18:23), use spiritual drugs, potions, spells, and enchantments; that is, they mix the doctrinal and behavioral ingredients of truth and error for purposes of deception, endeavoring to accredit to themselves and not to the Lord the healing process of salvation. --*Keys of Revelation, 542* [in disobedience, literally as well – Ed.]

**Whoremongers, pornos** (Eph. 5:5; 1 Cor. 5:1; 1 Tim. 1:10), participate in illicit sexual intercourse; they debauch or defile themselves with mankind or other uncleanness (Heb. 12:16). --*Keys of Revelation, 542*

**Murderers, phoneus** (Matt. 22:7; Acts 7:52), are sowers of discord (Prov. 6:14,19) and slanderers who kill the influence or rob the good name of fellowman (1Pet. 4:15). (The inclusion of this term does not mean that a man who once was guilty of homicide could not reform and subsequently inherit eternal life.) --*Keys of Revelation, 542* [On the other side, there will be attempts to literally kill both during (which will be prevented) and at the conclusion of the Millennium when a great multitude surrounds the camp of the holy ones in the earth in a last ditch stand to empower themselves and throw off the rigid yoke of Divine laws.

Satan was a “murderer from the beginning.” He willfully slew father Adam in death, and mankind, the progeny of Adam’s loins, as if he plunged in the knife himself. He murdered the prophets, the Son of Glory (his rival and thus his greatest crime), the “saints” of the Gospel age (by means of the “red dragon,” the serpent’s servant and executioner) and finally, Israel in the Holocaust and in Jacob’s trouble. Jer. 30. –Ed.]

**Idolaters, idolatria** (Eph. 5:5; 1 Cor. 10:7), misappropriate divine favors and render to self or to any other creature the honor and service that belong to God. This trait is also characterized by a sin of the mind against God and is usually associated with immorality or covetousness. --*Keys of Revelation, 542* [We are reminded of the “golden calf” or Apis bull, set up as an object of worship in the place of Jehovah in the rebellion in the wilderness. Would others in the kingdom age try to revive Idolatry? –Ed.]

**Whoever loveth and maketh a lie - Liars, pseudes** (1 John 2:4; 4:20), feign virtue or piety; they are hypocrites, “having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof” (2 Tim. 3:5). [It is one thing make a lie or untruth and quite another to love a lie. Satan is known as a deceiver or liar. He was a liar as well as a murderer from the beginning. He deceived the first human pair – though Adam was not deceived. He has continued to lie in his established religions – heathen and Christian. He lied when he spoke with Jesus in the temptation in the wilderness. He lied when he appeared as the angel Gabriel to Mohammed in 622 AD and sprinkled the Koran with texts from both the Old and New Testaments. He lied when he gave the book of Mormon in the form of the angel Moroni to Joseph Smith. He lied when he said you shall not surly die. His lies are promoted by Christendom today. Hell, the immortality of the soul, and especially the Trinity are lies among many others there. Lies blind one to the truth. (2Thes. 2:11,12) Strong delusions will be permitted to come (to those consecrated ones perishing in second death) “that they might believe a lie,” in order to sort out, in this end of the age, those who really love the truth and those who do not. Therefore, those who choose and love to believe a lie or untruth rather than God will likewise perish in second death in the final test at the end of the kingdom age. –Ed]

“All in the foregoing categories are to “have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is *the second death*.” Their destiny will be *utter destruction or annihilation* for having failed to take advantage of *every opportunity* of knowledge and help afforded them under Messiah’s rulership. *Keys of Revelation 547*

**Revelation 22:19** “*And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book.*”

Two kinds of sin are mentioned: (1) *adding to the words* of the prophecy of this book [Verse 18], which could come about, in part, from a careless negligence or indifference in transcription, and (2) *taking away from the words*, suggesting a greater degree of willfulness and hence greater responsibility, which is worse and *results in Second Death*. In the latter instance God takes away from the individual “his part out of the book of life” (Rev. 3:5; 20:15). The Sinaitic renders this clause “from the tree of life, and out of the holy city—the ones having been [in the past] in the book.” This translation amounts to the same thought. --*Keys of Revelation 571* [The Book of Mormon was added – a supposed modern day revelation of the Latter Day Saints – Mormons. Similarly, the Koran is a supposed Later Day revelation to the Prophet of Allah, Mohammed. Both books have been added to the Word of Jehovah God and are condemned. They were both given directly from Satan and bear his mark of lies. Those who perpetrated that scheme of untruth have deceived many through those lies. Their willfulness may cause them to be taken out of the book of life *and cause them to go into second death*. –Ed]

**(Conclusion of “Are There Few That Be Saved?” Reprint article.)**

It is as follows:

"What could be more explicit than *this testimony of God's Word?* And how reasonable it all is! Torment might properly be objected to *as unjust as well as unmerciful*; but *taking away life* from *those who will not conform their lives* to the just and holy and kind regulations of the Grace Covenant or of the New Covenant which God has opened to our race, through Christ's great atoning sacrifice, *is reasonable, just and merciful.*"

"It is *reasonable*: *why* should God continue His blessings, of which life is the chief, to those who after knowing and being enabled to conform to his just requirements, *will not do so?*"

"It is *just*: because God is *under no obligation to man*. Man is already his debtor ten thousand times; and *if he will not render loving respect* to his Creator's wise and good commands, justice would demand that those blessings be stopped."

"It is *merciful* on God's part *to destroy the incorrigibly wicked* -- those who, after full knowledge and opportunity have been enjoyed, *refuse to be conformed* to the lines of the law of God's kingdom -- the law of love. (1) Because all who will live ungodly -- out of harmony with God's law of love -- will *always* be like the restless sea, more or less *discontented and unhappy*. (2) Because such characters, be they ever so few, *would mar the enjoyment of those who do love peace and righteousness*. And to those God has promised that the time shall come when sin and its results, weeping and pain and dying, shall cease (Rev. 21:4), when He will *destroy out of the earth those who corrupt it*. (Rev. 11:18) (3) Because God has promised that there shall yet be a clean world (Isa. 11:9; Rev. 21:5), *in which the unholy and abominable and all who love and make lies shall have no place*. (Rev. 21:8) 'Thou shall diligently consider his place and *it shall not be.*' -- Psa. 37:10"

"Only such as have preferred their own wisdom to that of the Bible can read the forgoing Words of God, and *yet believe that all men* will be *everlastingly* saved!"

"Only such as are puffed up with a sense of *their own benevolence* can hold that God would never be satisfied or happy *if one of the race perished.*"

"God has gotten along *very well* without the sinners thus far, and could do so forever. It was not for selfish reasons that he redeemed all, and is about *to restore all who will accept His favor in Christ.*"

"But some attempt to evade the foregoing statements of Scripture with the claim that they refer to *wickedness*, and **not** to wicked people; that they mean that all wicked people will be *destroyed*

*by their conversion* -- by *having* their **wickedness** *destroyed*. We ask those who so think, to read over these words of God again, carefully, and see that *they could not, reasonably, be so construed*. Notice that even though the Word mentioned nothing about the destruction of wicked doers, but merely mentioned the destruction of wickedness and wicked *things*, **this would** nevertheless *include wicked doers*; because, of all wicked things, intelligence, willful evil doers are the worst. But the Word **does** specify *wicked persons*; and all who are familiar with the *rules of grammar* covering the question to know that **when the person is specified**, the *destruction of his wickedness could not be meant*"

"The wicked shall be *(re) turned (back) into* hell (*sheol*) and all the nations (Gentiles, people) that forget God.' Psa. 9:16 'The Lake of fire, which is *the second* death.' (Rev. 20:14) is prepared for [the "ye" class as well as for] the devil and his angels [also literal as well as] (messengers or servants).' Matt. 25:41 ['Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, *ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared* for the devil and his angels:'] And all who, with Satan, *serve sin are his servants* or messengers. Rom. 6:16 ['Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves [as] servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether *of sin unto death*, or of obedience unto righteousness?'] For such, *yes, all such, and for such only, God has prepared the penalty of 'everlasting destruction from the presence of the glory of his power.'* And *from Satan their chief, down to the least one of his children* who, notwithstanding, knowledge and opportunity to the contrary, *cling to evil and choose it* rather than righteousness, this tribe *will be blotted out* to the praise of *God's justice*, to the joy and welfare of *the holy* and to their own real advantage."

"It will not do to judge others by ourselves, in all respects. The fact that God's saints do not feel opposition to God's will, and *cannot understand how* others can entertain such sentiments, sometimes *leads to the false conclusion* that if all others *enjoyed a similar knowledge* of God *they too would delight in His service*. That such a conclusion *is false* is evident, from the fact that *Satan, who knew God thoroughly, 'abode not in the truth,' but became 'father of lies' and 'a murderer.'* And, *after six thousand years'* witness of sin and its results, *he is still the adversary* of righteousness. After nearly two thousand years' knowledge of the love and mercy of God manifested in Christ's sacrifice for sin, *he is still unmoved by that love* as he is unmoved by pity for human woe. And more than this: God, who knows the future as well as the past, shows us, unquestionably, that *after being restrained (bound) for a thousand years* by the power of Christ's kingdom, and during that time witnessing the blessings of righteousness, he will, when granted liberty at the close of the Millennium, *still manifest a preference for the way of sin* and opposition to God's arrangements. Surely this proves that *intelligent beings, and perfect beings*, too, can know God and *yet choose a way of disobedience*, -- whether **or not** our minds can grasp the philosophy of their course."

"But the philosophy of the matter is this: A perfect being, angel or man, is **a blank page** upon which character must be engraved. *Knowledge and free will* are the engravers. Pride, selfishness and ambition may be engraved, or *love, humility and meekness*. The latter is the blessed or God-like character, *the former is the sinful or devilish character*. According to which are engraved will be the character. If the will *decide for sin* and cultivate the wicked character, *the result will be a wicked being*. If the will decide for righteousness and God-likeness, the result will be a holy being."



"The same principles in a general way apply also to fallen men. No matter how fallen or weak they may be, they have *free-wills*. They can will aright, even when they cannot do aright. And under the Grace Covenant or under the New Covenant ***God accepts, through Christ, the imperfect deeds where the wills are perfect.*** "

"For some who are now evil doers and lovers of sin, our hope is, that they are such because of ***blinding of the devil*** (2 Cor. 4:4) ["In whom the ***god of this world hath blinded*** the minds ***of the unbelieving***, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, ***should not dawn (upon them).***"], which leads them to make a choice ***they would not make*** if they had a full clear knowledge. God's guarantee to all, through Christ is that ***all shall come to an accurate knowledge of the truth***, and thus to a full opportunity ***to choose between righteousness and sin***. We have ***no hope for any who***, after coming to a clear knowledge, ***choose sin, willfully: neither in this age nor in the next is there hope for such, according to God's Word.***" -- R. ZWT 3083, 3084.\*

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## DESTROY

***"Fear not them that which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul (complete being); but rather fear Him that is able to destroy both body and soul in Gehenna." Matthew 10:28***

The word "destroy" is called in question by some who would like to have its meaning to favor ***their own thinking*** as to the matter. The attempt to ***rewrite the laws of grammar*** to favor a philosophy is not an uncommon practice in religion. This is done with many things as you are well aware. It is comparable to the statement ***of the switch*** -- i.e., putting light for darkness and darkness for light -- "woe unto them." Isa. 5:20 It is done in still another way by Jehovah's Witnesses, who take ***the plain statements of Scripture*** which were written for the heavenly church and apply them in both symbol and literal representations ***for themselves***. This amounts to ***distortion of the truth*** whether by man or woman. An example is given in Satan who is now denied by many and worshipped by others. Nevertheless his fact remains. See references in *Studies in the Scriptures, The New Creation, Volume 6* -- Satan, the Adversary. See Rev. 9:11 "Apollyon" -- Destroyer.

For those who would even think of teaching others, they should realize "Be not many of you teachers, for upon such will come the double judgment." The judgment would be ***not only for themselves*** but also a responsibility to God's Word ***for which they must answer***. There is the more severe warning to those who would "wrest the Scriptures to their own damnation (condemnation)." In the Scriptures, to teach something contrary to the Word of God ***is called "heresy"*** and is subject to judgment -- first by God and secondly by the church. Teaching is a very serious matter and also as to who would or presume to be teachers, for which specific direction is given.

### APOLLUMI

THE Greek word (*apollumi*). Liddell and Scott Greek Lexicon is the supreme definer of words as they were used in the classical Greek of the period. The means of determination was how these words were used in the Greek writings such as the "Iliad," "Odyssey" and etc. It is the standard for all scholars. Liddell and Scott describing "*apollumi*" and variants *apolluo*, *apoleso*, *apolesso*, *apolo*, *apoleka*, *apol*, etc., gives the primary or first meaning as 'To ***destroy utterly***, to kill, slay, murder. Thuc. 4,133,7,27. Hom(er) who uses it chiefly of death in battle; also of things, to ***demolish***, to lay waste, Iliad IL. 5,648; and thence very frequently in all sorts of relations - to ***destroy***, ruin, waste, squander for the sake of a thing. Dem. 107,9."

"Apollo, son of Diana - God of archery. Sudden deaths of men were ascribed to him,' - hence ***a destroyer***."

"*Apollumi*" and **not** some other word ("*apollo*") as the basic Greek word is recognized by both Strong and Young in their concordance. Strong defines the word by its first meaning which is correct – to *destroy*.

**MATTHEW 10:28**

It is a sadly misguided and false statement that says with regard to Matthew 10:28 that destroy means "to loose away." It was correctly translated **destroy** by reason of the context of its usage. Obviously (except to those who will not willing know) *Gehenna* is a place of no recovery or return. "**Destroy**" is the primary meaning for the word "*apollumi*" according to Liddell and Scott Lexicon -- to *destroy utterly*, etc. Those who oppose God or Christ are *destroyed in the second death* -- oblivion from which there is no return. We cannot make ourselves *better* than God. Nor can we promote our *fallen human reasoning* in contradiction of Jehovah's written Word.

## PART TWO

# The Great Adversary, Satan

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The Apostle writes--"Your adversary, the devil," as though he would have us understand that we have much more to contend with than the weaknesses of our own flesh and the imperfections of fellow men. He would have us realize that we have a cunning "wily" foe in Satan, and that we must keep close to our Shepherd if we would be delivered out of temptation and from the power of the Evil One.

Let us note some of the many scriptures which refer to this Adversary whose very existence is now being denied by many:

*"Your adversary, the devil, goeth about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Pet. 5:8*

*"Then was Jesus led up into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." Matt. 4:1*

*"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire [Gehenna, destruction], prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41*

*"Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil and taketh away the word out of their hearts." Luke 8:12*

*"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44*

*"Supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray him." John 13:2*

*"Neither give place to the devil." Eph. 4:27*

*"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand the wiles of the devil." Eph. 6:11*

*"Lest...he fall into the condemnation of the devil." 1 Tim. 3:6,7*

*"They may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil." 2 Tim. 2:26*

*"That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." Heb. 2:14*

*"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7*

*"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil...In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother." 1 John 3:8,10*

*"Michael, the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Jude 9*

*"The devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried." Rev. 2:10*

*"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 with him." Rev. 12:9,12*

*"He laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,...that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled." Rev. 20:2,3*

*"The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone....This is the second death." Rev. 20:10,14*

*"Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out." John 12:31*

*"Hereafter I will not talk much with you; for the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me." John 14:30*

*"When he is come he will reprove the world...of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." John 16:8,11*

*"Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Eph. 2:2*

*"If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:3,4*

*"When the Pharisees heard it they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils but by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. And Jesus said,...If Satan cast out Satan he is divided against himself; how shall then his Kingdom stand?" Matt. 12:24-26*

*"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" Isa. 14:12-14*

*"Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Cor. 11:14*

*"Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish." 2 Thess. 2:9,10*

*"Lest Satan get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Cor. 2:11*

*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against the spiritual things of the Evil One in the heavenlies." (Eph. 6:12) See Diaglott.*

*"He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that Wicked One toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the Wicked One." (1 John 5:18,19) See Diaglott.*

*"There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came amongst them." Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7*

*"And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee." Zech. 3:1,2*

*"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18*

*"I have appeared unto thee for this purpose,...I send thee to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God." Acts 26:16,18*

*"The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." Rom. 16:20*

*"To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh." 1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:20*

*"Give none occasion to the Adversary to speak reproachfully; for some are already turned aside after Satan." 1 Tim. 5:14,15*

When our Lord said, "Get thee hence, Satan" [*adversary, opposing spirit*--Young], and again when he said to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan [*adversary, etc.*]; thou art an offense unto me, for thou savorest not the things that be of God" (*Matt. 4:10; 16:23*), it was saying in effect that being in opposition to God, the same position was also held toward all in harmony with God. And Peter's declaration that he goes about like a "roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" seems to teach that he is not "your [the Church's] adversary" alone, *but that of all mankind*. Our Lord makes a direct assertion to that effect. *John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11*

Our Lord's declaration, that Satan is the great Adversary, not only of God, but of humanity, is by no means a fancy sketch, but the plain truth. He is our Adversary in a sense that the world and our own flesh are not our adversaries. Our own flesh opposes the New Creature, *not from any bitterness or hatred*, nor with any scheming for its temporal or eternal disadvantage; but merely in the sense that the cravings of the fallen flesh are in a direction which is at variance to the best interests of the New Creature and the hopes with which he has been begotten. The opposition of the world is likewise *not a malicious one*, but merely a selfish one, because of seeing things in different lights and because of selfish differences of interest. *Satan alone is the willful, intelligent plotter and schemer who uses a superhuman intelligence and, so far as permitted,*

*superhuman powers, to inveigle our fallen flesh*, through depraved appetites, etc., and who frequently uses the worldly as his tools and unconscious instruments in opposing righteousness and truth and those who are of the Truth.

**He Was a Liar and a Murderer**  
**from the Beginning**  
**--John 8:44--**

The inspired record asserts, persistently and consistently, that *Satan began the rebellion against the divine law*, and seduced our first parents into disobedience, through his own ambition for power; and that since man's fall this same Adversary has been the implacable opponent of God, of righteousness and of truth; and not only the ensnarer of mankind, **but the opposer of the great plan of Atonement** which God devised and is prosecuting through Christ. From the Scriptural account it does not appear that Satan had any sympathizers or associate conspirators amongst the angels at the time of his secession and attempt to establish a lordship or dominion of his own in the earth, **taking as his subjects** God's latest creation--mankind. As surely as Satan himself was a part of the general creation of God, so surely we may know that he was created perfect and upright, in the image of God; because all of God's work is perfect. (*Eph. 3:9; Deut. 32:4*) He has but the **one standard of righteousness**, justice, perfection, and He himself is that standard.

But to be created perfect, and to remain perfect, are two entirely different propositions. God has not been pleased to create any of his intelligent creatures mere machines, incapable of change of motive and conduct. On the contrary, He has been pleased to create all the morally intelligent of his creatures after His own likeness or image, with perfect liberty to follow the right, the true, the pure, the good, according to His own example and precept; but with power also to alter or reverse their course in these respects, and to become rebels against His law of righteousness. God, however, has guarded this matter, by keeping in His own hands the power of everlasting life; so that He has full control of the situation, **and can destroy any of His creatures, if they refuse to acknowledge and obey His righteous requirements**. He proposes to blot them out of existence, **as though they had never been**, and to permit only such as are in heart harmony with His requirements to continue to live everlastingly.

Amongst the angels of high rank (of whom Satan was originally one), there were, apparently from the beginning, and still are, different orders or grades, yet all under the rule of love, and who, in obedience to the will of the Creator, operated in unison and harmony probably for ages. Goodness, love, kindness, obedience to the heavenly Father's requirements, and happiness resulting from these, were for a long while their only experiences. But in due time another feature of the divine plan was developed. Man was created, of a different nature from angels, a little lower nature--human, not angelic--earthly, not heavenly--flesh, not spirit. Additionally, mankind had a separate home-- earth--with a family organization, and were paired, male and female, and had powers of procreation--ability to propagate their own species. In all these particulars they differed from the angels, who *are not sexually different*, and who have not the family arrangement, and who **do not propagate** their own kind. God's latest creation was, no doubt, a marvel in the eyes of all the angelic hosts--in connection with which their reasoning faculties found abundant opportunity for exercise. Then it was that one of those of high rank,

reasoning out the possibilities of the matter and harboring selfish and ambitious thoughts, concluded that if he could in some manner but capture the newly created human pair, and alienate them from God, then he could through them set up a special kingdom or dominion of his own, *of which he would be the god or lord*, usurping the place and honor of Jehovah respecting mankind and the earth. It was his *prosecution of this criminal ambition* that gave to him his present name, *Satan--adversary of God*. He did not meditate nor attempt to usurp God's dominion over the angels. Such an attempt would have been absurd, since all of the angels were intimately acquainted with God, and knew Satan as one of themselves. Hence, they would not have thought of consenting to become his servants and followers, very much preferring, and being thoroughly satisfied with, and in no sense rebellious toward, the just, loving and wise administration of Jehovah Almighty.

No sooner did such selfish and ambitious designs find a lodgment in Satan's heart, than he began to measure the Lord by his own false standard, and to suppose that the Lord Jehovah was in all of his work merely carrying out ambitious and selfish designs. Thus it is that the wicked heart *is always ready to impute evil to others*, be they ever so pure, honorable and benevolent. No doubt Satan justified his own course in the beginning, at least, by false reasoning, to the effect that in creating mankind on a lower plane than the spirit beings, the angels, God was influenced by sinister and selfish motives; and that the limitation to earth as their habitat was with a view to having them the more fully enslaved. Having once permitted this envious, rebellious, unsanctified thought to enter his heart, it was only a question of time when the evil would develop further, in the suggestion and manifestation of open sin and opposition to the divine arrangements.

Perhaps, indeed, it was with the false idea that he was doing justice to the oppressed that Satan approached mother Eve in Eden, and suggested to her that the strict regulations by which Adam and herself had been hedged about by the divine decree respecting one of the trees of the garden, was the exercise on God's part of unwarranted, autocratic powers--to restrain them from liberties which should properly be theirs and the exercise of which would be clearly to their advantage. He even suggested to mother Eve, and possibly he expressed truly the opinion of his, by this time perverted, judgment that God falsified to them when he stated that the eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree would result in their destruction--their death. Satan had never seen death amongst any of God's creatures made in his own likeness, endowed with reason; and hence, in his perverse attitude of mind, he not only attributed to God sinister motives in connection with the creation, but now assumed that *He had deliberately lied to his creatures*, in order to further his own plans of keeping them in a measure of ignorance, and under what Satan, by this time no doubt, concluded was despotic authority.

The evil suggestion took effect. The mind of mother Eve--which up to this moment had been thankful to God and appreciative of all his mercies and blessings, and which had recognized him as the fountain of grace and truth, benevolence and love--was poisoned with the thought that she was being made a dupe; was being deprived of proper liberties to the intent that she might be hindered from acquiring larger measures of knowledge, which were properly her right, and which God, in his determination to keep them in the slavery of ignorance, was misrepresenting to them-- threatening them that it would result in their death-- whereas this newly found friend, Satan, who loved them better, and who was jealous for their welfare and their liberty, assured them that the eating of the forbidden fruit would not only not bring disaster and death, but would



bring increase of knowledge, liberty, and exercise for all their powers. The poison acted quickly; selfishness and acquisitiveness were aroused in the heart of mother Eve, which had never before had such sentiments, because nothing in her previous experience had ever suggested such thoughts or sentiments.

Satan's position on this matter, of course, separated him from Jehovah. He staked his all upon his ability to capture the new human race as his servants, his kingdom; or, as perhaps he would have expressed it, he had staked all in his effort to liberate the new human family from divine despotism.

When he saw the effect of the transgression--that the human pair were cast out of Eden, and *shut off from its life-sustaining trees*, that they gradually began to wither and to perish, no doubt he was disappointed, as well as was mother Eve. Adam, we are informed, was not deceived: *he knew what to expect as the result of disobedience*. His share in the transaction was a voluntary one, a suicide we might term it. Inspired by the thought that his wife must die, because she had partaken of the forbidden fruit, and feeling that all of his own joy would thus perish, he resolved to die with her. Had he understood better the divine character, as it has since been manifested through God's dealings in connection with the Atonement, he would doubtless have trusted God for help out of the difficulty, and would have been obedient to the divine decree at any cost.

But to return to Satan: Having chosen an evil course, each step of his journey since seems to be taking him only further and further away from every principle of righteousness; so that while his first lie, "Ye shall not surely die," may have been uttered with considerable candor, yet ever since, and today, he endeavors by every conceivable means to perpetuate his false statement, and to deceive mankind into believing that there is no such thing as *death*-- that when they die they are more alive than ever before. It is the old lie, "Ye shall not surely die," readjusted to present conditions. None now know better than Satan the reality of death, as it passed upon the whole human family; and none know better than he that if the human family clearly and distinctly understood the matter of sin, its penalty, the ransom, and the resultant restitution, the influence of the Truth would be to draw mankind toward their just, yet merciful Creator.

But this is what Satan desires to prevent. He therefore attempts to blind the minds of mankind respecting the true character and plan of God, and to fill them, on the contrary, with false and blasphemous thoughts respecting the divine character and plan. Instead of having men see that death, and all the sufferings incident to death, viz., mental, moral and physical decay and disease, are the results of disobedience to God, the results of following his falsehood, he, on the contrary, would have them think, and has succeeded in convincing many, that the great Jehovah, who declares himself to be the very embodiment of justice and of love, in creating the human family most unjustly and unlovingly did so with malevolent intentions towards the vast majority --that he purposed and predestinated in his heart, before beginning man's creation, that thousands of millions of them should be eternally tormented, and that a "little flock" should be carried to glory, as a sample of what he had power to do for all if he had been kindly disposed

Thus, and with many other somewhat similar delusions and snares, has the Adversary for six thousand years perverted human judgment, and turned the hearts of men away from God and from the message of his Truth. The Apostle confirms this, and explains it, saying: "The god of

this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them"--should enlighten them, and drive out the darkness of ignorance and misconception, and let them see the real character and gracious plan of the heavenly Father. **2 Cor. 4:4**

Wherever the light of divine revelation (not merely the Bible, but also "the spirit of Truth") goes, it more or less means danger to the darkness of Satan's misrepresentations. The Truth is a thousand-fold more reasonable than Satan's error, and would rapidly prevail against him, were it not for his cunning, "wily" tactics, by which he is continually shifting the scenes, and bringing forward new deceptions to uphold his old lie, and "to deceive, if it were possible, the very elect." One of the first and one of the most gigantic and most successful of his efforts to controvert the Truth, and to make the error appear feasible and plausible, was the development of the great Antichrist system, the Papacy. By it he exercised a most wonderful influence throughout the world, so that, in the light of today, and with a measure of freedom from that monstrous institution, mankind looks back to the period of its dominion and describes it as "the Dark Ages"-- dark with injustice, dark with error and superstition, dark with persecution, relentless and terrible, against those who sought to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience --ferocious against them in proportion as they obtained the true light and were faithful in holding it up before the people. So diabolical was this great institution, in its methods and influence, and so thoroughly did it represent Satan's cunning and ambition and craftiness, that it is symbolically described by the Lord as though it were Satan himself. It was, in the largest sense of the word, his representative, while claiming to be God's representative.\*

Throughout the prophecies we find this blending of description and denunciation between Satan and his chiefest representative amongst the enlightened. For instance, after describing the breaking of the power of Babylon--a description which is applicable in part to literal Babylon, and the bondage of natural Israel, and more particularly applicable to the bondage of mystic Babylon over spiritual Israel--the Prophet proceeds with a description which primarily fits to Satan's own course, and in a secondary sense is applicable to the rise and fall of natural Babylon, and in a yet further sense to the rise and fall of mystic Babylon, saying:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation [the Kingdom of God's people] to the northward [Pleiades, in the north, has long been esteemed the center of the universe, the throne of Jehovah]: I will ascend up to the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell--*sheol*, oblivion--to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the one that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?" **Isa. 14:12-17**

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\*See Vol. II, Chap. ix.

As it was true that Babylon highly exalted itself over the other kingdoms of the world, it was also true that Papacy, the Antichrist, exalted itself as a kingdom over the nations of earth, and attempted to rule them with a rod of iron, claiming authority so to do in the name of the true Christ.

And as the one was brought down to destruction, much more so there waiteth yet the final fall of Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, as a great millstone cast into the sea, to rise no more. But if the ambition of these to have dominion above others was great, still greater was the ambition of Satan to be higher than the others of God's creation, to have a kingdom of his own, and subjects of his own--a rival kingdom to that of Jehovah--over earth, as Jehovah's dominion is in heaven. However, this also shall fail, and Satan himself shall first be bound during the thousand years of the reign of the Redeemer and the lifting of the curse, and the blessing of the world, but subsequently, as the Scriptures clearly show, he is to be destroyed, together with all his angels--his messengers, all who follow his leading and his course. *Matt. 25:41; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 20:10*

### **Satan's Associates in Evil--Legions of Demons**

As already seen, according to the Scriptural account, Satan had no angelic associates in his conspiracy and rebellion at its beginning. On the contrary, we may understand that all the holy angels were in fullest sympathy with the divine government, and that some of them were commissioned to rule over fallen man, and to help mankind, if possible, back to harmony with God, and to restrain them from further depravity. This was prior to the flood of Noah's day.

It was the first experience of angels with sin, disloyalty to God, moral obliquity. It became to them a test, because it suggested possibilities of an evil course, contrary to the divine will. It suggested pleasures and advantages as the result of such a course, and thus became a test of their loyalty and obedience to Jehovah. The Scriptures clearly inform us that under this test some of the angels, who previously had been holy and obedient, became transgressors, fell into and were contaminated by sin. Both Jude and Peter speak of "those angels which kept not their first estate," and whom, in consequence, God restrained of their liberties, reserving them in chains, under darkness, until a great judgment day, still future, when their cases will be heard. *2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6*

Isolated from the holy angels, these fallen angels are since known as demons, or devils, and Satan is recognized as the "prince of devils"--their leader, with whom they cooperate as mischief workers amongst men. Having no employment in good works, and left to themselves in evil, it need not surprise us that in them evil attains large proportions, and that they are faithful allies of Satan in the inculcation of his original lie--"Thou shalt not surely die." Apparently, very soon after the flood these fallen angels, demons, began to debauch humanity, under the guise of religion. While chained, or imprisoned, in the sense of being unable longer to appear amongst men in fleshly bodies, they soon found in the depraved race those who were willing to submit themselves as their agents, or mediums, and they operated through the bodies of these, instead of bodies of their own. Such "*mediums*," or human channels of communication between the demons and mankind were, in olden times, known as "fetishes," "wizards," "witches," "necromancers," "medicine men," and "priests" of false religions.

Their various efforts to gain control of the people of Israel, whom God had selected to be his representatives in the world for a time, are distinctly noted in the Scriptures, and the people are strictly warned against them. Laws were enacted and, to a considerable extent enforced, against those who became the agents of communication between the demons and Israel--the penalty being death.

Man, constitutionally, is an image of God, and as such is a free, independent being. This freedom extends to his moral agency; hence the expression that man is a "free moral agent." However much he may lose his personal liberty, or become enslaved either to persons or to his own appetites, nevertheless his moral agency is free--he is free to will, to use his mind in what way he may please. If he wills to submit his mind to the Lord's will, he may do so; if he wills to submit to an evil influence, he may do so; and if he wills to stand independent of both God and evil influences he may do so, to the extent that his physical powers and mental judgment will permit--but impaired by the fall, and its inherited weaknesses, his judgment as well as his knowledge and ability to reason, are greatly diminished, and, hence, his moral independence is proportionately in danger, when assaulted by "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils," as the Scriptures declare the evil influence at work throughout the world to be. (*1 Tim. 4:1*) It is not surprising, therefore, that these fallen angels, demons, have in every country and in every time, found it possible to obtain possession of numerous mediums. And they are choice as to who their mediums shall be, seeking, so far as possible, those possessed of mental capacity, that through these natural qualities and abilities they may the more thoroughly operate in the control of the masses in general. Consequently we find that in heathen lands and amongst the Indians these mediums, priests, wizards, witches, necromancers, astrologers, and soothsayers, were amongst the wisest and ablest. In modern times, in Christendom, these mediums of demons are often known by this particular name, medium, as amongst the Spiritualists. It is one of the most correct names ever applied, for, simply and strictly, those who submit themselves to these evil influences, to be the channels of communication to men, are merely mediums through which the evil spirits communicate, either by words or raps, or writings, or otherwise.

The general methods and general teaching of these demons, through such mediums, in all times and in all countries, have been practically the same. They misrepresent themselves, and personate the dead, except very occasionally, when they have made themselves so bold as to admit that they are demons--as, for instance, amongst the Chinese. See also *1 Cor. 10:20*.

By palming themselves off as dead human beings they accomplish a manifold work most successfully:

- (1) They support the original lie promulgated by Satan in Eden, "Thou shalt not surely die."
- (2) Through this falsehood they prejudice the minds of mankind against the Gospel and all its provisions.
- (3) The divine provisions for man's redemption and recovery out of sin, and its penalty, death, they thus make to appear inconsistent, unreasonable, nonsensical. Denying that the wages of sin is death, and claiming that the wages of sin is eternal torment, their theory not only blasphemous the divine character, by representing it as the personification of injustice and cruelty, but it makes ridiculous the Scriptural doctrine of a ransom; for even fallen reason is able to discern that

our Lord's death at Calvary could not redeem the race from eternal torture; and that there would be no correspondence whatever between the penalty and the ransom price.

(4) It makes the doctrine of the resurrection seem useless and unreasonable, because if there are none dead, how could there be a resurrection of the dead? If all, in dying, become more alive than they ever were before, and are in much better condition than previously, what good purpose could be served by a resurrection? or why should it be held out as the hope, and the only hope, set before us in the Gospel?

(5) It prepares the way for enslaving errors. Amongst the heathen, this, to a considerable extent, takes the form of the worship of parents, and the belief in transmigration of souls--that those who die as men, after remaining for a while in a disembodied condition, will be born into the world again as dogs or cats, horses or cows, rats or mice, and pass through the various experiences of these dumb animals; or, if worthy, pass to nobler conditions.

(6) In Christendom this evil took on its most Satanic form, and the false doctrine became the foundation of all the gross errors and superstitions with which Christianity has contended. There could have been no theory of eternal torture except as built upon this doctrine of demons, that the dead are *alive*--capable of suffering. There could have been no theory and doctrine of purgatory, except for the same teaching; consequently, there could have been no praying for the dead, no paying for masses for the dead. Consequently, also, the great priestly institutions which have fattened on these falsehoods could not have developed, to enslave mankind with their fallacies and misrepresentations of the divine character and plan.

(7) Although the power of Papacy was broken in the great Reformation movement of the sixteenth century, this foundation fallacy, taught by the demons, and supported by them amongst all nations with various proofs, demonstrations, and manifestations, was carefully guarded; and the Reformers stepped forth, still bound by this original lie, taught by the father of lies, and supported by his legions of evil spirits. Thus it became also in Protestantism the basis of all the difficulties and errors with which the various denominations have since struggled. It has blinded them to a large extent to the light of the divine Word, hindering them from "comprehending with all saints the length and the breadth, the height and the depth of the love of God." ***Eph. 3:18***

(8) Adapting itself to the new condition, it has, within the last fifty years, assumed the role of light-bearer to the Church, and affected to lead all desiring the truth. In this it is true to the character marked out for it in the inspired Word, for the Apostle declares, "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." ***2 Cor. 11:14***

(9) Spiritism has been unsuccessful in capturing the majority of Christian people. Although handicapped by the false theory that their dead friends are alive, Christians in general have somehow instinctively realized that the mediums (the best which Satan could obtain) were not such mediums as God would appoint to communicate information, and to be channels of fellowship between himself and their friends, whom they erroneously believe to be alive, and frequently near them, though unseen; consequently, the great Adversary, while permitting Spiritualism to gather and to hold and to seduce to evil as many as possible, has found it

necessary to introduce still more subtle temptations, still more close imitations of true Christianity.

As we look into heathendom, we see clearly the terrible and degrading work of these demons, how they have riveted their fetters upon the people by the exercise of miraculous powers, through their human agents--as, for instance, the fakirs of India today, and the "Black Art" generally practiced throughout the world in the darker days of upon these works of the devil, and indicate that the light of divine truth is "the light of the world," which alone will be capable of dispelling the darkness of the Adversary. Notice the conflict between the light and darkness, as recorded in the Apostle Paul's experiences, when he traveled through Asia and into Europe, holding up the true light, when "Many that believed came and confessed, and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver: so mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." *Acts 19:18-20*

The apostles were continually in conflict with these evil spirits, which sometimes sought to oppose the Gospel, but in general realized that they were wholly unable to cope with the higher spiritual powers operating through the apostles. On one occasion, we read that the evil spirit sought affiliation with the Gospel, and prompted the medium to follow the Apostle and those with him, calling out, "These be the servants of the Most High God, which show unto us the way of eternal life." But whether this was an attempt to associate the Gospel with demonism and mediumship, or whether it was a shrewd trick by which the demons expected to accomplish the very result which followed, viz., a disturbance amongst the people, and an opposition to the apostles, we cannot judge. But at all events, one point clearly brought forward is, that the Apostle recognized these mediums, not as the mediums of the dead, but as the mediums of the demons, the fallen angels. And in conference with the apostles these demons never denied their own identity. See *Acts 16:16-19; 19:15; Jas. 2:19*.

Likewise in our Lord's ministry, these evil spirits had found many amongst the Jews willing to receive them-- known as "possessed of devils." When possessed of many of these demons, as was frequently the case, the victim had almost no control of himself. His thoughts, words and acts were controlled by numerous of these evil spirits, and his conduct was that of insanity. Many possessed of devils were healed in our Lord's time, both by himself and by those whom he sent forth, armed with his spirit, power, influence.

An interesting account of one of these instances of the casting out of evil spirits is found in *Luke 4:34-37, Matt. 8:28-33*, where the demons not only did not attempt to deny their own identity, when holding converse with the Lord, but admitted his lordship and power over them, and their expectation of some future termination of their present restraint or imprisonment--a culmination or judgment in their case.\*

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\*For further discussion of Spiritism--Demonism, see "What Say the Scriptures about Spiritism?" Address the publishers.

## Scriptural References Pertaining to Satan Satan, Devil, Serpent, Adversary, Lucifer

**Genesis 3:1** Now the [serpent](#) was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, 'Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'

**Genesis 3:2** And the woman said unto the [serpent](#), 'Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat:

**Genesis 3:3** but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.'

**Genesis 3:4** And the [serpent](#) said unto the woman, 'Ye shall not surely die:

**Genesis 3:5** for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil.'

**Genesis 3:13** And Jehovah God said unto the woman, What is this thou hast done? And the woman said, The [serpent](#) beguiled me, and I did eat.

**Genesis 3:14** And Jehovah God said unto the [serpent](#), Because thou hast done this, cursed art thou above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

**Genesis 3:15** and I will put enmity between [thee](#) and the woman, and between [thy](#) seed and her seed: he shall bruise [thy](#) head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**1 Chronicles 21:1** And [Satan](#) stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

**1 Chronicles 21:2** And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them.

**Job 1:6** Now it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that [Satan](#) also came among them.

**Job 1:7** And Jehovah said unto [Satan](#), Whence comest thou? Then [Satan](#) answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

**Job 1:8** And Jehovah said unto [Satan](#), Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil.

**Job 1:9** Then **Satan** answered Jehovah, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

**Job 1:10** Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

**Job 1:11** But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will renounce thee to thy face.

**Job 1:12** And Jehovah said unto **Satan**, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thy hand. So **Satan** went forth from the presence of Jehovah.

**Job 2:1** Again it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that **Satan** came also among them to present himself before Jehovah.

**Job 2:2** And Jehovah said unto **Satan**, From whence comest thou? And **Satan** answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

**Job 2:3** And Jehovah said unto **Satan**, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

**Job 2:4** And **Satan** answered Jehovah, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

**Job 2:5** But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce thee to thy face.

**Job 2:6** And Jehovah said unto **Satan**, Behold, he is in thy hand; only spare his life.

**Job 2:7** So **Satan** went forth from the presence of Jehovah, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

**Job 6:23** Or, Deliver me from the **adversary's** hand? Or, Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?

**Isaiah 14:12** *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations!”*

**How art thou fallen** -- This description primarily fits **Satan's** own course, and in a **secondary** sense is applicable to the rise and fall of literal Babylon; and in a yet further sense to the rise and fall of mystic Babylon. (F618) From heaven -- God has found it necessary to perform the unpleasant duties of discipline. In justice he must disown the disloyal sons and deal with them as enemies. (Z1833:4)

**Lucifer** -- A glorious angelic being of a high order. OV306:3; SM63:1; Z5843:3 The shining one, God's first opponent. Z5896:1 His name was changed to that of **Satan**, meaning the hater,



the accuser. Z5896:1 Primarily **Satan**, whose existence many deny. F609 Secondarily, applies to literal and mystic Babylon. F618; Z1686:2 Son of the morning -- One of the earliest of creation. (Z1642:1, Z1686:1) If **Satan** had known the results of his course, he probably would not have taken it. (Z5576:5)

**Isaiah 14:13** *“And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north;”*

**Cut down to the ground -- Limited to the earth** and sentenced to final destruction.(Z1686:3) Cut off from all association with holy beings. (Z5896:1)

**I will ascend** -- Ambition is good, but only when it is based on humility. Any spirit that does not respect God's wisdom is foolish. (Z5186:2) **Lucifer** had long cherished in his heart ambitious designs. (PD15/24; Z4928:6, Z5665:3) A man has no right to aspire to be an angel, never having been invited to that position; **nor has an angel any right to aspire to the divine nature, that never having been offered to him.** (A189) It was by permitting pride and ambition to gain control of his heart that Satan became an opponent of God and of righteousness. (Z5183:3) He became **ambitious to become some great one**, thereby necessitating his abasement; for "pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Prov. 16:18) (Z1892:3) Illustrating the principle that no kind of pride is more detestable in God's sight than pride of the truth. (Z5001:1) Nothing in the Scriptures indicates that **Satan** assumed any evil disposition or opposition to the Almighty prior to his seduction of our first parents. This was the time of Satan's temptation and fall into sin. (Z2839:6, Z1678:1)

**Into heaven** -- Power of spiritual control. (A318; Z1686:2)

**Exalt my throne** -- Authority and rulership. (A92) **Satan thought to exalt himself**; Jesus, to humble himself. (Z5186:2; E80)

**Above** -- A position already filled by the only begotten Son of God. (Z1686:2)

**The stars of God** -- Others of the sons of God. (F297),

(Z1686:2) **Satan** wanted to be higher than the other angels, their captain and leader. (SM95:1; Z5955:4, Z1515:2, Z4928:6; OV15:3; PD15-24)

**Upon the mount** -- The Kingdom. (F618)

**Of the congregation** -- God's people. (F618)

**Sides of the north** -- The Pleiades, in the north, long esteemed the center of the universe, the Throne of Jehovah. (F618) The farthest end of the north-universal dominion. (Z1686:2)

**Isaiah 14:14** *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.*

**Like the most High** -- A monarch, or king, over the human family. (E113; Z2839:6, Z1678:1; OV15:3; SM63:1; PD15/24) His peer, his equal. (Z4928:6, Z1515:2) Not to take Jehovah's place, but to establish **a rival dominion**. (CR425:6; OV15:3; SM63:1, SM95:1) Indicating a covetous, selfish, presumptuous, ambitiously proud spirit, in opposition to God. (Z5665:3, Z5955:4, Z5183:3, Z5001:2; SM63:1; OV298:4) The ambition to become ruler seems to have developed as he beheld the first human pair with their procreative powers, reasoning that if he could control this man he should have dominion over all his offspring. (Z1678:1; PD15/24; SM63:1, SM95:1;

Q826:T; HG593:6) He thought that if he had an empire of his own he could improve upon the divine order of things. (OV306:3) "As God is the Emperor of the entire universe, I should like to be the Emperor of some quarter of it where I might reign supreme and work out my own schemes and plans." (Q826:T) He would prefer to be a monarch of happier subjects than the "groaning creation" and is thus willing to become a reformer in all particulars but one--his ambition must be gratified. (E113) **Satan's** claim is contrasted with Jesus', who did not claim equality or aspire to a usurpation of God's authority. (Phil. 2:6, Diaglott) (Z1686:2, Z369:3, Z5844:5, Z1515:2) The very exaltation which **Satan** sought and failed to reach by pride and rebellion is, in substance, obtained by the chief messenger who humbled himself and has now been exalted to the divine nature. (Z490:3) A man has no right to aspire to be an angel, never having been invited to that position; nor has an angel the right to aspire to the divine nature, that never having been offered to him. (Z612:3) A **usurper** of divine authority, without divine appointment, and contrary to divine regulation. (F297, R1515:2, Z4928:6; SM95:1)

**Isaiah 14:15** *"Yet thou shalt be brought down to Sheol, to the uttermost parts of the pit."*

**Yet thou shalt be brought down** -- Showing that his ambitions will only serve the purposes of God and when they are finished so will he be done -- **brought to destruction**. -- Ed.

**Isaiah 14:16** *"They that see thee shall gaze at thee, they shall consider thee, [saying], Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;"*

In the Kingdom age at its conclusion, mankind will observe, **gaze upon Satan's remains** and consider him and all that he had done for 6,000 years plus and remark-- Ed.

**Is this the man** -- Perhaps suggesting that **Satan** would **appear as a man** in the last days. (In letter from Benjamin Barton.) (Z5866:3\*, Z5867:1) Which, of course, remains to be seen. It may be the means of **laying hold of a materialized Satan** and taking him off the scene. Nevertheless, in this Scripture, it suggests that, at the close of the kingdom age when all evil and opposing forces are put down, **he will take on human form**. This he possibly did along with the fallen angels at the time of the flood at which point then, dust shall be the serpents meat or food. **Satan will be reduced to ashes**. (See Ezek. 28:18) --Ed

**Isaiah 14:17** *"that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners."*

**That made the world as a wilderness** -- It took Christ, the Son of Glory, to divest himself, take on the nature of a human being and die on the cross a ransom for all. While **Satan in his wild frenzy** made the world a wilderness, God will restore beauty to the earth. "I will make (earth) the place of my feet glorious."

**That opened not the house of his prisoners** -- Christ Jesus opened the house of mankind imprisoned in death by reason of the ransom paid by his death on behalf of all mankind. Ed.

**Ezekiel 28:12** *Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.*

**The king of Tyrus** -- Symbolizing **Satan**. (Z3187:2)\* Verses 11 to 19 give a description of **Satan**. (Z1237:1)\*

**Ezekiel 28:13** *Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared.*

**Ezekiel 28:14** *“Thou wast the **anointed cherub** that covereth: and I set thee, [so that] thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down **in the midst of the stones of fire.**” – the stars.*

**Anointed cherub** -- **Satan** was created an angel of a very high order. (OV298:2; Z3187:2)\*

**Ezekiel 28:15** *Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee.*

**Ezekiel 28:16** *By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee **with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.***

**Mountain of God** -- Kingdom of God. (A318) Actually God’s heavenly kingdom in the sides of the north. -- Ed.

**Covering cherub** -- [**Lucifer**--] Of the highest order of angels, glorious and beautiful. (OV15:3; SM95:1; Q826:T) He was found in the Garden of Eden, the Garden of God, where he tempted Mother Eve. He failed in his responsibilities as a covering cherub to protect and guide the first human pair. In its place he brought sin and death upon mankind. --Ed.

**Stones of Fire** -- The burning Stars of the heavens in midst of which he traveled, wandering from Jehovah God, and thus developing his ambitions. --Ed.

**Ezekiel 28:17** *Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: **I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee.***

**Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty** -- "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty heart before a fall." --Ed.

**You have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness** -- While **Lucifer** had phenomenal wisdom due to his position in creation and the stature of his being (making him a Wiley foe), yet such brilliance, which could have been used for good, **was instead used for evil** - he made his choice. --Ed.

**I have cast you to the ground** -- The judgment here, is of Jehovah God, which will result in his being cast to the ground, powerless. --Ed.

**I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee** -- **Satan's** death and destruction is witnessed by mankind so that it will be known that there shall never be permitted to come into existence another being that would bring again evil and the horrors of the past. --Ed.

**Ezekiel 28:18** *By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.*

*I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee* -- Here, the destruction of [Satan](#) is pictured. A fire comes from within his being -- a spontaneous combustion.--Ed.

*I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth* -- [Satan](#) is consumed and reduced to ashes in the sight of mankind who are observing this phenomenon. "Affliction shall not rise again a second time." --Ed.

**Ezekiel 28:19** *All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become a terror, and never shalt thou be anymore.*

*Thou art become a [terror](#)* -- [Satan](#) was *the original terrorist and interrogator* (as in the inquisition) and among heathen religions such as *Mohammedism*, where you are not permitted to join Christianity lest you have your limbs chopped off. *Here he is made a [terror](#)*. --Ed.

*And never shalt thou be anymore* -- "The [Devil](#) that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire." "The Lake of fire which is *the Second Death*." The fate of [Satan](#) is that *he will be destroyed*. --Ed.

**Zechariah 3:1** *And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Jehovah, and [Satan](#) standing at his right hand to be his [adversary](#).*

**Zechariah 3:2** *And Jehovah said unto [Satan](#), Jehovah rebuke thee, O [Satan](#); yea, Jehovah that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*

**Matthew 4:1** *Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the [Devil](#).*

**Matthew 4:2** *And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered.*

**Matthew 4:3** *And the [tempter](#) came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.*

**Matthew 4:4** *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

**Matthew 4:5** *Then the [Devil](#) taketh him into the holy city; and he set him on the pinnacle of the temple,*

**Matthew 4:6** *and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto **him**, Again it is written, Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God.

Matthew 4:8 Again, the **Devil** taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Matthew 4:9 and he said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship **me**.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, **Satan**: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord [Jehovah] thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 4:11 Then the **Devil** leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Matthew 12:26 and if **Satan** casteth out **Satan**, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?

Matthew 12:27 And if I by **Beelzebub** cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

Matthew 13:38 and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the **evil [one]**;

Matthew 13:39 and the enemy that sowed them is the **Devil**: and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels.

Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, **Satan**: thou art a stumbling-block unto me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the **Devil** and **his** angels:

Mark 1:13 And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted of **Satan**; And he was with the wild beasts; And the angels ministered unto him.

Mark 3:23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can **Satan** cast out **Satan**?

Mark 3:26 And if **Satan** hath rise up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

Mark 4:15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; and when they have heard, straightway cometh **Satan**, and taketh away the word which hath been sown in them.

Mark 8:33 *But he turning about, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and saith, Get thee behind me, **Satan**; for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men.*

Luke 4:2 *during forty days, being tempted of the **Devil**. And he did eat nothing in those days: and when they were completed, he hungered.*

Luke 4:3 *And the **Devil** said unto him, if thou art the Son of God, command this stone that it become bread.*

Luke 4:4 *And Jesus answered unto **him**, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone.*

Luke 4:5 *And he led him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*

Luke 4:6 *And the **Devil** said unto him, To thee will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: for it hath been delivered unto **me**; and to whomsoever I will I give it.*

Luke 4:7 *If thou therefore wilt worship before **me**, it shall all be thine.*

Luke 4:8 *And Jesus answered and said unto **him**, It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord [Jehovah] thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.*

Luke 4:9 *And **he** led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:*

Luke 4:10 *for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee:*

Luke 4:11 *and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

Luke 4:12 *And Jesus answering said unto **him**, It is said, Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God.*

Luke 4:13 *And when the **Devil** had completed every temptation, **he** departed from him for a season.*

Luke 8:12 *And those by the way side are they that have heard; then cometh the **Devil**, and taketh away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved.*

Luke 10:18 *And he said unto them, I beheld **Satan** fallen as lightning from heaven.*

Luke 11:18 *And if **Satan** also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out demons by **Beelzebub**.*

Luke 11:19 *And if I by **Beelzebub** cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.*

**Luke 13:16** *And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom **Satan** had bound, lo, [these] eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the sabbath?*

**Luke 22:3** *And **Satan** entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.*

**Luke 22:31** *Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan** asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat:*

**John 8:44** *Ye are of [your] father the **Devil**, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. **He** was a murderer from the beginning, and standeth not in the truth, because there is no truth in **him**. When **he** speaketh a lie, **he** speaketh of **his** own: for **he** is a liar, and the father thereof.*

**John 13:2** *And during supper, the **Devil** having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's [son], to betray him,*

**John 13:27** *And after the sop, then entered **Satan** into him. Jesus therefore saith unto him, What thou doest, do quickly.*

**Acts 5:3** *But Peter said, Ananias, why hath **Satan** filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back [part] of the price of the land?*

**Acts 10:38** *[even] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the **Devil**; for God was with him.*

**Acts 13:10** *and said, O full of all guile and all villany, thou son of the **Devil**, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?*

**Acts 26:18** *to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of **Satan** unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me.*

**Romans 16:20** *And the God of peace shall bruise **Satan** under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**1 Corinthians 5:5** *to deliver such a one unto **Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

**1 Corinthians 7:5** *Defraud ye not one the other, except it be by consent for a season, that ye may give yourselves unto prayer, and may be together again, that **Satan** tempt you not because of your incontinency.*

**2 Corinthians 2:11** *that no advantage may be gained over us by **Satan**: for we are not ignorant of **his** devices.*

2 Corinthians 11:3 *But I fear, lest by any means, as the **serpent** beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ.*

2 Corinthians 11:14 *And no marvel; for even **Satan** fashioneth himself into an **angel of light**.*

2 Corinthians 11:15 *It is no great thing therefore if **his** ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.*

2 Corinthians 12:7 *And by reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, that I should not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of **Satan** to buffet me, that I should not be exalted overmuch.*

Ephesians 4:26 *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

Ephesians 4:27 *neither give place to the **Devil**.*

Ephesians 6:11 *Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the **Devil**.*

Ephesians 6:12 *For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the **spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places]**.*

1 Thessalonians 2:18 *because we would fain have come unto you, I Paul once and again; and **Satan** hindered us.*

2 Thessalonians 2:9 *[even he], whose coming is according to the working of **Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

2 Thessalonians 2:10 *and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

1 Timothy 1:20 *of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered unto **Satan**, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.*

1 Timothy 3:6 *not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the condemnation of the **Devil**.*

1 Timothy 3:7 *Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the **Devil**.*

1 Timothy 5:14 *I desire therefore that the younger [widows] marry, bear children, rule the household, give no occasion to the **adversary** for reviling:*

1 Timothy 5:15 *for already some are turned aside after **Satan**.*



2 Timothy 2:25 *in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth,*

2 Timothy 2:26 *and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the Devil, having been taken captive by him unto his will.*

Hebrews 2:14 *Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil;*

Hebrews 2:15 *and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

James 4:7 *Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.*

1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,*

1 Peter 5:9 *whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.*

1 John 3:8 *he that doeth sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil.*

1 John 3:10 *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the Devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

Jude 1:9 *But Michael the archangel, when contending with the Devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

Revelation 2:9 *I know thy tribulation, and thy poverty (but thou art rich), and the blasphemy of them that say they are Jews, and they art not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

Revelation 2:10 *Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer: behold, the Devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.*

Revelation 2:13 *I know where thou dwellest, [even] where Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth.*

Revelation 2:24 *But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as have not this teaching, who know not the deep things of Satan, as they are wont to say; I cast upon you none other burden.*

**Revelation 3:9** *Behold, I give of the synagogue of **Satan**, of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.*

**Revelation 12:9** *And the great dragon was cast down, the **old serpent**, he that is called the **Devil** and **Satan**, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and **his** angels were cast down with **him**.*

**Revelation 12:12** *Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the **Devil** is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that **he** hath but a short time.*

**Revelation 12:14** *And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the **serpent**.*

**Revelation 12:15** *And the **serpent** cast out of **his** mouth after the woman water as a river, that **he** might cause her to be carried away by the stream.*

**Revelation 20:2** *And he laid hold on the dragon, the old **serpent**, which is the **Devil** and **Satan**, and bound **him** [Siniatic MS](Revelation 20:3) and cast **him** into the abyss, and shut [it], and sealed [it] over **him**, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this **he** must be loosed for a little time.*

**Revelation 20:7** *And when the thousand years are finished [teleshese - approaching the end of], **Satan** shall be loosed out of **his** prison,*

**Revelation 20:8** *and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*

**Revelation 20:10** *And the **Devil** that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and **they** shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

## SATAN'S COUNTERFEIT OF TRUE RELIGION

*"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."--  
Proverbs 14:12*

**IT MAY** be a subject of some surprise to learn that Satan has a gospel, yet such would not be the case if all were familiar with the Satan of Scripture. Unfortunately for themselves the great majority today are not acquainted with the delineation of the Devil which God's Word supplies. They know little or nothing about his motives, his methods, his ministers, his machinery or his media. To them he is either a hideous monster with horns, hoofs and a tail, or else an abstract principle of evil--the absence of good, a negation.

The words which Goethe put into the mouth of Mephistopheles in "Faust," "I am the spirit of Negation," is the popular definition of the Devil today. He is impersonal, immaterial, impossible. As one has quaintly put it, "They spell Devil without a 'd' as they spell God with two 'o's.'" Good and evil is their scheme. "All the Devil there is, is the devil within you," is the last word of modern theology.

Now, an intelligent enemy always keeps in the background, remains hidden, out of sight. It is an important factor to his success that his identity should be concealed. The assassin who plunges a knife into the back of his victim is generally hired for the purpose. The one who throws the bomb is merely a pawn, the master-mind that planned the deed is unseen and unsuspected.

The police in some of our large cities know perfectly well that many of the most daring crimes are engineered by one who is too astute to show his hand. Those whom he employs to execute his plans may be caught, but the genius who "pulls the strings" is secure. Therefore it need not surprise us to find that the masses do not believe in the existence of a personal Devil. It would be strange were it otherwise. "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise" is doubtless an axiom, of the truth and value of which, in relation to humanity, the Devil is fully assured.

The Word of God does not leave us in any doubt as to the existence of a personal Devil. It furnishes us with a full-length portrait of him. It gives us a comprehensive description of his being, his emissaries and his aims.

Personal names are ascribed to him and personal characteristics attributed to him. He is represented as being the originator and source of all evil in the Universe, and the implacable enemy of God and man. His power is so tremendous that we are informed, "Michael, the

archangel, when contending with the Devil (he disputed about the body of Moses), durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." (Jude 9)

His dominion is so great and his impudence so audacious that he offered all the kingdoms of the world to the Son of God, on the one condition that He would fall down and worship him. And our Lord did not challenge his right to make such an offer, but upon a subsequent occasion acknowledged him to be the Prince of this world.

Moreover, the Word of God not only describes at length the person and power of the Devil, but it also acquaints us with his purposes, which may be summed up under two heads, namely: To deny the Word of God and to destroy the Work of Jesus Christ. It would be apart from our present purpose were we to turn aside and show at length how every available weapon was employed in the first centuries of the Christian Era to destroy the Bible, and how in these last days Satan is using the pens of the "higher critics" to destroy the authority of the Holy Scriptures. Suffice it to say that, from the day when he repudiated the words of Jehovah to Eve, until the moment when he is cast into the Abyss, his untiring energies will be devoted to the work of denying the Oracles of God.

Ever since the first Messianic prediction Satan has tried to destroy the Work of our Lord Jesus Christ. First, by way of anticipation and secondly by a method of imitation. When Jehovah declared to the serpent that the Seed of the woman should bruise his head, it was not long before that old serpent, the Devil, tried to frustrate the purposes of God. Cain (who was of that wicked one) slew his brother Abel as the first attempt to destroy the woman's seed. Later on, God declared to Abraham that "in him should all the families of the earth be blessed," or, as the Holy Spirit's comment upon these words informs us, "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many, but as One, And to thy Seed, which is Christ." (Galatians 3:16)

When in Egypt the descendants of Abraham began to wax numerous and it appeared that there was an immediate likelihood of this prophecy receiving its fulfillment, Satan tried to frustrate the prophecies of God and destroy the channel through which that Seed was to come by inciting Pharaoh to issue a command that the male children of the Hebrew women should be destroyed. (Exodus 1:16) When at a still later date God made known to King David that the promised Messiah was to be born of the royal tribe of Judah, Satan made a still more persistent attack to thwart God, as may be witnessed during the time of the divided kingdom, when the ten tribes made an untiring and determined effort to exterminate the tribe of Judah. When the fullness of the time was come and Immanuel was born at Bethlehem, Satan promptly made an effort to destroy the young child's life. Through Herod he slew all the children in Bethlehem from two years old and under. But his effort was in vain. For being warned of God in a dream Joseph had taken the young child and his mother and fled into Egypt. At the commencement of our Lord's ministry (in the Temptation), Satan tried to make Him throw Himself down from the Temple. On another occasion when, wearied out with the day's work, our Lord sought a few minutes' sleep in the bow of the boat, the Prince of the Power of the Air lashed the Sea of Galilee into a fury until the disciples feared that the little ship was doomed. And it was not until the Creator [maker] of the sea commanded it to be still that the plot of the Devil was foiled.

Other instances could be cited in which the Devil sought to prevent our Lord offering Himself as a Sacrifice for sin. Perhaps the supreme occasion was while He was upon the cross itself. Weakened by His sufferings, tortured by His merciless enemies, hanging helpless between the earth and Heaven, Satan challenged Him to demonstrate His Deity by descending from the cross.

"Thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself. If thou be the Son of God come down from the cross." (Matthew 27:40) But glory to His blessed Name He never faltered, He patiently and majestically bore His sufferings in silence until He cried in triumph, "It is finished!" and surrendered His spirit into the hands of the Father. But the Devil had still another card to play. His sacred body having been borne from the cross and laid in the sepulcher, Satan then made it his business to see that it was securely sealed and guarded by a company of Roman soldiers. Ah, Satan! if thou canst only succeed in keeping in the tomb that Body, thou hast triumphed. But no, again thou art defeated!

The grave cannot retain its victim, Death cannot hold the Lord of Life. "Up from the grave He rose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foe--Hallelujah, Christ arose!" And today He lives and is alive forevermore! Having been thwarted and defeated at every point, having failed to prevent the incarnation [His being "made flesh," John 1:14] of our blessed Lord, having failed to prevent His offering Himself as a Sacrifice for sin, having failed to keep His body in the confines of death, it behooves us to inquire, Has Satan given up in despair? Has he ceased in his efforts to destroy the Work of Christ? Has he changed his attitude toward the Son of God? or is he still perpetuating his hellish deeds? Is he still seeking to annul the effects of Christ's Work? Is he yet desirous of destroying the virtues of the cross? An answer to these questions is of the greatest importance.

Again we need to turn to the infallible Word if we would obtain a reliable answer. In the parable of the Tares our Lord has exposed Satan's methods during the time of His absence from this world. After the Son of Man had graciously condescended to scatter the Word of God, Satan likewise did some sowing and went and scattered broadcast his Tares among the Wheat. It is to be noted that he sowed neither thorns nor thistles, but something which so closely resembles the genuine grain that it is not until the time of the Harvest that the one can be distinguished from the other. Then it is seen that the Tares, though resembling the Wheat in every other respect, bear no fruit, produce no increase. In a word, then, just as Satan formerly sought to destroy the Work of Christ by way of anticipation, he is now engaged in the work of nullifying the virtues of the Death of Christ by a method of imitation. Consequently, as Christ has a Gospel, Satan must also have a gospel. And, in the nature of the case, it must be a gospel which so much resembles the Gospel of Christ that it is capable of deceiving the unwary and deluding the unsaved. It will be our business now, not to expound his gospel, but, with the Spirit's aid, to expose it.

The gospel of Satan is not a system of revolutionary principles, nor yet a programme of anarchy. It does not inspire wars and strife [except when it suits his needs], but peace and security. It does not set the mother against her daughter and the father against his son, but promotes the fraternal spirit whereby the race is regarded as one great Brotherhood. It does not seek to drag down and degrade the natural man, but to improve and uplift him. To use a popular phrase, it appeals to "the best, all that is good within us." It aims to make this world such a comfortable and congenial habitat that the absence of Christ will not be felt and God will not be

needed. It endeavors to make men so satisfied with this life that they shall be totally indifferent to the life hereafter. It propagates the principles of self-sacrifice, mercy, charity and benevolence, teaching men to live for the good of others and to be kind to all.

For those who observe its conditions and obey its commands, it promises the development of certain inherent occult powers, the solution of the more recondite problems of man's constitution and the accumulation of esoteric knowledge which is withheld from the multitude. In short, it declares that all who will eat of the forbidden fruit shall "be as gods."

In contradistinction to the Gospel of Christ, the gospel of Satan is one of works. Its fundamental principles are: salvation by good deeds, redemption by human merits and regeneration by reformation. Its sacramental phrase is: "Be good and do good." Its motto is: "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." Its various ramifications and organizations are manifold. Temperance reform movements, Christian Socialist Leagues, ethical culture societies, "Peace" Congresses and various other organizations are all employed (perhaps unconsciously) in proclaiming this gospel of Satan -- justification by works. The pledge card is substituted for Christ; social purity, rather than individual regeneration, is the idol of the hour; the cultivation of the flesh is considered more practical than the "birth" (begetting) of the Spirit; while universal peace is looked for without the interposition of the Prince of Peace.

The apostles of Satan are not saloon-keepers and white-slave traffickers, but for the most part "ordained" ministers. Thousands of those who occupy our modern pulpits are not engaged in presenting the fundamentals of the Christian faith, but have turned aside from the Truth and given heed unto fables. Instead of magnifying the enormity of sin and setting forth its eternal consequences, they minimize it by declaring that sin is merely ignorance, the absence of good. Instead of warning their hearers "to flee from the wrath to come," they call God a liar by declaring that He is too loving to destroy His own children and too merciful to send one of His own creatures to eternal damnation [krisis, condemnation].

Instead of preaching that "Without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22), they merely hold up Christ as the great Exemplar and exhort their hearers to "follow in His steps." "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." (Romans 10:3.) "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into [imitating] the Apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an Angel of Light. Therefore it is no great thing [not to be wondered at] if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works." (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

Added to the fact that hundreds of churches are without a leader who will faithfully declare the whole counsel of God and present His way of salvation, we also have to remember and take into consideration the lamentable and ominous fact that the majority in these congregations are in no way to learn, and have very little possibility of learning the Truth for themselves. The family altar, where portion of God's Word was wont to be read daily, is now--even in the homes of nominal Christians—a thing of the past. The Bible is not expounded in the pulpit and is not read in the pew. The demands of this rushing Age are so many that the multitudes have little time and

still less desire to meditate upon the things of God. Hence the majority who are too indolent to search for themselves are left at the mercy of those whom they pay to search for them--those who betray their trust by studying economic and social problems instead of the Scriptures of Truth.

In the Scripture which we have taken as the basis of these remarks the gospel of Satan--the Devil's Delusion--is described as "a way which seemeth Right unto a man." That is to say, it is presented in such plausible language that it appeals to the emotions; it is set forth in such a subtle manner that it commends itself to the intelligence of its hearers. The success of an illegitimate coiner depends upon how much the counterfeit resembles the genuine article. A lie is not so much the absolute denial as the perversion of the truth. Hence half a lie is always more dangerous in its effects than the total of the truth. Consequently, when the Father of Lies enters the pulpit, he does not flatly deny the great doctrines of Christianity, but he rather tacitly acknowledges them and then proceeds to give an erroneous interpretation and a false application. For example, he would not be so foolish as to boldly announce his disbelief in a personal God--he takes His existence for granted and then gives a false description of His character. He announces that God is the Father of all men, when the Scriptures plainly tell us we are "the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26) Again, Satan would not make so flagrant a blunder as to ignore the central figure of human history; namely, the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead, He is acknowledged to be the most perfect person who ever lived. Attention is drawn to His deeds of compassion and acts of mercy, the beauty of His character and the tenderness of His teaching. His life is eulogized, but His Death is ignored, the all-important atoning work upon the Cross is never mentioned. It is a bloodless Gospel, and a cross-less life and, in regard to His Person, He is merely considered as the Ideal Man.

In 2 Cor. 4:3,4 we have a Scripture which sheds an abundance of light upon our present subject. There we are told: "If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to those that are lost. In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine upon them." He blinds the minds of unbelievers by hiding the light of the Gospel of Christ in presenting his own version of the Truth. Appropriately is he designated "the Devil and Satan which deceiveth the whole world." (Revelation 12:9) In merely appealing to "the best that is within man," and in merely exhorting him "to lead a nobler life," there is afforded a general platform for all shades of opinion and every shade of philosophic speculation. Atheists, Pantheists, Unitarians [Mormons, Islamics], and all other Sectarians can unite to proclaim this common message.

Again we quote our foundation passage: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." The Devil's Delusion is that we can be saved by our own works, and justified by our own deeds. Whereas God tells us, "By grace are ye saved through faith,...not of works, lest any man should boast." And again, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." (Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5)

Perhaps at this point an illustration from personal experience may be pardoned. Some two years ago the writer became acquainted with one who was a lay preacher and an enthusiastic Christian worker. For over seven years he had been engaged in public preaching and religious activities. But from certain expressions and phrases he used, the writer was not satisfied in his

own heart that his friend was really a "born [begotten] again" man. When he began to question him he found that he was only very imperfectly acquainted with the Scriptures and had only the vaguest conception of Christ's work for sinners. For a while the writer sought to present the Plan of Salvation in a simple and impersonal way, in the hope that if he were still unsaved God would be pleased to reveal unto him the Savior for sinners.

One night to his joy the one who had been preaching the Gospel (?) for seven years confessed that he had found Christ only the previous night. He confessed (to use his own words) that he had been presenting "the Christ ideal," but not the Christ of the Cross. He had been trying to know Christ as the "Truth" before he knew Him as the "Way."

The writer believes there are thousands like this preacher, who have been brought up in Sunday Schools, taught about the birth, life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who believe in the historicity of His Person, and who think that is all that is necessary for their salvation. When they reach manhood and go out into the world they encounter the attacks of atheists and infidels who declare that such a person as Jesus of Nazareth never lived.

But the impressions of their early days cannot easily be erased and they remain steadfast in their declaration that they believe in Jesus Christ. Yet when you examine their faith, too often you will find that though they believe about Jesus Christ they do not believe in Him! They believe with the head that such a person lived (and because they believe this, imagine they are saved), but they do not believe with the heart that this Person died to save them from their sins. A merely intellectual assent to the reality of Christ's Person and which goes no further is another phase of the Way "which seemeth right unto a man," but the end thereof "are the ways of death!"

Lack of space prevents our doing more than just pointing out other ends of this Way which "seemeth right." Those who are trusting to an outward form of godliness, those who are religious because it is considered a mark of respectability, those who attend the House of God because it is fashionable to do so, and those who join some Church because they imagine that such a step will enable them to become Christians, all such are in the Way which ends in death--death spiritual and eternal.

And now, my reader, where do you stand? Are you in the Way which "seemeth right," but which leadeth to death, or are you in the Narrow Way which leadeth to life eternal? Are you trusting in yourself or in Christ? Are you relying upon your own works, or are you reposing Upon the finished work of Christ? A pious life, a self-sacrificing spirit, attractive manners, a charitable disposition, regular attendance at religious services, saying prayers and even reading the Bible, none of these things--nay, all of them together--without faith in the Blood of Christ can obtain for you a passport to Heaven. If any of the above virtues could ever save a single soul, where was the necessity for the awful death of Jesus Christ?

No, eternal life is neither a wage nor a reward, but the free Gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. However pure your motives, however noble your intentions, however well-meaning your purposes, God cannot accept you as a son, until you accept His Son. -- *By Arthur Pink*



## The Responsibility of the Pharisees and That of Judas

**SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT.** *"All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven men. Whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him neither in this world, neither in the world to come."* Matthew 12:31,32

NS244:1 What means this Scripture? A sin against the Holy Spirit brings death for the unrepentant. Sin against the Holy Spirit refers mainly to those who have the Holy Spirit -- who we in Grace Covenant relationship with God through Jesus Christ *during the Gospel or Christian age*. We know that there are others who have come in contact with the bright light and works of Jesus Christ and that they bore responsibility for there actions at the time *who were not in covenant relationship*. This, as mentioned before, is an indicator of great *damage done to their character* which, if not corrected *in the kingdom age*, would lead to the 'gehenna' second death from which they would not escape.

The Pastor comments: "The *Pharisees to whom these words were addressed, could not commit this sin, because they had not the fullness of knowledge.*" (Z5293:4; 5452:6) Further: "Every sin against the Holy Spirit, against clear light and knowledge of divine power, is unforgivable." Z4608:6; E273 This does not mean that some sins against the Holy Spirit could not have corrective action. "Some sins against the Holy Spirit might be punished with stripes, others with death." (Z5452:6) Such sins would be *within a covenanted relationship* of this age or in the next within a covenanted or *covenant refused* relationship.

The Scribes and Pharisees had **no New Covenant or Grace Covenant relationship with God** (except under the *failed* Jewish Law Covenant *from which Jesus redeemed them which were under the Old Law Covenant*. Hebrews 8:7 'For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second.'. and 9:15 "And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.") so as to be brought under ransom responsibility nor did *they* have *the Holy Spirit*, as did the Disciples of Christ. The Holy Spirit is now given to "the servants and handmaidens." In the kingdom age, the Holy Spirit will be given to the world -- "all flesh." Such a gift brings responsibility. (Joel 2:29, 28) Knowledge is the basic source of responsibility. Consequently there would be tolerability for Sodom and Gomorrah in the kingdom judgment day than for Bethsaida and Chorazin who saw the mighty miracles or works and yet did not believe. Clearly "the rest were blinded" by Satan. Heb.11. "In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not" and are still the "lost." (2 Cor. 4:4) "I wot that through ignorance ye did it (kill the

Prince of Life) as did also your rulers (chiefs, religious heads)." (Acts 3:17) "For had they known it (fully and completely apart from Satan or any selfish aspirations), they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." (1Cor. 2:8) We believe that the Scribes and Pharisees will return in the kingdom for judgment in that day. On this point "How (hardly) shall you escape the judgment of *gehenna* (second death)? (Matt. 23:33) Brother Russell says, "He (Christ) perceived in them so much dishonesty and hardness of heart that he prophesied that they would have a hard time to reform character even under the favorable conditions of the Millennium. HG6170 ***"Not that they were already doomed to it (gehenna), but rather that, from their present attitude and course, they were in great danger of it (gehenna, second death). Z1557:6"***

## Judas' Responsibility

However, Judas with it was a different story. He was an Apostle of Jesus Christ, called of God. Peter declares, "He was numbered with us (12 Apostles) and obtained *a part* in this ministry (of Jesus Christ)." Acts 1:17 He was a brother of Christ, a cross-bearing, consecrated son of God who was in Christ a disciple or *learner* (taught of the Holy Spirit) by reason of Christ's Holy Spirit teaching -- "the words I speak, they are Spirit and they are life." He was called to sonship based upon the ransom price being laid down from Jordan and pictured (without question) in the slain bullock at that time (which bullock's flesh was offered up for three and one half years to his death).

Pastor Russell writes: *Studies in the Scriptures*, Vol. 5, 1916 Forward, page ii, par.1: "Now we see that our Lord Jesus left the Heavenly glory that He might accomplish a ransoming work for Adam and his race. We see that His change of nature from a spirit to a human being was with a view to enabling Him to be the Ransom-price--a perfect man for a perfect man--***Antilutron***--a corresponding price. We **now see** that ***Jesus gave Himself to be a Ransom-price for all at the time of His consecration at thirty years of age at Jordan. He continued in giving the Ransom-price, that is, in laying down His life, which in due time would constitute the Ransom-price for Father Adam and his race. He finished this work of laying down His life, surrendering it, sacrificing it, permitting it to be taken from Him, when He on the cross cried: "It is finished!"*** Nothing more could be laid down than was there laid down--a Ransom, a corresponding price, for Father Adam. But ***it was not paid over as a price in settlement of Adam's account***, else Adam and the entire sinner race would then and there have been turned over to Jesus. The price was merely ***laid in the hands of Divine Justice as a deposit***, to the credit of the One who had died, that ***He might apply it later in harmony with the Divine Plan***. Our Lord Jesus was raised from the dead a spirit being of the Divine nature, as a reward for His faithfulness and loyalty to God in surrendering His earthly life sacrificially. "Him hath God highly exalted and given a name above every name." (See Vol. 5, 1916 Forward, page ii, par. 1, line 6 especially).

Upon Judas was conferred the Holy Spirit by Christ to perform miracles (which he did). Judas was not a sham! He did not need the greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost before he could be judged worthy of eternal second death because of his responsibility to the measure of Holy Spirit that he possessed in the "ministry," his "works," and through "learning" from his confidant and "Great Teacher" of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ himself. He held a special relationship before God and Christ (who began the Christian age at Jordan) and bore responsibility for his actions 1). Treading under his feet the literal blood of Christ -- He betrayed innocent blood - - a mortal sin against Christ and the first to do so. 2). His sin was against the Holy Spirit that he

possessed, in his miracles, by his knowledge, against God and his Son Jesus Christ. He did despite to the Holy Spirit of grace and could not be renewed to repentance. Therefore, he was the first to be consigned to the second death of the Christian church in this age.

This militates against the views of many in the "creedal" churches and of the Watchtower today, *who believe Judas was not covered by the ransom for all* and that he had no true relationship because the Holy Spirit (at Pentecost) *was not yet given*. Therefore they believe, in one way or another, that *it is open season* either for eternal torment or for second death to any who would NOW be outside of Christ. They declare that they must have *faith in the ransom* (not for all) or must be saved in Christ. Others say some, such as the Witnesses regarding present day judgment, according to their belief, *are liable to perishing* either now or in Armageddon. The nominal church has for centuries declared, there is no salvation outside their particular sects.

The *basis for such conclusions* is the suggestion that Judas *died before Christ* died on the cross. Hence, their great error that it is possible for those, who have no relationship with Christ or at best a limited relationship with Christ, to go into a hell of torment. I believe in the "foundation" that no other man could lay -- "*a ransom for all – no one left out – not one!*" *I do not believe that there are any exceptions* -- especially Judas -- the major landmark case or excuse for such dramatic conclusions because he died at his own hand shortly before Jesus died on the cross and fifty days before the Holy Spirit was given to the collective church at Pentecost.

We have made the point that the Apostles (of which Judas was one who was called by God – **Hebrews 5:4** “And no man taketh the honor unto himself, but when *he is called of God*, even as was Aaron.”) had a measure of the Holy Spirit even before Pentecost. They handled the Holy Spirit in the miracles they did as sent forth by Christ and they displayed this before the Jewish populace. Therefore it was possible for these consecrated Christians to have a relationship to the Holy Spirit as Sons of God in both learning, living and inquiring of the Holy Spirit as manifest in Christ Jesus. If any of them, like unto Judas, would *betray innocent blood, lie to the Holy Spirit* (as Ananias & Sapphira – Acts 5:1-11), *do despite to the Holy Spirit of favor, be a thief and hold responsibility for the treasury bag*, having tasted of the things of the world to come as taught by Jesus (never a man spake like this man) – it would be impossible to renew any of them unto repentance. Their fate, like that of Judas, would clearly, without a shadow of doubt, be second death.

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