

Satan and the Lawless One.

This Bible research of Scriptures is primarily on the names for Satan as Serpent, Satan, Lucifer, the Evil One, etc; and provides preparation for understanding of the Lawless One of II Thessalonians. By comparing Scripture with Scripture, what we are striving to shed light on is II Thessalonians 2:1-1, and in particular Bible teachings on the "Lawless One", also called in II Thessalonians the man of sin and son of perdition.

6-1: Serpent

Genesis 3:1-5

"Now *the serpent* was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the *serpent*, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the *serpent* said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die..."

NOTE: Satan enters the Bible in Genesis 3:1-5 as "serpent" and as the smartest serpent among all beasts of the earth. Later we learn that "Satan is a liar, and the father of the lie"; and that is exactly what we see here as sin first enters the blood

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stream of the human race. “Serpent’ is found 4 times in these five verses of the third chapter of Genesis.

Genesis 3:13-15

“And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed 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: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

NOTE: “Serpent” is mentioned twice in Genesis 3:13-15. God is first talking to the woman and then to the serpent, and with this analogy of woman and Satan, and the children of the woman and the children of Satan we have a percussor to the book of Revelation, which is really the history of humanity on the earth. God talks on two levels, first on the level of the beast that will be cursed to drag across the earth on its belly; and then secondly on the level of the beast or dragon that took control of the beast, a natural enmity was ordained by God between the woman and the serpent, between the seed of the woman and the seed of the Serpent. We fail to understand much of the Bible and the history of the world from that time on if we do not recognize this constant battle between Satan and the seed under his control and the righteous seed of the woman, between if you would Israel and Moab.

Deuteronomy 32:13-45 is A Prophecy with realities almost missed, between those children of Israel of faith and the children not.

NOTE: Jeshurun, a contrast with the blessings of God on Jacob. This is the last blessings and predictions on the children of Israel, or Jeshurun, after the godly relationship between God and Jacob.

“But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art

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unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith¹. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation².

Day of the Lord?

“For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs. I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this. For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

NOTE: Now you expect from here predictions of the latter end of the children of no faith.

“How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up? For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures? “

NOTE: Judgment and vengeance, and their power is gone.

“To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time:

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1. NOTE, Faith was always the way!
 2. NOTE: Paul quotes this in Romans about the Gentiles.

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for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people. And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hosheat he son of Nun. And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:...”

NOTE: THE PEOPLE WERE CLEARLY DIVIDED THEN, WHY DO WE HAVE SO MUCH TROUBLE NOW?

Isaiah 27:1,2

In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea. In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

NOTE: not only do we have several names about Satan, among them piercing serpent, and “leviathan that crooked serpent, but also the dragon in the sea that He will slay; but also another prediction of THAT DAY!

II Corinthians 2:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent¹ beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Revelation 12:9-16

NOTE: In Scriptures to follow from Revelation, we are straightforwardly and

1. called a serpent by Paul

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unmistakably allowed to identify Satan under the names of dragon, old serpent, Devil, and Satan.

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time¹, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth².”

NOTE: Names for Satan: great dragon, that old serpent, named also Devil and Satan, he that deceives the whole world. This indicates Satan as cast down and out of heaven when Jesus died on the cross--“Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Serpent 3 times; dragon 3 times; devil twice; and satan once. Devil and Satan are capitalized. And some further instances of serpent are found in (1) Revelation 20:2; (2) 12:15; and (3) 12:14.

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1. Check in the Gospels how long was Mary Joseph and Jesus in Egypt as that is the period of time, times, and half a time.
 2. It is important that right here you become accustomed to the figurative language of the book in order to hide the real meaning from first century persecutors like Herod: the efforts of King Herod to kill all the children in Bethlehem under two years of age is called as the devil casting out of his mouth water to flood to consume the woman; that the woman is Mary; and the earth helping the woman was the help of Egypt as they went down there.

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6-2: dragon

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Dragon and Beast

Revelation 13:1-18

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea², having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

NOTE: the dragon gave power to the beast, so obviously the dragon is

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1. What inhabitants are in the sea, must be sort of like the isles? **Inhabiters of earth and sea, could the sea be space but where are the inhabiters of space.**
 2. **satan was cast into the sea and the beast came out of the sea, why this use of sea, also Herod's attempt to kill all babies under two is called a flood of water.**

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satan and the beast, any beast is a blasphemer. But a group like the Roman Empire, and the custom of the Bible is to call a nation like Moab by the name of the originator.

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months¹. And he opened his mouth² in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear³.

Revelation 13:10-18

“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

NOTE: In order to apply some of this analogies of blasphemers to the Muslim terrorists, it is required that we take the giant leap of what Americans call intolerance, that is to label the god of so many Muslims as Satan. Allah like Baal before him is Satan. Why are their so many good Muslims, that is at least not terrorists or radical, if they also worship Satan? Degrees of worshipping and commitment to Satan? Or there is a point at which devil worship becomes devil possessions like when a Muslim is

1. NOTE, the 42 months must be 42 years.

2. Another beast that spake as a dragon

3. It takes a good special and spiritual ear to understanding without what preachers and homiletics call spiritualizing.

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willing to commit suicide and kill so many others, without conscience, and with him. Not only do we have blasphemy against God in devil worship and terrorism, but also blasphemy against humanity, the crown of creations of God.

“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

NOTE: While some speculate that the number of 666 is 2/3 or two thirds as mentioned in Zechariah 11 where only one third were saved, and that was against the Roman Empire, so instead of being just Jews could the 2/3 also be all blasphemers, but you see that this borders once again on the no, no of spiritualizing. {You see we are starting to see things from the perspective of Christ and God the Father} It is far better to keep the 666 in the context of other things in the book of Revelation like six for the six trumpets, six for the six vails, and six for the six bowls all of which deal with the same general subject of the man or men of sin. And if you must spiritualize while 7 is the number of completion and 777 would be the ultimate in completion with the sounding of the seventh trumpet!

6-3: Satan

I Chronicles 21:1

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.
And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from

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Beersheba even to

Job 1:6-12

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an 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. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. “

NOTE: Repeat about Job's flesh in Job 2.

Psalm 109:6

Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

Zechariah 3:1,2

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: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Matthew 4:10

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

Matthew 12:26-28

And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Matthew 16:23

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an

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offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Mark 1:13

And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Mark 3:22-26

And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

Mark 4:15

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Mark 8:33

But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Luke 10:17-20

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 13:15,16

The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

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Luke 22:1-7

Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

Luke 22:31,32

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

John 13:21-30

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

Acts 5:3,4

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost,

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and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?

Acts 26:16-19

But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

Romans 16:17-20

Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ be with you. Amen.

I Corinthians 5:1-6

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken

away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power

of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

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I Corinthians 7:4-6

The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.

II Corinthians 2:5-12

But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

II Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

II Corinthians 12:7-9

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

I Thessalonians 2:18

Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

II Thessalonians 2:9

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6-4: Devil.

Matthew 4:1

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Matthew 4:5

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Matthew 4:8,9

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Matthew 4:11

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

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6-5: Lucifer Isaiah 14:12 and the end? and Tempter, “And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. (Matthew 4:3)