

# Give The Devil His Due

## Chapter 4

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### The Scapegoat

This is new ground and it may be the first time that some of you have heard these things. Allow me the opportunity to prove, or demonstrate from the Scriptures, some of the conclusions I have found.

As I stated earlier, the word “devil,” in the singular, is not found in the Old Testament. The plural, “devils,” is used four times. The first time is in Leviticus 17. In this chapter, the law of blood offerings is being set up:

*And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.*

Leviticus 17:7

We know from other parts of Scripture that when Israel was blamed for “going a whoring” they were following after other gods. Therefore, the word “devils” in this verse must refer to idols or other gods. In this verse, “devils” comes from the Hebrew word “saiyr” which in English is “satyr.” It is translated in other places as “goat” or “he-goat.”

*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.*

Deuteronomy 32:17

Again, the word “devils” stands for other gods. In this verse, “devils” comes from the Hebrew word “SHED” (pronounced shade). According to Strong's

Concordance, it comes from a root word meaning, literally, “a nothing.” In the New Testament, Paul said that the idols are nothing. There is no other God. So, these “no-gods” that Israel was worshipping are called “devils” in our English Bibles.

In 2 Chronicles, chapter 11, the kingdom has been divided:

*And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah.*

2 Chronicles 11:5

Rehoboam remained king over the southern part of the Judah kingdom:

*And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts. For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the Lord:*

2 Chronicles 11:13-14

Jeroboam, who was king over the northern kingdom, had cast out the true Levitical priests. These priests then went to Jerusalem. This is what Jeroboam did in the northern kingdom:

*And he (Jeroboam) ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.*

2 Chronicles 11:15

Here again this word “devils” is from the Hebrew word “saiyr” or “satyr,” meaning “he-goats” or a goat idol. Jeroboam set up golden calves in Samaria and pro-

claimed them as Israel's gods! Here Jeroboam proclaims priests for devils. What are they? False gods. They were inanimate idols of metal or stone. No life, no power, and yet called by the English translators "devils."

Referring to what Israel had done in Canaan land, we read this in Psalm 106:

*They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them: But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils (idols), And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.*

**Psalm 106:34-37**

What were the devils? They were the idols of the Canaanites, which Israel worshipped. The religion of Canaan was the worship of the Babylonian god, Baal.

## **The False Scapegoat**

We have just read all four passages in the Old Testament where the word "devils" is used. In two of these passages "devils" comes from the Hebrew word "saiyr," which is "satyr" in English. "Satyr" is found about 20 times in the Old Testament. It is usually translated into the words "goat" or "he-goat" except for the two places we just read, where it is translated "devils."

Let's look at a few of the passages where "satyr" is translated "goat" or "he-goat":

*When a ruler hath sinned, and done somewhat through ignorance against*

*any of the commandments of the Lord his God concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty; Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats (satyr), a male without blemish: And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat (satyr) and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord: it is a sin offering.*

**Leviticus 4:22-24**

*And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram (another word for a "he-goat") for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the Lord.*

**Leviticus 9:1-2**

*And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat (satyr), which was the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first. And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it according to the manner.*

**Leviticus 9:15-16**

Chapter 16 of Leviticus contains the ordinance of the "scapegoat."

The Israelites would take a goat (satyr), lay their hand upon it and place all the sins of Israel upon the he-goat and then send the goat out into the wilderness. "Scapegoat" is the same word "satyr" which is translated "devils" in the two passages we read earlier. In other words, devils were something on which you could lay (or blame) your sins. And by putting the goat away your sins were taken away. God accused Israel of having false devils (satyrs or he-goats) which they blamed for their sins. They worshipped the false dev-

ils instead of the true God of Israel. Isn't this interesting? Many people do just about this same thing with the devil of the churches. They say, "The Devil made me do it; it's his fault. He's the one that tempted me." They put away their sins by charging them to a devil.

Several years ago, one of the so-called "patriotic," "anti-communist" ministers was charged with, and admitted to, homosexual acts with some of the students at his, supposedly, patriotic Christian college. About a year or so later he went back and began work for the same organization. He still works for them. At that time he made the remark that his trouble had all been caused by being tempted by the devil. He said that now he was going to fight the Devil and not do this sin anymore. However, God lays the charge of sin at the individual's door, not at the door of "the Devil"

So, "the Devil" is a made-up, false, scapegoat, which people claim is responsible for their sin. Israel's idols were called "devils" by the translators because that is the meaning of the word.

## Myth And Idolatry

In the following passage, God is speaking to the children of Israel:

*Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no god; I know not any. They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing? Behold, all his fellows shall be*

*ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.*

Isaiah 44:8-11

He continues challenging Israel to try and get their no gods (idols) to stand up and do something. He tells them their "no gods" (idols) can't hear, they can't see, they can't do anything.

*I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.*

Isaiah 45:5-7

The song of Moses also speaks of these "no gods,"

*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.*

Deuteronomy 32:36-40

God is saying that He does all of these things and none can deliver out of His

hands. Yet, we have among us a religion professing that there is an almost everliving creature called, “the Devil” or “Satan” who takes billions of people out of God’s hands. This “Devil” then takes them to his own kingdom and tortures them for ever and ever because they are sinners. But, that is not what God says.

## **The Old Testament Gives The Devil No “Due”**

In the Old Testament, we have found nothing on which we could base the Devil or the Satan of the churches. We’ve read every passage where the words “devil” and “Satan” occur. Of the nine passages in the Old Testament where we found “sawtawn” (the word transliterated “Satan” part of the time), eight of the passages can easily be shown to refer either to God, His angels, or to specific men. In only one place is there a possibility of some sort of devil who might have used some sort of hocus pocus and might have given Job boils.

Of the 19 passages in the Old Testament where the word “serpent” is used, 18 of them refer either to natural snakes or to a symbolic serpent. Only one of those 18 tells of any supernatural act. That, of course, would be Moses’ “brazen serpent.” In that case, people were healed by merely-looking upon it. Most people will admit that the healing must have been by the power of God — not by any power resident in the brazen serpent, itself. It certainly was not an act of the church’s “Devil.”

Of the 19 passages where the word “serpent” is used, one passage is in Genesis, chapter three, where the serpent spoke. If it was a real snake, then, that is a supernatural act in itself. Since all of the other Old Testament passages where

the word “serpent” is used refer to either snakes or symbols of snakes. We have more authority and more reason to state that the serpent of Genesis, chapter three, was a snake given the power of words or voice by God than we have of labeling him an angelic being.

We have found a few instances in the Old Testament where either the English word “devils” or the Hebrew word, which is translated, “devils” is used, and they are stone or metal images. It might, also, be referring to a “scapegoat,” which is a goat upon which people lay or blame their sins; and then cast it off and claim they are not at fault for their own sins. In two passages it has that meaning, and in the other case, it comes from something else meaning an idol.

The devils of the Old Testament do not speak, they do not think, they do not do anything. We can give the devil no “due” out of his mention in the Old Testament. In truth, there is nothing in the Old Testament scriptures on which we can base any creature; such as the Satan of the denominational churches or of what are called the “Seedline” churches.

## **The True Biblical Devil**

Before we get into the New Testament, I wish to quote from James:

*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: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

**James 1:13-15**

What is the tempter? It is man's own lust or desire.

*From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

**James 4:1-2**

James is writing to Israel, as we can see by reading the first verse of chapter one:

*James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.*

**James 1:1**

What is the devil that is to be resisted? He is described in the following passage:

*Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**James 4:3-7**

“The spirit that dwelleth in us”! That is what we are to “resist,” The lust that dwelleth in our own members is what James says is our problem.

Hebrews, chapter eight, is about God giving a New Testament:

*For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*

**Hebrews 8:7-8**

Who was at fault? Was it some devil who tempted Israel to break the Old Covenant? No, God said the fault was with Israel. He laid the charge of sin or transgression of the Old Covenant at Israel's door.

Jeremiah 17 is a fairly well-known passage of Scripture, which bears repeating at this point:

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give everyman according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*

**Jeremiah 17:9-10**

If we take that literally, we could read it to mean that the heart of man is the most deceitful and wicked thing upon the earth. It is not some angelic, everliving, omnipresent spirit that is deceitful above all things. God says it is the heart of man. We should have recognized some of these things before!

## **A Deceptive “Doctrine Of (About) Devils”**

Most of us grew up learning and believing in the “hell” of the churches. We believed, I suppose because everyone else



we knew believed, that most of mankind at death went in a conscious state to a place of fire and brimstone and pain and torture. We were taught that those still-living “dead” spent eternity screaming in pain, while the Devil and his angels danced about them and poked them with pitchforks or mocked them. You've read some of the descriptions - they are horrible! We were told that all of this torture and pain is a just punishment for those wretched people because they had either never heard of Jesus Christ, or they had



heard of Him, but had rejected the call given by some minister, who had spent his whole life trying to “save their souls from hell.” They had not “accepted Christ as their personal Saviour” and, thus, could not escape “hellfire.” Consequently, all of these souls were there in righteous judgment. All of this punishment was Scriptural. It was for the sin of unbelief. They had not believed their minister, when he had come in his compassion and tried to “save their soul.” Through study in God's Word and through the grace and favor of God Almighty, we have found that teaching to be totally-false! It has no foundation in the Holy Scripture. It is, literally, a “doctrine of devils”; a pagan superstition and not Christian truth.

Apparently, some ministers (including myself) must be a little thicker headed than most because they (and I) should have begun to realize the truth. When the truth about “hell” was given to us by God Almighty and we found it didn't even exist, we should have begun to suspect

that the, so-called, king of that kingdom didn't exist either. But I guess sometimes it takes years for us to understand. I apologize for having taken years before I began to suspect that the churches might have been lying to us on this subject.

Here is a little of what I told a dear Baptist lady several years ago, more or less in desperation, when she refused to listen to my attempt to convince her that the “pretribulation rapture” was a false doctrine. First I quoted Matthew 24 to her:

*And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, (and then I pointed out to her that this was the first thing Jesus said) **Take heed that no man deceive you.***

**Matthew 24:3-4**

Christ's first warning about the end of the age was a warning of deception. Christ said:

*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

**Matthew 24:24**

So, at the end of this age there would be tremendous deception. I, then, quoted verse five to her to demonstrate the quarter from which that deception would come.

*For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ (saying that Jesus is the Christ); and shall deceive many.*

**Matthew 24:5**

I said to that dear lady: “If Jesus was saying that the greatest deceptions would come through those who come in Jesus' name and preach that Jesus is the Christ. then that would mean that any doctrine taught by the majority of the churches and believed by any large number of the people was probably false and should at least be investigated.

*But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

**2 Timothy 3:13-17**

In speaking of the Old Testament Scriptures, Timothy says they will correct you; they will give you the truth.

*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears (preaching what the people want to hear); And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

**2 Timothy 4:1-4**

Timothy was saying the same thing that Jesus said - that people will willingly be deceived by false doctrines.

The doctrine of “burning hell” (eternal life in a state of torture) is taught by many churches and believed by many people. With the criteria given us by the New Testament, that doctrine came under suspicion. We did investigate and found that it is false. The “rapture” doctrine is similar. It is now taught by tens of thousands of ministers, believed by millions. Using the same judgment, we investigated and found that it is, also, false. The churches claim there is a supernatural, omnipresent, omniscient Devil, or Satan, who is everywhere on Earth at once; and, at the same time, present in hell, torturing millions of living dead and is the creature who, they claim, will give his power to some future anti-Christ. That doctrine is taught by most of the churches, believed by millions and, therefore, it should be held in suspicion. We've, also, investigated this and found it to be false. The Devil or Satan of the churches is brought to question by the same deductions we used for our investigations of “hell,” the “rapture” and the “anti-Christ.” That is the reason why we are investigating this doctrine of a Supernatural Devil.

## **The False Doctrine Called “Seedline”**

I pray you are beginning to see that the common church doctrine of “the Devil or Satan” has no foundation in the Old Testament, at all. It simply is not there. That creature cannot be found in the first 800 pages of my 1000 page Bible.

Getting back to the Satan / Eve controversy — we are left with a strange creature called a serpent, who carried on an audible conversation with Eve. Eve

blamed this serpent for her own disobedience of God's command. The question remains: are the Kingdom-Identity ministers, who teach this doctrine (a supernatural being called Satan, seducing Eve and producing Cain) actually-teaching Bible truth or are they teaching that which we have found to be false? They say that the beguiling of Eve was her sexual union with "Satan" and that this supernatural creature fathered Cain. And they say, through Cain, there now exists millions of physical descendants of Satan on earth. According to this doctrine, these descendants are mostly human, but partly angelic in their nature. They are "wicked angels."

These Kingdom-Identity ministers insist that their teaching is different than the denominational churches. In fact, some of these ministers complain that the denominational churches have hidden this "truth" about Satan and Eve from the people. I claim that their teaching of what happened in the Garden, between the so-called serpent and Eve, is only slightly-different than most churches teach. Here are two similarities:

1. The angelic supernatural Satan of some Kingdom-Identity ministers is identical to that of the churches. He is a great and powerful angelic being whose life-span is thousands of years. He is indestructible, omnipresent, omniscient and he has the power to frustrate or to destroy almost all of God's plans and to capture almost all of God's creation. Their Satan is identical to the typical Satan of the churches for whom we have found no basis in the Old Testament.

2. These Kingdom-Identity ministers claim that their sexual interpretation of what happened in the Garden is an event which is different than that taught by the churches. Again, that is not true. Almost

every church denomination in Christendom, allows it's members to think of "the fall" in the Garden as sexual in nature, even if they do not overtly-teach that doctrine. Have you ever heard a denominational minister tell you that the sin in the Garden was not sexual? By default the denominations leave their members with the belief in a false doctrine. Some churches, such as the Mormon Church, overtly teach that the event in the Garden of Eden was sexual in nature. They teach that the serpent was Satan and that he physically-seduced Eve and produced a child from this connection. This doctrine is, also, taught in the ancient Babylonian Mysteries.

I have a book in my possession entitled *The Two Seeds of Genesis 3:15*. This book was put out by Dan Gayman (of Missouri) in an attempt to answer and refute my teaching on the event in the Garden of Eden. I want to quote, briefly, from this to prove to you that men who teach this false doctrine know that it was taught as one of the foundation doctrines of ancient Babylon. *The Mystery Religions of Babylon* taught that Satan seduced Eve. Dan Gayman says, on page 25:

"Now for those who may feel that the two seed-lines, that of the Serpent and that of the woman, Eve, cannot be valid because it is a teaching that is preserved in the Mystery Religions of Babylon, please take note: the Mystery Religions of ancient Babylon have taken nearly every Bible truth, including that of the seedlines, and have corrupted this truth to fit their own particular purposes. If you would reject the teaching that Satan produced offspring, if you deny the literal announcement of your God in Genesis 3:15, simply because it is something found in the ancient religions of Babylon, then you must also reject such fundamental truths as the virgin birth, the resurrection, the Godhead, astronomy, the Holy Laws of God and numerous other sound Bible truths because all of these, and more, have been borrowed and perverted, distorted and corrupted by the ancient religions of Babylon."



“The two seedlines, the teaching that the Serpent did father seed, in varying forms, is like many other Bible truths inculcated into these pagan religions. This does not lessen the truth of what the Bible says about the seed line or any other Bible truth that has been borrowed by the pagan religions.”

Dan Gayman correctly-says that pagan religions take Bible truths and corrupt them or pervert them. But, he turns right around and says that Babylon's version of the event in the Garden is NOT corrupted, it is NOT perverted. He says it is truth. Dan Gayman's teaching, and the teaching of other ministers who preach this “seedline,” is not different from Babylon's teaching — it is IDENTICAL! It is true that Babylon does take other doctrines of the Bible and teach them differently. I agree with him on that. His error is that he does not see that Babylon teaches the same as what he teaches. It is not changed, therefore, he should see that the teaching that Satan seduced Eve is a perverted teaching from Babylon.

I must state that I am not picking on Dan Gayman, alone. His teachings are almost identical to those of possibly ten other men.

On another page, Gayman says this:

“You will find, upon careful examination, that the literal truth of Genesis 3:15 (and by that he means that Satan seduced Eve and produced Cain) has been a solid building block in the foundation of Christian theology from the writings of the Old Testament, the teachings of Jesus Christ, Himself, and the apostles after Him, and by the early church fathers during the first centuries A.D.”

He is saying the doctrine of Satan seducing Eve is “a truth” of the Babylonian Mysteries, and that this same “truth” is the foundation of Christianity. Think what that means and what he, and others like him, have done. They are telling us that Christianity springs from

the same “truth” that was taught as the foundation of the Mystery Religions of Babylon.

My Bible says no such thing!

Most seedline preachers, including Gayman, also teach that we were “spirit beings” in heaven prior to coming to earth. They believe that we had a preexistence with God, and then we came to earth where we occupy a physical body for a short span of years, and when we die we go back to heaven to be with God. That is almost identical to the churches' teaching that we have an “immortal soul” and we can't die. That is, also, the doctrine of the ancient Babylonian Mysteries, which taught that we preexisted in heaven, came to earth, and go back to heaven at death.

People have told me that we need “unity” in the Kingdom-Identity movement. They say I should play down this Satan / Eve thing because “we need unity not division.” I say this: the division is already there. The religion taught by Dan Gayman and the seedline preachers is not my religion. It is an entirely-different religion. It has no foundation in the Bible, it has no foundation in truth, it is a corrupt, Babylonian religion. It is not Kingdom Gospel. I claim the Word of God refutes him. I claim the Word of God teaches no preexistence. I claim the Word of God teaches no existence after death until the blessed hope: the resurrection of the dead. And, I claim the Word of God teaches no such wicked, angelic being existed, or ever planted a seed in Eve's womb and produced a race of people upon the earth. I claim God Almighty is the sole and only Creator. He created wicked people for His purpose. No Devil or Satan ever disrupted God's plans.

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