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SHEMAIAH PART 3  
THE SPIRIT OF UNBELIEF

We are shifting from the title of Jeremiah to elaborate in greater detail about Shemaiah, the spirit of unbelief.

The false prophet Shemaiah is found in Jeremiah 29:24-32 as he makes extensive efforts to cause disbelief in God's word spoken through Jeremiah. The demon spirit operating in that false prophet is still in operation today. He keeps his name hidden from identity except perhaps in very rare cases.

I know of one such case where it did actually identify himself by name. It happened with an evangelist friend from whom I heard the account of his encounter with this demon.

My friend is a traveling street evangelist whose ministry is to carry a red cross along the highways. He does this across America and in some European countries.

One day along his way he encountered a crazed demon-possessed man. The demoniac began screaming curses at him and told him that his God is not real. The man continued to verbally curse him and spit on him. This spirit-filled evangelist knew he had to cast out this demon and knew it was beneficial to know the demon's identity. When he asked the demon its name the demon replied, "Shemaiah." It was a demon of unbelief whose purpose was to convince people of unbelief in God and His word.

We see in Jeremiah that the false prophet's family line was cut off from the earth. Demons generally stay in a family blood line, but with the man Shemaiah no longer having progeny, that demon sought to work elsewhere.

Just as the demon strongman Jezebel has an entire class of demons as Jezebels, so Shemaiah has also an entire class of demons operating, perhaps in the millions as does Jezebel or the Python spirit.

Tomorrow we will look at this strong "spirit of unbelief" and its original manifestation in the Bible and its active resistance to the belief in God or His word in today's world.