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SHEMAIAH – PART 4

THE SPIRIT OF UNBELIEF

I think that Shemaiah, the demon spirit of unbelief was the first manifestation of Satan's influence. Understand that Satan/Lucifer is the head of all demon spirits, but it is those demon spirits that do his work, and they all fall under the influence of Lucifer/Satan.

In the garden of Eden was a beautifully created creature called a serpent or snake that walked on two legs. Even modern biology can still identify two unformed (embryonic) "legs" in our slithering snakes.

A spirit (demon or otherwise) can actually speak through an animal. Balaam's donkey is an example. A demon spirit spoke through the serpent to cause unbelief in God's word about dying if she ate of the forbidden tree. He did it with a question to cause doubt which led to unbelief in the consequence of eating it.

The unbelief led to the sin of rebelling against God's commandment. What spirit of Satan (demon) causes unbelief but that of Shemaiah.

If you notice the account in Genesis chapter three it does not say the serpent was Satan, but In Revelation 12:9 it says, ***"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."*** However, it certainly was a demonic spirit doing his work to cause Adam's downfall. The demon spirit serving under Satan/Lucifer's authority did the work to cause doubt which led to unbelief which led to rebellion.

The snake's willingness to be possessed of and be used by a demon to cause the fall brought consequences to the entire created class of all snakes (serpents) causing them to lose their ability to walk. They would forever become a slithering creature.

The "hidden" spirit of Shemaiah has continued ever since then to spread unbelief to this very day. He (and all his class of demons) had no revealed name to us, but he took Shemaiah's name from the time of Jeremiah, just as the spirit of division and control took the name of Jezebel from the time of King Ahab and his wicked queen.

We will pursue more about this spirit of unbelief tomorrow.