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New Testament study of the word “deceive.”

With the articles I will be posting on the main web site in the coming weeks, this study will prove to be a valuable aid as was the last study on "apostasy." I encourage you to take a close look at the meanings and the various uses of each word, taking into consideration the context in which they occur. We are living in dreadful times with deception on the rise in astounding measure. We would be wise to arm ourselves with the truth presented in all these word studies.

Now, let's get into the study. May God richly bless you.

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1 Timothy 2:14(&15): "And Adam was not **beguiled**, but the woman being **beguiled** hath fallen into transgression: but she shall be saved through the child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety."

Ephesians 5:6: "Let no man **deceive** you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience."

James 1:26: "If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue, but **deceiveth** his heart, this man's religion is vain."

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- The word "beguiled" was used in this verse in both the "authorized" KJV and the Revised KJV.

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."

- The word "deceive" was used in the "authorized" KJV in these next verses. See the bold words for its use in the Revised KJV.

Romans 16:18: "For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they **beguile** the hearts of the innocent."

1 Corinthians 3:18: "Let no man **deceive** himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise."

2 Thessalonians 2:3(&4): "Let no man **beguile** you in any wise: for it will not be, except the falling away first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God."

Romans 7:11: "For sin, finding occasion through the commandment **beguiled** me, and through it slew me."

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- The word "astray" was used in both the "authorized" KJV and the Revised KJV in these verses:

Matthew 18:12-13: "How think ye? If any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be **gone astray**, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and see that which goeth astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not **gone astray**."

1 Peter 2:25: "For ye were **going astray** like sheep, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

2 Peter 2:15: "Forsaking the right way, they **went astray**, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the hire of wrong-doing." (This is only part of a very long sentence in verses 12-16)

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Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24: "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man **lead** you **astray**. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall **lead** many **astray**. ...And many false prophets shall arise, and shall **lead** many **astray**. ...For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; so as to **lead astray**, if possible, even the elect."

Mark 13:5-6: "And Jesus began to say unto them, Take heed that no man **lead** you **astray**. Many shall come in my name, saying I am he; and shall **deceive** many."

1 John 1:8: "If we say that we have no sin, we **deceive** ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

1 John 3:7: "My little children, let no man **lead** you **astray**: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."

Revelation 20:3, (7&)8: "And cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and seal it over him, that he should **deceive** the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: and after this he must be loosed for a little time. ...And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall come forth to **deceive** the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, God and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

Luke 21:8: "And he said, Take heed that ye be not **led astray**: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am he; and The time is at hand: go ye not after them."

John 7:47: "The Pharisees therefore answered them, Are ye also **led astray**?"

1 Corinthians 6:9: "Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not **deceived**: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 15:33: "Be not **deceived**: evil company doth corrupt good manners."

Galatians 6:7: "Be not **deceived**; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

2 Timothy 3:13: "But evil men and imposters shall wax worse and worse, **deceiving**, and being **deceived**."

Titus 3:3: "For we also were aforetime foolish, disobedient, **deceived**, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another."

Revelation 18:23: "And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the princes of the earth; for with thy sorcery were all the nations **deceived**."

Revelation 19:20: "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he **deceived** them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image: they twain were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone."

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 [Greek: tortured] day and night for ever and ever."

John 7:12: "And there was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him: some said, He is a good man: others said, Not so; but he **leadeth** the multitudes **astray**."

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 13:14: “And he **deceiveth** them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the signs which it was given him 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, who hath the stroke of the sword, and lived.”

- The word “err” was used in the “authorized” KJV. See the bold words for its use in the Revised KJV.

Matthew 22:29: “But Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do **err**, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

Mark 12:24, 27: “Jesus said unto them, Is it not for this cause that ye **err**, that ye know not the scriptures, nor the power of God?”

Hebrews 3:10: “Wherefore I was displeased with this generation, and said, They do **err** in their heart; but they did not know my ways; as I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.”

James 1:16: “Be not **deceived**, my beloved brethren.”

James 5:19: “My brethren, if any among you do **err** from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.”

- The word “seduce” was used in the “authorized” KJV. See bold words for its use in the Revised KJV.

1 John 2:26: “These things have I written unto you concerning them that would **lead** you **astray**.”

Revelation 2:20: “But I have this against thee, that thou sufferest the woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, and she teacheth and **seduceth** my servants to commit fornication [Greek: idolatry], and to eat things sacrificed to idols.”

- The word “wandered” was used in the revised KJV. See the word in bold for its use in the Revised KJV.

Hebrew 11:38: “(Of whom the world was not worth:) **wandering** in deserts, and mountains, and caves and the holes of the earth.”

- The phrase “out of the way” was used in the “authorized” KJV, being changed from “erring” in the Revised KJV.

Hebrews 5:2: “Who can bear greatly with the ignorant, and **erring**; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.”

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- The word “*deceit*” was used in the “authorized” KJV, changed from “*error*” in the Revised KJV.

1 Thessalonians 2:3(&4): “*For our exhortation is not of **error**, not of uncleanness, nor in guile: but even as we have been approved of God to be intrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which proveth our hearts.*”

- The word “*deceive*” was used in the revised KJV with the phrase “lying in wait to deceive” – changed from the 1611 version which reads as follows:

Ephesians 4:14: “*That we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of **error**,*”

- The word “*delusion*” was used in the “authorized” KJV. See the bold words for its use in the Revised KJV.

2 Thessalonians 2:11(&12): “*And for this cause God sendeth them a **working of error**, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*”

- The word “*error*” was used in the “authorized” KJV and in the Revised KJV.

Matthew 27:64: “*Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest haply his disciples come, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: and the last **error** will be worse than the first.*”

Romans 1:27: “*And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their **error** which was due.*”

James 5:20: “*Let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the **error** of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.*”

2 Peter 2:18(&19): “*For, uttering great swelling words of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by lasciviousness, those who are just escaping from them that live in **error**; promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage.*”

2 Peter 3:17: “*Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the **error** of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness.*”

1 John 4:6: "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he who is not of God heareth us not. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of **error**."

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 gain-saying of Core."

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Matthew 27:63: "Saying, Sir, we remember that that **deceiver** said, while he was yet alive, After three days I rise again."

2 John 1:7: "For many **deceivers** are gone forth into the world, even they that confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is the **deceiver** and the antichrist."

2 Corinthians 6:8: "By glory and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as **deceivers**, and yet true;"

- The word "*seducing*" was used in both the "authorized" KJV and the Revised KJV.

1 Timothy 4:1: "But the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing** spirits, and doctrines of devils:"