

## ***VERSES ON DECEIT***

**Genesis 3:1-5** 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, Did God actually say, You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?<sup>1</sup> 2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 But the serpent said to the woman, You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

**Exodus 23:1-2** 1 You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. 2 You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice....

**Psalms 101:7** 7 No one who practices deception (רַמְיָה) shall dwell in my house. No one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.

**Psalms 119:163** 163 I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law.

**Proverbs 13:5** 5 The righteous hates falsehood, but the wicked brings shame and disgrace.

**Proverbs 30:7-8** 7 Two things I ask of you. Deny them not to me before I die: 8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me....

**Jeremiah 5:1-2** 1 Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth, that I may pardon her. 2 Though they say, As Yahweh lives, yet they swear falsely.

**Jeremiah 7:28** 28 And you [Jeremiah] shall say to them [Judah], This is the nation that did not obey the voice of Yahweh their God and did not accept discipline. Truth (אֱמֻנָה) has perished. It is cut off from their lips.

**Jeremiah 8:8** 8 How can you say, We are wise, and the law of Yahweh is with us? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.

**Jeremiah 9:3-6** 3 They bend their tongue like a bow. Falsehood and not truth has grown strong in the land, for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, declares Yahweh. 4 Let everyone beware of his neighbour and put no trust in any brother, for every brother is a deceiver, and every neighbour goes about as a slanderer. 5 Everyone deceives his neighbour, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies. They weary themselves committing iniquity. 6 Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares Yahweh.

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<sup>1</sup> Satan questions truth, and when the time is right, he outright contradicts it.

**Jeremiah 9:8-9** 8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow. It speaks deceitfully. With his mouth each speaks peace to his neighbour, but in his heart he plans an ambush for him. 9 Shall I not punish them for these things? declares Yahweh, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?

**Jeremiah 13:25-26** 25 This is your lot, the portion I have measured out to you, declares Yahweh, because you have forgotten me and trusted in lies. 26 I myself will lift up your skirts over your face, and your shame will be seen.

**Jeremiah 17:9-10** 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick. Who can understand it? 10 I, Yahweh, search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.

**Zechariah 8:17** 17 Do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares Yahweh.

**John 8:40-46** 40 ...But now you seek to kill me [Jesus], a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing the works your father did. They said to him, We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God. 42 Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

**Acts 5:3-5** 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God. 5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it.

**Romans 1:18** 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth (τὴν ἀλήθειαν).

**Romans 1:24-25** 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth (τὴν ἀλήθειαν) about God for the lie (τῷ ψεύδει) and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

**Romans 16:17-18** 17 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught. Avoid them.

18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Messiah, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

**2 Corinthians 4:2** 2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15** 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Messiah. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

**Ephesians 4:14** 14 ...So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

**Colossians 3:9** 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices....

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** 9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power, false signs, and wonders, 10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, 12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**2 Timothy 3:6-8** 6 ...Among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.

**2 Timothy 4:3-4** 3 ...The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

**Hebrews 3:13** 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called today, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

**2 Peter 2:3** 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

**1 John 4:1-6** 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Messiah has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in

the world. 5 They are from the world. Therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us. Whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

**Revelation 21:8** 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars (πάντων τοῖς ψευδέσιν), their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.