

Deception of Baal (The Lord)

Scripture says that the old serpent, called the Devil and HaSatan, has deceived the whole world: "And the great dragon was thrown out, that serpent of old, called the Devil or Ha Satan, leads all the world astray." (**Rev. 12:9**) Do you realize just how deep that deception is?

Scripture explicitly tells us that salvation comes in only one exclusive name: "And there is no Salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under the heaven given among men by which we need to be saved." (**Acts 4:12**) **וַיְהוָה** (Yahusha) means: **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) Saves

Is it not evident then, according to the above quoted verse, that if HaSatan wants to keep us from being saved or delivered, all he has to do is to deceive us into calling on another name rather than the one exclusive name that has been given for that very purpose by our Creator?

Now surely, if there is only one name given, how can professed believers say that it doesn't matter what name they call on? Are they not deceived by that serpent, HaSatan the Devil, if they are calling on any other name than that one exclusive name that was given by our Creator Himself? Surely you can see that the only answer to our questions is yes, the whole World has most definitely been deceived!

WHO IS BAAL?

To find the answer to this question, a good place to begin is using the *Strong's Hebrew Dictionary*.

#1167 ba'al, bah'al; from 1166; a master; hence a husband, or (fig.) owner (often used with another noun in modification of this latter sense):- + archer, + babbler, + bird, captain, chief man, + confederate, + have to do, + dreamer, those to whom it is due, + furious, those that are given to it, great, + hairy, he that hath it, have, +horseman, husband, lord, man, + married, master, person, + sworn, they of.

Now, if these were the only uses of the word Baal, then we really wouldn't worry, Because even Scripture reveals that **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) was a husband to Israel (**Isa. 54:5; Jer. 31:32**). This in Hebrew, would be, " **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is baal to Israel." Thus, baal is used in a good sense. But this is not the only usage of the word, as we shall show.

#1168 ba'al, bah'al; the same as 1167; *Baal*, a Phoenician deity:-Baal, (plur.) Baalim.

Here we find another Baal, a bad one, a false deity. Can we find out more about this false deity? Yes, let me quote page 1212 in the Explanatory Notes of The Scriptures:

Ba'al: This word it seems, gradually became a proper name. A similar Semitic word derives from the Aryan root Bhal, which means "to shine," according to some.

According to W. H. Roscher's well-known lexicon of mythology, Ba'al (Bel, Belos) was the ancestral and national deity of the Semites, and says that Ba'al was the founder of Babel (Babylon), according to secular history. He is identified with Zeus, Jupiter, Ammon, Asshur, Assur, Kronos, and Bel-Marduk.

Morris Jastrow, Max Müller, and W. H. Roscher all three agree: Baal is the Babylonian sun deity. The Ba'als of the nations were sun deities, and Ba'al worship means sun worship.

I will punish Bel in Babylon, And I will make what he has swallowed come out of his mouth;

And the nations will no longer stream to him. Even the wall of Babylon has fallen down!

Jeremiah 51:44

Now, would אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) appreciate it if we called Him after the name of a false deity? A closer look at a couple of Scriptures will answer that question easily! Let us see just what the Mind of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is in regards to the above question.

"And in all that I have said to you take heed, and make no mention of the name of other mighty ones, let it not be heard from your mouth," **Ex. 23:13**.

How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? 27 They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget My Name, just as their ancestors forgot My Name through **Baal (The Lord/Jesus)** worship. **Jeremiah 23:26,27**

And in that day, declares אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me **Baal 'The Lord.'** For I will remove the names of the **Baals** from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. **Hosea 2:16-17**

"...And make no mention of the name of their mighty ones, nor swear by them, nor serve them, nor bow down to them," **Josh. 23:7**.

אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) has explicitly spoken to us, by the above verses of Scripture, not to mention the name of the other mighty ones, even to the point that they not be heard coming out of our lips. So אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) would not be pleased if we called Him by the name of any other mighty one! So אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) would not be pleased if we called Him Baal in the bad sense. But, how is it that we can call Him Baal (The Lord) in a good sense and be right, but yet use the same word, and it be in a wrong sense, causing אַיָּהּ's (Yahuah's) anger to burn against us? What is the answer to this apparent contradiction of אַיָּהּ's (Yahuah's) word?

There were many variations in which **BAAL** is known, such as the **Sun God (Sunday God)**, the **God of fertility (Easter)**, and **Beelzebub**, or **the lord of flies**".

Baal is a **Christian demon**. According to **Christian** demonology, **Baal** was ranked as the first and principal king in **Hell**, ruling over the East. According to some authors **Baal** is a Duke, with (66) sixty-six legions of **demons** under his command. The term "**Baal**" is used in various ways in the Old Testament, with the usual meaning of Lord, Master, or Owner. It came to sometimes mean the local pagan **god** of a particular people, and at the same time all of the idols of the land. It is also found in several places in the plural **Baalim**, or **Baals (Judges 2:11, 10:10)**.

During the English Puritan period, **Baal** was either compared to **HaSatan** or considered his main assistant. "**Ba'al**" can refer to any **god** and even to human officials; in some texts it is used as a substitute for Hadad, a **god** of the rain, thunder, fertility and agriculture, and **the lord of Heaven**.

THE LAND OF BAAL GAD

"Thus Oוַיָּשׁוּעַ Yahusha (Joshua) took all this land: the mountain country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the low country, and the desert plain, and the mountains of Yisrael (Israel) and its low lands, from Mount Halak that goes up to Seir, and as far as Baal Gad in the valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon...", **Josh. 11:16-17**.

"And these are the kings of the land which Oוַיָּשׁוּעַ Yahusha (Joshua) and the children of

Yisrael (Israel) smote beyond the Jordan, on the west, from Baal Gad in the valley of Lebanon as far as Mount Halak that goes up to Seir, which **וַיִּשָׁאֵל** Yahusha (Joshua) gave to the tribes of Yisrael (Israel) as a possession according to their divisions," **Josh. 12:7**.

"And the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon toward the sunrise, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon as far as the entrance to Hamath," **Josh. 13:5**.

Have you noticed that in each of the above quoted texts reference is made to a place called Baal Gad? Just what and where was this place called Baal Gad? Let's again go to the Strong's Hebrew Dictionary for the answer.

#1171 Baal Gad, bah'al gawd; from 1168 and 1409; Baal of Fortune: Baal Gad, a place in Syria: Baal-gad.

Now that wasn't much of an answer was it? We still haven't found out who or what Baal of Fortune was. Let us dig deeper to find out the truth by looking up the reference that was given under Strong's #1409 for more light.

#1409 gad, gawd; from 1464 (in the sense of distributing); fortune: troop.

The Baal Principality (god of 1,000 faces)

Baal (Sun god): Bel, Apollo, Zeus, Marduk, Ahura-Mazda, Osiris, Tammuz, Dagon, Prometheus, Jupiter, Nimrod, Mithra ("Another Jesus" and "The Anti-Christ"), Ra, Lucetius, Dyaus, Dionysus, Hermes, Adonis, Pan, Hades, Eros, Uranus, Gaea, Assur, Merodach, Ninus, Shamas, Zeus-Belus, Bacchus

Queen of Heaven (Moon & Sun goddess): Mother of God (and child), The Great Mother, Ashtaroth, Artemis, Aphrodite, Juno, Lilith, Minerva, Columbia, Nike, Astarte, Athena, Beltis, Diana, Isis (Horus), Anahita, Inanna, Tanat, Ishtar, Cybele, Mylitta, Hathor, Kali

Leviathan: Neptune, Poseidon, Tiamet, King of Children of Pride

WORD GAMES

וַיִּשָׁאֵל (Yahusha) told us searching for truth would be like searching for hidden treasure? (**Mt. 13:44**) Hidden treasure is not normally found just lying on top of the ground, you have to dig to find it?

Strong's #1409 reveals this false deity—Baal of fortune! Actually

"But you are those who forsake **יָהוּאֵל** (Yahuah), who forget My set-apart mountain, who prepare a table for Gad [that troop, KJV], and who fill a drink offering for Meni [that number, KJV]. And I shall allot you to the sword, and let you bow down to the slaughter, because I called and you did not answer, I spoke and you did not hear, and you did evil before My eyes and chose that in which I did not delight," **Isa. 65:11-12**.

If you have a KJV Bible, you will find for Gad it says "that troop" (Strong's #1409). In fact many Bibles have center or side column references that inform the readers that Gad (that troop) is a false deity!

This can also be discovered by looking at Strong's #1408:

#1408 Gad, gad; a var. of 1409; Fortune, a Bab. Deity: that troop.

Here is where HaSatan has played word games to deceive the whole world into worshipping a false Babylonian deity of Fortune! But who is really being worshipped behind the name of this ancient idol Baal-Gad? And how has HaSatan accomplished this so easily? Word Games! Remember Acts 4:12, Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven whereby we must be saved. Remember that **וַיְהִי** (Yahusha) also said, "...if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive." (**John 5:43**)

Notice under Strong's #1167, one of the definitions of the word Baal into English is lord!

BAAL ZEBUWB OR BEELZEBOUL

#1176 Baal Zebuwb, bah'al zeb-oob; from 1168 and 2070; Baal of (the) fly; Baal-zebub, a special deity of the Ekronites: Baal-Zebub. A Name of Satan

Remember when the Pharisees called **וַיְהִי** (Yahusha) the Messiah Beelzebub (Mat. 10:25) and claimed that He cast out the demons by the prince of demons (**Mat. 12:24, 27; Mk. 3:22; Lk. 11:15, 18, 19**). Well, now go to Strong's Greek #954 and be ready for a shock!

#954 (Greek) Beelzeboul, beh-el-zeb-ool'; of Chald. Or. [by parody upon 1176]; dung-god; Beelzebul, a name of Satan: Beelzebub.

GAD, GAWD, GOD

Are you beginning to see that Baal = lord or LORD or master and that Baal is none other than HaSatan himself?! But coupled with HaSatan's title of Baal which equals lord, or Lord, or LORD, or master is the word Gad. Gad meant Fortune or that troop. Could the old saying about a person selling their soul to HaSatan have any bearing here? HaSatan will give you a fortune for your soul, but once you have sold it to him, he will usually double cross you and take your life (soul) away! How many troops of lost souls does HaSatan have through his deceptions?!

Notice how the Masorites vowel pointed the word Gad in Hebrew in 1409 like this: **גָּד**: When pointed like this, the word is pronounced Gawd or God or god in Hebrew. Now if we translate Baal Gad into English what does it become? Does it not become LORD GOD? Or lord god? Or Lord God? The capitalization doesn't change the sound of the word in any way and even so the fact is Baal Gad is the Lord God who is Lord HaSatan or Master Satan!

Let me quote another explanatory note from pages 1214-1215 of *The Scriptures*: Gad: Apart from Gad, the son of Ya'aqob (Jacob) there was another "Gad." The astrologers of Babel called Jupiter (Zeus) by the name "Gad." He was also well known among the Canaanites (the Kena'anites) where his name was often coupled with Baal, Baal Gad, which according to the Massoretic vowel pointing in the book of Yahusha (Joshua) is pronounced: Baal God. This same name is discovered in the ancient Germanic languages as Gott, Goda, Gode, God, Gud, Gade. And searching further back into its Indo-Germanic (Indo-European) roots, we find that it traces back to the word GHODH, which means "union" even "sexual union." No wonder this meaning is still evident in the Dutch and German gode. It is also not difficult to see it in the English "gadfly" and "gadding about."

It is no wonder then that HaSatan was termed Baal Zebuwb in Hebrew and Beel Zeboul in Greek! So we have seen that both mean "Lord of the flies" (See *Brown, Driver & Briggs Hebrew Lexicon to the Old Testament* under 1176).

How ironic that HaSatan was pictured as a gadfly or as one who gads about! A look at the definition of these two words in *Webster's New World Dictionary* is quite revealing:

gad·fly *n.*, pl. flies' [GAD² + FLY²] 1. a large fly that bites livestock 2. One who annoys others.

gad·a·bout *n.* a person who gads about; restless seeker after fun, etc.

Gad¹ (gad) [Heb. *gadh*, lit., fortune] *Bible* 1. The seventh son of Jacob 2. The tribe of Israel descended from him

Gad² (gad) *interj.* [euphemism for GOD] [*also g-*] a mild oath or expression of surprise, disgust, etc.

gad¹ (gad) *vi.* gad'ded, gad'ding [LME *gadden*, to hurry, perhaps back-formation < *gadeling*, companion in arms < OE. *gædeling*: for IE. Base see GATHER] to wander about in an idle or restless way, as in seeking amusement—*n.* an act of gadding: chiefly in the phrase on (or upon) the gad, gadding about—gad'der *n.*

Now let's compare the meanings here with **Isaiah 65:11** where Gad has been translated as "that troop." 1. A troop is defined as *a group* of persons, animals, or, formerly, things; herd, flock, band, etc. 2. Loosely, a great number; lot 3. A body of soldiers 4. A subdivision of a cavalry regiment that corresponds to a company of infantry 5. A unit of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts under an adult leader 6. [Archaic] a group of actors; troupe, etc. (*Webster's New World Dictionary*).

These definitions would cause the meaning of this word to fall in the category of gad¹ in the sense of "gather" which is why the translators rendered Gad as "that troop." Gad¹ corresponds with the meaning of the deity of fortune which also was אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah's) intended purpose for using the word, while Gad² ties it all together in the sense of a "euphemism for God."

In the book of Job, when HaSatan appeared with the sons of Alahym before אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), he was asked, "Whence comest thou?" HaSatan's answer was, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." (**Job. 1:7, 2:2**) HaSatan as Baal-Zebub (Lord of flies) does exactly what a gadfly and a gadabout does. He is a restless seeker after fun. He goes to and fro, up and down seeking to annoy others (especially man, but also אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)).

HaSatan does have a terrible bite, and he can be very annoying too, just like a gadfly! Also he gads about looking for souls to devour and it must be a lot of fun for him to deceive and cause so much misery and suffering upon humanity. (**Job 1 & 2; 1 Pet. 5:8**). No wonder James Strong said that Beelzeboul was a name for HaSatan (*Strong's #954 Greek Dictionary*).

So what have we learned from our study of a few Scriptures using the inspired Hebrew language and a few Greek words? We have learned that God was originally the name of an idol once worshipped in Babel (Babylon). It was later spread throughout the land of Canaan being picked up by the Canaanites and adopted by the children of Yisrael (Israel) when they went into apostasy!

We also have learned, from **Isa. 65:11-12**, the shocking truth that many of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah's) people have been tricked into forsaking אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) for this pagan idol by HaSatan playing "word games". (**Jer. 2:10-13**)

The saddest part of all is that behind this pagan idol called Baal Gad (Lord God) stands the real being who is worshipped by the whole Christian world—HaSatan himself! (**Isa. 14:12-17; Eze. 28:1-9; 2 Thes. 2:3-12**). Yes, Christians are awaiting a final anti-Christ to come, but do

not realize he is already in their midst and worshipped! Christians are preparing a feast table for God—HaSatan; and they don't even know it, and wouldn't believe it even if you told them! Christians just don't realize who stands behind the idol and its name to receive its praise and worship (**Lev. 17:7; Dt. 32:17; Ps. 106:37; 2 Chron. 11:15; 1Cor. 10:21-22**).

Baal Gad is the LORD God of the Christians; but don't try to tell them I told you so, because they wouldn't believe it even if you showed it to them straight out of the Hebrew Scriptures! But if you are a Christian, and you see the truth herein presented, what should you do about it? The Scriptures have the answer: "Truly then, having overlooked these times of ignorance, אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) now commands all men everywhere to repent," **Acts 17:30**.

"Baal" in the dictionary is Hebrew and means "The Lord". So since JESUS is LORD does this tell us who JESUS (Christ) really is, "BAAL"?

Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness (Breaker of the Torah - 10 Commandments and Sabbaths)!' **Matthew 7:22-23**

"Come, and let us turn back to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), for He has torn but He does heal us. He has stricken but He binds us up. After two days He shall revive us, on the third day He will raise us up, so that we may live before Him. So let us know, let us pursue to know אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). His going forth is as certain as the morning. And He comes to us like the rain, like the latter rain watering the earth," **Hos. 6:1-3**.

"O Yisrael (Israel), return to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) your Alahym, for you have stumbled by your iniquity. Take words with you, and return to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). Say to Him, 'Take away all iniquity, and accept what is good, and we will render the bulls of our lips. Ashshur does not save us. We do not ride on horses, nor ever again do we say to the work of our hands, 'Our mighty ones.' For the fatherless finds compassion in you," **Hos. 14:1-3**.

And אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) says, in response to our repentance: "I shall heal their backsliding, I shall love them spontaneously, for Thy displeasure has turned away from Him. I shall be like the dew to Yisrael (israel). He shall blossom like the lily, and cast out His roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and His splendour shall be like an olive tree, and His fragrance like Lebanon. Those who dwell under His shadow shall return. They shall revive like grain, and blossom like the vine, and become as fragrant as the wine of Lebanon. What more had Ephraim to do with idols? It is I Who answer and look after him. I am like a green cypress tree, your fruit comes from Me. Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) are right; the righteous walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them." **Hosea 14:4-9**.