

DEMONOLOGY
Message 4

INTRO: Well, we are back to our subject of demonology after missing a number of weeks. So let me refresh our memories. In the first message we looked at the fact that we are in a battle here on earth and this battle is being waged between God and the devil and the battlefield is the mind of man.

Then in the second message we looked at the various views of the origin of demons and concluded that demons are fallen angels. We looked at the fall of Lucifer, who we believe became the one we know as Satan or the devil and how he took one third of the angels with him. In the third message we looked at the meanings of these key words: Satan, devil and demons. The meaning of Satan is adversary or opponent. He is God's chief opponent and he opposes everything good and godly. The key idea of the word devil is to slander. To overthrow someone's character by slander. And then, last, the word 'demon' comes from the word daio, meaning to distribute fortunes and it was used to refer to gods or goddesses of lesser deity. I recommended that these are those angels that fell with Lucifer and that possibly Satan promised to distribute the glory he would receive with them.

We also looked at the task of demons. Their chief aim is to destroy and win people for Satan. They do this through sin. Satan counterfeits and contradicts everything in God. And we saw that the demons greatest tools to win people over to Satan are the world and the flesh.

What we want to do now is begin a look at the history of demons. I think it will be helpful to us to see this. We have already seen the origin of demons before the creation of the universe. Now we want to look at their history in the OT, then in the NT, then in the Church Age, and then we will look at what will happen yet in the future. We will find this in the pre-written history of the future, and the Bible does give us that information.

IV. A BRIEF HISTORY OF DEMONS

A. In The Old Testament

1. From Adam to Noah (4000-2300 BC)

We begin this history from the time of Adam and Eve to the time of Noah. The dates are roughly from 4000-2300 BC, about 1700 years. In the Old Testament, at first sight, it seems, demonism does not appear to be as prominent as in the New. But, when you look at it a little more closely, immediately after everything had been created, and it was all 'very good' according to God Almighty (Gen. 1:31) and God had placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, we meet the prince of demons, Satan himself in Genesis 3:1 (read). Ryrie says that the serpent was apparently a beautiful creature before it was cursed. Well, we know the drastic results on mankind from Eve's encounter with Satan in the Garden of Eden. Look at it in 3:2-7.

Now go with me for a moment to 1 Timothy 4 (read vs. 1-2). I will take this up at a later point but let me just say, for those who may be listening who are Greek students, that I believe the doctrines of demons is a subjective genitive and these are doctrines that have their origin in demons. These are not doctrines about demons, but doctrines taught by demons. In Genesis 3:1-7, we have the first such doctrines. Here is the first demonic doctrine, "You will not surely die. As a matter of fact, you will become like God." But that was a demonic doctrine. And then Eve's experience validated the devil's doctrine. She looked at the tree, and sure enough, it was pleasant to look at. Here we have the lust of the eyes validating demonic doctrine. And it was pleasant to the flesh. It was good for food. And then it was academically desirable. It was desirable to make one wise. Eve believed the doctrines of demons and what she experienced when she looked at this forbidden tree seemed to verify the demonic doctrine. Then she bought into it, and brought sin to mankind. It came through doctrines of demons.

And we barely get into Genesis 4, and we meet more doctrines of demons (read 4:1-3). Adam and Eve's firstborn despised God's way of sacrifice as he had been taught, which was by the shedding of blood. Instead, he offered things that grew

out of the ground, a bloodless sacrifice. And God did not respect his sacrifice, and instead of repenting, Cain killed his younger brother, who did sacrifice as he had been taught. Where did Cain get his idea to do his own thing? Without doubt he got his doctrine from demons.

When you look at this carefully, it seems all religious teaching that is not accurately based on the Bible is based on demonic influenced thinking. Numerous writers indicate that behind every idol there is a demon. That is the devil's way. Behind all false teachings there are demons as well. Mormonism is demonic. The teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses is demonic. But we may come closer to home. The teachings that church membership or baptism are necessary for salvation also have their source in demons.

By the time we come to Genesis 6, we are about 1700 years after creation. Go to Genesis 6 (read 1-3). By this time, the earth was quite populated and so successful had demons been that of all the families on the earth, there was only one faithful family found. Look at verses 4-8 (read). It is possible that the devil thought he had won when he had deceived Eve and conned Adam into sin. And likely, here, once more he thought he was within an inch of victory.

Now I do not know how far developed demonic doctrines were by the time of the flood, but no doubt they were quite well developed because only one godly family of all of mankind was left. And so, about 1700 years after creation, all ungodly people were drowned and only one godly family was left on earth. The devil had to start all over again and that is exactly what he did.

2. From Noah to Abraham (2300-1900)

Now we want to look at the time from Noah to Abraham. This is from approximately 2300-1900 BC. Noah died 350 years after the flood. Man had once more begun to spread upon the earth. Shortly after Noah died, Abraham was born. So, by the time Abraham was 40, some 400 years had passed

since the flood. By now people had once more populated quite a large area and one of those was known as Ur of the Chaldees, where Abraham grew up. If historians are right about the discovery of Ur of the Chaldees we learn some interesting things about that time. Listen to the Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary, "Education was well developed at Ur, for a school was found there with its array of clay tablets. Students learned to read and write, and do varied forms of arithmetic. Further studies have revealed the fact that commerce was well developed and that ships came into Ur from the Persian Gulf bringing diorite and alabaster used in statue making, copper ore, ivory, gold and hard woods. Much light has been shed on the worship and religious life of Abraham's day. Nanna was the moon-god worshipped there. The temple, ziggurat, and other buildings used in connection with the worship of this pagan deity have been found. Evidences of worship in the homes of that day are revealed by idols found in private niches in the home walls. From this city of idolatry God called Abraham and sent him by promise to the land of Canaan."

Whenever you have idols you have doctrines of demons. After the flood, the devil was immediately right back at work, and once more, most of mankind has gone, as the Bible says, a *whoring* after false gods.

3. From Abraham to Moses (1900-1600)

We move next to the time from Abraham to Moses. The approximate dates are 1900-1600 BC. Well, God called Abraham to go to Canaan. After Abraham, then came Isaac, and then Jacob. And in Jacob's day there was a famine in the land and Joseph, his son, had become the governor of Egypt. You will remember that Joseph was sold to some slave traders who sold him to an Egyptian. And in Egypt he ended up being falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and he ended up in jail. And in jail he interpreted some dreams for a butler and a baker who also had been cast into that prison. And when those dreams came true to Joseph's interpretation, Pharaoh had a very troubling

dream about seven fat and seven lean ears of corn and I want you to go to Genesis 41 to see what he did (read vs. 8). He called for the magicians.

Now I need to take a moment to explain the term magicians. The Hebrew word is *chartom*. I understand that it meant an engraver or a writer but came to mean someone who possessed occult knowledge. With regard to the occult, Wikipedia says, "Occultism is the study of occult practices, including (but not limited to) [magic](#), [alchemy](#), [extra-sensory perception](#), [astrology](#), [spiritualism](#), and [divination](#). Interpretation of occultism and its concepts can be found in the belief structures of religions such as [Gnosticism](#), [Hermeticism](#), [Theosophy](#), [Wicca](#), [Thelema](#), [Satanism](#), and [neopaganism](#)" end quote. Such magicians or occultic people possessed knowledge that the average person did not possess and so it was viewed as magic. Magic is the ability to do things outside the realm of the natural. It involves the supernatural. For example, today levitation is quite commonly spoken of. It is making things rise and defy the law of gravity without anything physical causing it to rise. For example, making an axe head float in the air. Persons with these kinds of abilities are called 'magicians' in the Scriptures.

So, in Joseph's day, when Pharoah had a dream he could not interpret, he called for the magicians and wise men. I will explain some of this later but these are men knowledgeable in occultic matters, and this is nothing but tapping into demonic powers. So once again, we see demonism as an established art among unbelievers. Mankind always degenerates to this. Well, you will remember that Joseph brought his father Jacob to Egypt and they dwelt there from that time until Moses led them to Canaan.

4. From Moses to Joshua (1600-1400)

And so we want to look at the time from Moses to Joshua. This is about 1600 to 1400 BC. You see, it ended up that Jacob moved to Egypt and

Abraham's descendents lived and later served in Egypt until Moses led them out of Egypt and towards Canaan once more. Several hundred years have passed since the Jewish people went to Egypt under Joseph. Here they finally were forced to serve as slaves and their male babies were killed in order to keep them in slavery. Then God called Moses to lead them out of Egypt. Moses was reluctant but finally took on this task. And Moses said to God, "Pharaoh will not listen to me. How can I ever do this?" And turn to Exodus 7 to see what God said (read 8-13).

Now, here is the question: Were these magicians actually able to perform these miracles? Well, let me give you each of the events that took place. First, when Aaron cast down his rod it became a snake. The magicians did so as well and their rods became snakes. But then Aaron's rod that became a snake swallowed the other snakes (Ex. 7:8-13). So when Pharaoh's magicians could also do this, Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Then Moses and Aaron struck the waters and they became blood. Now I don't know what waters the magicians struck. The Egyptians had to dig close to the river so they had water to drink. I suppose the magicians got some of that clear water and turned it to blood and Pharaoh's heart was hardened again (Ex. 7:14-25).

The next plague produced frogs, and again the magicians did the same and produced frogs and again Pharaoh's heart was hardened. In the third plague, God brought lice on Egypt, and we need to read this event (8:16-19).

Then came the plague of flies, and nothing is said about the magicians being able to produce flies (Ex. 8:20-32). The fifth plague was diseases on their livestock and pets. Nothing is said of the magicians, and yet Pharaoh hardened his heart (9:1-7). Then Moses and Aaron sprinkled ashes into the air and both man and animals were struck with boils. Even the magicians had boils and Scripture says nothing about them even trying to imitate this miracle.

Then came the plague of hail and Pharaoh's magicians again are not mentioned. But Pharaoh said, "I have sinned this time, ask God to remove this plague." So Moses prayed and again Pharaoh's heart grew hard (Ex. 9:7-35). Then came the eighth plague, the plague of locusts. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you, please forgive my sin and ask God to take away this plague." So Moses prayed for him and still once more he hardened his heart (Ex. 10:1-20).

The ninth plague was the plague of darkness. By now things were getting desperate for Pharaoh and he said he would let them go. But it appears that when daylight was restored, once more Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Now Pharaoh said, "Get away from me and take heed that you do not see my face again for the day you see it you shall die." And Moses said, "I will never see your face again" (Ex. 10:21-29).

And then God instructed Moses about the Passover lamb and how they were to put the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of their homes. And that night the death angel came, and he passed over every home that had the blood on the doorposts. But on the homes that did not have the blood on the doorposts, in each of those homes the firstborn was slain by the death angel. And that night Pharaoh let Israel go. After they were gone, he once more changed his mind and he pursued them to his own destruction and he and his army drowned in the Red Sea.

Now, in three instances the magicians, Jannes and Jambres, according to 2 Timothy 3:8, were able to duplicate the miracles Moses and Aaron did. The first was the rods becoming snakes. The second was the water turned to blood and the third was producing frogs.

Now let me mention something here. You see, when supernatural things are produced by secret rituals or demons, it is called magic. When supernatural things are done by God, it is a miracle. Magic is Satan's counterfeit to

miracles. But how are we to explain the magic these magicians were able to perform? Well, Charles Ryrie, in his reference Bible says of the rods turning to snakes, "Some think the Egyptian magicians accomplished this feat through sleight of hand, or through demonic power, or by using snakes that they charmed into a rigid position to appear as rods."

Could it be that these magicians accomplished their magic by sleight of hand before Pharaoh? It is possible. Exodus 7:11 says that they did this by their enchantments. Barnes commentary says this, "The original expression implies a deceptive appearance, an illusion, a juggler's trick, not an actual putting forth of magic power. Pharaoh may or may not have believed in a real transformation; but in either case he would naturally consider that if the portent performed by Aaron differed from that of the magicians, it was a difference of degree only, implying merely superiority in a common art." Or, could it be that they accomplished their magic by demons? Or was it a combination of both? As magicians there is no doubt that they were steeped in the arts of demonic witchcraft. I have also wondered if God, in these instances, let their magic come true in order to test Pharaoh.

However all that may have been, it is important to note that they could duplicate only the first three miracles and in each of those cases their magic was much less impressive than the divine miracle and also, they could not reverse what God had done. In the case of the rod turning into a snake, they did the same thing, but Aaron's rod that became a snake in the end ate the other snakes. Then, with regard to turning water into blood, they could not turn the whole Nile river into blood. That had already been done. And in the third case, where they produced frogs, frogs had already been produced by a miracle of God, so how many did the magicians produce?

But then we come to the dirt turned into lice and the magicians could not produce lice. From here on, the magicians are not mentioned except once

in the plague of boils, and here it only says that the boils came on the magicians as well and they were not able to stand before Moses and Aaron.

Now, let me say this, and we will see it later; God's wrath is aroused when man worships false gods, and when man practices demonic magical arts. In man's mind, through these things, man's mind is deceived from truth and God's reality and this is a capital crime to God. It is the lowest of the low of Satanic moves. And let me say this, North America is being invaded by both of these and we cannot be too far from judgment.

Now why did God bring all these plagues on Egypt? Is there significance to it? In Exodus 12, the last plague will take place. It is the death of the firstborn of Egypt. So turn to Exodus 12:12 now (read). In these 10 plagues and in these divine miracles, God showed His divine power over all the false gods of Egypt and over their magicians. Harold Willmington says the waters of the Nile turned into blood was a plague against the god, Osiris, of the Nile. The plague of frogs was against the frog god, Hekt. The plague of lice was against the god of the earth, Seb. The plague of the flies was against the god Hatkok, the wife of Osiris who was the god of the Nile. The plague on cattle was against the god, Apis, the sacred bull. The boils was against Typhon and the hail was against Shu, the god of the atmosphere. The plague of locusts was against Serapia, the god who protected Egypt from locusts. The plague of darkness was against Ra, the sun god. And last, the plague of the firstborn was against all the false gods. God had shown to the then largest nation on earth that He was far superior to all the gods of Egypt.

You see, what God did here was to condemn all demonic matters; both the worship of false gods and the magical arts, which are nothing but demonism. God and Satan are diametrically opposed to one another. Satan works through sin and God through righteousness. Every time we do right, we pull a little more rug out from underneath Satan.

And what we learn in these ten plagues is how steeped Egypt was in demonism by this time.

5. From Joshua to Saul (1400-1000)

Our final time period this morning is from Joshua to Saul. This is about from 1400-1000 BC. You see, God, through Moses, eventually led Israel out of Egypt and after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness they entered the promised land. Moses died just before they entered the land and Joshua became the leader of God's people. Now let me ask you, does God Almighty have a right to take one nation and by that nation drive out another nation, and sometimes kill man, woman and child in that other nation order to give that land to another people? Well, I can tell you what the modern so called Palestinians say. They say, "We were here first and thereby have a right to this land." But we must ask this question: does who was there first constitute the right to any land?

Well, turn with me to Numbers 33 (read 51-54): "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 'then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; you shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess. And you shall divide the land by lot as an inheritance among your families; to the larger you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance; there everyone's *inheritance* shall be whatever falls to him by lot. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers."

Now go to Deuteronomy 9 (read 4-5) "Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD is driving them out from before you.

5 "It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Now go with me to Deuteronomy 18 (read 9-12)
"When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you."

Israel began to invade Canaan about 1400 years before Christ. Already all the various people groups who lived there were steeped in demonism. We note as well in our verse that it was because the people had become so steeped in the occult that God expelled them from the land. Did God have the right to expel them and give the land to Israel? Absolutely, the earth is the Lord's. And so, it was not because of Israel's goodness that God gave them the land, but because of the wickedness of the nations dwelling there.

Today, in North America, the occult is steeply on the rise. Dave Hunt has written a book called, "Occult Invasion". The title alone tells us much. David Benoit and Eric Barger have written a book called, "The End-Time Occult Invasion." It deals specifically with the nine occultic items mentioned in the verses before us. We will look at those in the next message. From the passage we just read we can see what must happen to America if it continues in its present trend. This past week, I read that our own premier Alberta walked at the head of the Gay Pride Parade in Calgary

Alberta. It could not become much more obvious where we are today in our own country.

CONCL: How shall we conclude? We conclude by saying that man was introduced and fell for doctrines of demons from Adam and Eve onward. If the devil had won there, he would have won over God. By the time of the flood, sin was so vile and rampant that God wanted to destroy all of mankind. That would spell a win for Satan. But God found one righteous man. I tend to believe that demonism must have been at its zenith by this time.

Then came Abraham. He grew up in Ur of the Chaldees when once more the earth was steeped in demonism and worshipped false gods. Still later, in Joseph's day, we see Pharaoh calling for his magicians. When God called Moses to deliver Israel out of Egypt, again that nation was filled with demonism. And when God brought Israel to Canaan He said, "I give you this land. I do not give it to you because you are such nice people. I give it to you because those who dwell there are full of demonic practices. I cannot bear that. I want you to dispossess them of the land and you live right before Me in that wonderful land.

The occult and deep sin have always been around in America but they were kept out of sight to a large degree. Today they are openly practiced and deep sin and the occult will abound more and more unless we experience a revival. I want to encourage all, but especially our younger generation, read and study the Bible. You will need much insight into God's word in the days ahead. It is a time of occult invasion.