

THE MAN OF SIN  
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*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; (2 Thessalonians 2:3)*

This lesson focuses on the ***man of sin, the son of perdition*** (meaning *ruin or loss* - physical, spiritual or eternal, damnable, destruction, perish, pernicious ways (harmful gradual effect), waste, *death, punishment, destruction*). Prophetically, Paul's lesson to the church in Thessalonica is about the days before the catching away of God's Church. Many details are touched on in this chapter; however, the *man of sin* is speaking of the antichrist who will appear on the world stage as if he were Christ, the anointed One.

In reality, he is anything but Christ or Christlike. But he carries the power of deception and a false anointing to such a degree that the world perceives him as the Christ (at least the Jewish nation will perceive him as The Christ).

For some time, I have been mentioning the "*Strong Man of the House*" spoken of by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Mark.

*But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house (Matthew 12:28-29).*

*But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils (Luke 11:20-22).*

Within the heart, in the core, of every human on earth exists a stronghold citadel controlled by "the strong man of the house." Zion, the Mountain of the LORD, is seen in Heaven, on Earth, and within the hearts of humans. Zion is the

center and heartbeat of all heavenly activity because God's throne is upon Zion. Hence, it was also the place of fierce warfare. Lucifer desired the Mountain of the LORD (the mount of the congregation) and he orchestrated an insurrection against God and His Kingly authority (Ezekiel 28:13-17, Isaiah 14:12-15). Lucifer wanted that mountain because upon it was God's throne and the chosen congregation of kings and priests, the bride and the sons of God described as *the stones of fire*.

The earthly mountain range of Zion in Jerusalem, of which Mt Moriah is part, is the center and heartbeat of Israel. It is the location of the former Temple of the LORD. No minerals exist there, no gold or silver, and no precious stones are to be found. There is no oil there. There is nothing of any earthly value. It is a dry, unimpressionable piece of real estate. And yet, over the centuries, there have been countless wars over this land. It is the most sought-after and fought-for piece of property on the planet. Why? Because it is the place that the LORD chose as His habitation. It is in Zion where He chose to place His Name. It was Zion that the LORD loved above all the dwellings of Jacob (Psalm 78:68. 87:2). Hence, the war over Zion in heaven and earth, and within you, has been intense and is ongoing.

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 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. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night (Revelation 12:7-10).*

Even in heaven, the battle continues. The Dragon still has access. He still attempts to take control and power. He will make a final thrust and push to possess the Mountain of the LORD and to occupy the throne of God. It is not until the strong man, the dragon, is *cast out* that the salvation, strength, the Kingdom of God, and the power of Christ is declared in heaven. God's Heavenly Kingdom is to come to us, and God's will accomplished in us as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:10). In other words, within us is a mirror reflection of the Heavenly Kingdom.

Since the dragon must be cast out of heaven what does that say about you and me? Surely, we can see the parallel to the heavenly Kingdom and the kingdom that God desires to establish in us.

Even though the work of God was finished from the foundation of the world (Hebrews 4:3 – *the works were finished from foundation of the world*), yet in the timeline of prophetic fulfillment the ultimate work of God’s redemptive purpose has yet to be seen and experienced, even in heaven in God’s presence. In God’s presence it is all done because in His presence everything “is” – there is no ‘was’ or ‘shall be’. The Lord was, is, and is to come – in other words, He is all inclusive of all dimensions of time and existence. The past, present, and future are all with Him now. This is why it is so important for us to seek His presence because in His presence we live in the victory of the *finished work*. Within the framework of the finished work everything *that was and is to come is present in the moment in one great proclamation of victory*. There is no defeat in His presence. In His presence, it is finished!

*John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; (Revelation 1:4).*

*And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come (Revelation 4:8).*

The final war in heaven occurs after the man-child (the manifest sons of God) are brought to birth by the bride of Christ, the portion of the church that has been set apart and dedicated unto Him. The man-child is the manifestation of the fruit of the relationship that the bride has with the Bridegroom. The bride of Christ is not impregnated by any other than the One she is devoted and joined to, her Bridegroom and lover of her soul. (take note that five times in the Song of Solomon the bride refers to the Bridegroom as the one whom her soul love’s - *Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest...Song of Songs 1:7*).

How quickly we forget that this divine relationship is founded on love. It is not built on religion, doctrines, church groups, human loyalties, or affiliations. The relationship between the Bridegroom and the bride is infused with love.

*For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God (John 16:27).*

God loves the whole world, both sinners and saints. However, there is a “love of the Father” that is only experienced by loving the Son of God. The love relationship with the Son of God opens a new dimension of spiritual experience and relationship with the Heavenly Father. This is experienced through the Father and Son relationship – the sons of God.

The fruit of this union is the likeness of Christ, sons of God who are just like the Son of God. In other words, the fruit of the Bridegroom and bride love relationship is simply Christlikeness! True spiritual maturity is evidenced through the likeness of Christ displayed throughout our lives. Through love, we become filled, mature, and fully ended with the fullness of God.

*That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness (completion, accomplishment, fulfilled, fully furnished, and perfected) of God (Ephesians 3:17-19).*

The fullness of God has to do with maturity. The Father desires to fill us with His fullness, the perfection of which takes place as His sons.

When the man-child is born, he is caught up to the highest of all dimensions of spiritual experience. He is caught up to the throne of God. In his hand is placed a rod of iron, a scepter of power and dominion authority. The question begs to be answered, “does God give an immature baby such authority?” The response to that question is an absolute “no.” The throne and Kingdom of God’s dominion authority belong to the *mature sons of God, who have come to the fullness of God*. This lets me know that the man-child, even though called a

child, is indeed the birth of the mature likeness of Christ in and through the life of a believer.

Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, in His mature and fulfilled state was called a 'Thy Holy child'.

*For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus (Acts 4:27-30).*

Here, Peter and John testified to the power of Jesus Christ given to them to speak the Truth and to heal sicknesses after they had been questioned and imprisoned by the priests, captain of the Temple, and the Sadducees. Twice Peter referred to Jesus as "Thy Holy Child". This was after Jesus had lived among men, after He had been persecuted, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and had fulfilled and completed His mission on earth. There is no doubt that He was the mature and accomplished Son of God, perfected by His sufferings but, nonetheless, was called *Thy Holy Child*.

*For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings (Hebrews 2:10).*

The birth of the Man-child cannot be viewed as a natural birth. The scene of the bride giving birth took place in the Spirit, in heaven. This is a spiritual birth of spiritual maturity – the likeness of God's Son. However, as far as our spiritual experience is concerned, the birth of Christlikeness is not a one-time travail, rather, it is an ongoing series of "contractions" and travailing pains.

*My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (Galatians 4:19)*

Paul traveled repeatedly for the *fulness of God* to become a reality within the lives of the Galatian Church.

However, God, the Father, only has “*one begotten Son*” who is called “*the only begotten of the Father.*”

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

Jesus is the Father’s only begotten Son, and yet, the Father has many sons. (This is a lesson for another time).

The difference between the Kingdom of God in heaven and the kingdom within you is, that God was never dethroned in heaven, whereas due to man’s foolish choice in the Garden of Eden God never took His place as King upon the throne of man’s heart. Another entity was crowned king – a strong man, the *man of sin* – the anti-God spirit that opposes everything that is God.

The heavenly and earthly Zion are demonstrations and pictures of the invisible *world* within the heart of the called and chosen people of God (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Within you, there is a Zion. Eden was the first Zion (Isaiah 51:3). The world within us mirrors the heavenly world above. God formed this place within the core of the human spirit to be the place of His residence and throne room, a throne room that God never occupied from the beginning. Even though man was filled with the breath and inspiration of God, he never chose for the Kingdom to come within his heart.

This would have taken place had man chosen to obey the command of the King of Glory and eaten from the Tree of Life. However, when mankind turned from the command of God and obeyed the voice and guile of the serpent, the throne room became occupied by a strong man. The strong man is also identified as “the man of sin.” Since that day, man has been full of sin and continues to sin depending upon which “king” he yields to (Romans 6). Overcoming the man of sin is part of the process of redemption (I write more on the on-going redemptive process in my new book – THE HIGH CALLING).

As with both the heavenly and earthly Zion, there is nothing in your life that is fought over as much as the core of your being – the throne room of God – the Mt Zion within. This is where the greatest battles take place. **This is the seat of your feelings, emotions, and desires.** This place is deep and is a powerful stronghold. For the King of Glory to come in and take His rightful place, the “man of sin”, the strong man of the stronghold, must be revealed or exposed (Psalm 24:7-10).

Paul told the Thessalonians that before the Lord appears, the man of sin must be revealed! For this to happen, God creates times of shaking. We find ourselves in times of shaking and warfare in our families, relationships, health, careers, finances, and circumstances of our lives. The shakings devastate us to the deep place within, places of intense pain but also of deep warfare against the controlling demonic powers of the stronghold. We also must war and overcome the “man of sin” and spirit of lawlessness. During these seasons, the warfare over the Zion within becomes hot and fiery. The temptation to resign oneself of pressing forward and divorcing oneself from the vision set before us is real and tangible.

When Paul referred to the “*man of sin*” he was speaking of the antichrist who comes with the power of great deception. He is also **made manifest, or revealed, as the arrogant one who exalts of himself and opposes everything that is godly and that is of God.**

Several Bible translations have translated “Man of Sin” as the “man of lawlessness” or wickedness. The antichrist spirit does not yield or submit to the laws of God; quite the contrary. This spirit will find all means, excuses, ways, false theologies, loopholes, and reasons not to submit to God’s laws and commands.

*Who **opposeth** and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4)*

*Lamsa Bible Translation:*

*Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is revered; so that even in the temple of God, he sits as a god, and shows himself, as though he were a god.*

The Man of Sin is an **opposer to everything that is God, godly, righteous, pure, and that is to be revered as holy, sacred, and dedicated unto God.** The word “opposeth” means to *lie opposite against*, that is, to *be adverse* (figuratively *repugnant – distasteful, unacceptable*), to be an adversary, and be contrary.

Irreverence is opposition to God, His presence, His Word, and His glory. The church today is full of irreverence. We are irreverent to God Himself, demonstrated in how we treat His house. We are irreverent to His Word and servants who teach His Word: the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. We are irreverent to His commands by scoffing and mocking at what God has and does require of us.

That opposing, nagging feeling you have come up from within you is evidence of the strong man within that the finger of God has come to deliver us from! What is the “sin” that the man of sin represents?

In **Hebrew**, the word sin means an offense, an occasion, to miss the mark, to forfeit, and to be led astray.

In **Greek**, the word sin means to miss the mark [so as not to share in the prize], to err, to offend, and to trespass.

It is clear from the meaning of the word sin that the ultimate purpose of sin is to cause mankind to forfeit and miss the eternal and ultimate goal, destiny, and purpose of God. Anything hindering or thwarting the believer from reaching the goal and receiving the prize is considered sin.

The goal of the man of sin is to precisely do that – to steal from you the inheritance purposed by God from before the beginning of time. The man-of-sin influences us to devote our allegiance to the weaknesses of the stronghold of our spirits. Why? Because we are the servants to whatever/whomever we bow before.



*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (Romans 6:16).*

Pause for a moment and consider the word “sin.” What comes to your mind? For most people, whenever the word sin is mentioned, adultery, substance abuse, lying, theft, and such, come to mind. Yes, all this, and more, is sin. However, the *man of sin* represents something deeper than the things committed by the physical deeds of the body. Paul said, “*Every sin that a man doeth is without the body,*” but he was speaking directly about sexual sins (1 Corinthians 6:18). Sins without, or physical sins, will indeed hinder your progress and can thwart the purpose of God in your life altogether.

The sin that we are dealing with herein this lesson is not that which is without, but that which is within. The sin, *the man of sin*, lodged within the core of our being is full of rebellion and opposition against God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). He does not, first and foremost, represent physical sins but the inner sin of opposition and rebellion against the authority, supremacy, and Kingship of God spewing from the heart.

*For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment (2 Peter 2:4).*

Angels do not have physical bodies, yet they are judged due to sin. Angels are spirit beings, not physical beings. So, what was their sin?

*And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day (Jude 1:6).*

The sin of the angels was departing from under the order, structure, authority, and rulership of God. The word “estate” means order, place, rank, magistrate, power, principality, and rule. These spiritual beings rebelled against the rulership of the Eternal King and forfeited their place and position before the face of God. So also, the sin within our spirits does the same. The mission of

the man of sin is to spill rebellion and opposition into the heart/spirit and soul of man, hence preventing the heart from bowing.

The Kingdom cannot come to us without God's will being done. Without the King enthroned and submission to His will, the Kingdom cannot be established within. So, ask yourself the difficult question: what is preventing me from outwardly fulfilling God's will? Most of us have held on to the same issues and opposing sentiments inside of us for years. We may outwardly display some form of willingness to accomplish God's will, but as long as the heart is not bowed, the opposing, rebellious, demonic force within will continue to fight in an attempt to prevent the King of Glory from taking His rightful place! The thoughts and opposing attitudes springing from within are not even you – they are not your thoughts, but thoughts and feelings imposed upon you from the stronghold of your heart.

The final battle is about who is going to the king. It has always been about that; however, in the end, this war intensifies as the Mountain of the Congregation comes into view. Who is King? Who rules? Who is allowed into the temple to rule in your garden paradise? The man-of-sin has one main goal and objective - to cause God's created beings to turn from the Creator and miss the goal, reason, and purpose of existence. But remember what was placed in the hand of the man-child, a rod of iron. The purpose of the rod is authority and rulership. It is the power to rule over and in intense and extreme opposition. With this power and authority, this spirit must be cast out!

*And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him (Genesis 4:6-7).*

This verse has been interpreted by commentators in different ways from various angles. Some say that the "him" is speaking of Abel. However, I do not believe for a moment that God would have demanded Abel to give his desire and allegiance to Cain while subjecting himself in obedience to him. Others view this verse to be speaking of God's warning to Cain. Cain was admonished to take dominion and control over "sin" that lay at the door, here referred to sin as a person, or "him."

In other words, God asked Cain, “To whom will you bow?” Who will you allow in the door to occupy the place of authority? Sin’s desire is towards you. Sin lieth at the door (lurks, broods, and crouches waiting to pounce). If we view sin in this case, as the *man-of-sin*, we conclude that we need to take dominion over him – we must rule over sin rather than sin gaining access to rule over us.

Keep in mind I am referring to *sin as being anything that hinders you from taking possession of your eternal inheritance*, anything that removes you from being able to reach the mark of the prize of the high calling of God: this is sin! Sin is whatever pulls you away from God’s purpose. This is not the type of sin unto eternal damnation or death, but rather the sin that causes you to forfeit the blessing of God’s eternal purpose (1 John 5:16-17).

One of the influential methods and most used methods of deterrence of the antichrist spirit is the use of the scriptures themselves; portions of scripture taken out of context, misplaced, misused, mixed with error, and misrepresented. This method of deterrence comes through a religious spirit. The antichrist religious spirit is imposed with chains of bondage and spiritual death. The spirit of religion is also filthy, masking the filth behind a façade of hyper-religious beliefs.

This is one of the greatest forms of deception, a mixture of truth and error. This is what you will face the deeper God digs into the core and depth of your heart. The closer the finger of God comes to the stronghold citadel of Zion within the core of your spirit, the louder and more intense the opposing screams of the man-of-sin will become. The more the carnal man will feel the need to mask the screams from within with religion instead of a genuine relationship with God.

You will find yourself thinking, and even speaking, all manner of reasons why it is not necessary to adhere to the purpose of God. God’s will can seem impossible to fulfill, but it isn’t. It is impossible with man, but when God is the center and core of the reasons for your devotion, then all things are possible.

History has taught us repeatedly that people who aspire to a higher calling, a deeper experience with God, and a vision beyond the mainstream are

frequently the ones who end up going astray. Why is this? They hunger for truth, yes, but their hunger for “mystery” surpasses the hunger for truth, causing many to be open to error mixed with truth. Many cults have risen due to this very thing. Many sincere Christians have taken on the form of Pharisaical separatists, becoming religious bigots, arrogant, and people consumed with a form of godliness (religion) but without the true power of God. This is controlled by an antichrist spirit that opposes and exalts itself above God. Usually, the leadership of these groups professes to be “something” they are not, and the followers become deceived into believing the same. Love TRUTH! Embrace TRUTH.

The antichrist spirit dominates in the world today.

*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. (1 John 2:18)*

The name antichrist is given to a man who will physically appear on the world stage in the end-times and who will physically occupy the Holiest of All in a temple to be erected in Jerusalem. The third temple, or likeness of a temple, will be erected by the Jewish nation in their attempt to establish God’s Kingdom among them once again. However, as in the days when Israel chose Saul as their King, so shall it be in the final days before the Lord’s coming. Israel will choose another Saul, the antichrist. He will appear to be the answer to all their national woes. He will present a promise and plan of security, victory, peace, and safety for the Jewish nation. However, his promise of peace and safety will be short-lived.

The antichrist, the strong man of the house (the temple king who sits of the throne – 2 Thessalonians 2:4), after a short period of “peace and safety, ” will turn on Israel and wage an intense war. He will call on the nations of the earth to join in a battle of battles against Israel.

IN THE EARTH: (as it is in Heaven)

It is during this time that Jesus and His heavenly armies will arrive and defeat the strong man and establish the Millennial Kingdom. This is the time of the great battle of Armageddon.

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 19:11-16).*

*And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. (Revelation 19:19)*

There is a war in heaven against the dragon strong man, there is a war on earth against the beast strong man, and there is a war within you and I against the man of sin strong man. Each war mirrors the other. Each one of these wars has one objective – to defeat the strong man and establish God’s Kingdom!

Take note: In Revelation 19:14, John mentions armies that followed the The Word of God, in plural. Why is that? Why is there more than one army?

*Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies (Song of Songs 6:13).*

The Shulamite woman, the bride of Christ, is identified as *two armies*. The 144,000 on Mt Zion are also identified as a split company, or two. They are virgins (feminine), and they are not defiled with woman (masculine). Please remember, we are not discussing physical beings or physical females and males. The scene of Mt Zion in Revelation fourteen is a spiritual scene depicted in a natural manner. The scene is a revelation of spiritual beings who have a dual relationship with the Lamb and the Heavenly Father (They follow the Lamb wherever he goes [the bride], but the Father’s Name is on their foreheads [the

sons of God] – clearly expressing a relationship with the Son and the Father. One relationship is with the Lamb as the bride, and the other is with the Father as sons. Both are seen as one and yet two armies!

#### IN HEAVEN:

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 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 (Revelation 12:7-9).*

Who are Michael and his angels? They are the heavenly angelic host of God. This host is identified as “the sons of God”.

*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them (Job 1:6).*

*Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord (Job 2:1).*

*When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (Job 38:7)*

There is a heavenly angelic host, servants of God, called sons of God. They are called morning stars. It was this group of angelic beings that Lucifer wanted to rule over and claim, placing them his authority and dominance. He still wants the sons of God.

*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (Isaiah 14:12-13).*

Lucifer was the archangel and commander in chief of the *morning stars* created to serve and worship at the throne of God. These are the angelic sons of God. Lucifer desired to control the morning stars, the angelic sons of God. However, they are no longer under Lucifer's command but under the commander who replaced him, Michael.

It was Michael and his angels (the morning stars, the servant sons of God) that went to war against the strong man in heaven. They win by casting out the strong man!

Then we see the battle of Armageddon – The Lamb and His armies (the bride and her fruit – the sons of God) waging war against the beast, the strong man, and win!!

#### THE BATTLE IN US:

Now, we have this same war waged within us. The stronghold within is not conquered by the bride alone. This is why the nation of Israel entered Canaan (Beulah Land – marriage land) as a bride, however, Zion was never conquered until love produced a warrior son in David.

How are you going to cast out the strong man of sin? By the stronger man of righteousness – by choosing His likeness, the likeness of the Son of God, hence bringing to birth sons of God that love the nature, character, and example OF THE SON OF GOD more than they love their own weakness!

Here, the finger of God comes into view in our lives. Here is when the practice of casting out is needed. Dragon is cast out in heaven, the beast is defeated and cast down on earth, and the man of sin is cast out within us! Sons of God!

#### CAST OUT:

Clearly, after seeing the need to rid the heavenly Kingdom of the dragon, and the earthly Jerusalem of the beast, and to rid the spirit within us of the man of sin, we need to consider how to use the finger of God to cast out the controlling influence within.

*But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you (Luke 11:20.)*

In Revelation 12:9, we see Michael and his angels cast out the dragon and his angels. Room, space, was taken from them by it being filled with the glory and presence of God - no ***more place was found for them (vs.8)***. The place they occupied became filled with God's glory and holy presence.

*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. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (Revelation 12:9-10)*

The space cleaned out was replaced with **salvation, strength, the Kingdom of God (with the King), and the power of Christ**, the Living eternal word of God. This is what all the fight and fuss has been about all along!

- Salvation = deliverance
- Strength = the Stronger Man
- Kingdom = The dwelling place of the King
- Power of Christ = Authority and jurisdiction of the Word of God

We have seen in passing that when Jesus returns to overcome antichrist, the man-of-sin, He comes cloaked with a vesture drenched in blood.

*And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)*

*Dipped in blood* means covered wholly, moistened, and stained. The mantle, vesture that clothed the Word of God was dripping in the power of the resurrected blood of the Lamb. **You see, the blood has already won** – it is tested, tried, and was raised to be the eternal witness of the overcoming power and strength of the Living Word of God, the Lamb. The blood cannot lose – it has already won!

Many people who have “walked with God” for many years come to a place of complacency when it comes to using the blood. As a matter of fact, the man of



sin within despises the blood; that spirit mocks at the blood because he knows it's power. So many, yes many, of God's people do not live victorious lives because they don't use the blood!!

**The finger of God and the resurrected blood of the Lamb go hand in hand when it comes to cleansing and deliverance.**

Leviticus chapter sixteen is the chapter that explains God's prophetic procedure for atonement.

1. Vs 3 – Aaron was set aside a bullock for a sin offering and a ram for a whole burnt offering. This was to be for himself and the priesthood family.
2. Vs. 5 – Aaron was set aside two kid goats for a sin offering and a ram for a whole burnt offering. This was for the whole congregation.
3. Vs. 6 – Aaron was to take care of his offering first – to make atonement for himself / AT-ONE-MENT = to cover, to cancel, to cleanse, to disannul, pitch, and purge away.

Vs. 11. 14 – Aaron was to enter the Holiest of All with the blood of the SIN OFFERING and sprinkle it seven times with His FINGER. Why was this done?

Vs. 16 – To clean out the Most Holy Place due to three things:

- a. UNCLEANNES = Tum-'ah / Religious uncleanness, impurity, filthiness
- b. TRANSGRESSIONS = Peh-shah / revolt, rebellion
- c. SINS = Khat-taw-aw = Offense, habitual sins, to miss the mark, to forfeit

These three things are the traits of the man of sin. Dead religion, rebellion and opposition against everything that is God, and the influential feelings and thoughts of the heart that cause us to forfeit and abandon our birthright and inheritance. This man of sin must be cast out, purged out, canceled, and pitched away!

The uncleanness, transgressions, and sins of Israel crowded the space around the throne of God (The Ark) and had to be atoned for. It was accomplished with the finger covered in blood. The finger has to do with authority and specific

targeting. Hand movements are used to give general directions or gestures, but the use of a finger is pointed and targeted. The finger zeros in on specifics God wants us to get specific and targeted in casting out, cleansing, and in using the blood with the finger authority of God.

So, in casting out, we see warfare as in heaven, we see the Word of God drenched in blood, and we see the finger of authority also dipped in or drenched with the blood of the sin offering.

By faith, use the power of the finger of God dipped in blood. Command, cast out, and point/target specific areas of your thoughts from your innermost being. Don't quit, don't give up – there is power in God's finger to cast out demons. Herein is THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMING TO YOU!

**But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. (Luke 11:20)**