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## Serpent

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## Serpent.

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- **Revelation 20:1-2:** And he (an angel) seized the dragon, that ancient (old in KJV) serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

The expression, "that ancient serpent," is an allusion to the serpent that deceived our first parents.

- **Genesis 3:1-7:** 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>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> 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.'"<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

It is referred to as ancient, because he has been around since the beginning of creation, and called a serpent, because of its cunning and subtle, as well as the fact, he cunningly enticed, charmed, and deceived our first parents.

**NOTICE:** the serpent, totally distorts what God had said:

- **Genesis 2:16-17:** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

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Eve cited God's word correctly, but because the forbidden tree, looked good for food, was a delight to the eyes, and was to be desired to make one wise, she accepted what the serpent said. Today, thousands of years later, the serpent uses this same principle to draw people away from God, in fact it is probably far easier for him to do so today, because the world is full of

- A vast variety of temptations that look good to the eyes.
- All kinds of spiritual teachings (religious and secular), that tempt people to forsake the true word of God, because they promise to make those who commit themselves to them spiritually and mentally wise.
- Ministers and preachers that distort the word of God, by teaching messages that appeal to self, ego, and pride, and promise perfect health and prosperity, that lure people away from the true word of God.

The serpent uses these temptations to lure people away from God, by appealing to what human nature wants, and planting doubt in the mind.

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