Belial 1

Dt 13:13-18 — Some worthless fellows. YHWH places first priority on undivided loyalty to Himself (Jn 19:22).

Sons of Belial (1 Sam 1:16; 2:12).

posterity" (verses 13-22).

Eli cast his sons to a worthless spirit of Belial, not putting worth into them. How many of us have been turned over to this spirit of worthlessness?

1 Kng 21:10,13 — This spirit of worthlessness has been passed on to most of us.

You can get a worthless person to do about anything — he is clay in Belial's hands. 2 Chr 13:7 — How worthless was Rehoboam to be taken in by fellows of no worth? Worthless fellows — birds of a feather flock together. Bad company spoils good manners. 2 Chr 12:13-14 — Rehoboam was 41 when he began to reign. A worthless man or woman will always do evil in the very sight of YHWH because this spirit of Belial won't let you seek YHWH because you cannot set your heart to seek Him (1 Cor 10:21).

2 Cor 6:15 — Belial is in opposition with the spirit of Messiah — completely opposite spirits. It is the very essence of impure worship (2 Cor 11:4,13-15; Pr 15:8; 1 Kng 12:26-31). Behold your Elohim, not gods. Verse 26 — Rehoboam. Ecc'cus 47:27 says he was the "stupidest member of the nation — brainless Rehoboam!" A worthless fellow. Why was he worthless or did he feel worthless? Who put it into him? It says Solomon rested with his ancestors, leaving one of his stock as his successor. But it says about Solomon, "You abandoned your body to woman, you became a slave of your appetite, you stained

Rehoboam, "a man of weak intelligence, the fool of the nation," an inherited constitution. Solomon did not command him, train or discipline him except in worthlessness. He tainted his line and brought retribution on his offspring. Retribution means a just and suitable return, a divided sovereignty and it produced out of Ephriam a rebel Kingdom.

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2 Chr 13:7 — Certain worthless scoundrels gathered about him and Rehoboam could not withstand the spirit of Belial for he was immature and irresolute because of this worthless opinion of himself. Solomon profaned his stock and brought wrath upon his seed. 2 Sam 8:29 speaks of certain vulgar fellows or worthless fellows who uncover themselves — or foolish ones who give in to the spirit of Belial, shamelessly uncover themselves — empty headed fools.

Rehoboam was called brainless, empty-headed because of a sexually deviant spirit passed on to him which causes a man to lose his dignity and honor and become worthless without respect — the fool of the nation. This spirit was also in David and passed to Solomon — a destructive spirit. The Corinthians had this spirit and would not deal with blatant sin in their midst. "The spirit of worthlessness makes you do about anything imaginable. This spirit makes one HAYWIRE, making one not understand his own actions for one does not do what he wants. He is sold to a worthless spirit because he doesn't do what his wants but does the very thing he hates. The sin in us is so complex it takes much labor for the Spirit of Truth to set us free from this law of sin and death We must then die to the law so we can belong to another (Rom 7:4-6). Gal 5:24-25 is the answer to everything that besets us. If we will only do it or reckon it done.

Rom 8:1-4 — Verse 1 means what it says — condemnation or final doom of the lake of fire reserved for Belial and his angels and those who followed him into this death, never being set free in this age or in the next age. YHWH has sentenced sin to death, condemned sin in the flesh (verse 3). The Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit is the divine principle (law) of life in the new order, which YHWH has created through Messiah. To be in Him is to belong in this now order, thus knowing the Spirit of Truth who is the actual presence of YHWH in our midst and in our hearts. Only through the power of this Spirit of Truth can we hope for the righteousness that the law requires but cannot enable us in our fleshly weakness to attain. So to live according to the flesh is to be controlled by Belial which gives rise to selfish passions which characterize the worthlessness of dehumanization and sneers at the Creator who created man in His own image. To live according to the Spirit (Rom 8:5-11) is to belong to the new community of faith where YHWH dwells as the spirit (Eph 3:17).

This Spirit of Truth and Holiness does not make us slaves (Rom 8:12-17), but sons. Whereby we cry "Abba" as Yahshua did (Mk 14:36). The fact that the Spirit prompts this crying out proves our sonship (Gal 4:6) in this new community where the Spirit reigns as King — a greater temple than Solomon's where all worthlessness is cast out and replaced by a worthiness in Him who loved us (1 Jn 1:6-9).

This life requires suffering in this present age (Rom 8:18-25). The first fruits of the Spirit we have already received as the advance installment of the full sonship we are yet to receive. By virtue of this first fruits we are seated with Him in the eighth day.

<u>Belial</u> is now overcome for those who walk by the Spirit (Gal 5:24-25; Rom 8:4). Belial is hopeless ruin, extreme wickedness; lawless deeds stem from worthlessness. It leads one down the road of lawless deeds to destruction. Coffee instantly makes one feel worth, but only in the flesh. Ice cream soothes the pain of worthlessness. Wine is a mocker for it does not redeem the worthless spirit. It is still there when the effects of wine goes away, but worse.

Nah 1:15 speaks of the wicked one whose name is Belial, the spirit who promotes lawlessness in the body of Messiah until he is cut off. Nah 2:2 — Belial has plundered Israel long enough of her majesty, stripping and plundering her <u>branches</u>.

Isa 40:9;52:7; Rom 10:15 — Glad tidings of restoration of virgin Israel. YHWH of Host, the Commander in Chief of ALL the armies of heaven, is restoring Israel. GOOD NEWS! Isa 49:5-6 (*She ar'ya shub*) with singing into Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads — for Belial is dead and the true King, the Prince of Peace reigns! (Rom 9:29; 11:26).