

Taking Thoughts Captive

In 2 Cor 10:4-6 it talks about taking our thoughts captive — every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah. It says we (meaning the Apostles) are destroying speculations (every thought that is not based firmly upon the word, the truth, is speculation). These thoughts are from the accuser. It's his native language; he is the source and father of lies — of thoughts not based on the Word. When we will not receive the enemy's lies about our brothers anymore when these lies come to us, and we listen instead to the angel on the right, then the kingdom can come. When all the brethren stop receiving the accuser, when all the brethren are obedient in this and their obedience is complete, then the salvation, power, kingdom and authority of Messiah have come *because* the accuser of the brethren has been thrown down (Jn 8:44).

This is what hinders the Edah — the brethren receiving accusations. If we had a room full of 30 people in the community and each accusation that came to them was a sword, they would all kill each other. This is what we war against. This is why the war that we fight in is in the thoughts we think — what we receive and what we cast out. So Paul was destroying speculation and every vain imagination, and calling the church to do the same and become perfect in this so that Rev 12:9 could come about. We're held back because we receive the lies. But we've been made disciples so that we can know the truth. If we continue to abide in His word (Jn 8:31), then we'll believe and *know the truth*, not the lies, and it will make us free of the evil one.

In Rev 20:2-3, it says the serpent, the dragon, the devil, Satan is thrown into the abyss "so that he shouldn't deceive the nations any longer." That's what the evil one does, he deceives the nations. But the good news is that we are *not* the nations. Because of the blood of Yahshua, we've been brought into Him and we don't *have* to be deceived by the evil one anymore. We don't have to.

It says in Rev 12:10 that he's the accuser of the brethren and he accuses day and night. He accuses the *brethren*. That's who he accuses. Because he hates our Father's purpose. So if he accuses you, you can rejoice in knowing that you are the brethren. If you weren't, he wouldn't accuse you. And you can overcome him as it goes on to say in verse 11 that the brethren overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony. So by the blood of the Lamb we can overcome the accuser because by the blood we've come to know the truth, and we have forgiveness (we don't have to be accused anymore because we're covered), and because Yahshua's blood has brought us out of the nations and into His holy nation. He can deceive the nations but not this nation. The twelve tribes will put him under. That's our purpose — to put the accuser under and hold him for the count of three — then it's done. We're not doing this to have a nice life, but to bring about the end of the age. The last enemy in this age is the accuser. (The last enemy in the next age is death. In the third age there are no enemies.) Confess your sins. Be covered by the blood. When we know the truth about the enemy, when we know the accuser's ministry in our lives, then he ceases.

And we *overcome by the word of our testimony, by speaking* the truth... about the enemy — he is a liar, the father of lies. His accusations are thoughts that are going to the lake of fire and we don't have to believe them. They have no part in us because we have no part in the lake of fire. And if we keep testifying about Yahshua and our salvation and how he is saving us, then the accuser won't have room in our hearts or lives. He won't find a way in to us because we'll be too busy declaring Yahshua's excellencies (1 Pet 2:9).

"An idle mind is the devil's workshop" is a true saying. That's why we need to be speaking the truth to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs — to leave no room for the accuser. Because he is like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour.

In Heb 10:13 it says that Messiah is ascended on high waiting for his enemies to be made a footstool. He is *waiting* for us.