

## The Endtime Deception Will Be Intense

Here is the definition of deception from the Merriam-Webster dictionary.

“The act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid.”

Matthew 24:24 -For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

1 Timothy 4:1 - The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Deception is not a new concept that primarily applies to the endtimes. It actually started shortly after our Creator placed a man and a woman in the garden of Eden. Let's visit that Paradise home of Adam and Eve's to see just what happened there. For what happened there has been going on right up to our current time.

Genesis 3:1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” **“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.** “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And he said, **“Who told you that you were naked?”** Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me, she gave me some fruit

from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**”

What is demonic deception really all about? It’s about saying anything and doing anything necessary to pull one away from the love of our Creator and His principles. The battle that’s going on today is really all about souls. It’s about the eternal destiny of believers and non believers. That battle is so intense and the deception is so great today because the return of Jesus is upon us. Satan knows that his time is short and every tactic and strategy in his playbook is being employed to deceive as many people as possible.

We are told in 2 Corinthians 2:11 that true Christians are not ignorant of the devil’s devices.

Timothy was to teach in such a way that his listeners might “recover themselves out of the snare of the devil” (2 Timothy 2:26).

In Ephesians 6:11 we are told to put on the whole armor of God that we might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. The word wiles is sometimes translated as tactics or schemes or strategies. Strategy is the carefully arranged plan to deceive and outwit others.

Billions of people alive on this planet today have no idea this battle is going on and are being deceived by the carefully arranged strategies of demonic spirits. How about you? Have you been deceived in some area of your life? Remember the definition of deception:

“The act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid.”

The only way to recognize the lie, is to know the truth. The only place to find the truth is in the Bible. The better you know the Bible, the less chance of you accepting a lie that you believe is the truth.