

- I. The dragon employs two beasts
- A. The first beast dominates (war)
- B. The second beast deceives (whore)
- II. The two beasts form an effective team
- A. They practice partnership principles
1. Unity of spirit
 2. Unity of purpose
 3. Recognition of the differences: gifts, abilities, assets
 4. Delegation for the good of the purpose
 5. Submission to one head
- B. The same principles bless godly partnerships
- III. Earth-dwellers will be deceived (and eventually destroyed)
- A. They don't look above the smoke and mirrors
- B. Saints can see

Rev 16:13; 19:19-20; 20:10;
Matt 24:24-25

Isa 14:12-14; John 8:44;
I Pet 5:8; Rev 2:10;
Rev 13:4

Rev 11:5; II Chron 7:1;
Ex 7:10-12, 21-22a;
Ex 8:6-7, 16-19a; 9:8-11;
Rev 7:1-4; 12:6; 14:1

Phil 2:2; I Sam 18:1

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Matt 28:18-20; I Cor 11:2

Rev 19:19-21

II Thess 2:9-10;
John 3:16-20;
Prov 17:4; 21:28

Heb 5:14; Neh 7:10-12;
Prov 13:14; 14:27

Small Group Questions

1. Do you have a recent "Spirit story" (a time when the Spirit worked in or through you to accomplish what is uniquely His work)? Share.
2. Evaluate the following cliché, "it's just a little white lie and it won't harm anyone," in light of John 8:44.
3. Review the 20 schemes of Satan (download here: <http://bethel-church.org/schemes.pdf>). Which scheme (or schemes) does Satan use to bait you? What truths would help you overcome?
4. Which of the partnership principles would be profitable in your relationships? Explain.
5. What leads you to fall into an "earth-dweller" mindset? How do you train yourself to "discern good from evil" (Hebrews 5:14)?

Schemes

1. Pile it on	Job 1:1-2:13
2. Regain lost ground	Matt 12:44; James 4:7-8
3. Push/pull	Luke 22:3-4; Matt 27:3-5
4. Gain a foothold, grab for more	Eph 4:26-27
5. Possession/captivity/bondage	II Tim 2:26; Mark 5:1-20; Eph 5:18
6. Intimidation/fear	I Pet 5:8
7. Seduction/deceit	II Cor 11:3, 14; Gen 3:1
8. Doubt	Gen 3:1ff; Matt 4:3ff
9. False teaching/lies	John 8:44; I Tim 4:1
10. Accusation/guilt/shame	Zech 3:1; Rev 12:10

Schemes

11. Blinding/forgetting	Matt 13:19; II Cor 4:4
12. Distraction	Acts 16:16-18
13. Physical afflictions	Luke 13:10-16
14. Opposition in the “material world”	Mark 4:37-5:2; Job 1:19
15. Division	II Cor 2:11; Judges 9:23
16. Isolation	John 10:10; Mark 5:3
17. Worldly diversions	Eph 2;2; Matt 4:8-9; I John 5:19
18. Spiritual counterfeiting	Matt 13:24-30,36-43
19. Pride	Isa 14:13-14; I Tim 3:6
20. Death	Heb 2:14