

## WORD OF THE WEEK

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Deceive - Greek: exapatao-to seduce wholly; beguile; delude; cheat

Simple - Greek: akakos-innocent; or unsuspecting

Genesis 3:1 - Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field.

Serpent - Hebrew: Nachash-hiss; whisper or enchanter; enchant means to charm or fascinate; to give great pleasure or delight

Subtil - Hebrew: Aruwm-cunning; crafty; smoothness

Deception (seduction) began in the garden of Eden. Serpents do not actually hiss. Hiss is a word misapplied to the sound a serpent is said to make, meaning to whisper. Paul warned of deceiving men that speak enchanting words. They charm and are pleasing to the ear. Paul said, "The time will come when men will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." (II Tim. 4:3) The beast of Revelation 12-20 is called a dragon (Greek: drakon) meaning to fascinate or charm (put under a spell). When preachers, business men, husbands, wives, children, etc., seduce others, their snare is "good words and fair speeches". In the secular world, this is called a "con". Such men enchant their prey and cause them to feel good before they strike. From Genesis to Revelation, antichrist doctrine is appealing as it contradicts Gods word saying, we don't really have to agonize over sin. It implies that God doesn't really mean it when he says "Repent or Perish". Preachers should preach with such conviction that men would leave the church service convicted in anguish and hurting over sin in their lives. When men are supposed to be telling truth, beware of good words and fair speeches.

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