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Later, Yeshua appeared to the Eleven as they were eating, and he reproached them for their lack of trust and their spiritual insensitivity in not having believed those who had seen him after he had risen. Then he said to them, "As you go throughout the world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. Whoever trusts and is immersed will be saved; whoever does not trust will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who do trust: in my name they will drive out demons, speak with new tongues, not be injured if they handle snakes or drink poison, and heal the sick by laying hands on them." So then, after he had spoken to them, the Lord Yeshua was taken up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the message by the accompanying signs. Complete Jewish Bible

## Devotional

Demon ~ An unclean spirit with divine and inferior godlike status able to influence humanity and their affairs by bestowing fortunes on people or inflicting suffering upon them. Refers to a god or a goddess. These beings have their own treasury of fortunes that they distribute at will in return for worship and service. For example Christ's temptation by Satan where he offered to give the Lord all the kingdoms of the world if the Savior would bow down and worship him. Demons differ from devils in that demons, aside from being accepted as an inferior god or goddess, are also referred to as "familiar spirits." What this means is that demons, according to ancient definitions, are tied to the family line of the one possessed. This is because devils fathered demons, at least spiritually. They were the ones who the fallen sons of God sired by the daughters of men. Rebel apostage angels invaded the planet and set up a godlike village that became the center of their rule. After doing so, they chose young women to impregnate to rear up seed to themselves. In the Corinthian church Paul rebuked them for perfecting the Lord's communion supper as a throwback to their heathen ways. Using the guise of culture, tradition, and family ties, the same ancestral devils that they had always worshipped their heathen gods with, return with a new twist. They could still do what they had done, only now the demon would agree to a name change. He would allow them to think they were communing with the Christ using the same emblems and sacraments they held dear as handed down from their forefathers. Paul saw through the tactic and said that what they resorted to was tantamount to worshipping and fellowshipping with demons. Based on our Savior's teachings, demons were actually responsible for the deformities, mutations, maladies, and afflictions of humans more than devils were. Devils are spiritual authorities, territorial princes over the demons who minister to them and obey their words. Some, for limited periods of time, appear attractive. This is a seductive tactic. Psalm 106:37, Deuteronomy 32:17, Matthew 9:33, Luke 8:29, 2 Corinthians 11:15, 1 Corinthians 10:20-21; 1 Timothy 4:1, Revelation 9:20, 16:14, and 18:2. The Prophet's Dictionary, The Ultimate Guide to Supernatural Wisdom Paula A. Price, PhD.