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Subject: Paul's thorn in Jewish perspective.

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Thinking about figures and their roots. The thorns and briars are a picture of the curse. The main cause was the serpent and temptation. Remember how David as well as others would call an enemy uncircumcised. 1 Sam. 17:6. Look at 2 Sam. 23:6 two things Paul quotes--Belial- (which means wicked ungodly men) and these men he says are thorns. 2 Sa. 23:6 also shows the meaning.v.6-7 That they are hard to handle if you use the right things. The thorn will hurt you by piercing. so will the serpent tongue of evil men. The Jews are very picture type people. That's why parables are very effective to a Jew.

Now look at 2Cor. 6:15 (Belial) and 2Cor. 12:7 (thorn in the flesh). Messenger is not a eyeball but a spokesman. He here is a spokesman for satan and is a Belial. The work he does as a messenger is to sting like as serpent or scorpion. Several times while I was preaching certain people would speak out and interrupt my message. My fault was allowing a question and answer before the end of message. They were not favorable to the message is the problem.

Ps. 118:10-12 two figures here. the nations compassed me about like bees and like thorns. whether bees or thorns it ends with ouch.

Num. 33:55 People problem again. Get rid of them or they will be pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides. still the idea they will be like a curse to you.

That brought into our time would be false teachers and prophets will destroy your faith with error, heresy, doctrines of devils and seducing spirits.

Don't forget Paul was healed and was not delivered from children of Belial. Grace was sufficient in every trouble. If you read Acts 27 you will see that. Paul and the ship wreck. v.23 the angel of God helped him. Paul was the servant of Jesus Christ. v.21 sirs you should have listened to me. Paul handled thorns with a wise and Christian conduct.

Isa. 10:17-20 again the thorns and briars fig.

In Gen. 3:18 the curse was thorns and thistles also briars though not mentioned.

What is important is that God healed Paul and he didn't go around with an eye problem. The misuse of scripture will lead to blindness to the truth and excuses for not believing God will heal by faith today. We all can learn from Paul that "people thorns" may hurt but healing will remove the hurt or pain.

This teaching does not include all the other passages about thorns you can look them up by a concordance.

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