

ADDENDUM 5 - Belial

Belial is the Hebrew personification of lawlessness, wickedness, or worthlessness as an evil force, i.e. Satan. It is transliterated from the Hebrew word *beliyaal* (Strong's 1100), which means without profit, worthlessness, and by extension, destruction or wickedness. It also comes directly from the Greek word *belial* (Strong's 955), which means worthlessness as an epithet of Satan. Most references to Belial are found in the Old Testament and are used to describe people as children, sons and daughters, of Belial. It is found only once in the New Testament where it is in direct opposition to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture References:**Belial*****If Children of Belial Lead to Apostasy, They Shall Die***

Deuteronomy 13:12-15

12 If thou shalt hear *say* in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13 *Certain* men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; (*Belial*)

14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought among you;

15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

Sons of Belial Demand a Visitor Be Given to Them

Judges 19:22

22 *Now* as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, *and* beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him. (*Belial*)

Children of Belial Demanded to Pay for Their Sin

Judges 20:13

13 *Now* therefore deliver *us* the men, the children of Belial, which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel: (*Belial*)

Hannah Seeks a Son from the Lord***Hannah Seeks a Son from the Lord***

1 Samuel 1:12-17

12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 *Now* Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. (*Belial*)

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

Eli's Sons Are Sons of Belial

1 Samuel 2:12

12 *Now* the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. (*Belial*)

Children of Belial Despise Saul

1 Samuel 10:26-27

26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace. (*Belial*)

A Son of Belial that a Man Cannot Speak To

1 Samuel 25:17

17 *Now* therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial, that *a man* cannot speak to him. (*Belial*)

Nabal, a Man of Belial

1 Samuel 25:25

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. (*Belial*)

Men of Belial Oppose Sharing the Spoil

1 Samuel 30:22

22 Then answered all the wicked men and *men* of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart. (*Belial*)

Shimei Calls David a Man of Belial

2 Samuel 16:7-8

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial: (*Belial*)

8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou *art taken* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man.

Sheba, a Man of Belial

2 Samuel 20:1-2

1 And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name *was* Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel. (*Belial*)

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

Sons of Belial Are Like Thorns

2 Samuel 23:6-7

6 But *the sons* of Belial *shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: (*Belial*)

7 But the man *that* shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

Sons of Belial Witness Against Naboth

1 Kings 21:9-13

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. (*Belial*)

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them. (*Jezebel*)

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. (*Belial*)

Jereboam and Children of Belial Revolt Against Rehoboam

2 Chronicles 13:6-7

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. (*Belial*)

What Does Christ Have to Do with Belial?

2 Corinthians 6:15

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (*Belial*)