Understanding Belial

...what concord hath Christ with Belial?... 2 Corinthians 6:15

In 2 Corinthians 6, God gives a well-known call for his people to come out from among unbelievers and be separate: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

- Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
- And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
- And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,
- And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

In this passage, God calls believers to un-yoke themselves, come out from among, and be separate from unbelievers, and makes several comparisons and contrasts by way of the questions he asks:

what	fellowship	hath	righteousness	with	unrighteousness	?
	communion		light		darkness	
	concord		Christ		Belial	
	part		he that believeth		an infidel	
	agreement		the temple of God		idols	

In this study, the focus will be on Belial. We may know who Christ is: but who is Belial? From the passage at hand, and the questions asked, it can be seen that Belial would be associated with unrighteousness, darkness, an infidel, and idols; contrary to Christ. The simple answer to the question, "who is Belial?" might be ...

Lucifer (Isa 14:12), aka

the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan (Rev 20:2)

which is what many people assume, and which indeed may be so. But, rather than *assuming*, let's look into <u>the Bible</u> and see if God has more to tell us. Let's receive <u>the word</u> with all readiness of mind (as the Bereans in Acts 17:11), and ... <u>search</u> ... <u>the scriptures</u>. Let's study ... <u>the word</u> of God (2 Tim 2:9) ... to shew ourselves approved unto God (not man), rightly (not wrongly) dividing the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15).

First let me suggest - or rather, state as fact - that this passage (2 Cor 6:14-18) is largely ignored, or very selectively applied, by many believers, and by many churches¹... Could this be due (in part) to an ignorance of the fuller identity of who (or what) Belial refers to, that is found in the actual word of God (the KJB)? Many believers use modern "bible" versions, in which the identity of Belial has been removed everywhere except in the one mention in 2 Cor 6:15. Thus men's modern versions disconnect their sole new-testament mention of Belial from all prior mentions that *God* gives in *his* word, leaving the new version reader *clueless* as to the *true* identity of Belial.

^{1 ...}and by myself as well. I have taken note of my own short-comings in this regard, and have begun to un-yoke myself and separate myself, in obedience to God's word in this passage. Firstly, according to the direct *interpretation*, I have begun to un-yoke and separate myself from companying with un-believers who deny the Word made flesh – the Lord Jesus Christ; and secondly, according to a very valid *application*, I have also begun to un-yoke and separate myself from assembling together with those who *call* themselves believers but who are un-believers in the word of God given to the English-speaking world – the KJB. This application pertains to those who *will* not believe; not to those who don't (yet) believe but are of a willing heart to hear the word of God defended and proclaimed, and earnestly contended for (Jude 1:3). The Lord has magnified his word above all his name (Psalm 138:2); above even the name of Jesus which is above every name (Phil 2:9) – which is why we are to hold forth the word of life (Phil 2:16): for if we can't believe in the word of the Lord, how can we believe in the Lord of the word?).

A true <u>Bible</u> believer who actually reads through <u>the</u> Bible² would likely recall some of the 15 mentions of Belial in the Old Testament that he would have *already* seen. The *first* mention of Belial is in Deuteronomy Chapter 13:

Deuteronomy 13:13

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, whom ye have not known;

From the context of the entire chapter, the "children of Belial" is a clear reference to those whose character is to go and serve other gods, and not only to do so themselves, but also to entice others (secretly or openly) to do the same: to turn them away from the LORD their God unto other gods, to take the cursed thing to their hand, to do evil and wickedness, to commit abomination (all of the foregoing italicized words appearing in the chapter's context). Thus, in just this first mention alone, the true Bible believer can see the risk in being unequally yoked together with unbelievers – with the children of Belial... that is, the risk of being enticed away from the LORD our God³ and unto other gods (idols); of being enticed to dabble in sin (to touch or take the cursed thing to the hand). And be not deceived: dabbling leads to indulging...

The next mention of Belial gives a rather graphic and very disturbing account of where such dabbling, and then indulging, and then turning from the LORD unto other gods can lead... so that there can be no question as to the evil, wickedness, and abomination associated with Belial, and the children of Belial:

Judges 19:22-30

- Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, <u>certain sons of **Belial**</u>, 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.
- And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, <u>my brethren</u>, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.
- Behold, here is <u>my</u> daughter a maiden, and <u>his</u> concubine; <u>them</u> will I will bring out now, and humble ye <u>them</u>, and do with <u>them</u> what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.
- But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took <u>his</u> concubine, and brought <u>her</u> forth unto them; and they <u>knew</u> her, and <u>abused</u> her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.
- 26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.
- And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.
- 28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered...

The sons of Belial here, who went and served other gods (Deut 13:13), turned into *sodomites* and gang-rapists. They wanted to sodomize the man, but *settled* for the woman, and *knew* her and *abused* her all night, so violently and horribly that she died at the doorstep soon after they finally let her go. And (you might ask) what concord hath Christ with Belial? The concordance of words in the Bible (KJB), identifying Belial by name in the Old Testament, helps us to answer that question with knowledge and understanding.

² The King James Bible is the only true Bible God has given to the English speaking world in these last days. The KJB contains every word of God, and neither adds unto it, nor diminishes ought from it, and thus does not diminish the references to Belial, nor add watered-down synonyms in its place. God is not the author of confusion (more than one version) but of peace (one version wherewith all can be in unity and one accord and can speak with one voice) - Acts 4:24, 1 Corinthians 1:10.

³ Just as "the LORD our God is one LORD" (Deut 6:4); just as "There is one alone, and there is not a second" (Eccl 4:8); just as there is "the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one" (1 John 5:7); just as "in that day there shall be one LORD, and his name one" (Zech 14:9)... so it is with the written word which tells us of "the Word of life" (1 John 1:1). The LORD, Jesus Christ the Word (John 1:1), being the author (Heb 12:2) of the faith (Jude 1:3), has given us the word (the KJB) which is the gospel that we are to preach (1 Pet 4:6), and which is the law by which we shall be judged (Rom 2:12, James 2:12).

Belial himself must have been quite infamous (vile and abominable) to have his name associated with such wickedness. In the next chapter of Judges, we find the third mention of <u>the children of Belial</u> ... as Israel sought to put them to death, and put away evil from Israel (Judges 20:13), in keeping with Deut 13:9 (...thou shalt surely kill him;).

There are an additional 12 references to the children of Belial (by name) still remaining in the Old Testament. All of them are associated in some way with those who are turned away from the LORD to serve other gods (as Deut 13:13 warns) and who, as a result, are sunken down into sin and wickedness. The next one is found in 1 Samuel:

1 Samuel 1:13-16

- 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 <u>drunken</u>? 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 <u>a daughter of **Belial**</u>: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

Here, we see that the name <u>Belial</u> is associated with <u>drunken</u>ness, and is thus not reserved only for reference to the aforementioned perversions of sodomy, rape, abuse of women, and murder. Who (?) among Bible readers does not know the command of the Lord, And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit... (Ephesians 5:18). (And be not deceived... dabbling leads to indulging...)

Four down; 11 yet to go. What other specifics might we find, in God's word, to be associated with Belial?

How about sons of a priest? (Do you know any preacher's kids that have brought upon their father a vile reputation?):

1 Samuel 2:12-36

- 12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of **Belial**; they knew not the LORD.
- 17 the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for the men abhored the offering of the LORD.
- Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they <u>lay with the women</u> that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
- 33 this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

The sons of Eli in the flesh were sons of Belial in the spirit. The knew not the LORD. Per Deut 13, they turned away from the LORD to serve other gods, and abhorred the offering of the LORD. In turning from the LORD, they turned into *fornicators*, abusing their position as "supposed" servants of the LORD to coerce women to bed with them. Does anybody of modern times come to mind?

1 Samuel 10:27

27 But the children of **Belial** said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him...

1 Samuel 25:2-42 (17,25)

- Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he <u>railed</u> on them.
- Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is <u>such</u> a <u>son of **Belial**</u>, that <u>a man cannot speak to him</u>.
- Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this <u>man of **Belial**</u>, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him...
- and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken...

1 Samuel 30:22

Then answered all the <u>wicked men</u> and <u>men of **Belial**</u>, 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...

In all mentions of Belial in 1 Samuel, the following characteristics of Belial (and of the children of Belial) can be seen:

- drunkards
- fornicators
- despisers, railers, incorrigible (cannot be spoken to or reasoned with)
- wicked, foolish, greedy/selfish

Nine down, six to go...

2 Samuel 16:5-14 (7)

7 And thus said Shimei when he <u>cursed</u>, Come out, come out, thou <u>bloody man</u>, and thou <u>man of **Belial**...</u>

2 Samuel 20:1

1 And there happened to be there a <u>man of **Belial**</u>, 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.

2 Samuel 23:6

6 But the <u>sons of **Belial**</u> shall be all of them <u>as thorns</u> thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

1 Kings 21:1-16 (11,13)

- 7 And Jezebel...
- 8 ...wrote letters in Ahab's name...
- 9 ...saying, ...set Naboth on high among the people:
- 10 And set two men, <u>sons of **Belial**</u>, 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.
- 13 And there came in two men, <u>children of **Belial**</u>, and sat before him: and <u>the men of **Belial**</u> 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, and he died.

In these last six can be seen the following characteristics associated with Belial:

- cursing
- false accusing
- rebellion,
- as thorns to the touch
- violence
- false witness
- murder

The Bible believer, reading God's word (the KJB), and prayerfully seeking spiritual understanding, will be able to trust Jesus to bring all things to remembrance (John 14:26), and will no doubt recall Belial from Deuteronomy, Judges, 1&2 Samuel, and 1 Kings, and be able to readily understand the depth of meaning in the question pertaining to Belial in 2 Corinthians 6:15 (who is Belial?).

From the specific naming of Belial in the Old Testament of the Bible, as given by God, we are informed of Belial's (and thus his children's) character:

- wicked, abominable
- open enticers away from God
- secret seducers away from God
- idolaters
- abusers of men
- rapists
- abusers of women
- murderers
- drunkards
- abusers of power
- fornicators
- adulterers
- despisers of God's anointed
- contemners (having contempt)
- unhearing (unable or rather, unwilling to be reasoned with)
- incorrigible
- foolish
- harsh
- evil doers
- railers
- cursers
- greedy
- selfish
- covetous
- false accusers
- false witnesses
- vain
- rebellious

And what concord hath Christ with Belial?

What concord might we (myself, you) be having, or entertaining, or indulging in (or even just dabbling in) with Belial?

God says that there should be no concord whatsoever with Belial...

Wherefore come out from among <u>them</u>, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

It is very telling to compare the verses in modern "bible" versions⁴ to those of God's word (the KJB). It is almost (?) as though the modern version makers wish to hide the identity of Belial from their readers, leaving them clueless as to the true character of Belial which is contrasted with Christ in 2 Corinthians 6:15. See **APPENDIX A** for a fuller comparison.

Text critics, who deny the word of God (the KJB), have characteristics such as those italicized in the list above, and thus produce modern versions which hide their *own* concord with Belial by eliminating Belial from their modern version old testaments. Thus they deceive not only their followers, but also their *own selves* as well (James 1, esp. vv21-22).

	The word of God	The words of the children of Belial				
	KJB	ESV	NASB	NIV	NKJV	
Deut 13:13	children of Belial	worthless fellows	worthless men	wicked men	corrupt men	
Judg 19:22	sons of Belial	worthless fellows	worthless fellows	wicked men	perverted men	
Judg 20:13	children of Belial	worthless fellows	worthless fellows	wicked men	perverted men	
1 Sam 1:16	daughter of Belial	worthless woman	worthless woman	wicked woman	wicked woman	
1 Sam 2:12	sons of Belial	worthless men	worthless men	wicked men	corrupt	
1 Sam 10:27	children of Belial	worthless fellows	worthless men	troublemakers	rebels	
1 Sam 25:17	son of Belial	worthless man	worthless man	wicked man	scoundrel	
1 Sam 25:25	man of Belial	worthless fellow	worthless man	wicked man	scoundrel	
1 Sam 30:22	men of Belial	worthless fellows	worthless men	troublemakers	worthless men	
2 Sam 16:7	man of Belial	worthless man	worthless fellow	scoundrel	rogue	
2 Sam 20:1	man of Belial	worthless man	worthless fellow	troublemakers	rebel	
2 Sam 23:6	sons of Belial	worthless men	the worthless	evil men	sons of rebellion	
1 Kings 21:10	sons of Belial	worthless men	worthless men	scoundrels	scoundrels	
1 Kings 21:13	children of Belial	worthless men	worthless men	scoundrels	scoundrels	
1 Kings 21:13	men of Belial	worthless men	worthless men		scoundrels	
2 Chr 13:7	children of Belial	worthless scoundrels	worthless men	worthless scoundrels	worthless rogues	
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2 Cor 6:15	Belial	Belial (Beliar)	Belial	Belial	Belial	
	Who is Belial?		Who is	Belial?		
	The KJB tells us!	uh??				

In perusing this comparison, think to yourself if you would refer to abusers of young men, and rapists and abusers of women, and murders... as merely "worthless fellows" or mere "scoundrels". The Bible's reference to people of Belial pulls in the entire sweep of the world's character (from abusers & rapists & etc., to fornicators & drunkards, to vain & rebellious, and greedy & selfish & covetous) and brings it all forward to the question at hand. A modern version reader, having read from Genesis 1:1 through to 2 Corinthians 6:14, will have never encountered a single reference to Belial, and thus, upon reaching 2 Corinthians 6:15, would have no spiritual connection to their old testament with which to understand the reference to Belial. Could it be (?) that modern version producers are like unto the scribes and Pharisees to whom Jesus spake, saying, Ye are of your father the devil. (John 8:44)

God names Belial in the Old Testament, and does so multiple times, for a reason. To eliminate even one mention would be disobedience against God's word (Deut 4:2, Jer 26:2, et.al.) – let alone eliminating all 15 mentions from the old testament.

⁴ Note well, that if you are using a modern version, you have *zero* old testament references to Belial. In the modern versions, the children of Belial have hidden their "father" the Devil from their readers, by diminishing from God's word and adding (substituting) their own (blatantly disobeying Deut 4:2). In essence, they ask "yea hath God said?" and then offer up their own words instead.

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APPENDIX A – Modern Version Corruptions

- Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not <u>add</u> unto <u>the</u> word which I command you, neither shall ye <u>diminish ought</u> from it, that ye may keep <u>the</u> commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
- Jeremiah 26:2 Thus saith the LORD; <u>Stand</u> in the court of the LORD's house, <u>and speak</u> unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, <u>all the words</u> that I command thee to speak unto them; <u>diminish not a word</u>.

	The word of God:	Belial's basilisks (the children of Belial) hissing Satan's synonyms from Lucifer's lexicons (the Devil's dictionaries)					
	(KJB)	JB(Catholic)	ESV (RSV, NRSV)	NASB	NIV	"Living Bible"	NKJV
Deut 13:13	children of Belial	scoundrels	worthless fellows	worthless men	wicked men	worthless rabble	corrupt men
Judg 19:22	sons of Belial	scoundrels	worthless fellows	worthless fellows	wicked men	gang of sex perverts	perverted men
Judg 20:13	children of Belial	scoundrels	worthless fellows	worthless fellows	wicked men	evil men	perverted men
1 Sam 1:16	daughter of Belial	worthless woman	worthless woman	worthless woman	wicked woman	drunken bum	wicked woman
1 Sam 2:12	sons of Belial	scoundrels	worthless men	worthless men	wicked men	evil men	corrupt
1 Sam 10:27	children of Belial	scoundrels	worthless fellows	worthless men	troublemakers	bums and loafers	rebels
1 Sam 25:17	son of Belial	ill-tempered	worthless man	worthless man	wicked man	stubborn lout	scoundrel
1 Sam 25:25	man of Belial	ill-tempered	worthless fellow	worthless man	wicked man	bad-tempered boor	scoundrel
1 Sam 30:22	men of Belial	scoundrels	worthless fellows	worthless men	troublemakers	ruffians	worthless men
2 Sam 16:7	man of Belial	scoundrel	worthless man	worthless fellow	scoundrel	scoundrel	rogue
2 Sam 20:1	man of Belial	scoundrel	worthless man	worthless fellow	troublemakers	hot-head	rebel
2 Sam 23:6	sons of Belial	godless men	worthless men	the worthless	evil men	godless	sons of rebellion
1 Kings 21:10	sons of Belial	scoundrels	worthless men	worthless men	scoundrels	scoundrels	scoundrels
1 Kings 21:13	children of Belial	scoundrels	worthless men	worthless men	scoundrels	who have no conscience	scoundrels
1 Kings 21:13	men of Belial		worthless men	worthless men			scoundrels
2 Chr 13:7	children of Belial	scoundrels	worthless scoundrels	worthless men	worthless scoundrels	worthless rebels	worthless rogues
2 Cor 6:15	Belial	Beliar	Belial (Beliar)	Belial	Belial	the devil	Belial
	Who is Belial?				Who is Belial?		
	The KJB tells us!		uh??				

After seeing the corruption of the word of God presented in modern so-called "bible" versions, both in this appendix and this study in general; and having been shown and warned of the corruptions throughout those versions (in prior studies leading up to this one), if one was to continue to reject the King James Bible and continue to read and study the children-of-Belial's corrupt modern versions; if one was continue taking/touching the unclean thing (2 Cor 6:17), the cursed thing (Deut 13:17), to his hands... God has some words to reprove, rebuke, and exhort (2 Tim 4:2):

- Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. (just as an observation: there is no Holy Ghost in the NKJV)
- John 20:27 [B]e not faithless, but believing.
- 2 Cor 6:17 [A]nd touch not the unclean thing;
- Deut 13:17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand:

APPENDIX B – Lucifer's Lexicons (loved by amateurish Hebrew aficionados)

An example of Lucifer's lexicons (the Devil's dictionaries) consulted by Hebrew aficionados who love to "correct" God's word (and who, in doing so, produce modern "bible" versions) would be the "Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary" in the back of "Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible" which was produced by James Strong for such bible "correctors."

In Strong's Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary, the Hebrew word for Belial is entry number 1100, beliva'al.

In the KJB, God has provided us with his interpretation of this word into English (based on his word's contexts) as:

- Belial: 15 places, as seen in the main portion of this study and in APPENDIX A
- naughty: 1 place; ungodly: 4 places; wicked: 5 places; evil: 1 place

Let's look at an example of how the children of Belial "translate" this word in these additional places:

	The word of God:					
	(KJB)	ESV	NASB	NIV	"Living Bible"	NKJV
		(RSV, NRSV)				
Deut 15:9	thy wicked heart	unworthy thought	no base thought	this wicked thought	XXX	a wicked thought
2 Sam 22:5	ungodly men	destruction	destruction	destruction	evil	ungodliness
Job 34:18	Thou art wicked	Worthless one	Worthless one	You are worthless	You are wicked	You are worthless
Ps 18:4	ungodly men	destruction	ungodliness	destruction	ungodliness	ungodliness
Ps 41:8	An evil disease	A deadly thing	A wicked thing	A vile disease	It whatever it is	An evil disease
Ps 101:3	no wicked thing	anything that is worthless	no worthless thing	no vile thing	low and vulgar things	nothing wicked
Prov 6:12	A naughty person	A worthless person	A worthless person	A scoundrel	a worthless man	A worthless person
Prov 16:27	An ungodly man	A worthless man	A worthless man	A scoundrel	Idle hands	An ungodly man
Prov 19:28	An ungodly witness	A worthless witness	A rascally witness	A corrupt witness	A worthless witness	A disreputable witness
Nah 1:11	a wicked counsellor	a worthless counselor	A wicked counselor	one who counsels wickedness	XXX	A wicked counselor
Nah 1:15	the wicked	the worthless	the wicked one	the wicked	The invaders	the wicked one

The point is that God is the one who gives the perfect interpretation of his word, which he has so-done in the KJB by the hands of holy men of God. The modern versions, all based upon the corruptions that came forth from Alexandria Egypt to the Catholic "church", are perversions of God's word. Note well the "dangers of dictionaries" addressed in APPENDIX 2 of the study on "The Day Star". A single word in one tongue can have two or more possible meanings, depending on context. Thus when interpreted into another tongue, two or more different words might be required to convey the proper meaning of the single word from the first tongue. Only the Holy Ghost is qualified to give the proper interpretation of his word into other tongues⁵. The Holy Ghost is the only one to whom there is no language barrier preventing perfect interpretation. God's word is perfect – it is the perfect law (James 1:25). All of man's (children of Belial's) attempts at "translating" to produce modern versions are flawed at the foundation. That flawed foundation is worldly wisdom; satanic scholarship, twisted theology, based on Lucifers lexicons, the Devil's dictionaries, from which they select Satan's synonyms to supplant the Saviour's scriptures with the dragon's diminishments in Belial's "bibles": "Yea, hath God said...?" "Here, try these instead."

⁵ As just one example (of hundreds, if not thousands), the single word "pascha" in Greek refers to a holy day, and can refer to the Jews' passover, or to the pagans' Easter, depending on context. God has given the proper interpretation as passover 29 times, and Easter once (in Acts 12:4).