

# *If our Father is a Elohim of Love Why does it appear that sometimes He harms and kills His Servants in the Old Covenant?*

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,  
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

The image of Yahweh, in the books of Genesis through Malachi, is different than Yahweh's image presented in the four Gospels. In the former books Yahweh is presented as someone who could bring sickness, even unto death, on His servants while in the latter books He heals and brings the dead back to life through His Son, Yahshua. What accounts for this contrasting image of Yahweh? Did Yahweh change His behavior between the time of Malachi and the ministry of Yahshua? No! Then what accounts for this contrast? In the Old Covenant, Yahweh did not reveal our adversary, the great deceiver, to Moses or to any other prophet. The evil acts committed in the Old Covenant were attributed to Yahweh even though the adversary and other factors were actually responsible<sup>1</sup>. The truth about the adversary could not be revealed until the coming of Yahshua. Yahshua then instructed the believer that our fight was not against flesh and blood but against spiritual wickedness (Eph. 6:12). Yahweh's true nature has now been manifested in its fullness through the life of His Son. Yahshua said to Phillip, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9).

Yahshua made known the Father. "And, the Word [Yahshua], became, flesh, and pitched his tent among us, and we gazed upon his glory,—a glory, as an only-begotten from his Father. Full of favor and truth...the law, through Moses, was given, favor and truth, through Yahshua *the* Anointed One, came into existence. No one, hath seen [known], Elohim, at any time: An only begotten elohim, the one existing within the bosom of the

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<sup>1</sup> Where does bad weather, sickness and wickedness come from? Let us begin by stating that Yahweh's will has always been to fellowship with His children in Paradise (Gen. 1 & Rev. 21). In Paradise there is good weather, joy, health, goodness and life age-abiding (Is. 35, Rev. 21,22). Bad weather, pain, sickness, wickedness and death are all part of this age. They are a result of the disobedience of mankind. Yahweh gave His messengers (angels) as well as mankind a freedom to choose life or death (Deu. 30:19). One-third of the messengers chose wickedness (Rev. 12:4), which results in death, while today, people choose good or bad, life or death. When mankind chose to sin instead of eating of the tree of life the earth became cursed, which is where we get bad weather, sickness and death (Gen. 3:17). So where does wickedness come from? Wickedness comes from wicked messengers (Jn. 10:10) and mankind (Rm. 1:18-32). Demons and wicked messengers need a vehicle to accomplish their wickedness, which are men. For example, the adversary wanted the Anointed One (Christ) dead. King Herod and his soldiers became willing accomplices to the adversary in the killing of the children in Bethlehem. Man was involved as also was the adversary. The Good News is that Yahshua was given authority over the weather, sickness and spiritual wickedness. He also has given us the same authority because we are His Body (Jn 14:12, Lk. 10:19).

Father, he, hath interpreted [exegeomai<sup>2</sup>] *Him*” (Jn. 1:14-18). Yahshua came to reveal the Father and the adversary in a truer light than Moses and the prophets ever could.

As an illustration, let us examine the topic of divorce discussed by Moses and then Yahshua. In Deuteronomy 24:1, Moses wrote “When a man takes a woman, and marries her, then shall it be, if she find not favor in his eyes, because he hath found in her some matter of shame, that he shall write her a scroll of divorcement, and put it into her hand, and shall send her forth, out of his house.” Yahshua brings this matter into a truer light than Moses. “And, they, said—Moses permitted, to write, a roll of dismissal, and to divorce. But, Yahshua, said unto them—In view of your hardness of heart, wrote he for you this commandment; But, from the beginning of creation, male and female, made he them; For this cause, shall a man leave behind his father and mother, and, the two, shall become, one flesh; so that, no longer, are they two, but, one flesh. What then, Yahweh, hath yoked together, let, a man, not put asunder” (Mk. 5:4-9). Yahshua explained divorce in the best light. Yahshua also unveiled the goodness of our Father and the wickedness of our adversary.

The enemy of Yahweh is, “the great dragon...the ancient serpent, he that is called Adversary and the Satan, that deceives the whole habitable world” (Rev. 12:9). The adversary was introduced in Genesis 3 as the serpent.<sup>3</sup> We were told his methods and his fate but we were never given instructions on how to deal with him. When Cain murdered Abel the adversary’s influence on Cain was never mentioned. The full story comes to light in I John 5:10-12. “Herein, are, manifest, the children of Yahweh, and the children of the adversary...just as, Cain, was, of the wicked one, and slew his brother!” Demons, as we know them today, did not exist in the minds of Old Covenant believers. In the Old Covenant, evil spirit’s came from Yahweh because there was no knowledge of our spiritual adversary. “Then came there a evil spirit of Yahweh unto Saul, he being in his house, seated, with his spear in his hand,—while, David, played with his hand, Saul sought to smite David with the spear” (I Sam. 19:9). Demons were just as active then as they are today even though they were not mentioned. Yahshua came to expose our adversary and to equip us with the necessary tools needed to defeat him.

Yahshua was the first person to deal with demons and the adversary. We never saw Moses or any other Old Covenant prophet cast out demons. Yahshua came to expose and deliverer us from the authority of the adversary.

*“Healing all that were oppressed by the adversary.” Acts 10:38*

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<sup>2</sup> 1834 εξηγεομαι exegeomai *ex-ayg-eh'-om-ahee* AV-declare 5, tell 1; 6 1) to lead out, be leader, go before 2) metaph., to draw out in narrative, unfold a teaching 2a) to recount, rehearse 2b) to unfold, declare 2b1) the things relating to God 2b2) used in Greek writing of the interpretation of things sacred and divine, oracles, dreams, etc.

<sup>3</sup> In the Book of Job, most translators translate the Hebrew word, '07854 שָׂטָן satan' 'Satan' when it means 'adversary.' The word is not a proper name and was used to refer to an adversary. “2 Samuel 19:22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruah, that ye should this day be adversaries <07854> unto me?”

*“He might paralyze him that held the dominion of death, that is, the Adversary.” Heb. 2:14*

*“He might undo the works of the adversary.” I Jn. 3:8*

*“To open their eyes; that they turn from...the authority of Satan unto Yahweh.” Acts 26:18*

We know now that “The thief [adversary] doth not come, except that he may steal, and kill, and destroy; I [Yahshua] came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly” (Jn. 10:10). The spiritual enemy has now been revealed. In the Old Covenant, there is no mention of a spiritual enemy even though they existed. In the Old Covenant, Yahweh, not the adversary, was presented as the spiritual enemy, who brought about sickness, poverty and death. Why? These believers could not be equipped spiritually to fight spiritual wickedness because they were not filled with holy spirit. The information concerning our adversary had to be withheld until the outpouring of the gift of holy spirit, which first occurred on the Day of Pentecost. Believers were then equipped spiritually, with holy spirit, to confront our spiritual enemy.

Another example of Yahweh withholding information from His servants would be Him outlawing the eating of pork. Did the Hebrew’s understand the problem with eating pork? No. Today we understand the wisdom of such a law because when you under cook pork you can get trichinosis. In the Old Covenant, Yahweh was presented as the Good Guy and the bad guy.

“And it shall be, if thou wilt, hearken, unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, to observe to do all his commandments which I am commanding thee to-day, then will Yahweh thy Elohim set thee on high, above all the nations of the earth; and all these  **blessings shall come in upon thee**” (Deut. 28:1,2). “But it shall be, if thou do not hearken unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I am commanding thee to-day, then shall come in upon thee all these  **curses and shall reach thee**:—Cursed, shall thou be in the city,—and cursed, shall thou be in the field...Yahweh will cause to cleave unto thee—the pestilence,—until he hath consumed thee from off the soil which thou art entering to possess. Yahweh, will smite thee, with consumption and with fever, and with inflammation and with violent heat and with the sword, and with blight and with mildew,—and they shall pursue thee, until thou perish” (Deu. 28:15-22).

The Old Covenant believers were looking at Yahweh through a dim window as we also are today. “For, in part, are we gaining knowledge, and, in part, are we prophesying,— But, as soon as that which is complete is come, that which is in part, shall be done away. When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, to prefer as child, to reason as a child: now I have become a man, I have laid aside the things of the child! For we see, as yet, through a dim window, obscurely, but, then, face to face: as yet, I gain knowledge, in part, but, then, shall I fully know, even as I was also fully known” (I Cor. 13:9-12). Yahweh spoke to the Old Covenant prophets in one manner and unto Moses in another manner. “When ye have your prophet, As Yahweh in a vision, will I make myself known, unto him; In a dream, will I speak with him. Not so, my servant Moses,—In all my house, trusty, is he: Mouth to

mouth, do I speak with him And plainly—not in dark sayings, And the form of Yahweh, doth he discern” (Num 12:6-8). Yahweh has now spoken unto us through His Son, who has interpreted unto us the Father and His kingdom and the adversary and his kingdom (Heb. 1:2). These unveilings had never before been revealed. We now see a Father of love, light, life and healing. We also see a spiritually evil kingdom where death and destruction are its objective. The adversary is today called the ‘elohim of this age’ (II Cor. 4:4). In the Old Covenant, Yahweh was presented as the Good Guy and the bad guy but now we see clearly that He is only the Good Guy. Yahweh is Love (I Jn. 4:16, I Cor. 13). Our struggle has never been against Yahweh but against the curse that resulted from the sin of Adam and Eve and “against the principalities, against the authorities, against the world-holders, of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenlies” (Eph. 6:12).