

SATAN AND HIS DEMONS

RECOGNIZING OUR ENEMY
AND KNOWING HOW TO CONQUEOR HIM

PART 2

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that a Jewish Rabbi in Prague discovered if from the beginning of the book of Genesis you skip 50 letters and 50 more, and 50 more letters that the word "Torah" was spelled out.

Additionally, it is also spelled out beginning from the books of Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Did you know that in the Torah (Old Testament) every 666th letter spells out the phrase "Satan the accuser". This happens exactly 7 times

WHAT POWER DOES SATAN HAVE?

Satan is a finite creature. He is limited by the permissive will of YHWH, and also, where this is involved, by the will of the individual who is the object of his attack. He has great knowledge, but it is limited. His powers are vast, but they may be employed only within the scope of YHWH's plans. Such knowledge concerning this spirit being is a comfort to the child of YHWH who believes the absolute authority and accuracy of information YHWH has given in His Word.

YHWH has informed us in I John 4:4, "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

SATAN'S POWER WILL SURGE TOWARDS THE END OF THE AGE

Its Culmination in the Man of Sin. The apex of Satan's power may be reached when he carries on his work on earth through the Antichrist. The removal of the Spirit's restraint allows this greatly increased power (II Thess. 2: 6, 7).- The Man of Sin will be a world ruler, evidently attaining that position at the middle of the Tribulation when he breaks his covenant with the Jews (Rev. 13:1-10; Dan. 9:27). Paul states that the Man of Sin will be energized by Satan (II Thess. 2:9). It has always been Satan's desire to be worshiped and treated like YHWH (Isa. 14:14), and he apparently gains that goal through the Man of Sin (II Thess. 2:4). Immediately at the conclusion of Antichrist's world rule of three and one-half years, Satan will be bound for 1000 years

(Rev. 20:1-3). He will be loosed at the close of the Millennium, and although he gathers a large force around himself to make one last attack upon God, his rebellion is crushed by fire from heaven (Rev. 20:9).

In the meantime all Believers need to know about the ENEMY, how he operates and why we need to drive out evil spirits. The way to be delivered from demons, unclean spirits or evil spirits is demonstrated through the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and the Book of Acts. We need to be alert because there are a few people who go to the extreme regarding evil spirits. Some people believe evil spirits are everywhere and in everything and some people choose not to believe they exist and behave as though they are not there.

Some people refuse to acknowledge that Believers can have an evil spirit. The truth is; evil spirits are there but we need to have the correct balance in our approach and the correct attitude regarding them. When Yahshua sent the seventy men out in pairs they came back rejoicing. What impressed them most was the fact that they had authority over evil spirits, but Yahshua was careful not to allow them to boast over it, but to rejoice more in their salvation. We also need to have that same attitude.

Can Believer's be demon-possessed?

The Bible teaches that they cannot. They might be attacked and caused a great deal of trouble in the spiritual battles of life; but if the Ruach HaKodosh/Holy Spirit is indwelling the Believer, as the Bible affirms, then demons cannot. The Bible tells us to resist the devil and he will flee from them; how they resist the devil is by submitting to YHWH (James 4:7)..

The operation of demons is a subject many believers are either ignorant of or misinformed about. Demons will come against believers, but they will also come against unbelievers. However, the operation of demons is different in believer's life than in an unbeliever's life.

Contrary to what some believe, only an unbeliever can be possessed by a demon. The born again believer is possessed by the Holy Spirit and light and darkness cannot dwell together. Although Believer's cannot be possessed by demons, they can be oppressed. A believer can be oppressed in body or in mind.

1 John 5:18-20 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. 19 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. 20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

There are some believers who attribute everything to demons. They blame everything on the devil, when they are actually being drawn away by their own lusts—allowing the nature of the flesh to control them rather than the Spirit of God. However, if a believer continually gives into the nature of the flesh, demons can eventually become involved.

THE FLESH IS ENMITY TO THE SPIRIT

SOMETIMES WE AS CHRISTIANS WILL EXPERIENCE ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY, BUT OFTEN IS FLESH IS WHAT IS CAUSING US THE PROBLEM. The old nature still dwells in us and that it expresses itself by the body. Yielding to the desires of the flesh can bring one into bondage but this certainly cannot be put in the same category as demonization. While it makes one do the will of Satan instead of God it should not be confused with occupation. In Gal. 5:19-22, much of what is blamed on demons is really man's fallen nature, expressing itself through his flesh. Demons can entice and exaggerate our fleshly weaknesses but the blame lies in ourselves .

DO YOU HAVE YOUR FLESH UNDER CONTROL OR DOES IT CONTROL YOU?

Galations 5:19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of YHWH.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Indications of Demon Activity

The following areas may help you to recognize your need for being released from demonic oppression, possession or bondages of the flesh (sin):

Compulsion to abuse animals or people;

Sexual perversion and immorality (homosexuality, molestation, etc.);

A compulsion to abuse your body (drugs, alcohol, gluttony, abuse or misuse of other substances, etc.);

Seeking spiritual knowledge through Eastern religions and other counterfeit religious groups (TM, Yoga, humanism, etc.);

Involvement in occult practices (fortune-telling, Satanism, etc.);

Mental distress or oppression (anxiety, fear, anger, disorientation, etc.);

Psychological disorders (split and multiple personalities, paranoia, etc.);

Physical disorders may be demon caused (Matthew 9:32, 33);

Lack of freedom or joy in YHWH (spiritual bondage);

Inability or constant refusal to repent of sin, though you know you are sinning (rebellion).

Indeed Satan hates every believer because of his profound jealousy, but he especially hates those who have become true believers in Yahshua the Messiah. In light of this passionate revengeful nature of Satan, the Apostle Peter writes: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). This is YHWH's way of warning us to be on the alert, because Satan hates us since we bear the image of Messiyah and because we have been redeemed from his power over our lives. Like a lion, Satan stalks before he leaps. He is an opportunist, watching and waiting for an opportunity, a vulnerable spot.



Peter's vivid picture of Satan as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour is fair warning to us (1 Peter 5:8). An unguarded moment, a wayward eye, a moral flaw, a lingering doubt — at the slightest provocation, Satan strikes. While his tactics are as varied as the number of persons on the earth, his strategy is singular. Having learned his lesson when his rebellion in heaven failed, Satan always attacks the unguarded flank with a tempting question.

To prove this, the Apostle Paul writes these assuring promises to the believers in Ephesus:



You were marked in him
with a seal, the promised
Holy Spirit, who is a
deposit guaranteeing our
inheritance until the
redemption of those who
are God's possession --
to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

John 10:7-10 Therefore Yahshua said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. [The thief [i.e. the Devil] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

There is only one Devil—Satan. However, there are many demons.



"For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.'"

Ezekiel 34:11 (NIV)

HOW CAN WE AVOID BE ATTACKED BY THE DEVIL?

When we practice wilful sin, Satan eventually sends one of his demons that is compatible with that particular sin to dwell within us. Then each time we give way to that sin that spirit takes over. Since their personalities mesh with those of their victims, it takes spiritual discernment to detect them. We must remember that demon spirits are "invisible beings" with wicked intelligence that seek bodies in which they can express themselves. These spirits are emissaries sent from Satan having personalities and characteristics that make up an intelligent being. They walk, hear, speak, see, obey, seek, think, know and dwell in the body to accomplish their evil purposes (Matthew 12:43-45, Mark 1:23-24, 3:11).

They are made subject to Yahshua and believers by the atonement, the name of Yahshua HaMaschiach, and the Ruach HaKodosh/Holy Spirit. Each principal demon or "strongman" has a particular mission which we are able to recognize by its fruit or manifestation. We need to seek YHWH and study His Word to find the truth about this controversial subject.

HOW DO WE OVERCOME SATAN AND OUR OWN CARNAL NATURE?

Colossians 2:1-5 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for those who have not met me face to face. My goal is that their hearts, having been knit together in love, may be encouraged, and that they may have all the riches that assurance brings in their understanding of the knowledge of the mystery of YHWH, namely Yahshua, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this so that no one will deceive you through arguments that sound reasonable. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Yahshua.

Warnings Against the Adoption of False Philo

Colossians 2:6-13 Therefore, just as you received Yahshua HaMashiach as Messiyah, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and firm in your faith just as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Be careful not to allow anyone to captivate you through an empty, deceitful philosophy that is according to human traditions and the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Yahshua. For in him all the fullness of deity lives in bodily form, and you have been filled in him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. In him you also were circumcised – not, however, with a circumcision performed by human hands, but by the removal of the fleshly body, that is, through the circumcision done by Yahshua. Having been buried with him in baptism, you also have been raised with him through your faith in the power of YHWH who raised him from the dead. And even though you were dead in your transgressions and in the un-circumcision of your flesh, he nevertheless made you alive with him, having forgiven all your transgressions.

WHAT IS THE ACTIVITY OF DEMONS?

Demons are involved in carrying out Satan's evil plans (2 Cor.11:15). What Satan is said to be doing (see above) is their work directly.

A. Demons promote idolatry (; Deut.32:17; Ps.106:36-38). This activity is blatant in primitive cultures. Lev.17:7 They must no longer offer any of their sacrifices to the goat idols[a] to whom they prostitute themselves. This is to be a lasting ordinance for them and for the generations to come.'

B. Demons are active in hindering the spiritual progress of believers every way they can (see Satan's activities). They are deliberate and organized in these attempts (Eph.6:10-12).

C. Demons promote false teaching 1 Tim.4:1

HOW DO WE DEFEAT THE ENEMY?

1. We need to remember always that Satan is a defeated foe. He has already been defeated by Yahshua HaMashiach on the cross.

Colossians 2:29 -31 Yahshua has destroyed what was against us, a certificate of indebtedness expressed in decrees opposed to us. He has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. Disarming the rulers and authorities, he has made a public disgrace of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

SO THE BATTLE HAS ALREADY BEEN WON, OUR JOB IS NOW TO WALK IN VICTORY AND ALWAYS USE THE BLOOD AND NAME OF YAHSHUA TO OVERCOME THE ENEMY, NOT OUR OWN STRENGTH OR WISDOM.

2. Believers need to depend on YHWH for spiritual strength against Satan and his demons.

3. Believers need to make the characteristics of Yahshua a part of their lives

4. Believers have victory over Satan when they stand firm in their beliefs, values, attitudes, and actions.

How do we prepare for battle with Satan and his demons? How do we make ourselves ready everyday for his attacks so that when he does we will not be defeated? Christians need to depend on YHWH for spiritual strength against Satan and his demons.

In Eph.6:10 Paul writes, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in YHWH, and in the power of his might.”

THE VICTORY BELONGS TO YHWH

No matter what you say or what you do in warfare, victory belongs to the strong. Diplomacy is great before the war begins, but once it begins, only strength matters. And in a war with Satan and his demons, diplomacy means nothing, only strength matters. – POWER. This is especially true because Satan cannot be reasoned with. He has no characteristic in him that would cause him to show the slightest mercy or grace. He knows only rebellion against YHWH and only destruction and he desires to enlist as many as he can in his campaign against YHWH no matter what the consequences for people. Satan cannot be persuaded to change; he can only be forced to flee from us. So, Paul begins with strength and power, but not our own.

In v. 10, “be strong” is passive and has the idea of “be strengthened” or “receive strength” from another source. It does not mean to “make yourself strong and powerful.”

We, as human beings, do not have the strength in ourselves to stand against supernaturally powerful evil angels like Satan and his demons. We are no match for Satan in our own power. But the Lord does have the power to defeat Satan and that's whom we receive our power from.

Notice, in v. 10, it says "in YHWH and in his mighty power." "To be strong in union with YHWH," means "to receive spiritual strength from YHWH in our battle with Satan." "His mighty power" refers to all YHWH's omnipotent and infinite power that He possesses.

YHWH has unlimited power, Satan has limited power. YHWH's might is infinite. In Job 42:2, Job says, "I know that you can do anything and that no purpose of yours can be withheld from you."

YHWH is sovereign over Satan and rules over all his activities.

THE FLESH IS IN ENMITY TO THE SPIRIT

The first problem is what Paul calls the "flesh" in Romans 8:5-8, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against YHWH: for it is not subject to the law of YHWH, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please YHWH."

The "flesh" is defined here as the "carnal mind" and it is spoken of as enmity with YHWH. The carnal mind is in the soul of man.

After a Believer experiences the "new birth," he is a new creature; however, he finds he still has the problem of walking in the flesh instead of the Spirit. His mind has not been renewed yet by the Word of YHWH, so unless he reckons the "old man" dead when tempted, he fails YHWH and gives in to his "flesh."

To maintain a walk in the Spirit one must totally dedicate his life to YHWH and continually choose the path of YHWH. The "flesh" of man is under Satan's dominion as it is part of the old Adamic nature. The "flesh" and the "world" are under Satan's influence, so when we sin we have yielded to an attack by Satan in an indirect way.

THE 4 MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPONS YHWH HAS BESTOWED US WITH

Word -- (The Bible, the Holy Scriptures - wisely applied - wisely obeyed);

Faith -- faith (trust) in His written (logos) Word, and faith in His rhema (spoken and/or quickened) Word ... (if the Holy Spirit imparts a specific rhema Word for a specific situation).

Prayer -- as directed (led) by The Holy Spirit, (Which so importantly includes Praise and Thanksgiving. (See: Ephesians 6:16-18)).

Fasting -- as directed (led) by the Holy Spirit. (See: Matthew 17:14-21).

LETS SEE HOW YAHSHUA DEALT WITH SATAN AND HIS DEMONS



Yahshua Is Tested in the Wilderness

Matityahu 4 Yahshua, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of YHWH, tell this stone to become bread." 4 Yahshua answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of YHWH.'"

5 Then satan took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,” and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

8 Yahshua answered, “It is written: Do not put your YHWH ELOHIM to the test.”



8 Again, satan took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship YHWH your ELOHIM and him only shall you serve.”

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.



Twice it is stated that all the kingdoms of the world were involved. No other created being can make these claims. The passages mentioned under the title "god of this age," "prince of the power of the air," and "prince of this world" also indicate Satan's power in the governmental realm.

Revelation 2: 12-15 presents the truth that Satan had a throne (see Greek text) located in the city of Pergamos. The exact meaning of the statement is not made clear in the text, but it does speak of rulership and authority.

12 "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. 13 I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

SATAN ATTACKS US WHEN WE ARE PHYSICALLY BURNT OUT OR WEAK

There is a method to the devil's madness and Believer'ss should be knowledgeable about this method (2 Co. 2:11). He often uses a consistent strategy in tempting.

For example, He often attacks us when we are weakest. The devil tempted our Messiyah when He was very weak (after 40 days of fasting). We are told that afterwards, the devil "left him until an opportune time," which probably meant until another time of physical weakness. So also, he often attacks when our bodies are the weakest (see Luke 22:40-46 also 1 Cor. 7:5).

Elijah is another example. After his great contest with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, he went into a tailspin of fear, depression and fatalism when Jezebel threatened his life (1 Kings 18:17-19:4). Exhaustion probably played a roll. It should be mentioned that when Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, he was physically exhausted (Matthew 26:69-75).

SATAN ATTACKS WHEN WE DROP OUR GUARD

(b) The devil also often attacks with temptation following some spiritual victory on our part. Here again Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal is a good example. This was Elijah's great spiritual victory. But soon after that he succumbed to temptation and fell into fear, depression, and fatalism. So it is often with us. When we have just shared the Gospel with someone, spoken out for the truth of God's word, have just started a new habit of Scripture reading or prayer, then we are attacked so that we might quit. Especially when we try to let our lights shine, to "go public" with our faith, we can expect the adversary to violently attack.

“IDLE HANDS MAKE THE DEVIL’S WORK” IS TRUE INDEED

(c) The devil often tempts us during a time of idleness. It has often been noted that King David was tempted to commit adultery with Bathsheba during a time of idleness. We read in 2 Samuel 11, "Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out [to battle], that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. 2 Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance." The words picture a scenario of idleness.

(d) The devil is tenacious and persistent. It is one thing to say "no" to one temptation. It is quite another to continue to say "no" to a persistent temptation. As an example: For a time Samson withstood Delilah's temptations to tell her the secret of his great strength. But we are told that "It came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death. So he told her all that was in his heart" (Judges 16:16-17a). Note that what won the day for Delilah was persistence. This is a picture of how the devil also works.

(e) The devil leads us to doubt, then deny YHWH's goodness or wisdom. This was his approach with Eve as recorded in Genesis 3. He injected doubt in her relationship with YHWH: "Did really say . . ." Then he openly challenged YHWH's goodness and integrity.

"You will not surely die . . . For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like YHWH, knowing good and evil."

This is often his technique with us. Often through other people he injects doubt of YHWH's Word into our minds. Having then weakened us, he openly challenges YHWH's goodness or justice, leading us to rationalize and justify saying "yes" to the temptation.

Yahshua begins His Ministry

Matthew 4: 23- 24 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, **those oppressed by demons**, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." 12 And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.



YAHSHUA HEALS MANY OPPRESSED BY DEMONS

Matityahu 8:14-17 And when Yahshua entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. 16 That evening they brought to him **many who were oppressed by demons**, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."



HE CAME TO SEE THE CAPTIVES FREE



Story of the Legion of Demons

5 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 When Yahshua got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.



6 When he saw Yahshua from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High G-d? In YHWH's name don't torture me!" 8 For Yahshua had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

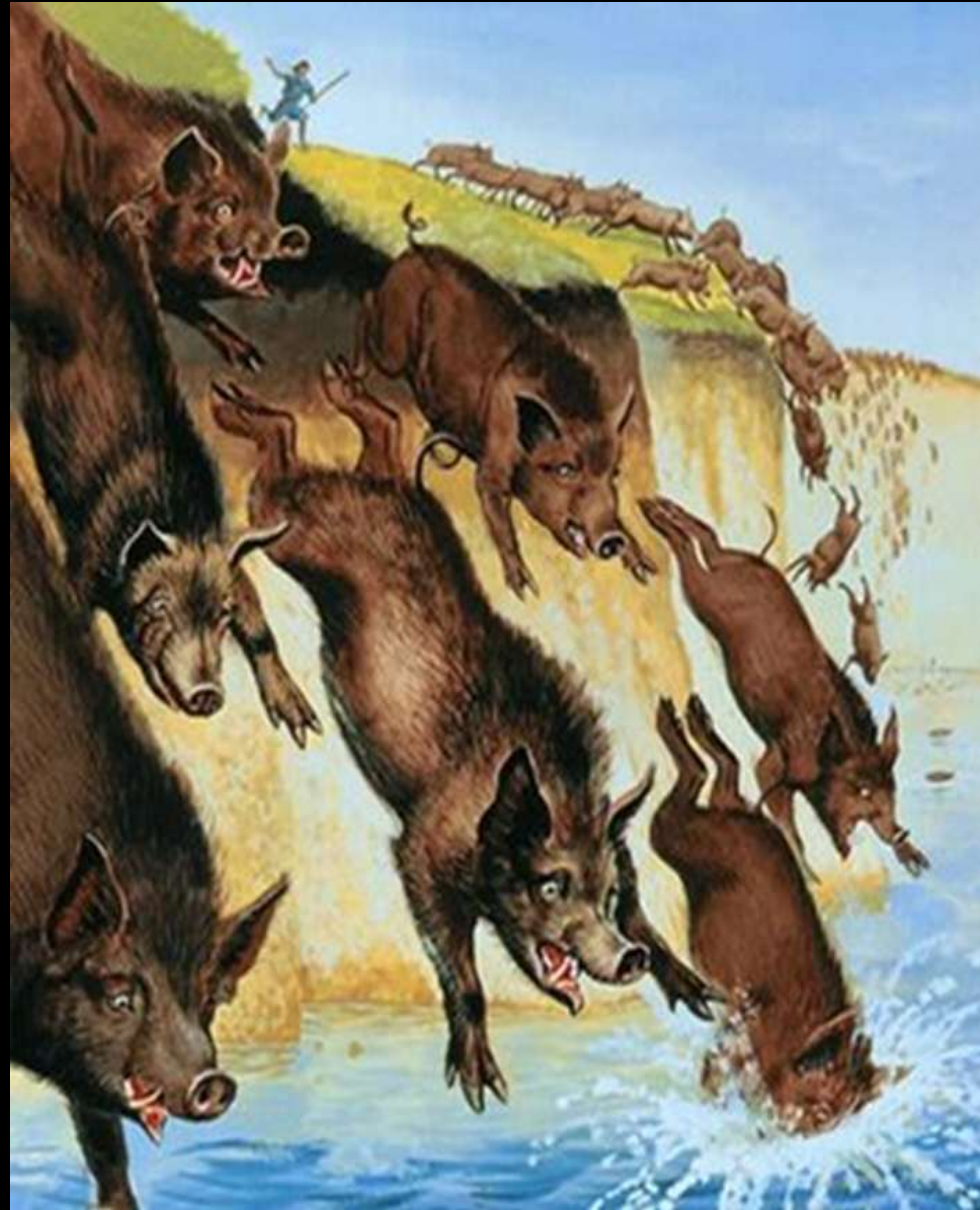
9 Then Yahshua asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." 10 And he begged Yahshua again and again not to send them out of the area.



11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.

12 The demons begged Yahshua, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." 13 He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.



14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. 15 When they came to Yahshua, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. 17 Then the people began to plead with Yahshua to leave their region.

CASTING OUT AN EVIL SPIRIT

‘Behold they shrieked, “What have You to do with us Yahshua, Son of YHWH? Have You come to torment us before the appointed time?” (Matthew 8:29).

When we cast out a spirit, it will continue to roam around looking for a body to possess. ‘When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it roams through (spiritually) dry places (or people) in search of rest’ (Luke 11:24).

When people think they have seen a ghost, they have actually encountered a roaming evil spirit. What we can do when we rebuke an evil spirit, is command the evil spirit to never enter that person again (Mark 9:25), but scripturally we cannot command it not to enter other people.

THE DEMONS KNOW THEIR APPOINTED TIME TO GO TO THE ABYSS

Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, and Luke 8:26-33 state that the demons were concerned about the time, as it was not the "appointed time." Luke discusses the demons concern about going into the "Abyss" (Luke 8:31). The Abyss is a place for evil spirits and a place of eternal judgment. **James 2:19 declares that even the demons believe that there is only "one G-d,"** however the demons "shudder" because they are aware of the judgment of YHWH and will suffer eternal punishment. Matthew 25:41 describes eternal punishment (the Abyss) as an "eternal fire."

Yahshua knew His purpose here on earth - to accomplish the perfect will of His Father. HE followed His Fathers plans, and did not torment the demons before the "appointed time." This is why the demons spoke to Yahshua. **Ecclesiastes 3:1 states, "there is a time for everything..."** Apparently the demons had a concern of their impending doom and thought that their number was up and they would be sent to the Abyss.

Yahshua Heals a Man Unable to Speak

Matityahu 9:32 As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marvelled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel."



Yahshua Sends Out the Twelve with Authority to cast out demons

9 When Yahshua had called the Twelve together, he gave them **power and authority to drive out all demons** and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3 He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. 5 If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” 6 So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

THEY WENT TWO BY TWO TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF YAHSHUA THE SAVIOUR AND HEALER



The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

21 And Yahshua went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Messiah, Son of David; **my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.**" 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Master, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Master, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Yahshua answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom.



The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Yahshua Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

Mark 9:17-29 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, **for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him**, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."
20 And they brought the boy to him. And **when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy**, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.
21 And Yahshua asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.
22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."



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23 And Yahshua said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

25 And when Yahshua saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “**You mute and deaf spirit**, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27 But Yahshua took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.



Authority is exercised through faith

Matthew 17:14-20 And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, “Master, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Yahshua answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Yahshua rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. Then the disciples came to Yahshua privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



Return of an Unclean Spirit

Matthew 12:43-46 “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. 44 Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”

By this Scripture it may be seen that a portion of the kingdom of Satan is a host of bodiless spirits. They seek to enter the bodies of mortals or beasts, and their work is greatly enhanced when hidden in the bodies of men. This underscores the need for the freed person to walk closely with Yahshua after deliverance sessions.

Yahshua Drives Out an Impure Spirit

31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. 32 They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

33 In the synagogue there was a **man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit.**



Healing Of A Demoniac in the Synagogue by James Tissot

THE DEMONS KNOW THAT YAHSHUA IS THE MESSIAH, SON OF YHWH

He cried out at the top of his voice, 34 “Go away! What do you want with us, Yahshua of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are —the Holy One of YHWH!”

35 “Be quiet!” Yahshua said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” 37 And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

The phrases casting out demons, driving out evil spirits, deliverance and exorcism are all the same thing and was one vital part of the ministry of Yahshua. When we read about the people who had evil spirits, we notice several different things that happened:

(1) It was not the people who cried out, but the spirit in the people.

(2) Yahshua spoke directly to the evil spirits when He cast them out, He did not speak to the people with the spirit.

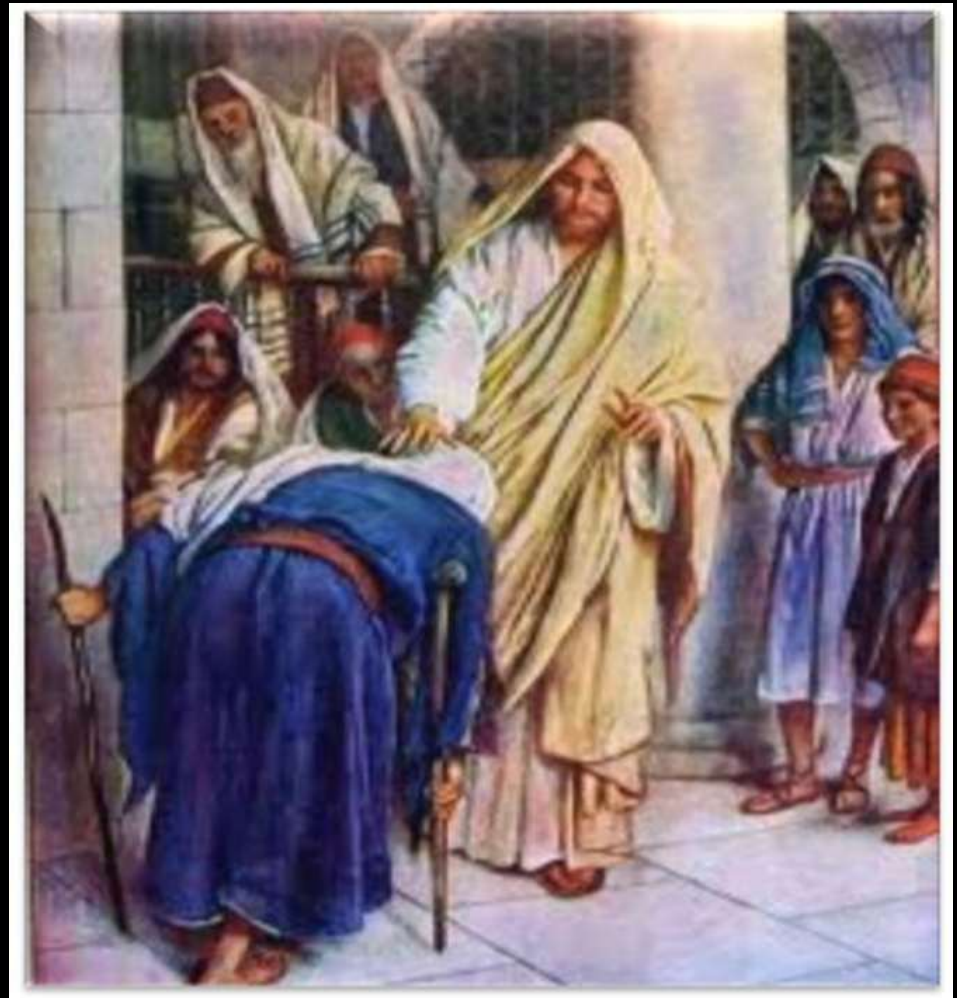
(3) The evil spirits immediately knew who Yahshua was. (4) The evil spirits could see, hear, speak, feel fear and they screamed. They also had supernatural strength (Mark 5:3 & 4). It took the disciples over a year to discover what the evil spirits instinctively knew; that Yahshua is the Son of YHWH. Looking back at the above verses in Mark, Yahshua did not put the man with the spirit out of the synagogue; he put the evil spirit out of the man.

DEMON'S CAN POSSESS THOSE NOT FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

The spirit possessing the man didn't object to going to the synagogue, it objected to the power of the Son of YHWH. The man with the evil spirit was a regular worshipper in the synagogue, paid his tithes, offered sacrifices and fellowshiped with other Jews, but he was still afflicted by the evil spirit. That proves that a Christian who goes to church and does all the 'right things' can have an evil spirit influencing their lives and they need deliverance. In many modern churches, if a person behaves badly the leadership ask the person to leave, but they do not deal with the evil spirit lurking inside the person. Yahshua knew He was not dealing with the individual, He knew He was dealing with the spirit in the person.

BOUND BY THE DEVIL 18 YEARS LOOSED BY YAHSHUA IN 5 SECONDS

‘There was a woman there who for eighteen years had a spirit of infirmity. She was bent forward and was unable to straighten herself up or look upward. When Yahshua saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are healed of your infirmity!” Then He laid His hands on her, and instantly she stood up straight and glorified YHWH’ (Luke 13:11 to 13).



This woman had an evil spirit of infirmity. Yahshua did not pray for healing, He went straight to the matter and rebuked the spirit of infirmity. **Notice Yahshua said the devil had bound the woman in sickness for eighteen years.** Her sickness was a direct result of an evil spirit. The distressing ailment appeared to be physical but the cause was spiritual. When the spirit went out, the woman was healed. This same type of ailment does happen in the world today so we know the cause, but how many Believers are prepared to deal with it?

We should always cast out demons the way Yahshua did. We cannot improve on His method. Yahshua never sent an evil spirit to the pit or to hell, as some Christians think they should; **BUT CAST THEM TO DRY PLACES.**

Both Yahshua and the evil spirits knew there is an appointed time for their destruction.

Yahshua Sends Out the Seventy-Two

Luke 10:1-3 After this Yahshua appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourer's are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Messiyah of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.....

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Yahshua, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

PART 2

THE SON OF PERDITION

YUDAS ISCARIOT

JUDAS ISCARIOT – THE TRAITOR

Not a great amount is known of Judas before becoming one of The Twelve Apostles. We know that he was the son of a man named Simon, who was also surnamed Iscariot. Judas is the Greek form of Judah. "Iscariot" is thought to be taken from the Hebrew Ish Kerioth, which means something like "a man from Kerioth." Kerioth was a town located in the south of the land of Israel, not far from Hebron.

Yudas' greatest weakness seemed to be money. Or rather, his lack of honesty with money. Perhaps because of at first seeming like a good money manager, he got himself appointed as keeper of the disciples' money, which was kept all together in a simple sack (John 13:29).

Yudas wasn't merely greedy, he was an outright thief (John 12:4-6). In the end, he betrayed Yahshua for the payment of 30 silver coins (Matthew 26:15)

THE SON OF PERDITION

There are two people in the Bible who are called the “Son of Perdition,” Yudas and the Antichrist!! They both are very much into money. The Bible says the Pharisees loved money and so did Judas, so they had a common affection. This is why they were able to bribe Yudas to betray our Master.

One of the ways the antichrist will deceive and gather people on his side is he will pretend to care about the poor. He will misrepresent himself, as a great humanitarian and offer prosperity. Yudas who is called a son of perdition is a type of the one who is to come, and we can learn much from his attitude. Considering that he was among those who did ministry from their heart wanting to serve Yahshua with the right motives and he was among them did not.

YUDAS DID NOT ACCEPT YAHSHUA AS HIS MESSIAH

Some things we need to notice about Yudas, he called Yahshua teacher, he never called Yahshua Messiah or master as the other apostles did. This may be a hint how he saw Yahshua. Yahshua wanted to be known as Messiah, not just teacher (Mk.12:37; Lk.20:42; Jn.9:36-38).

One cannot be an official apostle without seeing Yahshuas' resurrection, which Yudas did not see because he hung himself beforehand. The 12 were called apostles (chosen sent ones) prior but did not become the apostles of the Church until the resurrection, for the church was not officially born until the Holy Spirit was sent on Pentecost. It was then the apostles were put in their office of teaching, planting churches and doing miracles in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Was Yudas saved because he was a disciple and lost salvation? It is assumed he was saved because he travelled with the other disciples but it may be more prudent to take the position he was not. Yudas was hand picked like the other disciples but his position was temporary (Yahshua knew what was going on all along). He was given the job of treasury but he was secretly a thief. Yahshua put Judas in charge of the very thing that would give either wings to his hearts corruption or for his repentance, money. Yudas often heard Yahshua speak on money but it did not change him. The possibility to reform him was always there but it did not occur because of his own heart not inclined to obey the words spoken by our Messiyah.

It was Judas who showed what was in his heart when he complained about the oil was poured over Yahshua preparing him for his burial. John 12:2-8 “There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Miriam took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Yahshua, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.



Then one of His disciples, Yudas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denari and given to the poor?"

This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. His apparent concern for the poor was to conceal his own covetousness. He had just missed a chance of stealing on a larger scale than usual. Evidently, no one kept track of what was going inside the box and going out except Judas and Yahshua.

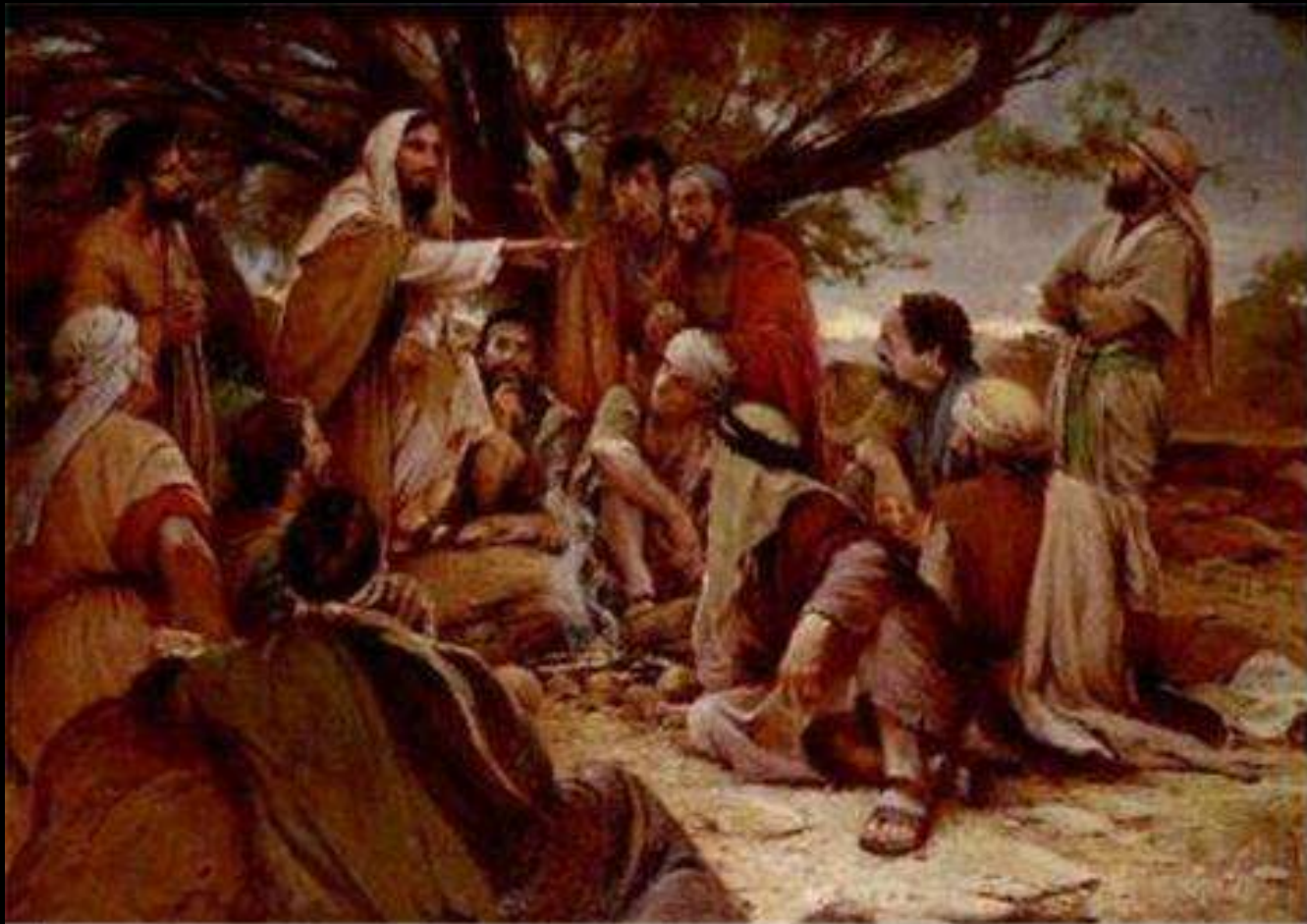
But Yahshua said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. "For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

YHWH TOLD HIS SON ONE OF THE DISCIPLES WAS OF THE DEVIL

At one point in Yahshuas' ministry He speaks some strong statements that few understood and many began to leave him. As recorded in John 6 he asks the question to his close disciples (the 12) about their leaving him like the others disciples. But Simon Peter answered Him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Messiyah, the Son of the living YHWH.

"Yahshua answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil? "He spoke of Yudas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve (John 6:68-71.) Now we understand how Yudas was included with the twelve. Yahshua knew all along who he was - yet he chose him. And by doing so it was fulfilling the Scripture that cannot be broken. <http://www.letusreason.org>

The Scripture had to be fulfilled. Matt 20:17-18 “Now Yahshua, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death; just before the time of the last Passover.



Matt 26:14-16 “Then one of the twelve, called Yudas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.”



THE PASSOVER SUPPER

17 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

18 He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” 19 So the disciples did as Yahshua had directed them and prepared the Passover.

20 When evening came, Yahshua was reclining at the table with the Twelve. 21 And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

22 They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Master?”

23 Yahshua replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.

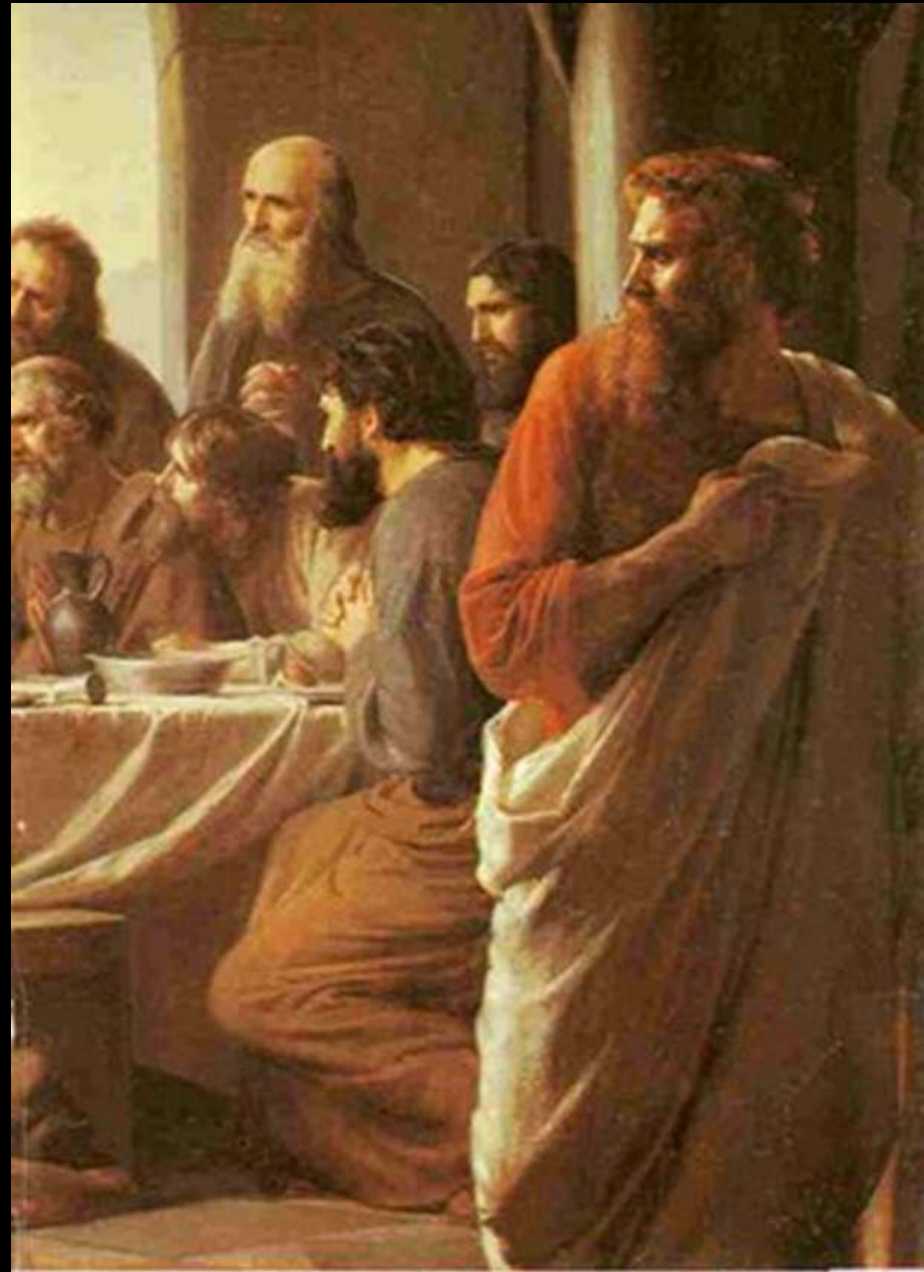


24 The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”25 Then Yudas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Yahshua answered, “You have said so.”



Last Supper by Del Parson

John 13:1-2 “Now before the feast of the Passover, when Yahshua knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Yudas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him.”



Did YHWH love Yudas Iscariot, whom Scripture calls the son of perdition? At the last supper Yahshua even washed Judas' feet, showing love to his enemy. But showing love to your enemy does not guarantee they will repent.

John 13:11-16 "For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean. So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" You call me Teacher and Master, and you say well, for so I am." If I then, your Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."



Satan had the audacity to enter Judas at the last supper (the Passover), right in front of Yahshua.

Luke 22.3 “Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve.”

Not that this diminishes Yudas’ personal responsibility (YHWH allowed what Judas - in his corrupt heart - wanted), but it shows that the real enemy of Yahshua was Satan, even more than Yudas was an enemy.

Yahshua Arrested

47 While he was still speaking, Yudas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.



And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Yudas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Yahshua to kiss Him.

But Yahshua said to him, “Yudas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Yahshua and arrested him. 51 With that, one of Yahshuas' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

52 "Put your sword back in its place," Yahshua said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. 53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"

54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

Then Yahshua said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Yudas Hangs Himself

27 Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. 2 So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

3 When Yudas, who had betrayed him, saw that Yahshua was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 4 “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

5 So Yudas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

The Jewish leaders paid Yudas a bribe for his help. Matthew 26:15 says that it was "thirty pieces of silver", possibly referring to a silver coin known as a Tyrian shekel. But Yudas didn't get any benefit from the money, because he died shortly after the betrayal.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO REPENT!

An outward show of loyalty to Yahshua is meaningless unless we also follow HIM in our heart. Satan and the world will try to get us to betray Yahshua, so we must ask the Holy Spirit for help in resisting them.

Although Yudas attempted to undo the harm he had done, he failed to seek the Yahshua's or YHWH's forgiveness. Thinking it was too late for him, Yudas ended his life in suicide.

As long as we are alive and have breath, it's never too late to come to YHWH for forgiveness and cleansing from sin. Sadly, Yudas, who had been given the opportunity to walk in close fellowship with Yahshua, completely missed the most important message of Messiyah's ministry.

THE POTTER'S FIELD

6 The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." 7 So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. 8 That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, 10 and they used them to buy the potter's field, as YHWH commanded me."

How did Yudas see the power of Yahshua in the flesh and all these miracles and then apostatize?

When someone's heart is not right and you give them power it only amplifies what is wrong, not what is right (another example is Peter with Simon the sorcerer). We are also told that Yudas did not let the word cleanse him (John 13:10;15:3). He did not abide in Yahshuas' teaching, instead he was enticed by the authority to do miracles given to those who followed, and his love for the money prevented him from being a servant.

YUDAS WILL NOW SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIS TRUE FATHER - SATAN

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Most theologians believe that Yudas did act in free will and should be punished for it. And in Matthew 26:24, Yahshua says "woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." The medieval writer Dante Alighieri apparently agreed, because in his *Inferno* he condemned Yudas to the lowest circle of Hell, doomed to be chewed for eternity in the teeth of Satan.

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SATAN SIFTS PETER