

Why Does it Sometimes Appear That Yahweh Does Evil?

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew words Yahoshua (yeh-ho-shoo'- ah) for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and ruah for pneuma (spirit).)

The image of Yahweh, in the books of Genesis through Malachi, is different from the image presented in the four Gospels. In Deuteronomy 32:39, Yahweh spoke, “See, now, that, I, I, am, he that is, And there are no elohims with me,—I, kill—and make alive, I wound, and, I, heal, And there, is none, who, from my hand, can deliver.” In the former books Yahweh is presented as someone who could bring sickness, even unto death, on His servants, while in the Gospels He heals and brings the dead back to life through His Son, Yahoshua.¹ Yahoshua spoke, “The thief, cometh not, save that he may thieve and slay and destroy: I, came, that, life, they might have, and, above measure, might have” (Jn. 10:10). What accounts for this contrasting image of Yahweh and Yahoshua? Did Yahweh’s nature change between the time of Malachi and the ministry of His Son, Yahoshua? No! Then what accounts for this contrast? The only possible explanation is that in the Old Covenant, Yahweh had not revealed the adversary and his methods to Moses or to any other prophet. Therefore good and evil acts committed in the Old Covenant had to be attributed to Yahweh, the only spiritual being that the Hebrews knew; even though the adversary, his workers and other factors were actually responsible². The truth about the adversary and his methods was not revealed until Yahoshua began his ministry. Yahoshua, who was spiritually endowed to conquer the slanderer, then instructed the believers that our fight was not against flesh and blood but against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies (Eph. 6:12). Yahweh’s true nature had now been manifested in its fullness, through the life of

¹ “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 eloim, 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 ield...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).

² 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 chose goodness or wickedness, 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), demons 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 Yahoshua was given authority over evil; 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). (See the Article, “The Authority of the Slanderer, the Adversary, the Deceiver”)

His Son. Yahoshua did not inflict disease, death or evil spirits upon his servants as Yahweh had appeared to do in the Old Covenant but rather healed, raised the dead and cast out unclean spirits.³

First we must rule out the teaching that, “Yahweh is in Control of the Affairs of Mankind.” If Yahweh is in control then all evil can be laid at His feet; He either caused the evil or allowed the evil to occur. Let’s test this Christian teaching when we are behind the controls of an automobile. At 70 mph, in traffic, lets take our hands off of the steering wheel and our foot off of the brake and see what happens. After the crash we can ask ourselves if we were in control of the car or was Yahweh in control of the car. We can perform this test one thousand times and the results will always be the same, thereby confirming that we are in control of the automobile and not Yahweh. Control means, “to exercise restraint or direction upon the free action of; to hold sway over, exercise power or authority over; to dominate or command.”⁴ Something being controlled has no choice or freedom of will. If Yahweh is in control of the affairs of mankind, then mankind cannot have freedom of will.

Yahweh, as the Creator, relinquished His control over His creation, the earth, and gave it to mankind.⁵ He gave Adam and Eve the authority and power to control their own environment, the earth. He also gave them the ability to choose their age-abiding destiny; live in the garden forever or die.⁶ He instructed them that they could choose life by eating of the tree of life or they could choose death by eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They chose death! Cain also chose death, while Abel chose life. Men are accountable for their own choices because men and not Yahweh, are in control of their own affairs.

The Church teaching that Yahweh is in Control, is like gangrene in the Body of the Christ. For example, let’s consider the event where King Herod murdered the children in Bethlehem.⁷ If Yahweh was in control, then Yahweh ordered or allowed Herod and his

³ Ac 10:38 How Yahweh anointed him with holy spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the adversary, because, Yahweh, was with him.

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⁵ Ps 115:16 As for the heavens, the heavens, belong to Yahweh, but the earth, hath he given to the sons of men.

⁶ And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them—Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it,—and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the bird of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth on the land. And Elohim said—Lo! I have given to you—every herb yielding seed which is on the face of all the land, and every tree wherein is the fruit of a tree, yielding seed,—to you, shall it be, for food; and to every living thing of the land—and to every bird of the heavens, and to every thing that moveth on the land, wherein is a living soul, every green herb for food. And it was so. Gen. 1:28-30

⁷ Now, when they had retired, lo! a messenger of Yahweh, appeareth by dream unto Joseph, saying, Arise, take unto thee the child and its mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there, until I tell thee,—for Herod is about to seek the child, to destroy it. And, he, arising, took unto him the child and its mother, by night, and retired into Egypt; and was there, until the death of Herod,—that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt, called I my son. Then Herod, seeing that he had been mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly enraged,—and sent and slew all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all its bounds, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled, that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying: A voice, in

soldiers to murder children. One of whom would have been His only-begotten Son, if a messenger of Yahweh had not warned Joseph in a dream. Why would Yahweh send a messenger to Joseph and have him flee to Egypt, if He was in control of Herod and his soldiers? If Yahweh could have stopped King Herod from murdering the children, then Yahweh and not Herod was responsible for the deaths of the innocent children. The teaching that Yahweh is in control makes men puppets; unaccountable for their actions. If men are puppets, then they cannot be judged for their actions; contradicting Yahweh's teachings.⁸ Yahoshua was not a puppet but the only-begotten Son of Yahweh who had freedom of will. He chose to submit his will to his Father's will.⁹

Yahoshua said to Phillip, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9). Yahoshua fully made known Yahweh when he was anointed with the spirit of Yahweh. He was the image of Yahweh; "...who, being an eradiated brightness of his [Yahweh's] glory, and an exact representation of his [Yahweh] very being..." (Heb. 1:3). Yahoshua came to reveal the Father and the adversary in a truer light than Moses and the prophets ever could.¹⁰

As an illustration, let us examine the topic of divorce, which was acceptable with Moses but unacceptable with Yahoshua, except in the case of adultery. 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 divorce, and put it into her hand, and shall send her forth, out of his house." Yahoshua brings the covenant of marriage into a truer light than Moses had known. The Pharisees questioned Yahoshua by saying, "...Moses permitted, to write, a roll of dismissal, and to divorce. But, Yahoshua, 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. 10:4-9). Yahoshua brought to light our Father's heart on divorce.

Ramah, was heard, weeping and great mourning,—Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted,—because they are not. Mt. 2:13-18

⁸ Ro 14:10 But, thou, why dost thou judge thy brother? Aye! and thou, why dost thou despise thy brother? For, all of us, shall present ourselves unto the judgment seat of Yahweh;

2Co 5:10 For, we all, must needs be made manifest before the judgment seat of the Christ, that each one may get back the things done by means of the body, according to the things which he practised, whether good or corrupt.

Rom. 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and, books, were opened, and, another book, was opened, which is, the book, of life; and the dead, were judged, out of the things written in the books, according to their works.

⁹ Lu 22:42 saying—Father! if thou please, bear aside this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be accomplished.

¹⁰ And, the Word, 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 favour and truth... Because, out of his fulness, we all, received, even favour over against favour. Because, the law, through Moses, was given, favour and truth, through Yahoshua Christ, came into existence. No one, hath seen [horao, to see with the mind, to perceive, know], Yahweh, at any time: An Only Begotten Elohim, The One existing within the bosom of the Father, He, hath interpreted [exegeomai, used in Greek writing of the interpretation of things sacred and divine, oracles, dreams, etc.] him. Jn. 1:14-19

Another example of Yahweh withholding information from His servants would be when He outlawed the eating of pork. Did the Hebrews understand the problem with eating pork or eating carnivores?¹¹ No. Today we understand the wisdom of such a law because pork and carnivores can be infected with the larvae of a species of worm called, ‘Trichinella.’ When this meat is under cooked you can get trichinosis,¹² which can lead to death. In the Old Covenant, Yahweh was presented as the Good Guy and the Bad Guy. Yahoshua unveiled our Father as being the Good Guy, while identifying the serpent and his workers as the Bad Guys.

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.¹³ In the Old Covenant we were told his methods and his fate but we were never given instructions on how to deal with him. Also we were never told that he runs a wicked kingdom where he rules over unclean or familiar spirits, messengers, his children, etc. When Cain murdered Abel, the adversary’s influence on Cain was never mentioned. The full story came 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 spirits came from Yahweh, while in the New Covenant, impure spirits come from our adversary.¹⁴ In the Old Covenant sickness came from Yahweh, while in the New Covenant disease can come from the adversary.¹⁵ In the Old Covenant there was very little information about our spiritual enemy. (See Appendix A) Demons were just as active then as they are today even though wickedness was not attributed to them. Yahoshua came to expose the dragon and his methods, while at the same time equipping us with the necessary tools needed to defeat our spiritual enemies.

¹¹ Lev. 11

¹² Trichinellosis, also called trichinosis, is caused by eating raw or undercooked meat of animals infected with the larvae of a species of worm called *Trichinella*. Infection occurs commonly in certain wild carnivorous (meat-eating) animals but may also occur in domestic pigs. Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue, fever, and abdominal discomfort are the first symptoms of trichinellosis. Headaches, fevers, chills, cough, eye swelling, aching joints and muscle pains, itchy skin, diarrhea, or constipation follow the first symptoms. If the infection is heavy, patients may experience difficulty coordinating movements, and have heart and breathing problems. In severe cases, death can occur.

¹³ In the Book of Job, most translators translate the Hebrew word, ‘07854 שָׁנָה 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 Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries <07854> unto me?”

¹⁴ 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)

But Satan entered into Judas, him called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve; and, departing, he conversed with the High-priests and Captains, as to how, unto them, he might deliver him up. Lk. 22:3-4

¹⁵ even every disease and, every plague, which are not written in this scroll of the law, will Yahweh bring up against thee, until thou art destroyed. De 28:61

But, this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom satan had bound, lo! eighteen years, was there not a needs—be that she should be loosed from this bond, on the day of rest? Lk. 13:16

Yahoshua was the first person to take authority over demons and the adversary. We never saw Moses, Elijah or any other Old Covenant prophet cast out demons. One of Yahoshua's purposes was to expose and deliverer us from the authority of the adversary. Yahoshua's mission is recorded below as:

"Healing all that were oppressed by the adversary." Acts 10:38

"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

Our spiritual enemies have now been revealed. In the Old Covenant, there was no mention of spiritual enemies 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? I believe that Yahweh withheld this information from the Old Covenant believers because they were not spiritually prepared to fight spiritual wickedness; they were not filled with the spirit of Yahweh. The information concerning our adversary must have had to be withheld from man until the outpouring of the gift of spirit, as prophesied by the prophet Joel, which first occurred on the Day of Pentecost. The gift of spirit, poured out upon those that believe, brought with it three manifestations, which are word of knowledge, word of wisdom and discerning of spirits. These are the tools necessary to defeat the enemy.¹⁶ Ephesians unveils our spiritual warfare with a guarantee that we are able to extinguish every ignited dart of the wicked one. Why? We have received the of gift of holy spirit and power.¹⁷

Yahweh, as Judge, has and will in the future, inflict pain and death upon wicked men, as was done to the Egyptians,¹⁸ Sodomites¹⁹ and the wicked people who will be living during

¹⁶ But, unto each one, is given the manifesting of the spirit, with a view to that which is profitable; For, unto one, indeed, through the spirit, is given, a word of wisdom, but, unto another, a word of knowledge, according to the same spirit; — Unto a different one, faith, in the same spirit, and, unto another, gifts of healings, in the one spirit, And, unto another, energies of mighty works, [[and]], unto another, prophesying, [[and]], unto another, discriminations of spirits,—unto a different one, kinds of tongues, and, unto another, translation of tongues; — But, all these, energiseth the one and the same spirit, distributing unto each one, peculiarly, even as it is disposed. I Cor. 12:7-11

¹⁷ Put on the complete armour of Yahweh, with a view to your having power to stand against the strategies of the adversary; Because our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but, against the principalities, against the authorities, against the world-holders, of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenlies. For this cause, take up the complete armour of Yahweh, in order that ye may receive power to withstand in the evil day, and, all things, having accomplished, to stand! Stand therefore,—having girded your loins with truth, and put on the breastplate of righteousness, And shod your feet with the readiness of the glad-message of peace; With all, having taken up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall have power, all the ignited darts of the wicked one, to quench; Eph. 6:11-16

¹⁸ Then said Yahweh unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh,—then shalt thou say unto him—Thus, saith Yahweh,—Let my people go, that they may serve me. But, if thou art, refusing, to let them go, lo! I, am plaguing all thy boundaries with frogs; Ex. 8:1-2

¹⁹ And the men said unto Lot, Whom, besides, hast thou here? Son-in-law, and thy sons and thy daughters, and all that thou hast in the city, bring thou forth out of the place; For we are about to destroy this place,—for, great, is the outcry of them unto the face of Yahweh, so that Yahweh hath sent us to destroy it. Gen. 19:12-13

the Book of Revelations.²⁰ Yahweh will always command men to repent of their evil ways first but if they do not repent, then justice can be administered by pain and or death. Yahweh will always take full credit for His judgments.²¹ Hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes will never come from Yahweh unless he foretells their arrival, by a prophet, thereby warning the righteous people to flee His judgment. Prophets or messengers, sent by Yahweh or Christ, will always warn the people of impending doom first. This allows the people to repent before judgment is unleashed. Righteous men, such as Lot and his daughters, were warned beforehand, allowing them to flee His anger. Righteous individuals could also be given instructions on how to avoid His judgment.²²

The Old Covenant believers viewed Yahweh through a dimmer window than we have today. Yahweh spoke to Moses in the Old Covenant, while now He has spoken unto us though His Son, who has interpreted unto us the Father, in His fullness. Moses longed for a day when all of Yahweh's people could have spirit.²³ Today is that day! Spirit allows us to know and understand the things of Yahweh.²⁴ Yahoshua also unveiled the adversary and his kingdom.²⁵ These unveilings had never before been revealed in the capacity we now see them. We now see a Father of love, life and healing. We also see a spiritually wicked kingdom where deception, death and destruction are it's objective. 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. The Bad Guys have now been revealed. They are the slanderer, his workers and men. Our conflict with evil is never caused by Yahweh but is the result of;

1. the curse that resulted from the sin of Adam and Eve;
2. the result of sin;
3. the result of the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenlies.

²⁰ Nevertheless, I have against thee, that thou sufferest the woman Jezebel, she who calleth herself a prophetess, and is teaching and leading astray my own servants to commit lewdness and to eat idol-sacrifices; and I gave her time, that she might repent, and she willet not to repent out of her lewdness. Lo! I cast her into a bed, and them who are committing adultery with her, into great tribulation,—except they repent out of her works; Rev. 2:20-22

²¹ Then said Yahweh unto Moses, Rise thou early in the morning, and station thyself before Pharaoh,—then shalt thou say unto him—Thus, saith Yahweh, Elohim of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me; for, this time, am, I, sending all my plagues unto thy heart, and amongst thy servants, and amongst thy people,—to the intent thou mayest get to know, that there is none like me, in all the earth. For, now, might I have put forth my hand, and smitten thee and thy people, with pestilence,—and thou shouldst have secretly disappeared from the earth; but, in very deed, for this purpose, have I let thee remain, for the purpose of showing thee my might,—and that my name may be celebrated in all the earth. Ex. 9:13-16

²² And Yahweh will pass along to plague the Egyptians, and, when he beholdeth the blood upon the upper beam, and upon the two door-posts, then will Yahweh pass over the entrance, and not suffer the destroyer to enter into your houses, to inflict on you the plague. Ex. 12:23

²³ But Moses said unto him, Art, thou, jealous for, me? Oh would that, all the people of Yahweh, were prophets! Yea, let Yahweh put his spirit upon them! Num. 11:29

²⁴ 1Co 2:12 But, as for us,—not the spirit of the world, have we received, but the spirit which is of Yahweh,—that we might know the things which, by Yahweh, have been given in favour unto us:

²⁵ Lu 11:18 And, if, even Satan, against himself hath become divided, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye are saying that, in Beelzebul, am I casting out the demons.

Appendix A

Demons, Diabolos & Satan Were Basically Unknown In the Old Covenant

Old Covenant Usage

07700 שָׁדֵךְ shed shade (demon = 2)

De 32:17 They sacrificed to mischievous demons, to a No-El, elohims whom they knew not,—New ones lately come in, Your fathers never shuddered at them!

Ps 106:37 Yea they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to mischievous demons;

New Covenant Usage

1140 δαίμονιον daimonion *dahee-mon'-ee-on* (demon = 60)

Mt 7:22 Many, will say unto me, in, that, day, Lord! Lord! did we not, in thy name, prophesy, and, in thy name, cast, demons, out,—and, in thy name, many works of power, perform?

Mt 9:33 And, the demon being cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled, saying,—Never, was it seen thus, in Israel.

Mt 9:34 [[But, the Pharisees, beg to say, In the ruler of the demons, is he casting out the demons.]]

Mt 10:8 Be curing, the sick, raising, the dead,—cleansing, lepers, casting out, demons: freely, ye have, received, freely, give.

Mt 11:18 For, John, came, neither eating nor drinking, and they say—A demon, he hath!

Mt 12:24 But, the Pharisees, hearing it, said, This one, doth not cast out the demons, save in Beelzebul ruler of the demons.

Mt 12:27 And, if, I, in Beelzebul, am casting out the demons, In whom are, your sons, casting them out? Wherefore, they, shall be, judges of you.

Mt 12:28 But, if, in Yahweh's Spirit, I, am casting out the demons, then doubtless hath come upon you unawares, the kingdom of Yahweh!

Mt 17:18 And Yahoshua rebuked it; and the demon came out of him,—and cured was the boy, from that hour.

Mr 1:34 and he cured many that were sick with divers diseases, and, many demons, he cast out, and suffered not the demons to be talking,—because they knew him [[to be Christ]].

Mr 1:39 and he came, making proclamation, into their synagogues, throughout the whole of Galilee,—and, was casting the demons out.

Mr 3:15 and to have authority to cast out the demons;

Mr 3:22 ¶ And, the Scribes who from Jerusalem had come down, were saying—He hath, Beelzebul; and—In the ruler of the demons, casteth he out the demons.

Mr 6:13 and, many demons, were they casting out,—and were anointing with oil, many sick, and were curing them.

Mr 7:26 Now, the woman, was a Grecian, a Syrophenician by race,—and she was requesting him that, the demon, he would cast forth out of her daughter.

Mr 7:29 and he said to her—Because of this word, go thy way, the demon hath gone forth out of thy daughter;

Mr 7:30 and, departing unto her house, she found the child laid prostrate on the couch, and the demon gone forth.

Mr 9:38 John said unto him—Teacher! we saw someone, in thy name, casting out demons,—and we forbade him, because he was not following with us.

Mr 16:9 ¶ [[[And, arising early, on the first of the week, he was manifested, first, unto Mary the Magdalene, from whom he had cast, seven demons.

Mr 16:17 Signs, moreover, shall follow, them who have believed,—these:—In my name, shall they cast, demons, out, with tongues, shall they speak,—[[and, in their hands,]] they shall take up, serpents;

Lu 4:33 And, in the synagogue, was a man having a spirit of an impure demon; and he cried out with a loud voice—

Lu 4:35 And Yahoshua rebuked it, saying—Hold thy peace! and go forth from him. And the demon, throwing him into the midst, went forth from him, doing him no hurt.

Lu 4:41 And demons also were going forth from many; crying aloud, and saying—Thou, art the Son of Yahweh. And, rebuking them, he suffered them not be talking; because they knew him to be, The Christ.

Lu 7:33 For John the Immerser hath come, neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and ye say—A demon, he hath:

Lu 8:2 and certain women, who had been cured from evil spirits and infirmities,—Mary, the one called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone forth,

Lu 8:27 And, when he went forth upon the land, there met him a certain man, out of the city, having demons; and, for a considerable time, he had put on no garment, and, in a house, would not abide, but among the tombs.

Lu 8:30 And Yahoshua questioned him—What name hast thou? And, he, said—Legion! because many demons had entered into him.

Lu 8:33 And the demons, going forth from the man entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff, into the lake, and were choked.

Lu 8:35 And they went forth to see what had happened; and came unto Yahoshua, and found the man from whom the demons had gone forth, sitting, clothed, and of sound mind, near the feet of Yahoshua,—and they were struck with fear.

Lu 8:38 And the man from whom the demons had gone forth, began to beg of him, that he might be with him; but he dismissed him, saying—

Lu 9:1 ¶ And, calling together the twelve, he gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to be curing, diseases;

Lu 9:42 And, while yet he was coming, the demon tare him, and mangled him. But Yahoshua rebuked the impure spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

Lu 9:49 But John, answering, said—Master! we saw some one, in thy name, casting out demons,—and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us.

Lu 10:17 ¶ And the seventy[[-two]] returned, with joy, saying—Lord! even the demons, submit themselves unto us, in thy name!

Lu 11:14 ¶ And he was casting out a demon that was dumb; and it came to pass, when the demon went out, the dumb began speaking. And the multitudes marveled;

Lu 11:15 but, some from among them, said—In Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, is he casting out the demons;

Lu 11:18 And, if, even Satan, against himself hath become divided, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye are saying that, in Beelzebul, am I casting out the demons.

Lu 11:19 But, if, I, in Beelzebul, am casting out the demons, In whom are, your sons, casting them out? Wherefore, they, shall be, your judges.

Lu 11:20 But, if, with the finger of Yahweh, I, am casting out the demons, then doubtless unawares hath come upon you, the kingdom of Yahweh.

Lu 13:32 And he said unto them—Go and tell this fox, Lo! I am casting out demons, and, cures, am I finishing, today, and tomorrow,—

Joh 7:20 The multitude answered—A demon, thou hast: Who, is seeking, to slay, thee?

Joh 8:48 The Jews answered, and said unto him—Do, we, not, well, say: Thou, art, a Samaritan, and hast a demon?

Joh 8:49 Yahoshua answered—I, have not, a demon, but honour my Father: and, ye, dishonour me.

Joh 8:52 The Jews said unto him—Now, we know that, a demon, thou hast:—Abraham, died, and, the prophets, and yet, thou, sayest: If anyone shall keep, my word, in nowise shall he taste of death, unto times age-abiding.

Joh 10:20 But many from among them were saying—A demon, he hath, and is raving,—Why, unto him, do ye hearken?

Joh 10:21 Others, said—These sayings, are not those of one demonized,—Can, a demon, open the eyes of, the blind?

Ac 17:18 But, certain both of the Epicurean and of the Stoic philosophers, were encountering him; and some were saying—What might this picker-up-of-scraps wish to be saying? And, others—Of foreign demons, he seemeth to be a declarer: because, of Yahoshua and the Resurrection, he was announcing the joyful tidings.

1Co 10:20 On the contrary—that, the things which the nations sacrifice, unto demons, and not unto Yahweh, they sacrifice; and I wish not that ye should become, sharers together with the demons!

1Co 10:21 Ye cannot be drinking—a cup of the Lord, and a cup of demons; ye cannot be partaking of, a table of the Lord, and a table of demons.

1Ti 4:1 ¶ Howbeit, the Spirit, expressly saith—that, in later seasons, some will revolt from the faith, giving heed unto seducing spirits, and unto teachings of demons—

Jas 2:19 Thou believest that Yahweh is, one: thou doest, well—Even the demons believe, and shudder!

Re 9:20 And, the rest of mankind who were not slain by these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands,—that they should not do homage unto the demons, nor unto the idols of gold and of silver and of copper and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

Old Covenant Usage

Diabolos (devil or adversary = 0)

New Covenant Usage

1228 διαβόλος diabolos *dee-ab'-ol-os* (slanderer = 38)

Mt 4:1 ¶ Then, Yahoshua was led up into the wilderness, by the Spirit, to be tempted by the slanderer;

Mt 4:5 Then, the slanderer taketh him with him, unto the holy city,—and he set him upon the pinnacle of the temple;

Mt 4:8 Again, the slanderer taketh him with him, into an exceeding high mountain,—and pointeth out to him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;

Mt 4:11 Then, the slanderer leaveth him,—and lo! messengers came near, and began ministering unto him.

Mt 13:39 And, the enemy that sowed them, is the slanderer, and, the harvest, is, the conclusion of an age, and, the reapers, are, messengers.

Mt 25:41 Then, will he say unto those also, on his left hand: Depart ye from me, accursed ones! Into the age-abiding fire, which hath been prepared for the slanderer and his messengers;

Lu 4:2 forty days,—being tempted by the slanderer; and he did eat nothing in those days,—and, when they were concluded, he hungered.

Lu 4:3 And the slanderer said to him—If thou art Yahweh’s, Son, speak unto this stone; that it become bread.

Lu 4:5 And, leading him up, he shewed him all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth, in a moment of time.

Lu 4:6 And the slanderer said to him—Unto thee, will I give this authority, all together, and their glory; because, unto me, hath it been delivered up, and, to whomsoever I please, I give it:

Lu 4:13 And, having concluded every temptation, the slanderer departed from him until a fitting season.

Lu 8:12 And, those beside the pathway, are they who have heard; afterwards, cometh the slanderer, and catcheth away the word from their heart, lest, believing, they should, be saved.

Joh 6:70 Yahoshua answered them—Did not, I, make choice, of you, the twelve? And yet, from among you, one, is, an slanderer.

Joh 8:44 Ye, are, of your father—the slanderer, and, the covetings of your father, ye choose to be doing. He, was, a murderer, from the beginning, and, in the truth, he stood not; because truth is not in him: Whosoever he speaketh falsehood, of his own, he speaketh; because, false, he is, and, the father of it.

Joh 13:2 And, supper, being in progress, the slanderer, having already thrust into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, that he should deliver him up,—

Ac 10:38 How Yahweh anointed him with Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the slanderer, because, Yahweh, was with him.

Ac 13:10 Said—O full of all guile, and all recklessness! Son of an slanderer! Enemy of all righteousness!—Wilt thou not cease to pervert the straight ways of the Lord?

Eph 4:27 Neither be giving place unto the slanderer;

Eph 6:11 Put on the complete armour of Yahweh, with a view to your having power to stand against the strategies of the slanderer;

1Ti 3:6 Not a new convert, lest, being beclouded, into the sentence of the slanderer, he fall;

1Ti 3:7 It is needful, moreover, to have, an honourable testimony also, from them who are without, lest, into reproach, he fall, and the snare of the slanderer.

1Ti 3:11 Wives, in the same way,—dignified, not given to intrigue, sober, faithful in all things.

2Ti 2:26 And they should wake up to sobriety out of, the slanderer’s, snare,—though they have been taken alive by him for, that one’s, will.

2Ti 3:3 without natural affection, accepting no truce, given to intrigue, without self-control, uncivilized, unfriendly to good men,

Tit 2:3 Aged women, in the same way, in deportment, as becometh sacred persons, not given to intrigue, nor yet, to much wine, enslaved, teachers of virtue,—

Heb 2:14 ¶ Seeing therefore the children have received a fellowship of blood and flesh, he also, in like manner, took partnership in the same,—in order that, through death,—he might paralyse him that held the dominion of death, that is, the Slanderer,—

Jas 4:7 Range yourselves, therefore, under Yahweh, but withstand the slanderer, and he will flee from you:

1Pe 5:8 ¶ Be sober! be watchful! Your slanderous slanderer, as a roaring lion, is walking about—seeking to devour:

1Jo 3:8 He that is committing sin, is, of the slanderer, because, from the beginning, the slanderer is sinning. To this end, was the Son of Yahweh made manifest, in order that he might undo the works of the slanderer.

1Jo 3:10 Herein, are, manifest, the children of Yahweh, and the children of the slanderer: Whoever is not doing righteousness, is not of Yahweh, nor yet he that is not loving his brother.

Jude 1:9 Whereas, Michael, the chief-messenger, when, with the slanderer, disputing, he was reasoning about the body of Moses, durst not impose on him a defamatory sentence, but said—The Lord rebuke thee!

Re 2:10 Do not fear the things which thou art about to suffer. Lo! the slanderer is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried, and may have tribulation ten days. Become thou faithful until death, and I will give thee the crown of life.

Re 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out,—the ancient serpent, he that is called Slanderer and the Satan, that deceiveth the whole habitable world,—he was cast to the earth, and his messengers, with him, were cast.

Re 12:12 ¶ For this cause, be joyful, O heavens, and ye who, therein, are tabernacling. Woe! unto the earth, and the sea, because the Slanderer hath come down unto you, having great wrath—knowing that, but a little season, he hath.

Re 20:2 and he laid hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is Slanderer and the Accuser, and bound him for a thousand years,—

Re 20:10 and, the Slanderer that had been deceiving them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where *were* both the wild-beast and the false-prophet; and they shall be tormented, day and night, unto the ages of ages.

Old Covenant Usage

07854 שָׂטָן saw-tawn' (adversary = 14)

as a spiritual opponent

1Ch 21:1 ¶ Then the accuser stood up, against Israel,—and moved David, to number Israel.

Job 1:6 ¶ Now there came a certain day, when the sons of ElohimYahweh entered in to present themselves unto Yahweh,—so the accuser also entered, in their midst.

Job 1:7 And Yahweh said unto the accuser, Whence comest thou? And the accuser answered Yahweh, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and wandering about therein.

Job 1:8 And Yahweh said unto the accuser, Hast thou applied thy heart unto my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, one revering Yahweh and avoiding evil?

Job 1:9 And the accuser answered Yahweh, and said, Is it, for nought, that Job revereth Elohim?

Job 1:12 And Yahweh said unto the accuser, Lo! all that he hath, is in thy hand, only, against himself, do not put forth thy hand. So the accuser went forth from the presence of Yahweh.

Job 2:1 ¶ And there came a certain day when the sons of Elohim entered in, to present themselves unto Yahweh—so the accuser also entered in their midst, to present himself unto Yahweh.

Job 2:2 And Yahweh said unto the accuser, Whence comest thou? And the accuser answered Yahweh, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from wandering about therein.

Job 2:3 And Yahweh said unto the accuser, Hast thou applied thy heart unto my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, one who revereth Elohim, and avoideth evil; and still he is holding fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to swallow him up without cause.

Job 2:4 Then the accuser answered Yahweh, and said, Skin for skin, and so, all that a man hath, will he give for his life.

Job 2:6 And Yahweh said unto the accuser, Behold him! in thy hand,—only, his life, preserve thou!

Job 2:7 ¶ So the accuser went forth from the presence of Yahweh,—and smote Job with a sore boil, from the sole of his foot, unto his crown.

Zec 3:1 ¶ And he shewed me, Joshua the high priest, standing before the messenger of Yahweh,—and, the Accuser, standing at his right hand, to accuse him.

Zec 3:2 Then said Yahweh unto the Accuser, Yahweh rebuke thee, O Accuser, Yea Yahweh rebuke thee, he who is choosing Jerusalem,—Is not, this, a brand snatched out of the fire?

New Covenant Usage

4567 σατανας Satanas *sat-an-as'* (adversary = 36)

Mt 4:10 Then saith Yahoshua unto him, Withdraw, Satan! for it is written,—The Lord thy Elohim, shalt thou worship, and, to him alone, render divine service.

Mt 12:26 And, if, Satan, is casting, Satan, out, against himself, hath he become divided,—How then shall, his kingdom, stand?

Mt 16:23 But, he, turning, said to Peter—Withdraw behind me, Satan! A snare, art thou of mine, because thou art not regarding the things of Yahweh, but the things of men.

Mr 1:13 and he was in the wilderness, forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts,—and, the messengers, were ministering unto him.

Mr 3:23 And, calling them near, in parables, began he to say unto them—How can, Satan, cast, Satan out?

Mr 3:26 And, if, Satan, hath risen up against himself, and become divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

Mr 4:15 And these are they beside the pathway where the word is sown,—and, as soon as they hear, straightway, cometh Satan, and snatcheth away the word which hath been sown into them;

Mr 8:33 But, he, turning round and looking upon his disciples, rebuked Peter, and saith—Withdraw behind me, Satan! because thou art not regarding the things, of Yahweh, but the things, of men.

Lu 4:8 And, answering, Yahoshua said to him—It is written: The Lord thy Elohim, shalt thou worship, and, unto him alone, render divine service.

Lu 10:18 And he said unto them—I was beholding Satan, when, like lightning, out of heaven, he fell!

Lu 11:18 And, if, even Satan, against himself hath become divided, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye are saying that, in Beelzebul, am I casting out the demons.

Lu 13:16 But, this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo! eighteen years, was there not a needs—be that she should be loosed from this bond, on the day of rest?

Lu 22:3 But Satan entered into Judas, him called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve;

Lu 22:31 Simon! Simon! lo! Satan, hath claimed you, to sift as wheat;

Joh 13:27 And, after the morsel, then, entered, Satan, into that man. Yahoshua, therefore, saith unto him—What thou art doing, do quickly!

Ac 5:3 But Peter said—Ananias! wherefore did Satan fill thy heart, that thou shouldst deal falsely with the Holy Spirit, and keep back part of the price of the field?

Ac 26:18 To open their eyes; that they turn from darkness unto light, and the authority of Satan unto Yahweh, that they may receive remission of sins, and an inheritance among them who have been made holy by the faith respecting me.

Ro 16:20 Howbeit, the Elohim of peace, will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The favour of our Lord Yahoshua, be with you.

1Co 5:5 To deliver such a one as this, unto Satan, for the destruction of the flesh,—that, the spirit, may be saved in the day of the Lord.

1Co 7:5 Be not depriving one another—unless perhaps by consent for a season, that ye may have leisure for prayer, and, again, may be together,—lest Satan be tempting you by reason of your want of self-control.

2Co 2:11 Lest we should be overreached by Satan, for, of his thoughts, we are not ignorant.

2Co 11:14 And no marvel! for, Satan himself, doth transfigure himself into a messenger of light!

2Co 12:7 Wherefore, lest I should be unduly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me,—lest I should be unduly lifted up.

1Th 2:18 Wherefore, we desired to come unto you—even, I, Paul, both once and again,—and, Satan, thwarted us.

2Th 2:9 Whose, presence, *shall be* according to an inworking of Satan, with all manner of mighty work and signs and wonders of falsehood,

1Ti 1:20 Of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may be taught by discipline not to be defaming.

1Ti 5:15 For, already, some have turned aside after Satan:

Re 2:9 I know thy tribulation, and destitution, nevertheless, thou art, rich, and the profane speech from among them who affirm that they themselves are, Jews, and they are not, but a synagogue of Satan.

Re 2:13 I know where thou dwellest, where, the throne of Satan, is; and thou art holding fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was killed near you, where, Satan, dwelleth.

Re 2:24 But, unto you, I say,—the rest who are in Thyatira, as many as have not this teaching, such as have not come to know the deep things of Satan, as they say, I do not cast upon you any other burden;

Re 3:9 Lo! I give them of the synagogue of Satan, who are affirming themselves to be, Jews, and are not,—but say what is false,—lo! I will cause them, that they shall have come, and shall bow down before thy feet, and shall get to know that, I, loved thee.

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