

Wrath of Abandonment

In the Book of Genesis we are told of the creations by our Lord. In six days He created the sun, moon, stars, heaven, earth, brought light to the world, created animals, with man being the last of His creations on the sixth day. Upon completion of these creations, He surveyed all He had accomplished and declared:

Gen. 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, **it was very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Yes, it was very good. How happy He must have been as He thought of the children that would be born and become part of the large family He desired, the very purpose and design of His creation. The angels watched and shouted for joy as they saw the last of the creation, mankind, brought to life.

Job 38:4 **Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding.
5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? **6**
Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; **7** **When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

Since Yah is omniscient, all knowing, He had to be aware of the fact that His children would become rebellious and full of sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, Yah put the Plan of Salvation into effect by telling the serpent, Satan, what the future would be for him.

Gen. 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **15** And I will put enmity **between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

This prophecy given above was referencing Yahshua and Satan, the bruising of Satan's head and the bruising of Yahshua's heel. The crucifixion of Christ, the bruising of His heel was not a fatal blow. This was necessary in the Plan of Salvation since the death of Yahshua and His resurrection was the atonement for the sins of the believers. At this time, the final part of the bruising of Satan's head, everlasting exile in the Lake of Fire, remains to be fulfilled upon Yahshua's return.

Rom. 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Rev. 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are (were), and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

There are many biblical stories revealing Yah's anger and wrath resulting in punishment inflicted upon individuals and cities. The first recipients of the inflicted punishment were Adam and Eve. They had been completely disobedient to Yah when they ate from the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil." They had been given the specific command of not to eat the fruit of this tree; their disobedience led to their losing the privilege of living in the Garden of Eden. They now had to learn the difficult lesson of how they were to preserve their lives by hard work and continual struggle. The result of their disobedience is the lesson that all of posterity is forced to face and experience. Generation to generation, millennium to millennium hard work and struggle are the intrinsic, deep rooted components of life.

As stated there are many stories, given as examples, in order for us not to proceed down the path of evil and disobedience. Again in Genesis we are told of the flood that destroyed all of mankind with the exception of Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives.

Gen. 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Gen. 7:7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

Gen. 7:21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: **22** All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. **23** And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

The flood that took the lives of all mankind and beast was in retribution for the wickedness of mankind and for the sins committed by the "Sons of God."

Gen. 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, **2** That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. **3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **4** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. **5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

It is clear the "Sons of God" are the fallen angels. In Gen. 6:2 we find these angels took the daughters of men, marrying and having children with them. Job 1:6 and 2:6 reveals the "Sons of God" presenting themselves, along with Satan, before the Lord.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

The angels who had lived with Yah knew His ways and His laws. They came to this earth corrupting themselves along with the lives of all they touched. Again, we find disobedience, disrespect and of course, in the case of Satan, the need for the power and glory which alone belongs to Yah.

In Genesis 19 we find the anger of Yah as He destroys Sodom, Gomorrah and turns Lot's wife into a pillar of salt.

Gen. 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; **25** And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. **26** But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Did Lot's wife know of Yah's law? Most likely. Abraham had spoken with Lot and told him of the laws that had verbally been given to him with Lot then presumably telling his wife about them. Regardless of whether she knew of Yah's laws, she had been given a direct command from the angels. Her husband, her two daughters chose to obey the command and their lives were spared. Disobedience is a form of disrespect. If there is no respect then there is no felt need to obey. Showing disrespect and disobedience to our God proves our love and loyalty to Satan and to the secular world.

Sodom and Gomorrah were pagan cities and as such had not been blessed with either Yah's presence or His laws. However, their iniquities were so grievously perverse and decadent that Yah issued judgment in the form of brimstone and fire, totally annihilating them.

The following two scriptures were quoted above:

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Our Lord with His everlasting mercy, long patience and love came down to earth to see firsthand, for Himself, if the stories about these two cities were true. Stories, if true, would reveal how monumental and abhorrent their sins were and the need for His justice to be carried out.

Gen. 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; **21** I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Abraham bargained with our Lord as he pleaded for the cities not to be destroyed if there were at least 50 righteous men to be found. The Lord agreed, except Abraham wasn't finished with his bargaining. He eventually brought the number from 50 righteous to 10 righteous, with the Lord agreeing.

Gen. 18:32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

Unfortunately Yah did not even find ten righteous, only four, and out of the four, one would be turned into a pillar of salt.

I have listed only four examples in the first nineteen chapters of Scripture expressing Yah's anger along with His judgment or retribution for the sin committed. As our Creator, He has given us laws, commandments, judgments to live by. He has also strongly counseled and informed us of His being the Potter and we are the clay; we cannot wrestle and contend with Him as an adversary. We are His servants, and as such, can never be above the Master.

Matt. 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

We are told in 2nd Timothy 3:16, scripture is given to us by Yah for instruction, admonishment and correction. We are given these examples as a direction for living our lives meaningfully and righteously while teaching us the immensity of the punishment that will be measured out for our sinful behavior.

Deut. 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Our Lord does not change; His laws have not changed. As told us in Rom. 6:23, the wages of sin is death. This is no different from Deut. 30:19 when we are told to choose life.

All of us living in today's environment are more than aware of the evils that surround us. We see disunity, hatefulness, deceitfulness with violence taken to an extreme. Wars between nations are cruel, ugly and violent; yet we now see the same cruelty, ugliness and violence erupting on our streets, our campuses and the Halls of Congress.

It is hard to believe we are made in the image of God! Does God have such an angry and violent behavior? Yes, He definitely has anger, BUT, His anger, His wrath is not based on "difference of opinions, difference of racial color, difference of political parties" and the list goes on. His anger, His wrath is a righteous judgment. We, His children, are the ones who have maligned, disobeyed, rebelled, forsaken, and cursed our God. Our Creator made us in His image as His children and His family, and as such, were to be righteous, obedient and complete with His "agape" love.

Deuteronomy 30:20 reveals the requirements that are necessary in order for us to live our lives throughout eternity with our Lord.

Deut. 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

We need to make the choice of loving our Lord, obeying His voice, and cleaving (cling, follow close or be joined together) to Him in order for us to live. His righteous laws are not burdensome and the blessings given to us include increase on property, family, food, wealth, happiness with freedom from persecution. Yet, we, MAN, knowing better; still rebel and continue in disobedience.

Yah sent His Son to die for us in order for the death penalty to be removed.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Despite two thousand years since Yahshua died and was resurrected for us, we continue on our chosen path to destruction. Some refuse to know our Lord, while others follow traditions of man while fewer still actively consult our instruction book, the Bible.

The examples used are of Yah's anger and punishment for sin that may be forgiven by our Merciful God upon repentance of the sinner. Yet, we are also told of Yah's "wrath of abandonment." Wrath of abandonment, harsh uncompromising words—is it possible our God could and would abandon us? We are told in Rom. 1:18 that the wrath of God is made known against those that are irreverent, disrespectful, profane, and hold the truth, His truth in unrighteousness.

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is **revealed** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness.**

Strong's #601. apokaluptw apokalupto, ap-ok-al-ooop'-to (revealed) from 575 and 2572; to take off the cover, i.e. disclose:--reveal.

See Greek 575

575. apo apo, apo' - a - primary particle; "off," i.e. away (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation; literal or figurative):--(X here-)after, ago, at, because of, before, by (the space of), for(-th), from, in, (out) of, off, (up-)on(-ce), since, with. In composition (as a prefix) it **usually denotes separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal, etc.**

The following scriptures will relate many instances where man had abandoned Yah and received Yah's ultimate response to that abandonment.

Judges 10:13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore **I will deliver you no more.**

2 Chron. 15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; **but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.**

2 Chron. 24:20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? **because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.**

Psalms 81:11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. **12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.**

Hos. 4:17 Ephraim is joined to idols: **let him alone.**

Matt. 15:14 **Let them alone:** they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, **both shall fall into the ditch.**

*In each of these scriptures, we note that the people are already living their lives apart from Yah. They are serving other gods, praying to manmade idols and disobeying His laws. We are told many times how jlong suffering and patient our God is. He sent prophets to warn the people what would happen if they did not repent and change their ways. Most of us, especially in our youth, believe we are indestructible, nothing can hurt or harm us. These people were no different from us feeling that nothing would harm them. After all they were Yah's chosen, thus they felt there was no need for them to hear or pay attention to the words of the prophets. In rejecting what the prophets said, they rejected Yah. Up until that time, Yah was still in their lives watching over them. But **Yah now abandons;** His abandonment consists of removing any inhibitions remaining in their hearts and minds against evil.*

Rom. 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind,** to do those things which are not convenient; **29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **30** Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: **32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

All we have to do is read the newspapers and watch the news on television to see scriptures 29, 30 and 31 of Romans 1 come alive before our eyes. We are witnessing Yah's wrath as He is abandoning those people who have willingly rejected Him. Can you imagine being abandoned by Yah? Can you imagine yourself doing all those things that are listed above: What is most horrifying is not being aware of the sins we would be committing. Pathetically, we would be living our lives doing as these people are doing clueless, without awareness of our sinful life. How many believe they are accountable for what they are doing? Most will find a

scapegoat, blaming that “he or she made me do it,” or “it wasn’t my fault, it just happened.” Today who utters the words, “I’m sorry?” If you try to say those words, they stick in your throat and never pass your lips.

After each of the doomsday messages that were given to the Israelites, the ingredient of “hope” was prophesied if there was first repentance and change.

2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Psalms 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. **9** He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever.

From the Complete Jewish Bible

2 Kings 21:14 **I will abandon the remnant of My heritage**, delivering them into the power of their enemies – they will become prey and plunder for all their enemies.

2 Kings 24:3 Yes, it was at Adonai’s order that this happened to Judah, in order to remove them from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh and all he had done **4** and also because of the innocent blood he had shed—for he had flooded Jerusalem with innocent blood and **Adonai was unwilling to forgive.**

Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and **he reserveth wrath for his enemies.**

For me the difference between Yah’s anger and His wrath of abandonment is: when He is angry with you, He is still with you, helping you, guiding and protecting you. He abandons you when you abandon Him as He no longer believes you are worthy of His attention, guidance or help. He leaves you to your own devices. You are free to do all that is perverse and ugly. You are completely alone, without His protection, shelter, no warmth and most importantly, left alone without His love.

As previously stated, there are many who erroneously believe they are living a life of love and dedication to our God but their actions contradict their belief as they continue to follow the traditions of man, choosing not to study scripture. It is not enough to read the words, it is imperative to search and study the words and incorporate their meanings relative to a living plan actively motivated to choose life over spiritual death.

Those that forsake the true God wander endlessly after false ones

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