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Chapter One

The Good *naw-khash* Serpents And The Evil *naw-khash* Serpents

Two distinct connotations—one good and one evil—are apparent in eight of the Hebrew words for serpent. Each word pictures the *Good* Wisdom of Christ, the Holy Son of God, Who never strayed from His Father, and it includes those members of the Heavenly Host who chose to stay with the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. These Good Serpents war in God's Army against Leviathan and his evil serpents. The Hebrew words for serpent also picture the *evil* Serpent, Leviathan and his army, who are the portion of the Heavenly Host who followed Leviathan when he apostatized from the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The Evil serpents in Leviathan's army war against the Good Serpent and His followers.

The Hebrew words for these eight classes of Serpents are: *naw-khash*, *tan-neen*, *ef-eh*, *akshoob*, *peh-then*, *tseh-fah*, *shef-ee-fone*, *saw-rafe*. There is a ninth class of evil serpents, called *rehmes*. They war against God's Good Serpent-Wisdom, the Christ, through the human tongue, which is a small member of the human body, but which is set on Fire of Hell to wreak untold damage to hearts and souls when Leviathan and his *reh-mes* serpents control it.

Our study begins with the Hebrew word *naw-khash*, which identifies the first class of serpents in Leviathan's Army. It means to learn by experience, diligently observe, to shine, to hiss, to whisper, whispering of soothsayers, to practice enchantment, to use sorcery, divination by serpents, to augur, to forbade, to divine. *Naw-khash* is also the Hebrew word for copper and brass.

LORD God's Wisdom

Good Wisdom:

Christ, the Son of God, Is the Good Serpent-Wisdom.

- **God Brought Wisdom to Birth.**

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. Then I was by him, as one brought up with him : and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; (Proverbs 8:22,23,30).

- **LORD Jesus Christ Will Rule and Reign until ALL of His Enemies Are Under His Feet.**

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:25-28).

Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: (Ephesians 1:9).

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

- **Jesus' Feet Are Like Burning Brass (naw-khash).**

And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters (Revelation 1:15).

Stolen Wisdom:

Leviathan, the Apostate, Has Serpent Wisdom He Has Stolen from God.

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:1-5).

In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea (Isaiah 27:1).

I. The Good naw-khash Serpent Armies War for God, the Truth, and the Right.

God's Word tells us about many times that the LORD's Good Serpent armies have warred against Leviathan's evil serpent armies. For instance, the Tribe of Dan, Moses' Serpent Rod, Hezekiah, Uzziah, the Old Testament Prophets, man's conscience, true leaders, and fiery serpents in the wilderness have all been instruments of Good Serpents to war against Leviathan, the evil Serpent. Let us note the Scriptures that relate the times in which God used Good Serpents to help His people.

A. Dan Is a Good Serpent by the Way Who Bites the Heels of the LORD's Enemies.

Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, **that biteth the horse heels**, so that his rider shall fall backward (Genesis 49:17).

This verse is part of Jacob's Prophecies to his sons. When Jacob prophesied about the Tribe of Dan, he said Dan would be a Good Serpent by the way that would bite the heels of God's enemies. This was fulfilled through Samson when he was the Judge of Israel. Samson, in his life and by his death, was always biting the heels of the Philistines, during the Israelites' warfare against them.

B. Moses' Rod Became a Good Serpent, a Picture of Christ, the Wisdom of God, in Moses' Struggle Against Pharaoh to Free Israel from Egyptian Bondage.

And he [God] said, Cast it [Moses' Rod] on the ground. **And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent**; and Moses fled from before it (Exodus 4:3).

Moses was a stranger to Christ's Good *naw-khash* Serpent-Wisdom, so he fled from it. But the LORD bade Moses to take up the Good Serpent by the tail, which is the smallest beginning of Christ's Spiritual Stature of divine Wisdom.

C. Moses' Rod or Good Serpent-Wisdom Turned the Water to Blood.

Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and **the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand**. And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldst not hear. Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, **I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood** (Exodus 7:15-17).

Turning the water into blood was the first of the LORD's ten plagues on Egypt. This dreadful plague was a punishment and reminder of their grievous, cruel treatment of their Jewish slaves. The rolling streams of the bright blood of "death to all life" was a scene of horror that reminded the Egyptians of their cruel murders of Israel's sons.

D. The Way of the Good Serpent (Wisdom or Christ) Is on the Zoor Rock of His Heavenly Father.

The way of an eagle in the air; **the way of a serpent upon a rock**; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid (Proverbs 30:19).

The wise man described the four trackless, invisible Ways of the LORD's Holy Name. The second trackless Way is that of Christ, the Wisdom of God, the Son of God. Christ is the Only One Who knows the invisible trackless Way of His Father's Purposive Will, on the *zoor* Rock, that will bring victory to His people and defeat to His enemies.

E. God's Good *naw-khash* Serpents Are not Charmed by Leviathan's Enchantments.

For, behold, **I will send serpents**, cockatrices, among you, **which will not be charmed**, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD (Jeremiah 8:17).

The LORD God sent His Good Serpents, the Prophets, to bite and sting Israel with the arrows of Truth about their spiritual and natural whoredoms. If they refused to listen, He would send serpents from without, to bite and devour the Kingdom of Israel, but God promised them safety and victory if they would listen to His Serpent-Messengers.

F. God's Good Serpent Army Will Bite in the Conscience of Man in the Bottom of the Sea.

And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; **and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them** (Amos 9:3).

Mount Carmel, which is 1,800 feet above sea level, is a picture of the inaccessibility of the Heights in God, and the bottom of the sea a picture of the inaccessibility of the Depths in God. Again, the Good Serpent-Messenger, the Prophet Amos, warned God's people that they could not escape Judgment for their disobedience. Man cannot flee

from God, whether man goes to the Heights or to the Depths, because God's Good Serpent of Wisdom, the Son of God, will be there to bite man's conscience with the Truth that man is a guilty sinner before the LORD.

G. The LORD's True Leaders Are Like Fiery, Burning, Bright, Shining, Winged Serpents to the Wicked.

Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for **out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent** (Isaiah 14:29).

The particular flying, burning *naw-khash* Serpent, mentioned in this Scripture, was in the person of Hezekiah, king of Judah, who was the son and successor to his apostate father, Ahaz. Hezekiah "bit" the idolaters and whoredoms of Israel. He abolished idol worship in his kingdom. He tore down the idolater's high places, and he broke in pieces Moses' brazen serpent because the people had turned it into an idol.

Another true leader of God's People was Uzziah, a Good, Biting Serpent, who inflicted punishment on the LORD's enemies, so this verse in Isaiah also applies to him.

Uzziah walked in the ways of his father David. As a consequence, he was blessed to be a fiery, flying *naw-khash* Serpent, who bit the LORD's enemies and gained victory over them. He ruled and reigned over God's people with great fame and love.

The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, **from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent**, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them (Isaiah 30:6).

When God began to chastise rebellious Israel for her idolatry, she did not turn to the LORD's *Urim* and *Thummim* for counsel nor to His Prophets; rather, she took counsel with her own pride of revelation and pride of redemption. Hence, the people of Israel took great riches and went to hire the Egyptians to help them war against their enemies. Their rebellion caused the LORD to send His armies against them in the form of:

- a young lion,
- an old lion,
- a viper, and
- a flying serpent.

Hence, the Israelites were destroyed in the desert before they ever reached Egypt.

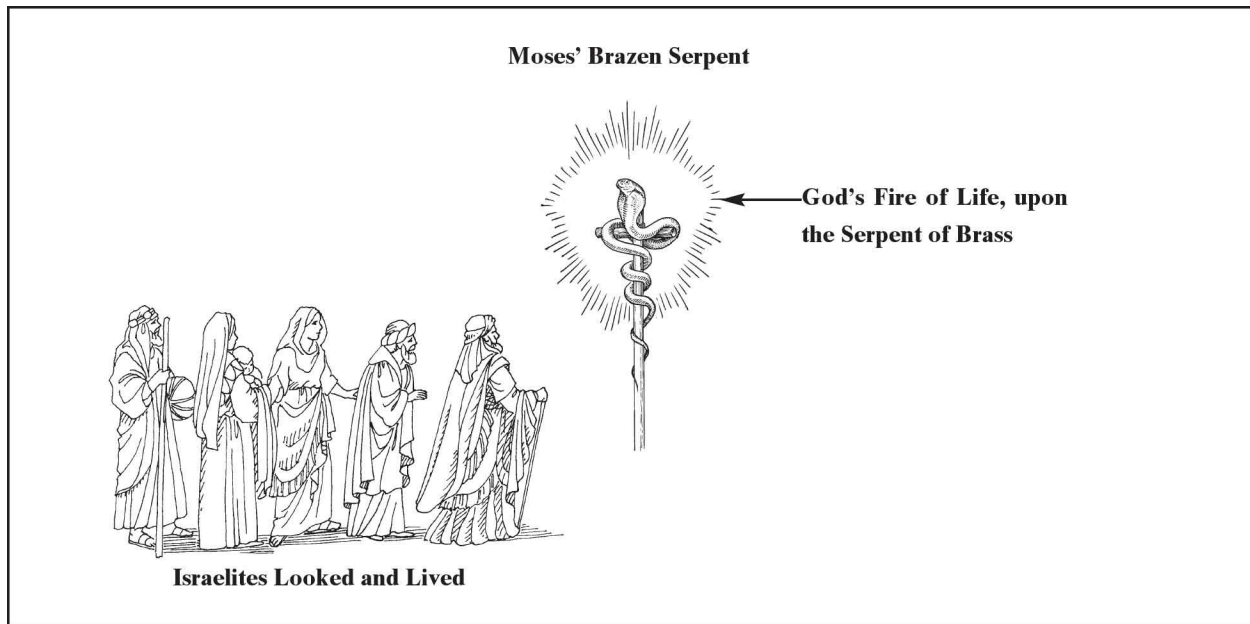
When Israel was in the wilderness, the LORD, in His righteous Judgment, also sent His fiery *naw-khash* Serpent army against her to bite her when she murmured against His Holy Name and His Purposive Will.

And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died... And the LORD said unto Moses, **Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole:** and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived (Numbers 21:6,8,9).

However, when Israel repented and made supplications to the LORD, under His righteous Judgment, confessing their sinful fault of speaking against Him, He graciously and mercifully made wonderful provisions for their relief.

God ordered Moses to make a representation of Christ, the Wisdom of God, in the form of a brazen Serpent, and place it on a pole so that it might be seen by all the people throughout the camp.

Everyone who had been bitten by the painful, judgmental, fiery serpents, were healed as they looked, by faith, upon Moses' brazen serpent. In obedience to God's instructions, Moses made a brazen serpent, and the LORD clothed it with the Fire of Life; this was the reason that everyone who looked on it, in faith, lived.



Those who are unthankful and ungrateful for God's infinite, divine Mercies of His Love, Light, and Life that are contained in His Bread from Heaven and in His Water out of the *zoor* Rock shall drink of His just Judgmental Waters.

In all these instances God used *Good* Serpents to fight for Truth and Right against His people's rebellion and sin.

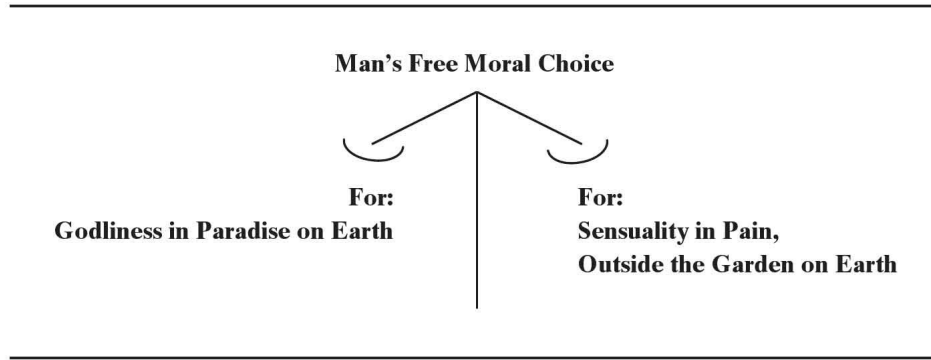
II. The Evil *naw-khash* Serpent Armies War for Leviathan and Are Controlled by Him.

Leviathan is an apostate evil *naw-khash* Serpent. He is a hisser and a hunter who always tries to capture and to catch God's people in his trap of hate, death, and darkness.

A. Leviathan, the *naw-khash* Serpent Spoke Deceit to Adam-female.

Now **the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field** which the LORD God had made. And **he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?** And the woman said unto the serpent, **We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.** And **the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:1-5).

The *naw-khash* evil Serpent was the most cunningly wise creature in all of God's Creation. With his stolen serpent-wisdom, he approached Adam-female to tempt her to sin against God by disobeying His Command not to eat of the Tree in the midst of the Garden. The Serpent knew that God had created man with a choice. So man could choose either for godliness or for sensuality.



God did not put man in a Paradise on Earth for him to choose sensuality that would render him unfit to live in the Garden of Eden. God had clearly revealed the Tree of Life as the right choice. He had forbidden Adam-male and Adam-female to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, promising that choosing Knowledge before Life would bring Death. God's living Paradise was planted for the living, not as a cemetery for the dead.

The *naw-khash* Serpent overlooked all the morally permitted *Good* and allured Adam-female to feed on the sensual delights of the *forbidden*. Thus, the *naw-khash* evil Serpent led the woman to pass over the most beautiful, satisfying, informing, and glorifying Food and to eat, instead, his *naw-khash* Serpent's lies of hate, death, and darkness that would feed her sensual enjoyment.

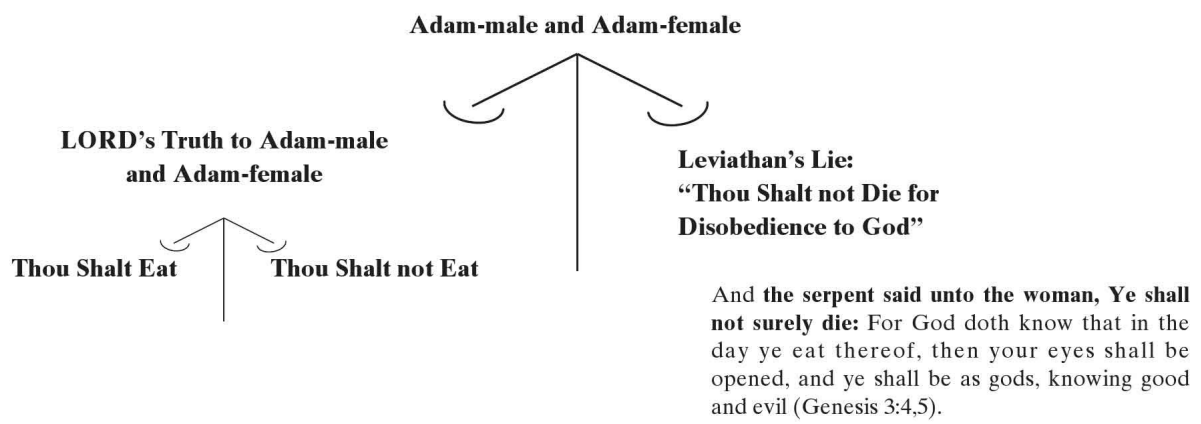
Accepting his lies, the woman ate of the Forbidden Fruit and gave it to her husband to eat; thus, he joined her in her disobedience. The guilty, sinful pair were then cast out of the paradisiacal Garden into a painful world because of their disobedience.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and **in sin did my mother conceive me** (Psalm 51:5).

Every one of Adam-male and Adam-female's offspring were begotten outside the Garden and were born in sin and pain.

By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; **his hand hath formed the crooked serpent** (Job 26:13).

To make His Name known, and to try the choices of men, the LORD formed the crooked Serpent in order to prove whether they would choose God's Love, Life, and Light or the Serpent Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness. In order for man to exercise his power of choice, he had to be placed between Truth and error to see which he would willingly choose to follow.



Although Leviathan's clouds of darkness may hide the light of the sun for a season, God's Light will swallow up the darkness, both naturally and spiritually.

In the days of the Apostle Paul, Leviathan, through false apostles and teachers, endeavored to lead Christ's Espoused Bride astray.

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But **I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ** (II Corinthians 11:2,3).

The Apostle Paul had espoused the new believers to One Christ, One Gospel, and One Spirit. However, Leviathan, through false apostles and teachers, tried their choices for the LORD.

B. The LORD Made His All-Conquering Name Known by Protecting Israel as He Led the Nation Through Leviathan's *saw-raf* and *naw-khash* Serpents and Scorpions in the Terrible Wilderness.

Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; (Deuteronomy 8:15).

The LORD made provision for His people in the great and terrible wilderness, which Jeremiah called *the shadow of death* (Jeremiah 2:6). There, the LORD kept them from perishing for want of bread and water, as well as preserving them from being destroyed by Leviathan's serpents and scorpions.

The LORD led His people through the most dangerous place so that He could make His omnipotent Name known by swallowing up all of Leviathan's *saw-raf* and *naw-khash* fiery serpents.

C. From their Mother's Womb, the Wicked Have the Inherited Poison of the *naw-khash* Serpent's Mortal Mentality.

The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; (Psalm 58:3,4).

Man's poisonous, mortal mentality causes him to speak lies, as soon as he emerges from the womb. Man is born alienated from the LORD's Holiness and Righteousness. The whole choice of every person's life is this: who will be his or her God—the LORD God or Leviathan?

D. Slanderous Tongues Are Fiery *naw-khash* Serpents that Seek to Infuse People's Poison of Hate, Death, and Darkness in All Other Hearts and Minds.

They have sharpened their tongues like a [*naw-khash*] serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah (Psalm 140:3).

This verse refers to Doeg, who slandered David to King Saul, thus causing Saul to massacre eighty innocent Priests of Nob.

E. The LORD Said that Red Wine Is a Biting *naw-khash* Serpent.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. **At the last it biteth like a [*naw-khash*] serpent, and stingeth like an adder** (Proverbs 23:31,32).

Leviathan deceives people about the nature of red wine by causing it to look beautiful and to slide down their throats smoothly, satisfying their sensual appetites, but it spurts with the deadly poison of the Serpent, impairing man's judgment and destroying his body.

F. The Serpent's Voice Stealthily and Secretly Crawls Along the Thought Life of Man's Mortal Mentality so that He Can Infuse His Hate, Death, and Darkness into the Thoughts, Feelings, and Deeds of Mortal Men.

The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood (Jeremiah

46:22).

Through Jeremiah, the LORD prophesied that the Egyptian enemy would stealthily crawl away in defeat, like a fleeing serpent, not with the heavy tramp of victorious soldiers.

As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him (Amos 5:19).

The Prophet Amos foretold the awe-inspiring Day of the LORD Jesus Christ. Although man may escape the danger of the lion and the bear, he still faces the *naw-khash* the Serpent Leviathan's bite in his conscience.

III. The Defeat of the Evil Serpent in the Mouth Is Impossible without the Wisdom of the Good Serpent's Restraint of the Mouth.

The wise man in Ecclesiastes compared the bite of the serpent, which has not been charmed, to the unrestrained mouth of a babbler.

Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better (Ecclesiastes 10:11).

The natural serpent will bite if it is not charmed and not enchanted by music and singing. Likewise, through his poisonous, serpentine tongue, a prating, chattering babbler, with his babbling mouth, betrays every secret that has been entrusted to him by his friends.

Music and singing become a fence of protection against the *naw-khash* serpent in the natural realm. So, if we do not put a sound barrier of music and singing unto the LORD around us in our spiritual world, to protect us against the *naw-khash* serpent of mortal mentality, we, too, will become Leviathan's slanderer to bite others with his hate, death, and darkness. This is why God's Word commands us to sing spiritual songs and to make melody in our *lover* hearts to the LORD.

Wherefore he saith, **Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead**, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye **walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise**, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And **be not drunk with wine**, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;** (Ephesians 5:14-20).

According to God's Word, we must do the following things in order to have a sound barrier of protection around us that will keep Leviathan's Serpent away:

- awake from spiritual sleep,
- arise from the dead,
- walk circumspectly, as wise,
- speak to ourselves (our *nephesh* souls)
- make melody unto the LORD, the Master, in our *lover* hearts.

IV. The *naw-khash* Serpent's Meat Will Be the LORD's *kaw-bode* Glory Dust in the Millennial Reign of the LORD Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and **dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD** (Isaiah 65:25).

When the LORD Jesus Christ returns to Earth, He will be riding on His White Horse of Faith, accompanied by His Bridal Armies, who will be wearing White Linen and riding upon their White Horses of Faith. The LORD Jesus Christ will then do the following things:

- He and His Armies will war at Armageddon;
- He and His Armies will defeat the Antichrist, his armies, and his followers and, thence, cast them into the Lake

of Fire;

- He will wait for His Heavenly Father to send an Angel from Heaven who will have the key to the Bottomless Pit or the *teh-home* Deep of the Father. This Angel will have a great chain to bind Leviathan, the Dragon, the old Serpent, and the devouring Devil, along with fallen Lucifer or Satan, and they will be bound for 1,000 years.

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season (Revelation 20:1-3).

In the Bottomless Pit, Leviathan will have to feed on the Clouds of Dust of the Unbegotten Father's infinite, divine *kaw-bode* Glory. God's irrevocable law of retribution is this: What one sins by is what he will be punished by.

Leviathan has spent his existence in trying to elongate himself and in pretending to be the Heavenly Father by appearing powerful and glorious over God's Creation. Consequently, he will be forever chained in the Bottomless Pit and have to feed on the *kaw-bode*-Glory Dust of God's Clouds of Judgment. Satan, only, will be loosed for a little season *after* the Millennium—not Leviathan.

While Leviathan was in the Garden of Eden, the LORD also prophesied this punishment on him:

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: (Genesis 3:14).

When the LORD Jesus Christ returns to the Earth, He will show forth His wonderful (*pehleh*) Name through His miraculous Works. All the nations will see the LORD's divine intervention for the Nation of Israel, and they shall be ashamed of their oppressive treatment of her. The evil nations that have wounded and killed God's sheep in Israel shall go into everlasting Fire, and the sheep nations that have dealt kindly with Israel shall enter into the Millennial Reign of the LORD Jesus Christ, which Truth was confirmed by the Prophet Micah.

They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth; they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee (Micah 7:17).

The evil nations shall lick the *kaw-bode* Glory Dust of the Father's *kaw-bode* Glory Judgment that will come upon them when the LORD Jesus Christ returns to Earth.

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; **of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father** with the holy angels (Mark 8:38).

Chapter Two

The Good *tan-neen* Dragon-Serpents And The Evil *tan-neen* Dragon-Serpents

The Hebrew word for the second class of serpent, the *Dragon-Serpent*, is *tan-neen*, which means a sea serpent. *Tan-neen* is from the Hebrew root word *tan*, which means to elongate, sea monster, dragon, stretching out, extending, serpents, great serpent, contention in running with outstretched neck, to smoke, vapor, reeking, stench.

The first time the Hebrew word *tan-neen* appears in Scriptures is when God created great whales, as recorded in Genesis.

And God created great whales [sea giants], and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good (Genesis 1:21).

On the evil side of the scales, God's whales or *sea giants* picture the size and greatness of Leviathan's power and glory that he stole from the Heavenly Father.

I. The Good *tan-neen* Dragon-Serpents War for God's People to Prove to Them that the Only Way to Victory Is Through the LORD Jesus Christ.

There are also two connotations to the word *tan-neen*: the Good and the evil, which tell us that there are Good Dragon-Serpents as well as evil dragon-serpents.

A. God Used the Rod He Gave to Moses as a Good Dragon-Serpent to Make His Name Known, by Giving His People Victory over the Evil Dragon-Serpent.

When the LORD called Moses to liberate His people in Egypt, He gave Moses a Rod with God's Name on it. Moses took the Rod of God, the Good *naw-khash* Serpent-Wisdom that God had revealed to him, and with it, he and Aaron were to do great miracles before Pharaoh. So, with the Rod of God, he returned to Egypt to help his people to freedom.

And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, **and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand** (Exodus 4:20).

Moses was commanded to cast down his *naw-khash* Serpent-Wisdom before Pharaoh, and when Aaron cast down his Rod, it became a Good *tan-neen* Dragon-Serpent. However, Pharaoh rejected the LORD's Good *tan-neen* Dragon-Serpent.

When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, **Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent** [dragon, *tan-neen*] And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: **and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent** [dragon *tan-neen*] (Exodus 7:9,10).

The heathen Pharaoh refused to accept the Power and Wisdom sent to him from the LORD. Instead, Pharaoh clung to his idolatrous ways and commanded his wise men, sorcerers, and priests also to cast down their rods of enchantment.

Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now **the magicians of Egypt**, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For

they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents [*tan-neen*]: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods (Exodus 7:11,12).

But as could be expected by those who had confidence in the True God, Moses' and Aaron's Good *tan-neen* Dragon-Serpent Rod swallowed up the Egyptians' rods with their evil enchantments.

After Moses and Aaron's Good Dragon-Serpent had become a Rod again, it swallowed up the evil Dragon-Serpents that God had silenced by forcing them to turn into rods again. The Egyptians were shamed and made to bow low before Almighty God when He swallowed up their *stolen wisdom and power*. As a result, the LORD's infinite Divine Name was made known as the Supreme Sovereign Ruler over all Creation, including Leviathan's opposing powers of hate, death, and darkness.

Christ further established His Supremacy over all Creation when He testified in Proverbs that He is God the Father's True Wisdom. Christ was with His Unbegotten Father when God gave Him the twelve Fountains in the Deep of His twelve Governmental Names. Then, His Father strengthened the twelve Fountains of His twelve Governmental Names, making them firm and fixed Foundations upon which all Creation rests.

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. **I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.** When there were no depths, I was brought forth; **when there were no fountains abounding with water.** Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, **I was there:** when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: **when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:** (Proverbs 8:22-28).

B. The LORD's Good-Dragon Well or *ah-yin* Fountain Was in Jerusalem.

In the days of Nehemiah, God had a good-dragon well or fountain by the fountain gate in Jerusalem:

And I went out by night **by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well,** and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire (Nehemiah 2:13).

Nehemiah rode by the visible dragon well or fountain when he went out of Jerusalem at night to survey the broken down wall and gates of his beloved city. Nehemiah sent Shallun to repair the fountain gate by the dragon well.

The Hebrew name *Shallun*, the repairer of the Fountain, means to be whole, sound, safe, completed, finished, peace, and friend. Shallun presents a great picture of the LORD Jesus Christ Who is the everlasting Repairer of all broken and destroyed things in God's Kingdom.

The *ah-yin* Fountains of the Deep or *teh-home* are the twelve Governmental Names of Christ, the Son of the Living God. These Names are: LORD, God, Merciful, Gracious, Longsuffering, Abundant in Goodness, Abundant in Truth, Preserver of Bountifulness, Forgiver of Iniquity, Forgiver of Transgression, Forgiver of Sin, and Just Judge, and they were given to the Only Begotten Son by His Unbegotten Father, the LORD God. These twelve Governmental Fountains in the *teh-home* Deep are guarded in the Deep by the Good Dragons or *tan-neen*. The LORD God has given these Good *tan-neen* Dragons to be beside His Only Begotten Son of God in the Deep. They are commanded to praise the LORD's Name from the Earth and from all Deeps (*teh-ho-moth*).

Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps (Psalm 148:7):

The LORD's High and Holy Name must be praised by all Creation. The Psalmist said, "Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD!"

When the wall and the twelve gates of Jerusalem were repaired and finished, Nehemiah divided the people into two groups to praise and thank the LORD. One half of the people went clockwise, making a circle, and the other half of the people went counterclockwise, praising and thanking the LORD until they all met and stood still in the LORD's Prison Gate or in Christ Jesus, the Son of God's Name of *Preserver of Bountifulness*.

One group of praisers and thankers was led by Ezra the Priest, the sons of the Priest, and some of the Princes of Judah. They went up the stairs to the wall by the fountain gate so that they could march on the wall, praising and thanking the LORD for His wonderful Works, for bringing the captive children home, and for helping them to repair the Temple, the wall, and the gates.

And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the

house of David, even unto the water gate eastward (Nehemiah 12:37).

While the twelve tribes of Israel were praising and thanking the LORD for the victory, the Good Dragons in the Deep were joining in the Hallelujah Chorus in the Deep, from the twelve Fountains of the LORD's great Name in the Deep, in the Depths of His Humility.

C. The LORD's *ah-yin* Fountain of Understanding Is in the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

Yea, **though I walk through the valley** [*gah-ee*] **of the shadow of death**, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me (Psalm 23:4).

The Hebrew word for *valley*, here, is *gah-ee*, which means to flow together; a gorge from its lofty sides. The *gah-ee* valley is where the waters flow together as one. This is where the *ah-yin* Fountain of Understanding is fixed in the Deep or the *teh-home*.

The LORD had broken Israel in the place of Dragons in the country of Babylon.

Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way; Though **thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death** (Psalm 44:18,19).

Although the Nation of Israel had been broken, there was a faithful, suffering remnant who had remained loyal and faithful to the *Torah*-Truth in the midst of suffering, affliction, and humiliation. They had remained undaunted. In their undying faith, they had experienced the LORD's Redemption and their restoration in the land of Israel and in Jerusalem.

Likewise, the LORD also tries our *worker* hearts by crushing us in the *place* of Dragons, which are the calamities and sufferings through which He takes us to the Depths of our Sea of Forgetfulness in order to bring to our remembrance the hidden hate, death, and darkness that abides in the corners and crevices of our *worker* hearts.

This war against the hate, death, and darkness of Leviathan and his evil Dragons is to teach us how small and helpless we really are and that the only way to victory is through the LORD Jesus Christ and His precious shed Blood and His Resurrected Blood. We must lay our hand on Leviathan, by faith, and remember that the LORD Jesus Christ has already won the victory! Therefore, we just have to praise the Blood of Jesus; bless the Blood of Jesus; and thank the Blood of Jesus!

And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death (Revelation 12:11).

D. In Christ's Millennial Reign on Earth, after Leviathan Has Been Chained Once and for All in the Bottomless *teh-home* Pit, God Will Bless the Places in the Earth where Leviathan and His Evil Dragons Have Dwelt.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes (Isaiah 35:7).

The parched land of Israel that has been under Leviathan's cloak of hate, death, and darkness shall become a lake where grass, reeds, and rushes will grow and where herds of sheep will lie down in green pastures.

E. The Good Dragons, by the Twelve Fountains of Christ's Name in the Deep, Will Honour the LORD when He Gives Drink to His Chosen People During His Millennial Reign.

The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen (Isaiah 43:20).

II. The Evil *tan-noon* Dragon-Serpents War Against God's People to Keep Them in Bondage and Captivity.

Evil Dragons are Leviathan's armies that work through their master's mortal mentality that is inherent in fallen

man and creatures.

A. Evil *tan-noon* Dragon-Serpents Imitate God's Power by Using Their Stolen Wisdom, Breath, and Light.

Pharaoh's wise men used Leviathan's stolen wisdom, and his sorcerers used their *kaw-shaf* stolen breath to whisper magic spells. His priests (*khar-tome*) used their stolen light from God's Light for their horoscopes or drawings of magical lines and circles in order to imitate God's Master Plan of Governance and Guidance. These evil dragons of Egypt cast down each one his rod or serpent, trying to compete and to overcome Almighty God's Power.

For **they cast down every man his rod**, [before Moses, Aaron, and Pharaoh] **and they became serpents** [or evil *tan-noon* dragons]: but [Moses and] Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods (Exodus 7:12).

In the beginning, the wise men, sorcerers, and priests of Egypt imitated God's infinite, divine Power, by also turning their rods into serpents, but these were *tan-noon* evil serpent-dragons. However, God's infinite, divine Power continued to manifest His Supreme, Sovereign Superiority over Leviathan and his stolen power by:

- returning Moses and Aaron's Good Serpent back into a rod;
- returning the serpents of the wise men, sorcerers, and priests back into rods;
- causing Moses and Aaron's Rod to swallow up the Egyptians' rods.

A Rod that could swallow up three other *rods* was more miraculous than a serpent swallowing up three other *serpents*.

B. The Wine (Fury) of Rebellious Idolaters Is Filled with the Poison of Dragons and Asps.

Their wine [fury] is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps (Deuteronomy 32:33).

The Hebrew text reads thusly: "The *fury* is their wine and the cruel venom of asps." Evil dragons are drunk on their own hate, and their cruelty is like the poison of asps. Evil Dragons rage, persecute, and mock God's people, which is true in the case of both natural Israel and spiritual Israel.

C. The Omnipotent, Omnipresent LORD God Brakest the Heads of the Dragons in the Sea.

Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: **thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters** (Psalm 74:13).

The LORD God divided, split, and shattered the Red Sea into twelve separate paths: one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel to pass through. Then, He smashed the seven heads of the evil Dragon upon the waters of the sea. Thus, Israel was liberated from Leviathan's seven evil *tanneen* Dragon heads. The Dragon's seven heads are as follows:

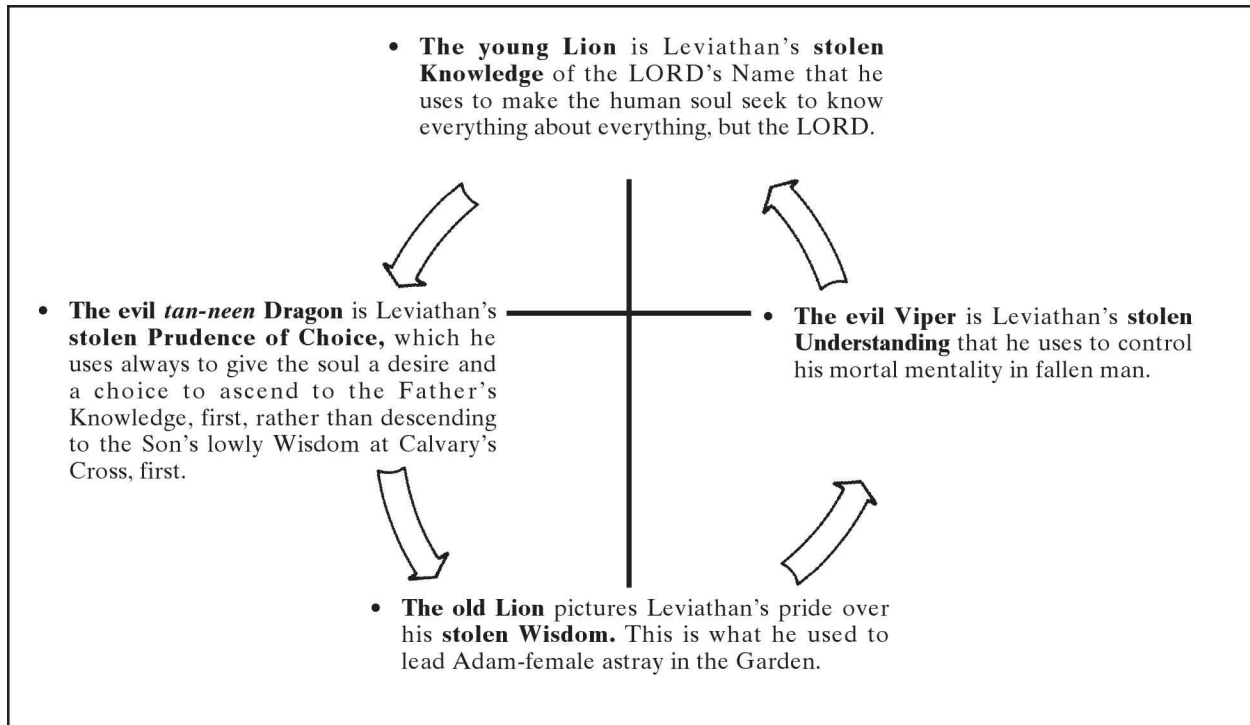
- the Head of Affliction,
- the Head of Death,
- the Head of Blasphemy,
- the Head of Rebellion,
- the Head of Enchantment,
- the Head of Ignorance, and
- the Head of Deceit.

D. The LORD's Covenant of Promise Assures Angels and Saints that They Shall Tread upon Lions (Old and Young), the Adder, and the Dragon.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet (Psalm 91:13).

The LORD has promised believers a full stature of *Trampling Power* to use against the heads of their enemies in

their warfare of lifting up the LORD's High and Holy Name.



E. At the LORD's Appointed Time in the Future, He Shall Slay the Dragon in the Sea.

Leviathan, the piercing, crooked *naw-khash* Serpent, has an appointed day of Judgment and Death that will be performed by the infinite, divine Sword-Breath of the LORD.

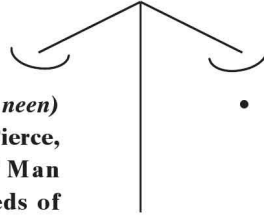
In that day **the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan** the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and **he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea** (Isaiah 27:1).

This verse reveals the nature of Leviathan, the *naw-khash* Serpent. He is:

- piercing—a fleeing fugitive from the LORD God, his Master and Owner;
- crooked—a wrestler of God's Truth, who twists and turns right into wrong.

The omnipotent, omniscient LORD will be faithful to punish Leviathan at the appointed day of his Judgment.

Leviathan



- **Piercing: the Serpent (*naw-khash – tan-noon*)**
Leviathan Uses His Stolen Power to Pierce, Stab, and Penetrate the Senses of Man through Thoughts, Feelings, and Deeds of Hate, Death, and Darkness.

- **Crooked: the Serpent (*naw-khash – tan-noon*)**
Leviathan, the Old Serpent, Is Crooked, Bent Dishonest, and Deceitful in His Thoughts, Feelings, and Deeds. He Was Formed or Bent in a Circular Form for the Purpose of Riding the Wheel of the LORD's Name to Make It Known with Praise, Blessing, and Thanksgiving. However, He Chose to Roll Backward and Revolt in an Effort to Make His Own Name Known and to Pretend to Be the Most Powerful God. Thus, He Is an Apostate.

F. The LORD Cut Rahab (Egypt) and Fatally Wounded Pharaoh in the Red Sea, which Wounded the Dragon Since He Abode in Pharaoh.

Awake, awake, put on strength, **O arm of the LORD; awake**, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. **Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep;** that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? (Isaiah 51:9,10).

This Prophecy from the past was given to Isaiah so that, as the Almighty Arm of God had freed His people from Leviathan's Dragon-power and had brought them through the Red Sea, He also, in due season, would free His people from Leviathan's Dragon-power that had worked through the Babylonians who held the LORD's people captive.

God punishes all idolaters by giving their pleasant palaces to a deeper and more evil level of Leviathan's spirits, the dragons.

And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged (Isaiah 13:22).

This Scripture was an assuring, prophetic Promise for Israel's future deliverance from Babylon's utter desolation. Nevertheless, Israel's pleasant idolatrous palaces were given for abodes for *tan-noon* dragons during their captivity.

And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant (Jeremiah 9:11).

Jeremiah also proclaimed the LORD's just Judgment upon idolatrous Jerusalem. He taught us that God's just Judgment will certainly fall on all idolaters, on both His people and on His enemies. Because of her gross idolatry, God used the cruel, merciless Babylonians to turn Jerusalem into heaps and a den for *tan-noon* dragons, from all aspects.

Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, **to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons** (Jeremiah 10:22).

Likewise, the idolatrous city of Hazor, whose inhabitants had resisted Joshua, was turned into a dwelling place for *tan-noon* dragons.

And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor any son of man dwell in it (Jeremiah 49:33).

Leviathan's evil dragons will ultimately be cast into the Lake of Fire, although Leviathan, personally, will be chained in the icy *teh-home* Deep.

And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch...
And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it [Lake of Fire] shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls (Isaiah 34:9,13).

In this verse in the Book of Jeremiah, the LORD reinforced the fact that Babylon would become a dwelling place for evil dragons – *tan-neen*.

And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant (Jeremiah 51:37).

Because Edom or Esau despised his birthright, God gave Edom's spirit and soul the spiritual heritage of hate, death, and darkness or evil *tan-neen* dragons, and He also gave Edom's natural inheritance to the dragons, after having it laid waste.

And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness (Malachi 1:3).

The evil Dragon, the old Serpent, and the Devil will war against the LORD Jesus Christ and His Armies in Heaven. Then, the Dragon and his armies will be cast out of Heaven to the Earth. The Apostle John recorded this Prophecy in the Book of Revelation:

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (Revelation 12:7-11).

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:3-9).

Having been cast out into the Earth, the Dragon and his armies will continue their warfare in the End Times.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:13-17).

The Dragon's warfare against God and His people will continue throughout the great Tribulation. The Dragon will give power to the Antichrist so that people will be compelled to worship the Antichrist and the Dragon as gods.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority... And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (Revelation 13:2,4).

The Dragon will also give power to the false prophet.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon (Revelation 13:11).

God's Judgment of Leviathan, the Dragon, the old Serpent, and the Devil, the old slanderer, whose perverse, deceitful tongue of flaming fire slandered God's people, is sure and certain!

Chapter Three

The Good *ef-eh* Serpents And The Evil *ef-eh* Serpents

The Hebrew word for this third class of serpents is *ef-eh*, which means hissing, an asp, a viper, the foaming viper, adder; blowing, poisonous serpent, nothingness, vanity. The word *ef-eh* is from the Hebrew root word *eh-fah*, which means to breathe, a vapor, nothing, naught.

I. The Good *ef-eh* Serpents War to Swallow up All Wicked Nations and Creatures and All Idolatrous Thoughts.

Let us examine, first, how the Good *ef-eh* Serpent works and Who He is. The Unbegotten LORD God, the Heavenly Father, through His Only Begotten Son, is a wise, omnipresent Good *ef-eh* Serpent of Wisdom, Who swallows up all wicked idolatrous nations and creatures.

All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity (Isaiah 40:17).

All nations are nonentities before God. If God wishes, He can change them back to unformed *tohu* substance. Consequently, it is the height of absurdity for man, in his mortal mentality, to imagine that he can find living satisfaction in false images of metal and wood or in false idolatrous thoughts, feelings, and deeds.

The LORD's infinite *ef-eh* serpentine Wisdom swallows up the viperous thoughts, feelings, and deeds of hate, death, and darkness that man commits against the LORD's Love, Life, and Light. His Wisdom does this for both the penitent soul, by His Mercy and Grace, and He does it for the impenitent, defecting soul, by His Righteous Judgments.

All nations are nothing compared to the infinite, omnipotent God. The most pompous kings and the most populous kingdoms are nothing before the LORD and His Christ. The LORD brought Creation out of nothing or unformed *tohu* substance, and He can take it back to unformed substance in His *tohu*, a place of no form.

The LORD God is exalted far above all things and all Creation. The LORD reassures His true people that He will strengthen and help them.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. **Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.** Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: **they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.** For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, **Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.... Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion** (Isaiah 41:10-14, 29).

The LORD promised His people victorious help; therefore, they were not to turn around for fear of Leviathan. God promised to make them victorious through Christ the Redeemer and the Righteous, Holy One of Israel.

The LORD Jesus Christ, God's Good *ef-eh* Serpent of Wisdom, has already swallowed up Leviathan and his serpentine armies in total, eternal victory at the Cross of Calvary. Therefore, by faith, we must lay hold of our inherited victory in Christ's Cross!

The LORD Jesus Christ stands behind His people to strengthen and sustain them and to confuse and annihilate their enemies of hate, death, and darkness by swallowing them up.

The Apostle Paul commanded us to cast down our idol images or thought images of hate, death, and darkness and not to allow them to rule over us.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, **but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;**) **Casting down imaginations** [*khaw-shab*], **and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ; (II Corinthians 10:3-5).

The Hebrew root word for *imagination*, in this verse, is *khaw-shab*, which means to plait, to interpenetrate, to weave, to fabricate, to plot, to contrive in a malicious sense, to think from mental effort, to regard, to value, to compute, to make an account of, to conceive, to consider, to count, to devise, to esteem, to find out, to forecast, to hold, to imagine, to impute, to invent, to reckon, to regard, to think.

The *khaw-shab* imagination is the *eye* of the soul. It is the *weaver* mental channel or *eye* that forms true images of Truth or false images that are untruths.

We are to cast down or throw out all false images or thoughts given to our mind by Leviathan's *ef-eh* spirits of hate, death, and darkness. These thoughts work to form accusing malicious images against the LORD's Headship and His Purposive Will and His Master Plan; thoughts such as: "This is not fair. I deserve a higher place. This place is not the best. Why do I have to be here?" This was the attitude of the carnal believers in Israel who continually murmured and complained about:

- the way,
- the places they stopped in the wilderness,
- the food and the drink the LORD provided in the wilderness, and
- the leaders God gave them to take them to Canaan's Land.

Leviathan's *ef-eh* spirits of accusing, malicious images prevent men's spirits and souls from being happy with God's Headship, Purposive Will, and Master Plan in all things. Leviathan's *nothing* complains and accuses God's *something*. For this reason, the Apostle Paul made this declaration:

For I determined [*khaw-shab*] **not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified** (I Corinthians 2:2).

The Apostle Paul was determined (*khaw-shab*) to make a show or to retain no other Knowledge but Christ; he was determined to preach no other Image but Christ on the Cross, and to discover no other Knowledge but Christ crucified on the Cross. The Apostle Paul displayed no other banner or Image but Christ crucified! Paul's *khaw-shab* mind never displayed all his banners of achievement — only Christ's crucified Banner on the Cross!

It is our victorious Banner of Love that swallows up the *ef-eh* Serpents of hate, death, and darkness in our thoughts. The Apostle Paul also told the Roman believers to reckon (*khaw-shab*) themselves dead with Jesus on the Cross.

Likewise **reckon** [*khaw-shab*] **ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord** (Romans 6:11).

We must be dead to sin in the flesh and alive in the Spirit so that we can, by faith, join ourselves to Jesus Christ on the Cross. Otherwise, we will join our forms of sin with the *ef-eh* serpents that will project their malicious images of hate for God's Purposive Will in our *worker* hearts by accusing, complaining, and murmuring in words and in deeds. We must not delight and take pleasure in speaking against the LORD's Guidance and Governance of our lives, as Job did in many chapters in the Book of Job, which records the account of his life, nor against our precious brothers in Christ Jesus. We must not obey the Dragon's stolen wisdom nor observe it nor regard it nor yield to it. Christ Jesus' Death on the Cross is the true Place of Rest and Delight in the Father's Purposive Will. Christ's Cross is our bed of ease and rest. However, the weary, *sin-serving soul* that is bound by the Dragon's stolen wisdom murmurs and complains in union with *these ef-eh spirits* of hate, wrath, and malice. We must live by the faith of the Crucified and Resurrected Christ and stay "twigged" on to Him as "twig" branches on the True Vine in order to live in the everlasting freedom of His glorious Love, Light, and Life. We must not know any other image.

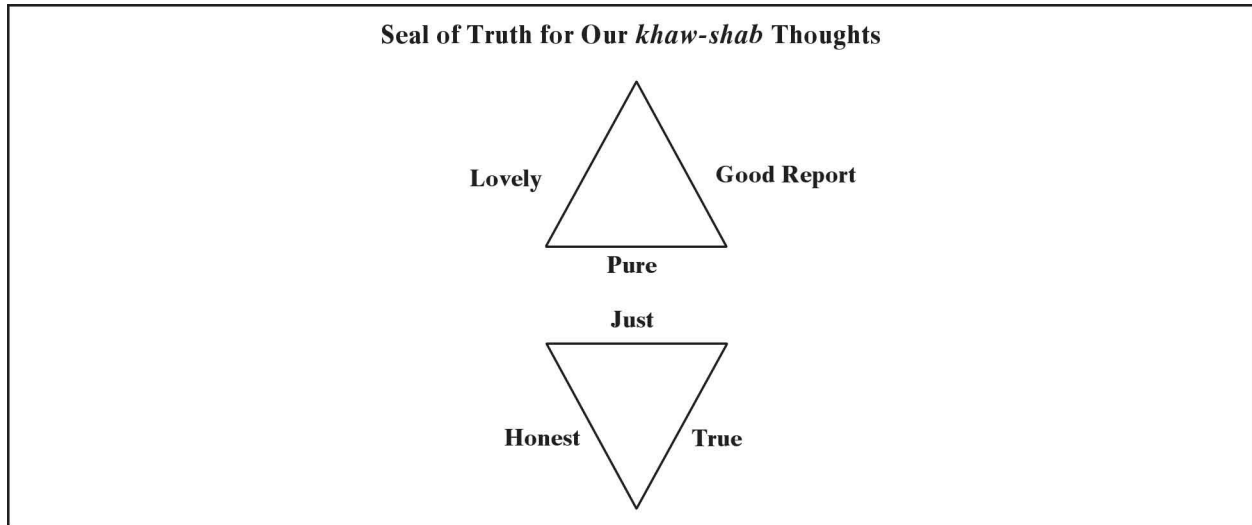
The Apostle Paul also gave the divine Seal or the six points of Truth for our *khaw-shab* thoughts. Our thoughts must be on things that are found in Christ's Holy Nature — things that are (1) true, (2) honest, (3) just, (4) pure, (5) lovely, and (6) of good report.

Finally, brethren, **whatsoever things are true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are **of good report**; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think [*khaw-shab*] on these things

(Philippians 4:8).

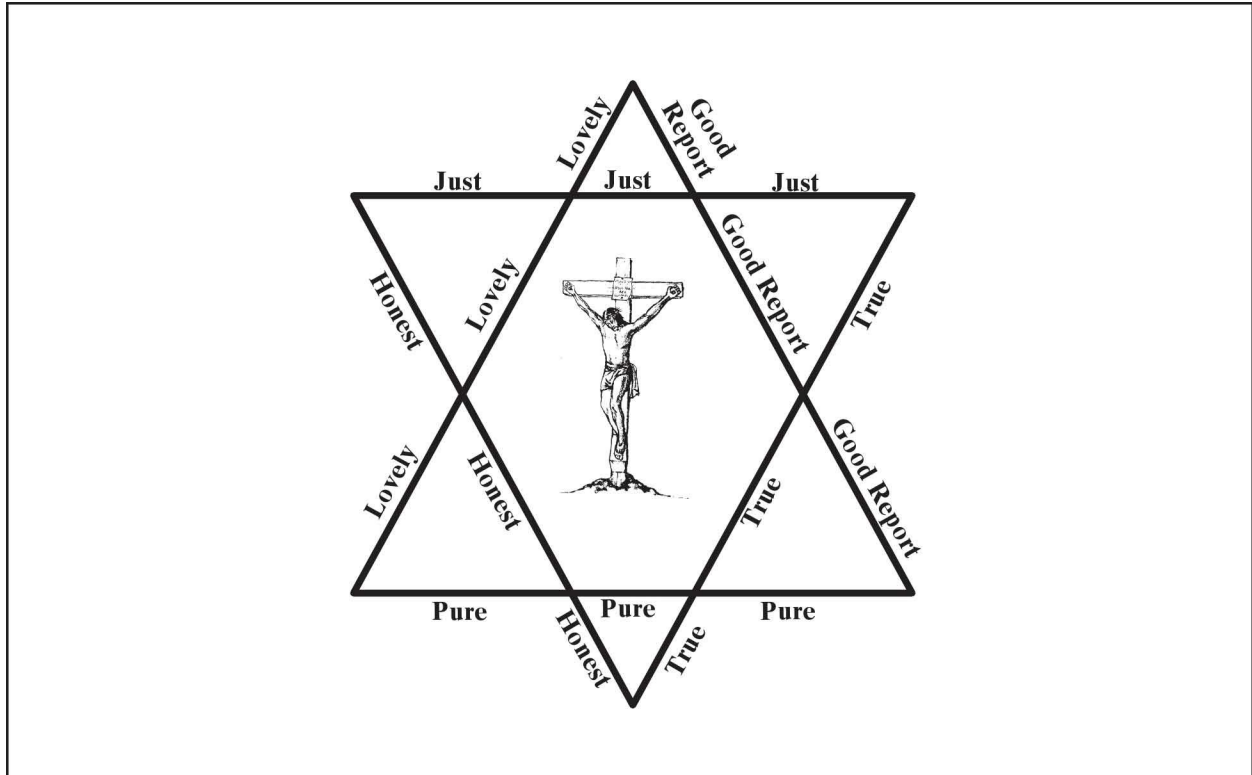
We must think (*khaw-shab*) on Christ Jesus, the Crucified One, and His True, Honest, Just, Pure, Lovely, and Good Report from Calvary's Cross that eternally proves His and His Father's Forgiving, Forgetting, Blameless, and Sharing Love, Light, and Life.

The LORD Jesus Christ, God's Good *ef-eh* Serpent of Wisdom is a *Seal* around our *nephesh* soul that we form through our *khaw-shab* thinking upon Him and our "knowing nothing but Jesus Christ crucified."



The LORD Jesus Christ is the Only One Who is True, Faithful, Loyal, and Constant. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Only One Who is Honest, Honourable, Creditable, and Commendable. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Only One Who is Just, Righteous, Fair, and Impartial. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Only One Who is Pure, Clean, Clear, and Blameless. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Only One Who is Lovely, inspiring Love, and exquisitely Beautiful. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Only One Who gives a Good Report — a fresh, unspoiled, and satisfying account and information about His Father's Love, Life, and Light in His Eternal Truth.

Thus, we have a holy Seal of Christ Jesus' Divine Nature around the True Image of Christ Jesus on the Cross. Jesus Christ's Holy Nature was revealed on the Cross! This is the divine Virtue that we are to think (*khaw-shab*) on.



The work of the ministry for Christ's sake is not after the flesh but is a spiritual work after the Spirit. Our warfare is spiritual, *against* spiritual enemies and *for* spiritual purposes. Our weapons in this warfare are eternally mighty. The following is a list of our weapons of warfare that we can use against the Serpent and his armies:

- The powerful persuasive Truth of God's Word is our spiritual two-edged Sword with which we cut down Leviathan's thoughts, feelings, and deeds of hate, death, and darkness, both from within and from without.
- Christ's resurrected, glorified Blood is our spiritual Victory Banner that overcomes all our enemies and swallows up all inimical *ef-eh* thoughts and images, both within and without.
- The Name of Jesus Christ is the Victorious, All-conquering, Highly Exalted Name that treads down all hate, death, and darkness.
- The omnipotent Power of the Holy Ghost and His Tongues of Divine Fire, through intercession and travail in the Spirit, pulls down all high things within and without that desire to exalt themselves against and above God.

These infinite, divine Weapons of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are like Wise, Good *ef-eh* Serpents that swallow up all serpentine, evil enemies, which are listed here:

- our mortal mentality that generates *ignorance in the soul*;
- our mortal mentality that generates *prejudices in the lover heart*;
- our mortal mentality that generates *lusts in the spirit and body*;
- our mortal mentality that generates *evil imaginations in the spirit and soul*;
- our mortal mentality that generates *absurd reasonings of hate, death, and darkness in the soul*;
- our mortal mentality that *feeds on Luciferic proud, ascending high thoughts to govern the way and the paths of the flesh*;
- our mortal mentality that generates *proud conceits about our worth and value and what we deserve*;
- our mortal mentality that *makes us exalt our thoughts above God's Knowledge*.

These are Leviathan's strongholds in the flesh, by which he endeavors to prevent a soul from receiving and obeying God's Truth. Unstopped, Leviathan will secure man's *lover* heart for his possession and make a sanctuary within, where he will rule with his hate, death, and darkness in man's thoughts, feelings, and deeds.

The transcendence of the LORD's Thoughts and Ways are infinitely beyond man's thoughts and ways.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts [khaw-shab] than your thoughts [khaw-shab] (Isaiah 55:9).

God's Word urges us to forsake our thoughts (*khaw-shab*) and ways and to return to our LORD with penitent hearts and allow Him and His infinite Wisdom to swallow up our thoughts (*khaw-shab*) and ways of hate, death, and darkness and put on Christ's Thoughts (*khaw-shab*) and Ways of Love, Light, and Life.

Our thoughts and ways are unholy and earthly. Christ's Thoughts and Ways are Holy and Heavenly. We must allow Jesus Christ to show us where our affections are on things of the Earth so that we can set our affections and thoughts on Heavenly Things.

When man feeds on Leviathan's poisonous thoughts or wicked imaginations, deep-laid plots, and deadly designs, he conceives and brings them into fatal acts, which are like eggs hatched into deadly *ef-eh* Vipers. Anyone who feeds on them is filled with their deadly, fatal hate, death, and darkness.

II. The Evil *ef-eh* Serpents War Against God's People to Lead Them into Rebellion.

In the Book of Job, Zophar, one of Job's comforters who thought Job was a hypocrite, referred to this class of evil viper — the *ef-eh* Serpent. Zophar said:

He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly. **He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's [ef-eh] tongue shall slay him.** He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter (Job 20:15-17).

Zophar's meaning was this: the wealth of the wicked, which he has taken in secret by Leviathan's leading and guiding, must soon be disgorged. The wicked who has taken his ill-gotten wealth in secret, through thefts and bribes, must soon publicly vomit it up.

The idol lust in the imagination makes people believe that they can make themselves happy with the works of their own minds and hands. This kind of wicked idolatry enchants the *worker* heart, promising the person that he will find delight in rivers and floods of sensual pleasure and experience sweet "brooks of honey" and the "butter" of his satisfying zeal.

Leviathan flatters the lustful person's ears so that they can hear and receive his falsehoods. Later, the wicked one who has followed the breath of this *ef-eh* Serpent will reap all of God's fiery Judgment, pain, and disappointment, and his ill-gotten gain will be taken away from him.

The *ef-eh* Serpent not only enchants the heart and mind to seek possessions out of God's Will but also leads him to seek counsel and help from idolatrous creatures, rather than the LORD God, his Creator and Redeemer.

The *ef-eh* Serpent led the Jews into rebellion, so they went from Jerusalem to Egypt to seek help and protection from a people that would be of no profit to them because Judah could not escape God's Judgment.

Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: **That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth;** to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!... **They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.** The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, **they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them** (Isaiah 30:1,2,5,6).

The Judean envoys to Egypt had to travel through the *Negeb* desert, a land of trouble and anguish, as they carried precious gifts from the king of Judah to the Egyptian court.

The Prophet warned them that they were following the *ef-eh* Serpent and that the Egyptians would be unable to help them or render helpful defense for them against Nebuchadnezzar's invasion. Israel was wrapped or covered over with the cloudy shadow of the *ef-eh* Viper's spirit of enchantment, in which they took false comfort. It was a vain idol, a "nothing"; the Serpent's counsel was a vaporous breath that led them to defeat. Egypt did not help them after all. In spite of all this, Judah continued to refuse to return to the LORD and repent of their idolatry.

Going our own way, when God wants us to listen to His Counsel, always leads to defeat. Victory is found only in Jesus Christ. What dangerous paths and pains of vipers men are willing to take in order to continue their departing and defecting from Almighty God. Why men would rather trust their finite minds than acknowledge the existence

and source of help in the Creator is a great mystery.

The LORD reveals that all nations are part of a finite Creation that walks and lives in the Mercy and Compassion of the infinite Unbegotten LORD God. Yet they continually rebel and refuse to return to their Creator. All the great and mighty nations of Earth, the pompous kings, and the arrogant populous are a “nothing,” a breath of vapor before the Almighty God.

All nations of Earth are like a drop of water from the mighty ocean of God’s infinite Substance, and, in God’s Scales, they are a small dust from His great Earth. If every nation *ceased* to exist, they *would not detract* from the LORD’s Divine Perfection. If every nation *continued* to exist, they *would not add* a drop of water or a grain of sand to His “All-sufficiency”.

All *ef-eh* Serpents and all God’s opposers are like a “nothing,” a vaporous breath before Him.

Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: **they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.** Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: **they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee** (Isaiah 41:11-13).

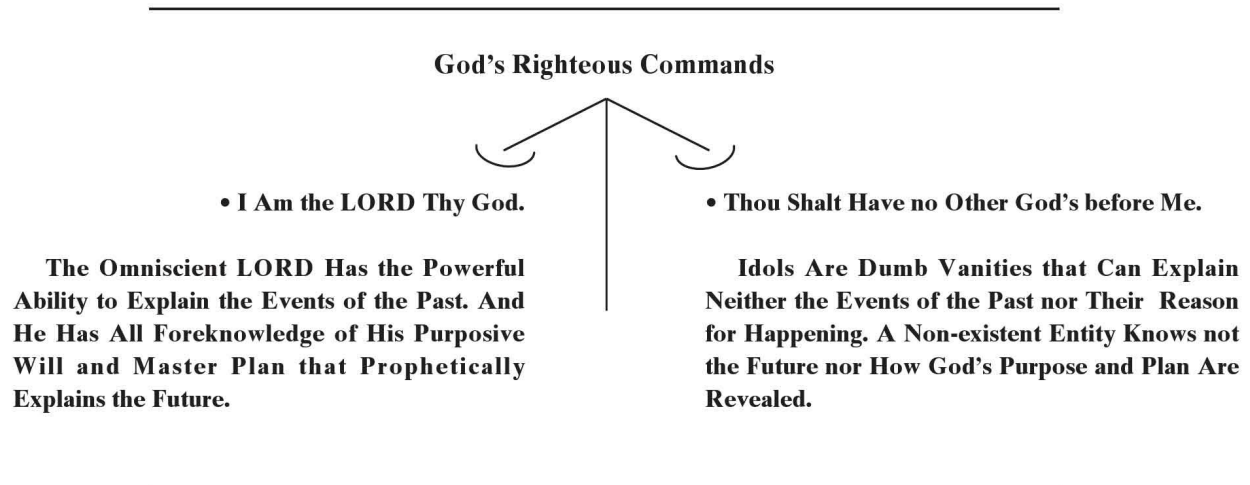
God’s Purpose in having these verses penned was to silence the fears of the LORD’s people and to replace their fear with Christ’s Silent Resignation and Tranquil Trust and to encourage their faith in Christ’s total reliance upon the Omnipresence and Omnipotence of His Unbegotten Father, Whose infinite, All-Living Breath is present to swallow up the *ef-eh* Serpent’s breath of terrorizing fear.

The LORD reinforces the Divine Truth of His Omnipotence and Omnipresence that is always with us in all the best, trustful times, as well as in all the worst, terrorizing times.

Although the *ef-eh* Serpents of fear appear formidable, insolent, and severe in their ability to terrorize with their paralyzing fear, they are less than a drop of vaporous breath before Almighty God. The LORD always confuses and annihilates our enemies of *ef-eh* serpentine fears and frees us from them, sustaining our minds and hearts through our worst terrorizing times. As a result, those who war against us become as “nothings” and are things of naught because we are joined to our All-sufficient LORD.

The LORD makes an analytical comparison between Leviathan’s “nothing” idol or *ef-eh* Serpent versus the LORD’s omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Power, Knowledge, and All-Power.

Behold, **ye are of nothing, and your work of nought:** an abomination is he that chooseth you (Isaiah 41:24).



Idols are “nothings”, but these gross objects of man’s mind and hands are used by *ef-eh* Serpents to hiss and to blow through man’s dumb idols with their lying breaths, which gives them an appearance of living, breathing objects. As a result, the idol worshipper is deceived and made to believe that he really has created a living god. What unspeakable deceit, darkness, and death!

The LORD declared that the works of the Israelite idolaters were worse than the *ef-eh* Viper-serpents. It is natural for a viper to bite when he is a creature in the visible Creation. However, it was an absurd, abnormal abomination for Israel to make dumb idols after they had been given both God’s Oral Law of Love and His Written Law of Love

on Mount Sinai. What unspeakable ingratitude to defect from the LORD's Living Power and Glory and choose a dumb idol calf!

On Mount Sinai, they had seen God's Thunderings, God's Lightnings, God's Noise of a Trumpet, God's Fire, a Smoking Mountain, and God's Law of Love that came out of the Devouring Fire.

And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off (Exodus 20:18).

And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights (Exodus 24:17,18).

In the natural realm, an *ef-eh* viper is poisonous, and it bites, so when God's people take on Leviathan's poisonous, biting serpentine nature, in the spiritual realm, it is absurdly insane for them to defect from God and try to bite and war against Him.

The Prophet Isaiah compared the wicked plots and plans of man's mortal mentality to hatched-out eggs of an *ef-eh* Viper.

They hatch cockatrice's eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper [*ef-eh*] (Isaiah 59:5).

Souls that reject the *Torah*-Truth and the Almighty God, Who has given those souls both natural and spiritual Life, are truly diseased, sick souls. These sick souls will choose a vain, dumb, idolatrous thought, feeling, and deed (the works of their own minds and hands) to maintain and protect their God-given Life. This is exactly what Israel did when she rejected the LORD's Counsel and sought help from Egypt.

Chapter Four

The Good *ak-shoob* Serpents And The Evil *ak-shoob* Serpents

The Hebrew word for this fourth class of serpents is *ak-shoob*, which means to coil, to lurk, asp, adder, also a species of spider from an Arabic root word that means to bend backward. The *akshoob* serpent spits out its poisonous venom from under its protruding lips and sucks out the blood of its victims.

In this class of serpents, there are also the ministries of the Good *ak-shoob* Serpent and the ministries of the evil *ak-shoob* serpents.

I. The Good *ak-shoob* Serpents War for God and His People with Praises.

The Good *ak-shab* Serpents work through the mouth to sing praises to God and the Lamb. The LORD created the throat to be holy and sanctified so that it can sing high praises to the LORD God and His Only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. The sweet Palmist of Israel revealed this Truth:

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; (Psalm 149:6).

The Hebrew word for *mouth*, in this verse, is *gaw-rone*, which does not literally mean *mouth*, but *throat or neck*. In order for the high praises of God to be in the throat, the old *lover* heart must be liberated and sanctified from Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness and must become a holy Sanctuary for the LORD so that it can be filled with His Love, Life, and Light. As a result, the *law-bab lover* heart will send up, through the throat, to the mouth, its *high praises* unto the LORD.

The Hebrew root word for *high* is *room*, which means to be high, to rise up, to exalt, to extol, to set on high, to mount up, loud.

The Highest Place is the Place where the Resurrected Christ is — on the Right Hand of His Heavenly Father. The Highest Place is where the Father's infinite Unbegotten *kaw-bode* Glory and *no-gah* Brightness dwell. The Highest Place is where the Unbegotten Father's ALL in All, through His Only Begotten Son, dwells.

The high praise to God is not mere lip service, but sincere, holy love from the sanctified *lawbab lover* heart, whose only purpose for existence is to lift the LORD's Name on High (*room*).

The *room* or High Place is where God the Father raised up His Only Begotten Son and highly exalted Him.

Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:** (Philippians 2:9).

This also is the place of the Highest Dust from the *zoor* Rock or the Eternal God. The LORD Jesus Christ came from above, and He came in His Father's Name.

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive (John 5:43).

The LORD Jesus Christ charged His own people, Israel, with the cruel crime of rejecting Him, although He was the True Bearer of His Heavenly Father's Name. Yet they readily received false prophets and false christ. He also foretold that when the final Antichrist comes in his own name, him they will receive.

Jesus came to Earth, and while He was here, He did the following things:

- bore His Heavenly Father's Holy Name;
- spoke only what He heard from His Heavenly Father;

- did all the wonderful Works that He saw His Father doing;
- gave all the Glory and Honour to His Heavenly Father; and
- lifted up His Father's Holy Name.

The Jews looked for a Messiah or Christ Who would appear with outward pomp and Who would promise them worldly honour. They were proud in their *law-bab lover* hearts; therefore, Jesus called their throats whited sepulchers.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres**, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but **are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.... Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?** (Matthew 23:27,33).

They pretended to worship God with their mouths, while their *law-bab lover* hearts were open sepulchers, full of dead bones of Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness. Jesus came to cleanse and to sanctify the heart and the throat and to fill them with the high praises to Him and the Highly Exalted *room* Place.

When the *lover* heart is haughty, arrogant, and proud, it loves and delights in worldly honours from man's mortal mentality, and it loves the high seats of authority. The prideful *lover* heart loves to be on High and to worship the god of attention and recognition.

When Isaiah saw the LORD as the Resurrected Melchisedec High Priest, with the hem or belt of the *ephod* filling the Temple, he realized that his mouth and lips were unclean and empty of the high praises that the Father's Holy Name deserved. So he repented, and a Seraphim flew down, carrying a live coal of Fire from God's Altar, and purged Isaiah's mouth and heart from Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness.

In the year that king Uzziah died **I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple**. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. **Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged** (Isaiah 6:1-7).

The LORD is the High (*room*) and Holy One Who inhabits Eternity, yet He also dwells with the contrite heart and humble spirit to revive the heart and the spirit.

For **thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones** (Isaiah 57:15).

The LORD's lofty exaltation and lowly condescension are the manifestations of His Holy, Inscrutable Nature and Name. The whole reason for the existence of our tongues is for lifting up and exalting the LORD's Holy Name of Love, Life, and Light, as His Sacred Word reveals.

The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and **I will exalt him** (Exodus 15:2).

I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me (Psalm 30:1).

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together (Psalm 34:3).

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, **I will exalt thee** (Psalm 118:28).

I will extol thee, my God, O king; and **I will bless thy name for ever and ever** (Psalm 145:1).

I cried unto him with my mouth, and **he was extolled with my tongue** (Psalm 66:17).

O LORD, thou art my God; **I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;** for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth (Isaiah 25:1).

Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, **Stand up and bless the LORD**

your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise (Nehemiah 9:5).

The LORD Jesus Christ, God's Good Serpent or Wisdom, will swallow up Leviathan's serpents, just as Aaron's Rod swallowed up all Leviathan's *ak-shoob* serpents with their poisonous hate, death, darkness. And He will fill our *law-bab lover* hearts and throats with His Father's Love, Life, and Light. All we have to do is to ask, to receive, and to practice the Song of the Holy Spirit's *High Praises* in our thoughts, feelings, and deeds.

II. The Evil *ak-shoob* Serpent Wars Against God's People Through Slander and False Accusations.

Psalm 140 referred to this class of serpent when David spoke of his enemies, who were sinister, cruel, and cunning in their slander and false accusation.

When David was a fleeing fugitive from King Saul, he suffered bitterly under the king's sinister, cruel, and cunning plots and plans to kill him. King Saul, used by the evil *ak-shoob* serpents, secretly devised demonic schemes in his *worker* heart against David, God's anointed little king. But little David cried unto the LORD for help to overcome Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness that constantly warred against him through King Saul, and he sought direction from God through the LORD's *ephod*.

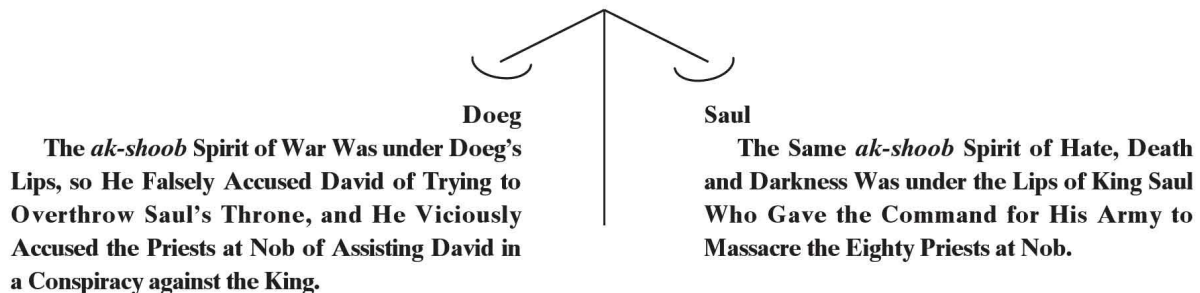
Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war. **They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' [ak-shoob] poison is under their lips. Selah** (Psalm 140:1-3).

King Saul, whom God had rejected as king, listened to Doeg, as he used Leviathan's *ak-shoob* evil, serpentine tongue to slander and falsely accuse God's newly anointed King David and eighty of the Priests. Doeg's evil tongue inflamed Saul's hate and jealousy all the more, which drove him to slay eighty innocent Priests and to pursue David ruthlessly in an effort to kill him, too.

Daily, Saul's men of violence brazenly gathered together to war and fight against David and his followers. However, Abithar, the only Priest who had escaped, had the LORD's *ephod*, and he always used it to govern and guide David to safety and freedom from Saul's murderous hands.

Doeg and Saul sharpened their tongues to war against God's anointed, David, but to no avail, for if God be for us, who can be against us?

David's Enemies at Nob, the Priestly City in Benjamin



So all the Priests were slain at Nob — except Abithar — who fled. Doeg had instigated their murder by falsely accusing them to King Saul, who then gave the command to slay them.

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul used the Hebrew word *ak-shoob* to describe the spirit of hate, death, and darkness that dwells under the human tongue.

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. **Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps [ak-shoob] is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes** (Romans 3:11-18).

All men are born with the proclivity to defect from God, habitually, and to gravitate to everything that is evil.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me (Psalm 51:5).

Man's inherited corruption from Adam the first is man's *apostasy*. These verses in chapter three of the Book of Romans, written by the Apostle Paul to the Church at Rome, say that corrupt man's throat is an *open sepulcher of death*, ready to swallow up any form of the LORD's Life that comes near. This sepulcher of Death coalesces or solidifies all things to its nature of Death, which is the place in which all Spiritual Life is silenced. Leviathan's hate, death and darkness rule supremely in the old man.

But God is not the God of the dead; He is the God of the living.

He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err (Mark 12:27).

The power of Death is the destruction or extinction of life. However, the Eternal Life of the Father and the Everlasting Life of the Son swallow up all Leviathan's destructive death and his extinction of life for the penitent, believing soul. This is the inevitable experience for the disobedient soul who chooses to expose himself to the deathly nature of the Leviathanic *ak-shoob* asp or serpent-spirit in the throat, with its venomous poison of hate under its tongue that utters accusations, murmurings, and complainings against God and His Brotherhood.

The LORD Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, truly destroyed both Leviathan's natural and Spiritual Death and delivered those who, through fear of death, were all their lifetime subject to Leviathan's bondage.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage** (Hebrews 2:14,15).

Natural death abides in the sinful mortal body that returns to dust, apart from being alive when Jesus Christ comes in the air to rapture the saints who are overcomers. The mortal bodies of prepared saints will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, into a spiritual body.

Leviathan's Spiritual Death manifests itself by making a believer's conscious feelings aware of the absence of the LORD's personal Presence in his spirit and soul. Leviathan tries to make a soul judge by his feelings that he will never feel the LORD's Personal Presence again. This is a complete falsehood. The problem is that Leviathan brings his *cloud* or vaporous breath of Spiritual-Death feelings between a believer and Christ's abiding Presence, which is through the New Man's presence in a repentant soul. But this lasts just for a moment, as it were.

The LORD's Purpose in allowing this to happen is for believers to learn how to overcome such an attack by Leviathan. If believers will immediately begin praising, blessing, and thanking the Blood of Jesus, He will swallow up Leviathan's poisonous breath, and the believers will immediately feel and experience the Sun of Righteousness and His glorious Love, Light, and Life filling their hearts with His Joy unspeakable and His satisfying Peace that passeth all understanding.

God's children must avail themselves of Jesus Christ's perfect victory over Spiritual Death; they must believe, trust, love, and obey Him and praise and bless His Holy Name. When the LORD Jesus Christ changes Leviathan's old Death in believers' *lover* hearts, their throats and mouths will become living fountains of Love, Light, and Life to all who are around them.

Then, Paul further said that corrupt men's tongues have used deceit. Instead of impenitent souls using their tongues as ready writers for praising and blessing the LORD's Holy Name and being a living fountain for God's Oral Truth, by speaking His Truth in love, they use their tongues to spread Leviathan's cruel poison of hate, death, and darkness through the *ak-shoob* Asp or Serpent, thus they spread their lies, cheat, deceive, and mislead unknowing spirits and souls further away from the LORD.

Paul continued his letter to the Romans by saying that those who are filled with the spirit of hate, death, and darkness also have the poison of the Asp (*ak-shoob*) under their lips. Instead of lips like Christ's Bride, who have honey and milk or the sweetness and freshness of God's Word under their tongues, corrupt men's throats are open sepulchers that give forth the stench and smell of Leviathan's hate, death and darkness, through the *ak-shoob* Asp under their tongues and in their mouths.

Paul also said that their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness, and their feet are swift to shed blood. Instead of having mouths like wells of Living Water, their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness, so they try to call down blasphemous injury on the objects of their bitter, grievous hate, death, and darkness. Also, their feet are swift to shed

blood — to kill all who contrary the gods of their imaginations, and their ways or paths are full of misery and destruction. Destruction and misery are their steady soldiers who help them to war against God and His Good Purposive Will and Master Plan. Their whole purpose is to desolate, to devastate, and to ruin all of God's Good and Correct Purposes and Plans and to hide them from His people. They use their Leviathanic misery, unhappiness, and wretchedness to try to defile and to kill the LORD's Love and Joy in a true, penitent soul who is serving the LORD.

Paul said that such corrupt people are ignorant of Christ's Way of Peace and restful Satisfaction. They know not how or where to obtain peace for themselves, nor do they know how to preserve peace and harmony with others. Finally, Paul said that there is no fear of God before their eyes. True fear is a holy reverence for God's Word, His Will, His Glory, and His Name. Wicked sepulchers do not want the LORD's restraining, good Government upon their bodies, souls, spirits, and wills that would lead and guide them in the right way, both now and hereafter. Where there is no fear of God, the soul falls into wrack, ruin, and destruction.

Chapter Five

The Good *peh-then* Serpents And The Evil *peh-then* Serpents

The Hebrew word for this fifth class of serpents is *peh-then*, which means to twist; an asp; from its contortions, an adder; threshold; to be strong; to be firm; to stretch-out; extension of length; winding serpent; cruel. The venom and death of the asp are in the Serpent's mouth, which presents the evil side of the *peh-then* serpents. There is also a good side to the *peh-then* Serpents. The good *peh-then* Serpents belong to the Army of the LORD.

I. The Good *peh-then* Serpents War for God's People Who Live in the Secret Place of the Most High.

The LORD promised that those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty God and receive Power from Him to trample their enemies underfoot.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91:1).

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name (Psalm 91:13,14).

Those who live in an intimate spiritual relationship with God, in the Secret Place of the Most High, are safe, secure, and protected at all times by the Wings of Christ's Headship, the Ark of the believers' Strength, which is personified by the Cherubims in the Holy of Holies in the Mosaic Tabernacle. The LORD also gives overcomers not only power to walk on the old lion, the *peh-then* Serpent, the cub lion, and the *tan-noon* Serpent-Dragon, but He gives overcomers new heights and depths of His *kaw-bode* Glory, glorious Word, and glorious Name.

As overcomers, we take on greater Spiritual Stature in Christ Jesus. We learn to sing a new song of the high praises of God that has these words: "These are the wonderful Works of our God, and they are marvelous in our eyes!" Hence, we are in the battle for more than just conquering our enemies. We are in the battle for more and more of Christ's Glory, Word, and Name or Nature, and His "New Song"!

On the Cross, the LORD Jesus Christ conquered the powerful enemies of God, and He spoiled principalities and powers. He also obtained the Power to set us free from Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness and give us His complete Truth in His Word Stature. As a result, we are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. We gain more of His precious Stature of Truth in His Word. Although we are killed all the day long for Christ's sake, in Christ Jesus, we are more than conquerors of our enemies; we are gainers of the Glory of His Love, Life, and Light.

Through His Death, Christ conquered Leviathan. Likewise, as we die to Leviathan's mortal mentality in the places of pain and suffering, we conquer all our enemies, and we gain new Depths and Heights in Christ Jesus. We learn how to go to the Depths of the Father's Throne of Grace in the *teh-home*, below, and how to ascend to His Throne of Mercy in the Above or Highest Place above the Heavens.

These two divine, infinite places are *below* and *above* all Creation and all enemies. The "beyond," the "more place" of Christ's Love, Life, and Light, is above all battles and all conquering.

The Unbegotten Father's *kaw-bode* Glory dwelled on the Son's Head, personified in the Mosaic Tabernacle by the Ark with its Mercy Seat. God's *kaw-bode* Glory is the omnipotent Place of all His Power. Here, Christ clothes us as the good *peh-then* Serpent of Wisdom to shine and to live through His Atoning Blood and to swallow up and trample upon Leviathan's *peh-then* evil Serpents of hate, death, and darkness. God's Love in Christ Jesus responds at once to the heart that loves and lifts up His Holy Name.

The lion and the serpent are two dangerous creatures that hate each other. The lion openly attacks its prey, but the serpent hides in the dark and attacks its victim secretly. If someone tramples upon the hidden serpent, it is aroused to

murderous frenzy and fury. Infuriated, it is poised to kill.

However, those who constantly abide in the Secret Place of the Most High and stay clothed with Christ's Resurrected, Glorified Blood and Glory, are clothed with Christ's All-Power and His holy Serenity, Security, and Certainty of overcoming Leviathan's *peh-then* serpents and trampling upon them. The LORD Jesus Christ, God's Good Serpent of Wisdom, has broken the Serpent's proud head and spoiled believers' spiritual enemies.

When the LORD Jesus Christ hung on the Cross, His nail-pierced Heel, with His flowing Blood, crushed and broke the crooked Serpent-Leviathan's head.

Likewise, when the risen LORD Jesus Christ returns again to rule during the Millennium, He will sit in the new Temple on the Throne, as King, Priest, and Prophet. His crucified, resurrected Heel will walk in and out over the threshold of the Holy Temple. Then, Living Holy Water will begin to ooze or trickle out from under the threshold, under the LORD Jesus Christ's holy Feet, and will flow down the south side of the Temple and on out onto the land and into the Dead Sea. These Living Waters will heal every dead thing, in all places where Leviathan has left his Death. This spiritual Living River will begin with a few oozing drops until the river is ankle deep, then knee deep, then loin deep, and, finally, it will become a river to swim in for lack of measurement. This will be the Father's infinite River of Love, Life, and Light through His Risen Christ, His Only Begotten Son.

The Hebrew word for *threshold* is *mif-tawn*, from the Hebrew root word *peh-then*, the Viper-Serpent, which represents both the Good Serpent, Christ, the Son of God, the Wisdom of God, and Leviathan, the evil Serpent.

Christ Jesus told us to follow in His Footsteps and to be like the wise, harmless Good Serpent.

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls (1 Peter 2:20-25).

Our dearly beloved Redeemer was and is perfectly Holy and so free from sin that neither temptation nor provocation could extort one sinful, unholy thought, feeling, or unholy word out of His Heart and Mouth. In Christ Jesus' Death on the Cross, He presented the eternal Example of perfect patience, while experiencing unspeakable suffering. He was the LORD's Scapegoat, Who delighted to bear the world's sin under indescribable suffering, according to His Father's Purposive Will.

We are called to follow in His steps! We, too, are called: to be sufferers who are yoked to Christ's humble obedience; to deny ourselves; and to take up our cross. We are called by Christ's Commands, Providence, and divine Grace to follow in His Footsteps. Then, we, too, can be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

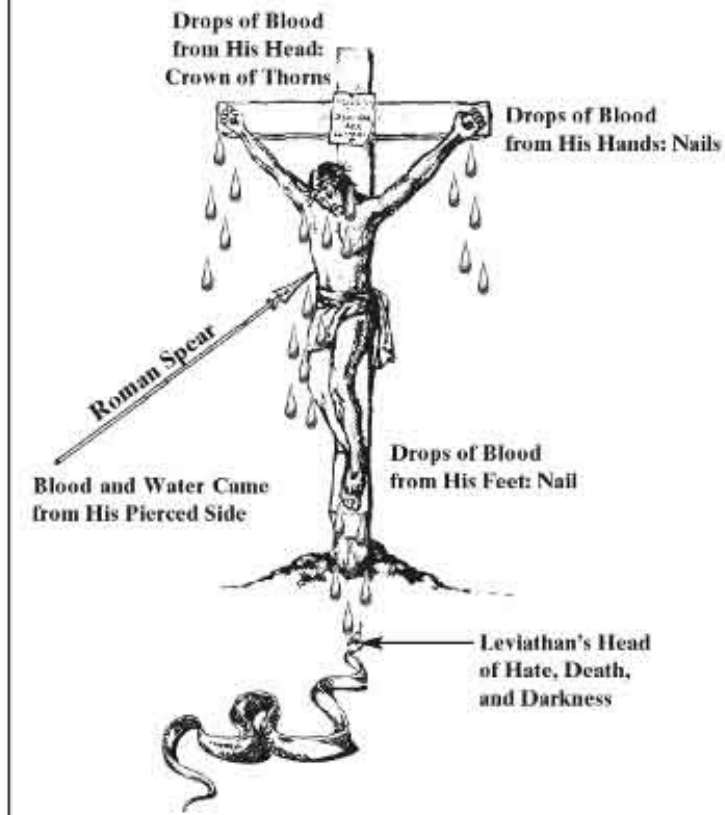
Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: **be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves** (Matthew 10:16).

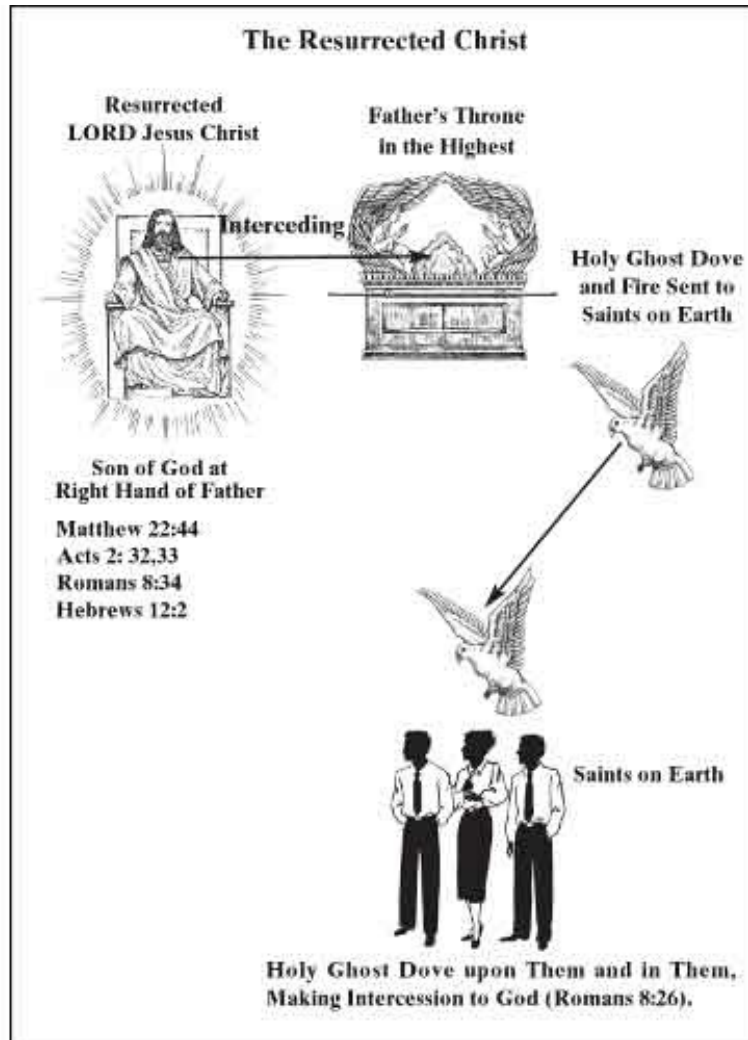
Jesus was Holy, Harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. He was made higher than the Heavens.

For such an high priest became us, **who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;** (Hebrews 7:26).

The following diagrams—of the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ—show some of the deep, mysterious, glorious Truths about our dearly beloved Saviour, Bridegroom, Big Brother, Steward, Melchisedic High Priest, and Good Serpent, giving us a better understanding of Him.

The Crucified Christ





While the LORD Jesus Christ was alive on the Cross, the major drops of His Blood flowed down from His Head, His Hands, and His Feet. The LORD Jesus Christ spoke His famous seven “sayings” on the Cross, which were clothed with His precious Blood that flowed down while He was alive. After the LORD Jesus Christ had willingly died upon the Cross for the sins of the world, a Roman soldier pierced His Side, releasing the River of His precious Love, Life, and Light through His Heart’s Blood and Water.

The Hebrew word for *side* is *tsad*, which means to join, sidle off, turn aside, an adversary. *Tsad* is the root word for *tsed-awd*, which means to turn away, to turn one’s side to anyone, the side on which the child is carried, to lean, to recline, to catch or hunt, to oppose, to be an adversary.

The LORD Jesus Christ is our Place of Refuge, and He is an Adversary to Leviathan and his hate, death, and darkness.

The best way to understand Jesus’ *Side* is to look at how the Holy Spirit has used the word *side* in God’s Holy Word.

First, the LORD commanded Noah to build an ark with a door in its *side* (*tsad*) so that His appointed creatures could enter into it and have their lives saved and protected. After God had shut the door in the *side* of the ark, He became an aggressive, judgmental Adversary to all the wicked ones who lived outside the ark.

The Golden Candlestick in the Mosaic Tabernacle was made with a central shaft, which represented the Father and His eternal Flame. The Candlestick had six sides or openings, out of which came six branches. There were three openings *on one* side of the Candlestick and three openings on the *other side*, making a total of six openings for the branches.

eternal Word and His eternal Glory. So the battle is not altogether about what we overcome, but it is also about what we can gain and attain, which is the Mark of the Prize of God's High Calling in Christ Jesus. Here, we learn to sing His High Praises, Blessings, and Thanks from our *lover* hearts.

II. The Evil *peh-then* Serpents War Against God's People, Trying to Get Them to Delight over God's Punishment of His People Who Have Erred.

This class of evil serpent is mentioned in Deuteronomy, where it refers to Leviathan's making the nations drunk with his cruel, *peh-then* asp-poison of delight over the LORD's severe chastening of Israel.

Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps (Deuteronomy 32:33).

The hearts of Israel's enemies, in their degenerated pleasure and in the intoxicating wine of the cruel asp, gloated over the downfall of the LORD's people. How pitiless and merciless and completely without love or compassion were Israel's enemies in their reaction to seeing her punishment.

It is an unspeakable shame for created brethren to become drunk on the cruel, poisonous wine of the *peh-then* Serpent so that their hearts and souls find degenerated pleasure and sadistic delight in the chastisements, pains, and sufferings of God's people.

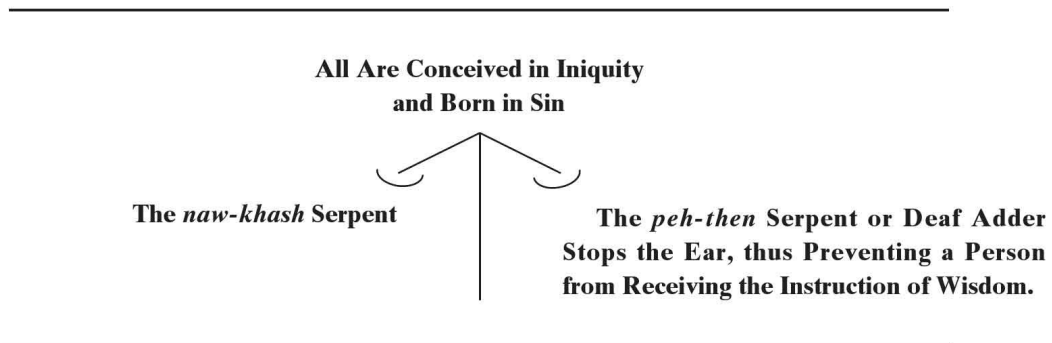
Although the excellency of the wicked may mount up to the Heavens, the wicked shall perish with their cruel poison of the *peh-then* Asp-Serpent. Though his wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue, the wicked person's bowels shall be filled with poison of the *peh-then* Asp.

Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue; Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth: Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him. He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly. He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him (Job 20:12-16).

When souls persist in keeping their love for the *peh-then* Serpent's cruel poison of hate, death, and darkness hidden under their tongues and when they hold it with affectionate delight, their meat will be turned in their bowels into the gall of the Asp.

The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. **Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;** Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely (Psalm 58:3-5).

Two classes of serpents immediately display their control over the innate character of newborn children, proving man's lost condition and need of a Saviour to redeem him. Had man's whole heart not become sin-filled, if even one spot had remained pure, Jesus would not have had to suffer and die and shed His precious Blood. Except for God's Love of His Creation and the Son's Love of His Father's Will, mankind would be forever lost!



The wicked are born with the inclination to evil. This is the innate nature of evil that mankind has inherited from Adam the first. Through repeated use and exercise, this sinful *seed* grows in the human heart and mind. Consequently, the poisonous venom that proceeds out of man's mouth is the deadly poison of the *naw-khash* and the *peh-then* serpents.

The deaf adder, in the natural realm, is unable to hear the voice and music of charmers, so it is untamable and

unconquerable. Likewise, the deaf Adder, in the spiritual realm, stops man's ear so that his soul does not hear the gentle whisper of his God-given conscience. In man's natural birth, he is alienated from the LORD God's divine Principles of Truth, His omnipotent, divine Power, and His divine, eternal Pleasure.

As soon as a child is born, he displays his anger and his serpentine malice and hate through his likes and dislikes. The serpentine enmity and nature of the *peh-then* Adder is poisonous, venomous, and mischievous. His only cure is the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

There is no Serpent like the *peh-then* Adder that stops the ear of the listener, thus preventing the person from hearing the conviction and the correction of God's Divine *Torah*-Truth. It takes the Power of Jesus Christ's coming into one's heart to break the power of the serpentine Adder that prevents one's soul from hearing the gentle whisper of one's conscience. As the penitent sinner grows in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ, the voice of his conscience grows louder and stronger. Those who take bribes in the natural realm have to turn a "deaf-Adder" ear to the voice of their conscience, which is a faithful reminder to a person of his immortality.

Ultimately, the poisonous adder-serpent will be healed of his malignant hate, death, and darkness and will be harmless during Christ's Millennial Reign. The Prophet Isaiah said that, in that day of Christ the Messiah's Reign, the small child will play on the hole of the *peh-then* serpent because Christ, the Messiah, will have overcome Leviathan's veil of deceit, death, and darkness that he has put over all Creation, and it will be replaced with His glorious Cloud of Love, Joy, and Peace.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den (Isaiah 11:8).

The poisonous adder-serpent will be healed of his malignant hate, death, and darkness and will be peaceful and harmless. All of Jesus Christ's Kingdom will be filled with His Love, Light, and Life and His Father's Love, Life, and Light.

We can have Christ's Millennial rest, now, in our *lover* hearts and have, in our throats, His High Praises for all things, as we press toward the Mark of the Prize of God's High Calling in Christ Jesus. The High Praises of God in our *lover* hearts, in our throats, and in our mouths are the eternal witness of our High Calling in Christ Jesus!

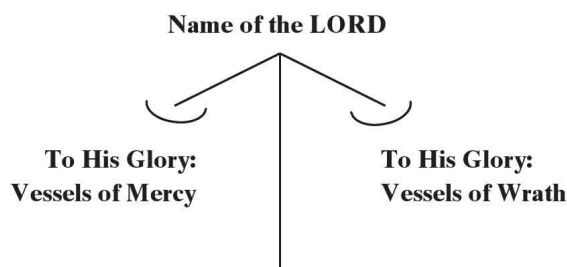
Chapter Six

The Good *tseh-fah* Serpents And The Evil *tseh-fah* Serpents

The Hebrew word for this sixth class of serpents is *tseh-feh*, which means to extrude, a viper thrusting out the tongue, hissing, to emit, to thrust out excrement, dung, to shoot forth branches; to discharge the most dangerous and the largest of the vipers in Palestine, the great yellow viper; to push, to impel vile things, to break wind, to produce worthless shoots, detestable progeny, the viper's brood.

I. The Good *tseh-fah* Serpents, Who Are Vessels of Mercy, Are Used to Make the LORD's Name Known.

The two sides of the *tseh-fah* Serpent is evidenced in how God works and how He allows things to happen so that His glorious Name will be made known in both good and evil or in pleasure and pain. This phenomenon is one of God's mysterious Principles because He uses both His Vessels of Mercy and His Vessels of Wrath in working with mankind to make His glorious Holy Name known. Even rulers and kings in this world who think they conquer and command at their will are subject to this Spiritual Principle. Chapters 24 and 25 of the Book of Kings tell how God used Nebuchadnezzar, a Vessel of Wrath and an idolater, to subdue Israel. Yet the Book of Daniel later records how God judged Nebuchadnezzar when he became proud and made him as a beast of the field until he recognized God as All-powerful and lifted up the LORD's Name instead of his own).



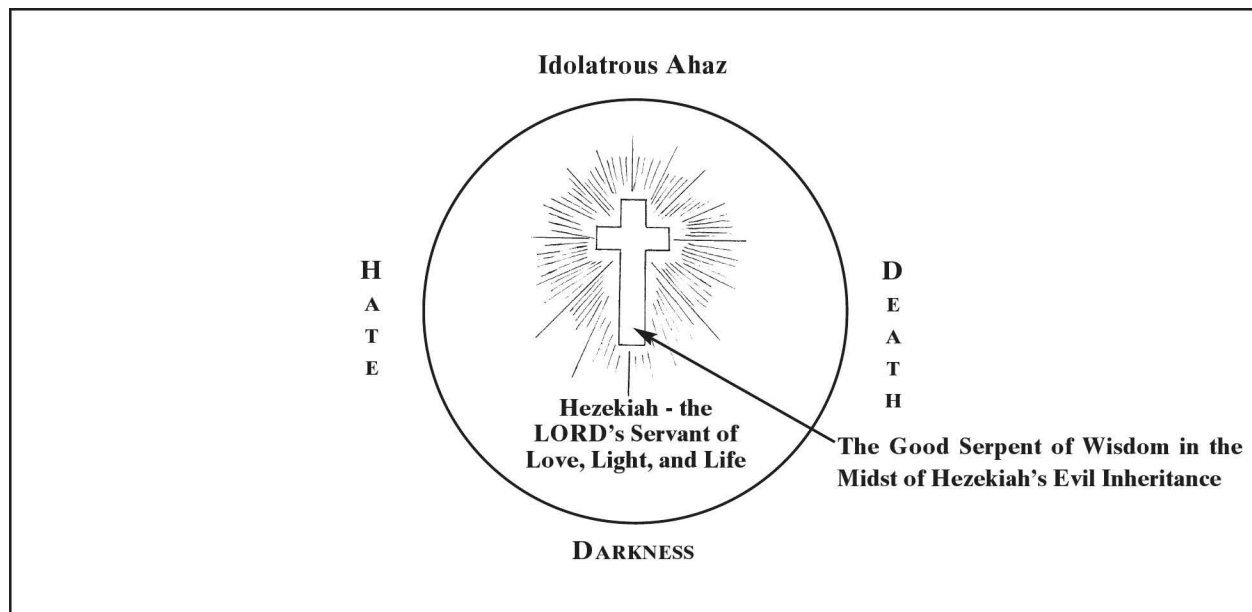
God's Purposive Will is to establish the Perfect Absoluteness of His infinite Name and His Divine Word. The Vessels of Mercy hear God's Divine Word of Love and humble themselves in true repentance; therefore, they receive God's Loving Forgiveness through the Glory of His Mercy and the Compassion of His Grace, thus making the LORD's Name known.

God always raises up His appointed leaders from the "good Seeds", in the midst of Leviathan's greatest periods of hate, death, and darkness. This irrevocable Principle of God's provision of anointed leaders is clearly displayed in the time of Israel's idolatrous darkness, when God raised up King Hezekiah, a great spiritual Light in his day.

In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden. Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: **for out of the serpent's** [idolatrous King Ahab, father of Hezekiah] **root shall come forth a cockatrice, [tseh-fah] and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent** (Isaiah 14:28,29).

King Hezekiah was God's *tseh-fah* Good Serpent-Wisdom, which He displayed in leading Israel out of idolatry. The LORD's omnipotent Power brought a new, righteous king out of wicked King Ahaz's nothingness, chaos, and

darkness. From his serpentine roots, God brought forth a good son, Hezekiah, who was a *cockatrice (tseh-fah)*, a Serpent, who swallowed up God's enemies. He was a shining king in the midst of Israel's idolatrous darkness that had surrounded his father's reign.



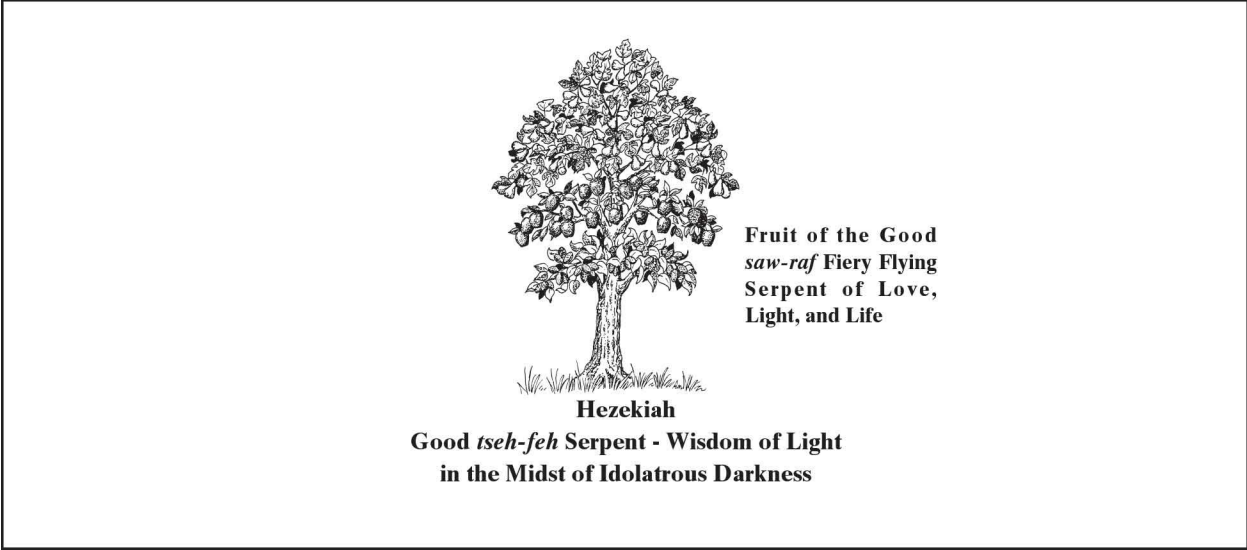
In the midst of King Ahaz's inheritance of idolatrous hate, death, and darkness, God sent Hezekiah, Ahaz's son, as a *tseh-fah* Viper-Serpent, full of Wisdom, whose fruitful works were like a fiery, flying *saw-raf* Serpent, biting and destroying the idolaters and their dumb idols in his kingdom, through the LORD's Almighty Power, Governance, and Guidance.

King Hezekiah's wisdom in burning all the idolatrous works of the Israelites was an eternal testimony of his loyalty to God. Hezekiah was known as one of the three best kings of Judah. He was an eminently godly man, who accomplished the following great works for the LORD:

- Hezekiah restored true worship to the LORD God, reverting to the kind of worship that Moses had established.
- He accomplished the abolition of idolatry in his kingdom.
- He tore down the high places that had been dedicated to idolatry.
- He broke in pieces Moses' brazen serpent that had been made into an object of idolatrous regard and worship.
- He cast out all the filth of the Temple, and he repaired and sanctified God's defiled Temple.
- He celebrated the holy Passover with great festivities, which were unequalled for magnificence and solemnity, except for during the days of King David and King Solomon.
- He had great moral respect and most high esteem for Isaiah, God's Prophet. He always counseled with him and walked by his spiritual advice.

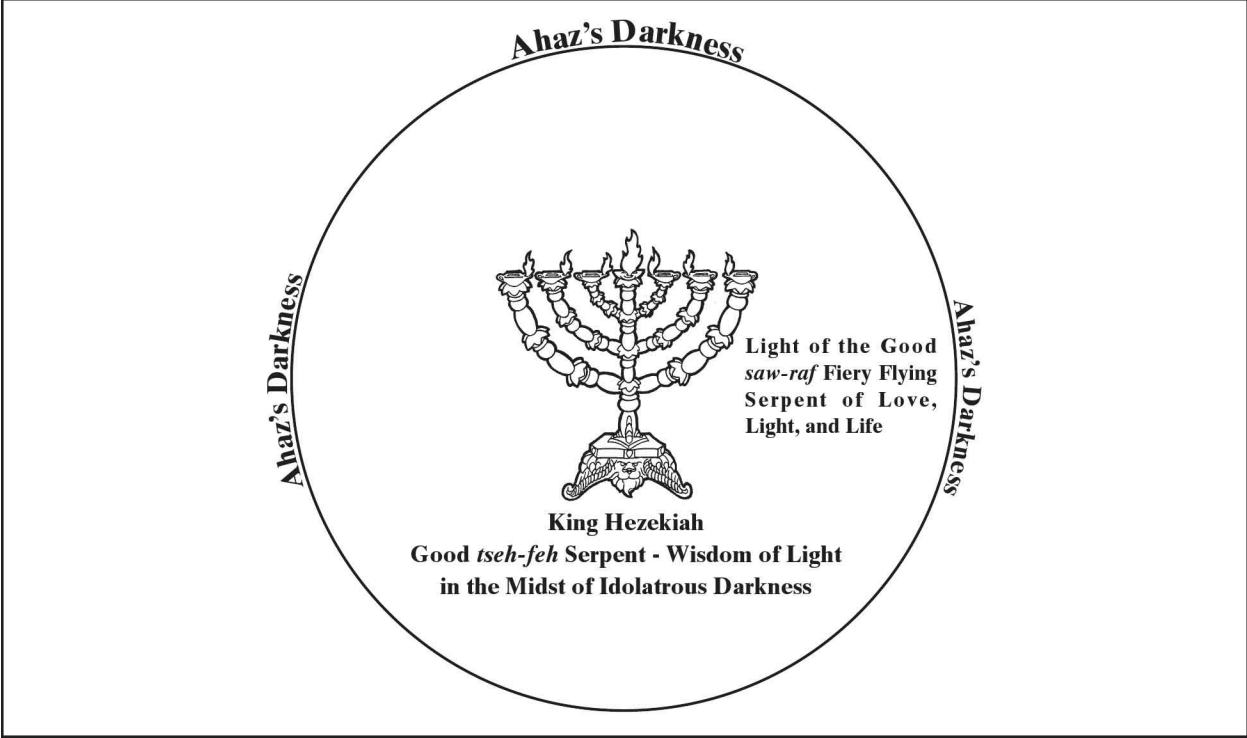
Hezekiah is a classic example of the LORD's Principle of using Leviathan's evil, idolatrous kingdom of great hate, death, and darkness in which to plant the glorious Love, Light, and Life of His Only Begotten Son, as He makes His Holy Name known.

Hezekiah came forth from King Ahaz's evil *naw-khash* Serpent inheritance, and God put His Tree of Life in him.



By destroying the idolatry in the land, King Hezekiah showed forth his love and loyalty to the LORD God and His *Torah-Truth* in the midst of Leviathan’s midnight darkness.

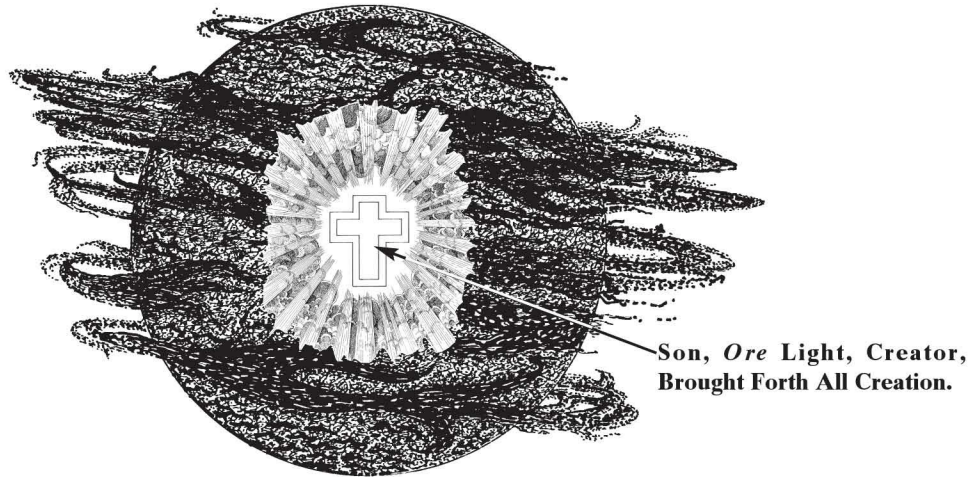
The LORD chose Ahaz’s evil (*naw-khash*) Serpent roots as an inheritance in which Hezekiah stood up and shined. God planted His Lamp or Candlestick of Illuminating Light in the midst of Ahaz’s kingdom of darkness.



This Principle of God’s Bringing Forth Light out of Darkness is one of His established Principles. In God’s Word are examples of the LORD’s establishing the Divine *ore Light* of His Son in the midst of Death and Destruction. For instance, God brought the Earth forth out of the midst of darkness.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **And God said, Let there be light [ore light of the Son of God]: and there was light [ore light of the Son of God]** (Genesis 1:2,3).

Earth – No Form, Void, Darkness



God, the Unbegotten Father, stood His Only Begotten Son (the *ore* Light of the world, Who had created all things according to the Father's Command) in the very midst of the darkness and chaos of the Earth so that He could swallow up the darkness, thus making way for the creation of a New World of Life to live on it.

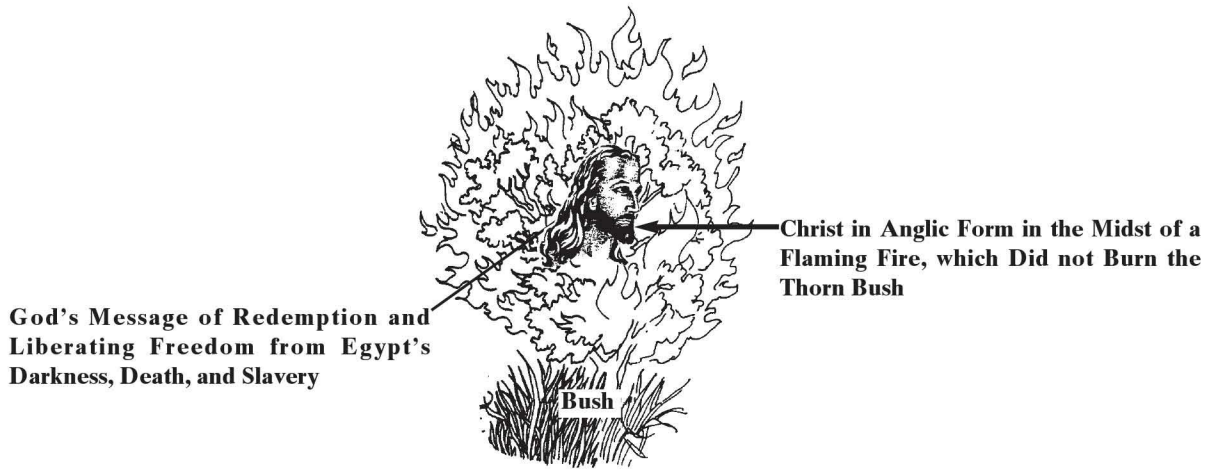
Let them praise the name of the LORD: **for he commanded, and they were created** (Psalm 148:5).

Then, there is the instance of God's sending Joseph and Israel into Egypt so that the tiny Nation of Israel could grow in the very midst of Leviathan's idolatrous hate, death, and darkness.

The time came for the nation to be set free and brought into the Light of their inheritance in Canaan's Land, but Moses, their leader, was in the midst of spiritual Darkness and Death in Midian; however, the LORD appeared to him in the burning Light of a thorn bush and spoke to him.

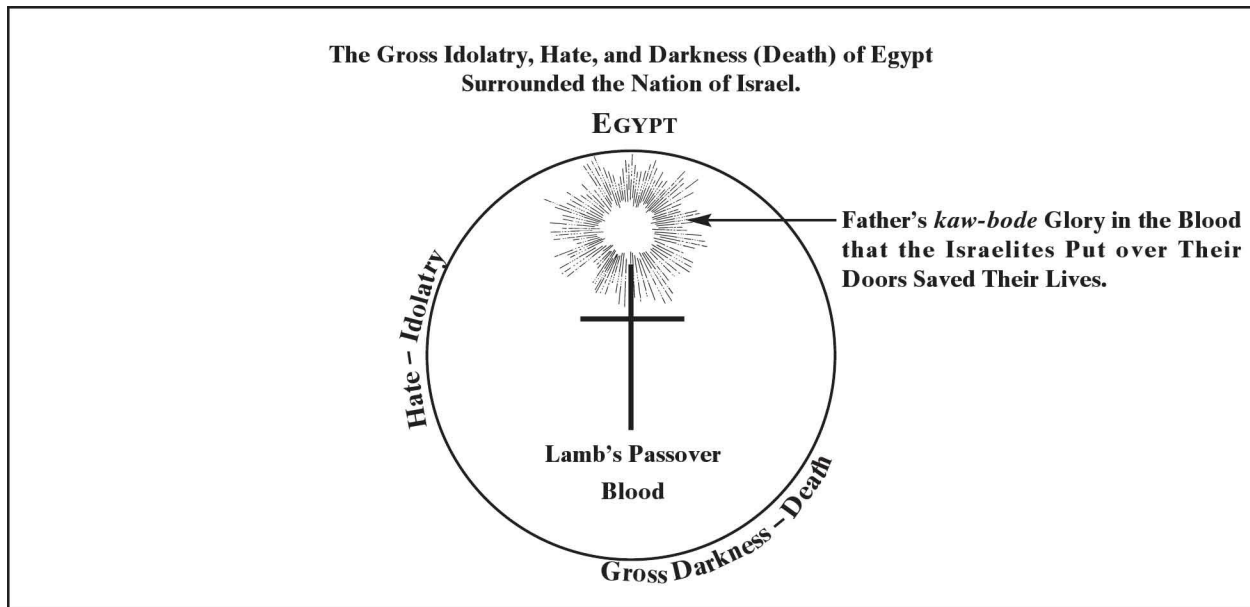
And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, **the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.** And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I** (Exodus 3:2-4).

Thorn Bush in Spiritual Darkness in Midian



When Israel was finally to leave Egypt in the midnight *darkness*, in order to save them from the last great plague of Death, the LORD set His redemptive Passover Lamb and His personal *kaw-bode*-Glory Light and Presence over every door that had on it the blood of the Passover Lamb.

For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and **when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door**, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you (Exodus 12:23).

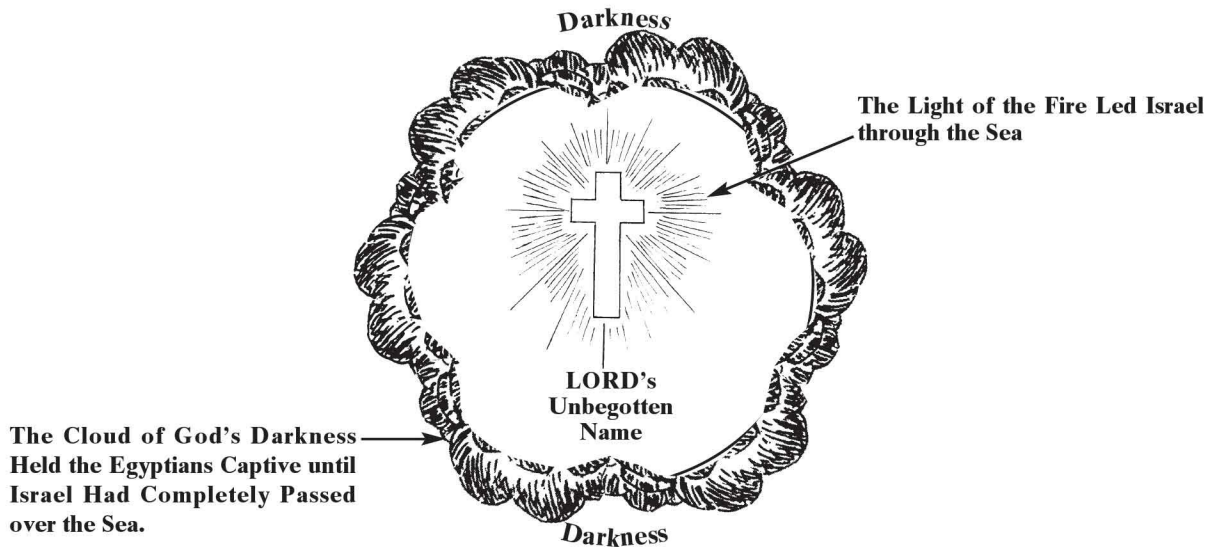


The tiny Nation of Israel had marched to the Red Sea, and the Egyptians were chasing them from behind; then, God gave them the Cloud and Fire, which moved between Israel and Egypt in the darkness of the night. So all through the night, the Cloud was a bright shining Light that clothed Israel as she passed through the Red Sea. Contrariwise, that same Cloud was a pillar of Darkness to the Egyptians so that they could not see Israel nor God's wonderful Works that He did throughout the night.

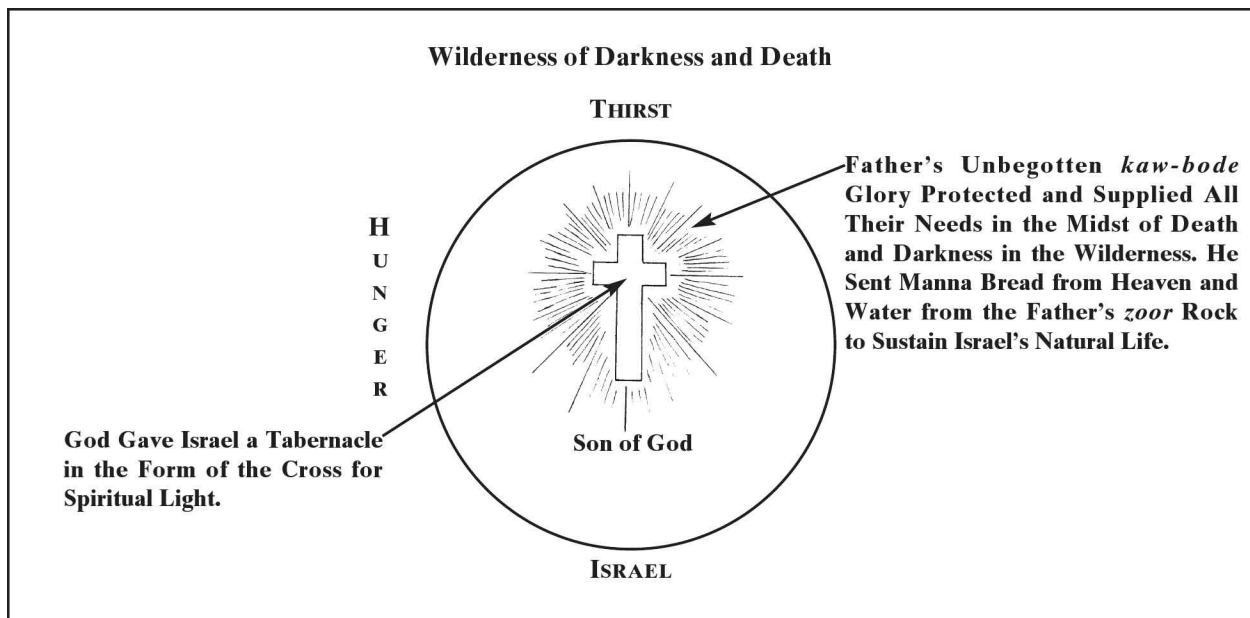
God's protection kept the Nation of Israel safe on their journey out of Egypt's spiritual Darkness and Death. Out of impossible circumstances, the LORD made a Way through the midst of the sea.

And **when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid:** and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?... **And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD,** which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever... **And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left** (Exodus 14:10,11,13,22).

Israel Was Completely Surrounded by the Red Sea, by Darkness, by Murmuring, and by Fear of Death from Pharaoh and His Army.



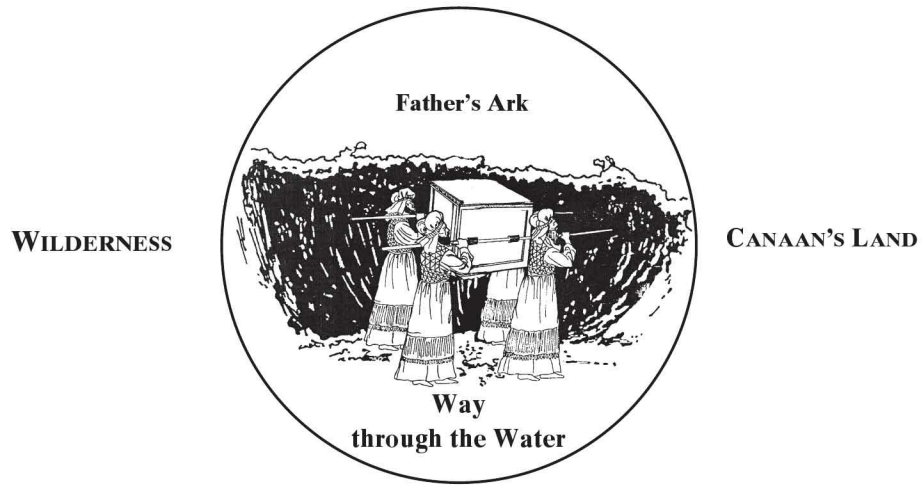
Over and over, God displayed the Power of His Name that overcame impossible circumstances, producing miracles with His Creating Power. He maintained Israel's life by giving them Food and water for their natural life and a Tabernacle, with His Presence in the *kaw-bode* Glory Cloud over the Mercy Seat, for their spiritual Life.



To make their final entry into the Promised Land, the LORD again overcame their impossible, helpless circumstances by opening a Way through the Jordan River. In the darkness of their helpless situation, the LORD revealed to Joshua how to cross Jordan's overflowing waters.

Through the Power of His Glory on His Ark, the LORD displayed His wonderful Works of overcoming Light. The four Priests who were carrying the Ark were so filled with the LORD's Glory Light that, when the soles of their feet touched the brim of the dark, muddy waters of Jordan, the Glory Light caused the unrestrained waters to stand up in icy walls on both sides of the people, and all Israel passed over on dry land.

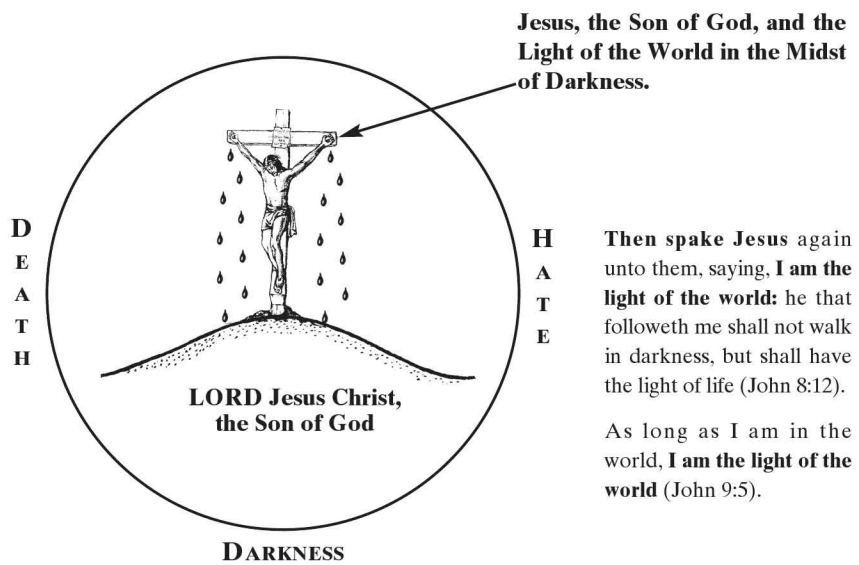
The Helpless Nation of Israel Faced the Obstacle of the Overflowing Dark, Muddy Waters of the River Jordan before They Could Enter the Promised Land.



And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap (Joshua 3:13).

The greatest miracle of all that God has provided for mankind is the Power of His *kaw-bode*-Glory Blood to redeem man from the hate, death, and darkness of sin. Jesus Christ's Death on the Cross provided a Blood-Way to His Throne, through which we can enter into His *Eternal* Love, and Life, and Light.

**God's Seed World, Lost in Sin,
Doomed for Hell and Death, and Held
Captive in Leviathan's Hate, Death, and Darkness**



Jesus, the Son of God, and the Light of the World in the Midst of Darkness.

H Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world:** he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life (John 8:12).

As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world** (John 9:5).

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not (John 1:9,10).

In the past, and today, the world is held captive by Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness; therefore, it knows not its Creator, Owner, and Master. But Jesus Christ is still the bright and shining Light in the midst of the world. We are not to love Leviathan's world.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (I John 2:15-17).

God loves His created world; therefore, He desires to save it.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved** (John 3:16,17).

The Apostle Paul commanded us to put off the old man and to put on the New Man of Christ's Love, Light, and Life.

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;... And that **ye put on the new man,** which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:22,24).

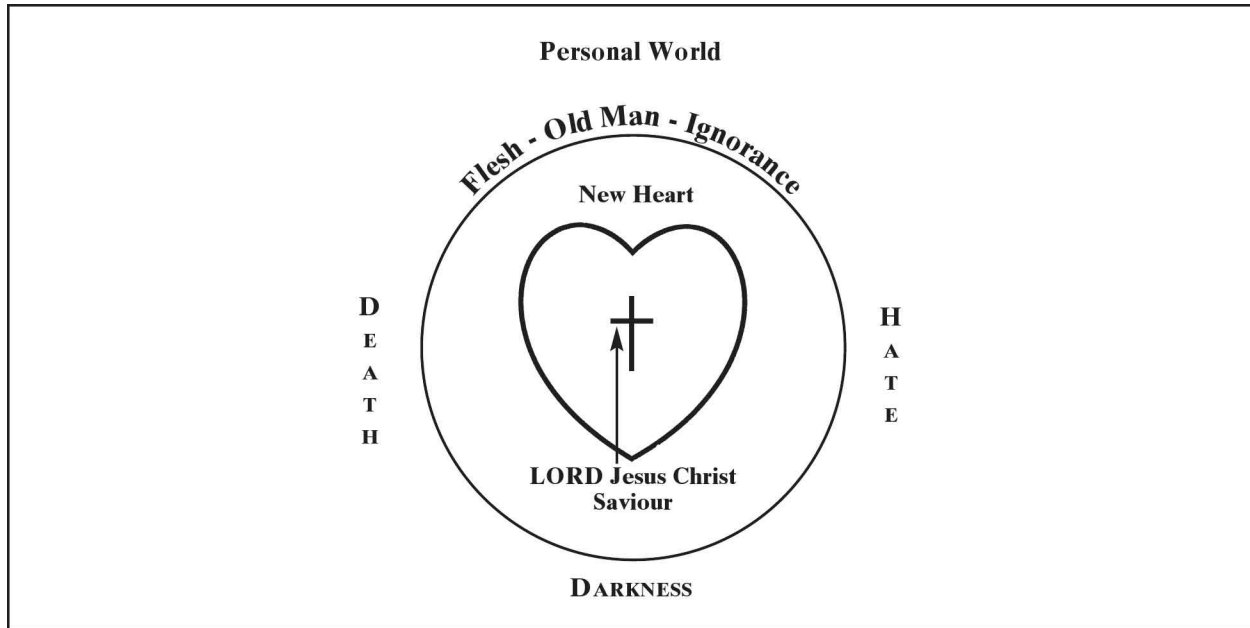
The old man is corrupt and full of Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness. His corruption defiles one's thoughts, feelings, and deeds. The old man is full of deceitful desires and lust that will lead the soul astray from the LORD. The Prophet Isaiah said that man has inherited the old man with his *mortal mentality* from Adam the first.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away (Isaiah 64:6).

We are unclean spiritually, like the leper in the natural world. The *old man* is spiritually polluted and filthy. He is like a fading, dying leaf, without any moisture of life. The *old man's* iniquities are carried by Leviathan, and he leads man away from God. The *old man* is unrighteous.

As it is written, **There is none righteous,** no, not one:... They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good,** no, not one (Romans 3:10,12).

We must put on Christ Jesus and His Holiness and Godliness with immortal Love, Light, and Life that loves to offer praise, blessing, and thanksgiving to the LORD's Holy Name for all things.



Thanks be unto God for His gift of *Light* that is always shining in the midst of our personal *Darkness!*
Isaiah described the LORD Jesus Christ as the Good Serpent of Wisdom, the Offspring or *tseh-fah* Serpent.

And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And **I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father' s house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring [tseh-fah] and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.** In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it (Isaiah 22:22-25).

In the beginning, the Unbegotten Father begot Christ, His Only Begotten Son, and placed Him on a Throne at His Right Hand in Glory. The Heavenly Father created all things through Christ, the Divine Word, the Son of God.

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created (Psalm 148:5).

The Father commanded His Son, and Christ created, according to His Father's Command.

After the Creation had apostatized, the Father cut down, as it were, His Son from Glory in Heaven and sent Him as a lowly, poor stranger to Earth to die for the lost world; thus, Jesus Christ fulfilled His Heavenly Father's Will for the redemption of the lost world.

The Father resurrected His Son with His Unbegotten, Resurrection Glory, returning His Son to His Throne of Glory in Heaven. The Son was born, according to His humanity side, from the roots of King David, who was also a part of the lost Seed world that Jesus Christ redeemed through His shed Blood. Jesus, the Son of Love and Light, came forth as the Offspring or *tseh-fah* Good Serpent of Wisdom. The Father's Only Begotten Son carried the guilt of all the sinful Seed world and nailed it to His Cross. The Heavenly Father raised up His Son after three days and three nights and put all the Glory of His Divine House upon Him. God's Word confirmed this Truth through the Apostle John.

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; **These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth** (Revelation 3:7);

The LORD Jesus Christ has the Key of Salvation from David, wherewith He opens and no man shuts, and He shuts and no man opens. The Heavenly Father also gave the LORD Jesus Christ All Power in Heaven and Earth to rule and govern in the Kingdom of God. His Sovereign Rule is divine, absolute, and uncontrollable by any creature. The Unbegotten Father has eternally confirmed Christ Jesus' office as High Priest, Prophet, and King. He is God's glorious Nail in His Father's House, upon which all the Vessels in His Father's House shall hang.

The LORD Jesus Christ bore all our burdens, when He went to the Cross, once and for all. The remission for sins and the atonement for sins flows from Christ's Cross of Blood. Jesus Christ paid the price for us once and for all! Oh, what a Saviour!

The Resurrected Blood of Jesus is the LORD's New Wine of delightful Satisfaction that was poured out on God's people on the day of Pentecost.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1-4).

There was such love, joy, and harmony among Christ's Disciples that strangers thought they were drunk on new wine. But the Apostle Peter told them this was not true since it was early in the day. A glorious thing had caused their condition. These believers had been *filled* with the Holy Ghost and had become drunk on the Holy Spirit's fiery Tongues of Love and Delight. After Peter had made known the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ, 3,000 souls heard, believed, received Christ Jesus as their Saviour, and were baptized.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter's classical, historical review of Christ Jesus' Life was not preached from a distorted, drunken mind in the natural realm. Rather, Peter's mind was spiritually drunk on the resurrected Wine of Christ's Blood and the Holy Ghost. Peter, with fresh, powerful energy, and enthusiastic Knowledge, laid the immovable Foundation of the Christian Church among the Jews on the day of Pentecost.

When the *lover* heart has been filled with the LORD's New Wine and is drunk on the spiritual, resurrected Blood, *kaw-bode* Glory, and the Holy Ghost, the effect in the spirit and soul is diametrically opposite of natural drunkenness.

Let us note what a spirit-filled *lover* heart, with its sanctified reins or scales, does.

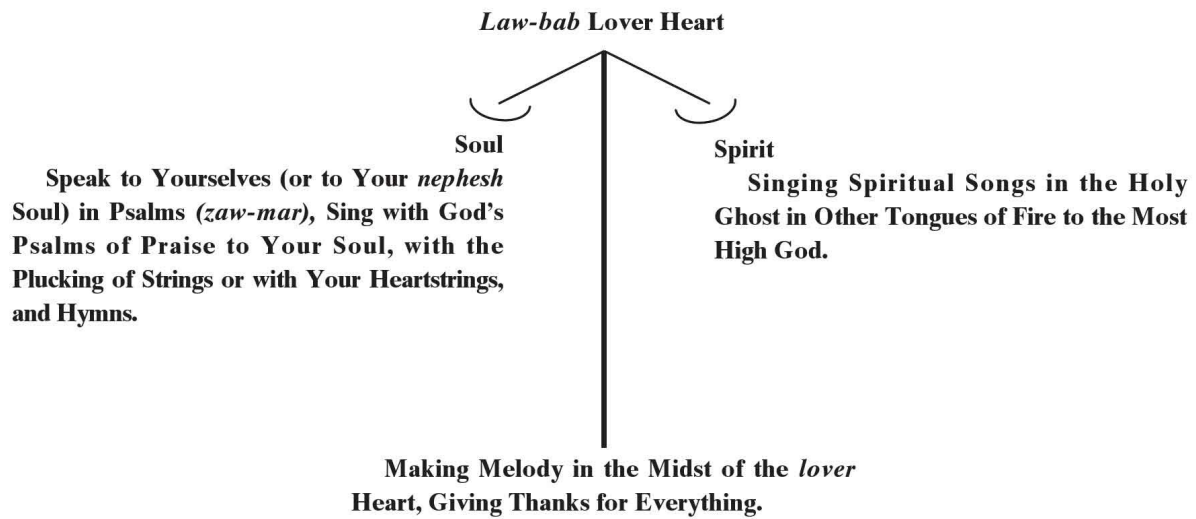


These Moral Principles were also re-enforced by the Apostle Paul.

Wherefore **be ye not unwise**, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;** (Ephesians 5:17-20).

These precious recorded Truths reveal another one of Christ's clockwise turning of Truth within the heart of saints. We are to be wise like God's Good Serpent-Wisdom, Who also opens the Eyes of our Understanding to see God's Will with its Love, Life, and Light.

The following diagram shows this scales of Truth in the *law-bab lover* heart, as outlined in these verses in Ephesians:



These are the marvelous Works of God, and they are marvelous in the eyes of God's saints.

When the New Man, Christ Jesus, is allowed to minister to our souls and spirits, our *lover* hearts will be set free from the hold Leviathan's mortal mentality has over our spirits. By putting up strong walls of praise and thanksgiving, and by making harmonious melody to the Most High God and to His Only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, Leviathan's armies of wrath, doubting, rejection, sadness, and melancholy are driven back and out of our *lover* hearts! Consequently, Christ's Love, which passes all Knowledge, will dwell in us; His unspeakable Joy that is full of Glory will dwell in us; and His Peace that passeth all Understanding will dwell in us.

This is the most abundant Love, Life, and Light of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Praise ye the LORD!

II. The Evil *tseh-fah* Serpents, Who Are the Vessels of Wrath, Make the LORD's Name of Just Judge Known Through Their Punishment of Sinners.

The Vessels of Wrath refuse to hear God's Words of warning; they completely ignore the Holy Spirit and take no heed to His holy Call to them to come to Christ Jesus for Salvation from their sins. They choose to continue going on in their prideful ways. As a result, the LORD makes His Holy, Glorious Name of *Just Judge* known to the guilty, rebellious sinner through His righteous Judgments and Punishments that He appoints them.

The LORD God will not clear the obstinate guilty one. But He will reward the impenitent sinner with punishment, yet still extend His Loving Forgiveness to them if they repent.

The Evil (*tseh-fah*) Serpent-Wisdom that Leviathan stole from the Father leads impenitent souls to apostatize from God, to the depths of degradation.

For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice' [*tseh-fah*] eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper (Isaiah 59:3-5).

The arrogant, flagrant idolatrous sin of Israel formed a great barrier between them and God. Consequently, God plunged them into His judgmental wretchedness and miserableness.

God revealed Israel's sinful condition in the above verses, in chapter 59 of Isaiah:

- Their hands were defiled with blood.
- Their fingers were defiled with iniquity.
- Their lips had spoken lies.

- Their tongues had muttered perverseness.
- None called for justice.
- None pleaded for the Truth.
- They trusted in vanity.
- They conceived mischief.
- They hatched cockatrice *tseh-fah* eggs or works, which, if broken, turned into destructive vipers of death.
- They wove the spider’s web.

These ten offenses were against God’s Ten Commandments in His Law of Love. They were Leviathan’s imitative laws of hate in contrast to God’s Ten Laws of Love. The LORD’s Light of Truth shone upon them to expose their idolatrous minds and hearts.

Israel had hidden deeply laid plots and deadly designs in their idolatrous imaginations. They wove deceitful spider webs to ensnare innocent souls. Their plots and plans were so deadly in their *tseh-fah* serpentine mortal mentality that they brought death to all their victims.

They totally adhered to Leviathan’s crooked paths of death, desolation, and destruction. Their idolatrous immoral hate, death, and darkness enveloped their *lover* hearts, depriving them of the LORD’s Love, Light, and Life of His Salvation from their unspeakable condition. As a result, the LORD had to destroy their kingdom and send them into captivity in idolatrous Babylon.

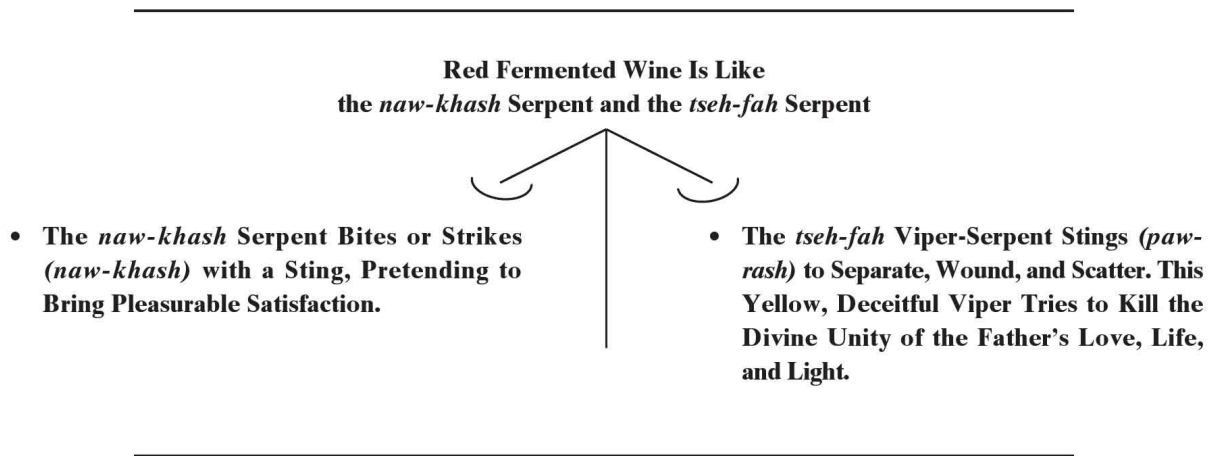
Just as King Hezekiah typified a Vessel of Mercy, his father, King Ahaz, typified a Vessel of Wrath. Ahaz took the Nation of Israel into gross darkness. He was a very great idolater. He even sacrificed his children to his “gods”. It was God’s miraculous, wonderful Works that prevented wicked Ahaz from offering Hezekiah, God’s Good Serpent-Wisdom, to his gods. Ahaz remodeled God’s Temple, fitting it for his idolatrous rites. He also kept chariot horses that he dedicated to Baal, the sun god. Ahaz’s indescribable, abominable idolatry brought upon him and his kingdom the fiery Judgments of Almighty God.

Leviathan uses the *tseh-fah* Serpent of Lust to destroy God’s people in many ways. One way is in making the *body drunk*, in the natural realm, *on fermented wine*, and *souls drunk on his hate, death, and darkness*, in the spiritual realm.

In the Book of Proverbs, Leviathan’s poison of hate, death, and darkness, issued through the *tseh-fah* Serpent, is likened unto red wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. **At the last it biteth like a serpent [naw-khash], and stingeth like an adder [tseh-fah]**... They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? **I will seek it yet again** (Proverbs 23:31,32,35).

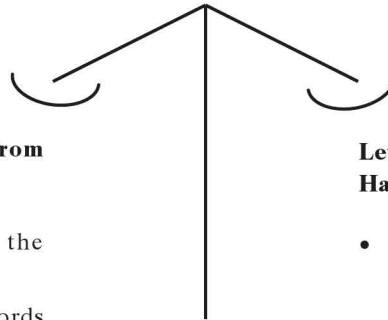
Fermented wine is so powerful that it is compared to two Serpents: the *naw-khash* Serpent and the *tseh-fah* Serpent.



In order to understand the yellow viper in the High Places of spiritual warfare, let us look at its counterpart in the natural realm, which is red wine. There are two types of drunkenness: the LORD’s and Leviathan’s. First, let us look

at Leviathan's drunkenness in both the natural realm and the spiritual realm.

The Two Kinds of Drunkenness



Leviathan's Natural Drunkenness from Fermented Red Wine

- Eyes Behold Strange Women in the Natural Realm.
- *Worker* Heart Utters Confused Words and Phrases.
- *Lover* Heart Remains Oblivious to Danger in the Depths and Heights.
- The Disgusting Choice of the Drunkard, though He Was Stricken and Beaten in the Last Debauch, Anxiously Awaits to Start Drinking again. He never Learns from His Painful, Past Experience.

Leviathan's Spiritual Drunkenness from His Hate, Death, and Darkness

- When the Soul Is Drunk on Spiritual Pride, It Joins Itself to the Twelve Strange Women of Pride.
- When the *Worker* Heart Is Drunk on Pride, It Utters Distorted Fancies and Falsehoods about the LORD's Truth and Its Own Greatness.
- The Intoxicated Soul Is Filled with False Security about the Danger of Leviathan in the Low Place, the Sea, and the High Place, the Top of the Lord's *kaw-bode* Glory. The Distorted, Intoxicated Mind Does not Walk with Caution, either in the Low Place or in the High Place.
- The Yellow Viper Fills the *Worker* Heart with Hate, Beguiling It to Keep Blaming Someone Else for Its Problems and Justifying Itself so that It Can Rush Forward into More Intoxication from Its Hate, Death, and Darkness.

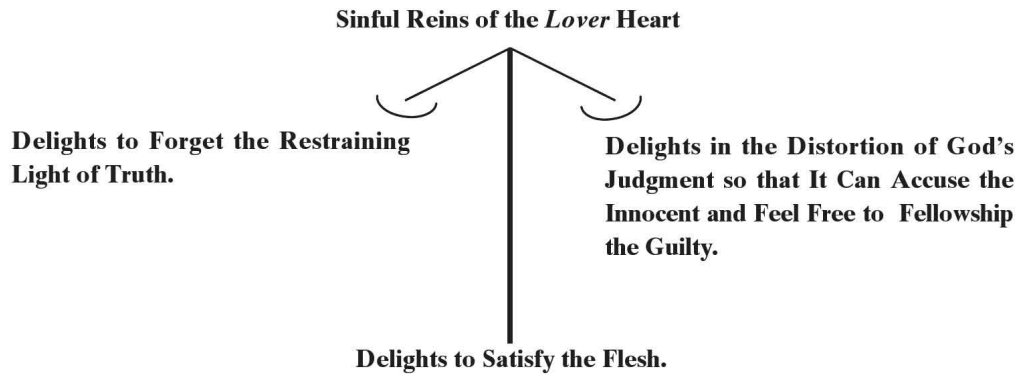
The *wisdom mother* in Proverbs instructed her son about the sinful destruction that red wine works in the soul.

Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. **It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted** (Proverbs 31:3-5).

There are three destructive, deadly sins that fermented red wine leads to, which are listed here:

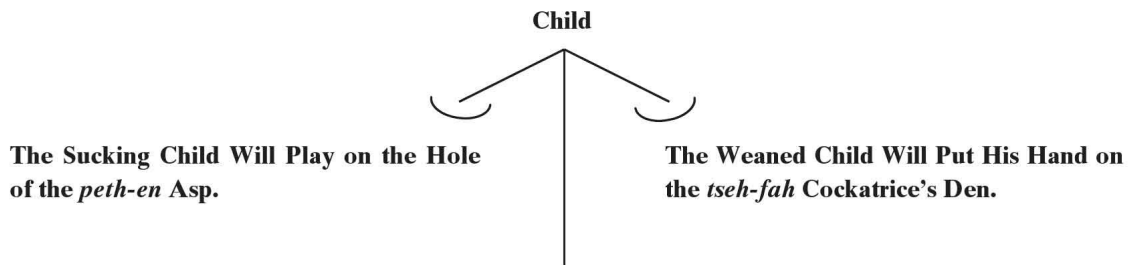
- lustful eyes that delight in strange women who destroy the procreating strength of the body;
- the forgetting of God's divine Law of Love, Life, and Light;
- the perverting of God's divine decrees of Just Judgment.

Thus, the reins or scales of man in his *lover* heart is his lustful, satisfying delight or his delight to forget God's Moral Laws of Restraint against all immoral wrong and his perverted distortion of God's Just Judgment, which cause him to punish the innocent and to free the guilty.



In the Millennial Reign of the LORD Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace will restore peace in all the Earth. As with the asps, He will take the enmity out of the *tseh-feh* serpents in the natural realm so that children and serpents can be friends.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' s [*tseh-fah* or viper] den (Isaiah 11:8).



The poisonous serpents, the *peth-en* asp and the *tseh-fah* serpents, will both be harmless, and children will play with them as living toys. The asp and cockatrice shall cease to be venomous so that parents can permit their little children to play with them and put their hands upon them. They shall not hurt nor destroy anyone as they have previously done.

Chapter Seven

The Good *shef-ee-fone* Serpents And The Evil *shef-ee-fone* Serpents

The Hebrew word for this seventh class of serpents, *shef-ee-fone*, means speckled with black and white spots. This serpent is a small, very dangerous serpent, as thin as a hair and having two horns. It lurks or lies in the sand near paths, waiting for its victims. The word *shef-ee-fone* is from the Hebrew root word *shoof*, which means to gape, to snap, to overwhelm, to break, to bruise, to cover, to slide, and to glide; a snapping, horned adder.

The Good *shef-ee-fone* Serpents war for God's people and the evil *shef-ee-fone* serpents war against God's people by snapping and biting, as they try to kill and destroy believers in their thoughts, feeling, and deeds.

I. The Good *shef-ee-fone* Serpent-Wisdom Is the LORD Jesus Christ, Who Wars for the Father and His People.

The first place that the *shef-ee-fone* Serpent is mentioned in God's Word is in the account of Adam-male and Adam-female in the Garden of Eden. It was in the Garden of Eden that the Prophecy of Jesus Christ's ultimate defeat of the Serpent was given.

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: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it [Christ Jesus] shall bruise [shoof] thy head, and thou shalt bruise [shoof] his heel** [Christ Jesus' nail pierced heel] (Genesis 3:14,15).

The LORD established the Truth about the warfare that would be experienced between Christ and Leviathan until, on the Cross, Christ, the Good Serpent, would break Leviathan's head of power. Although the Serpent would bruise Christ's Heel, Christ would bruise the Serpent's Head!

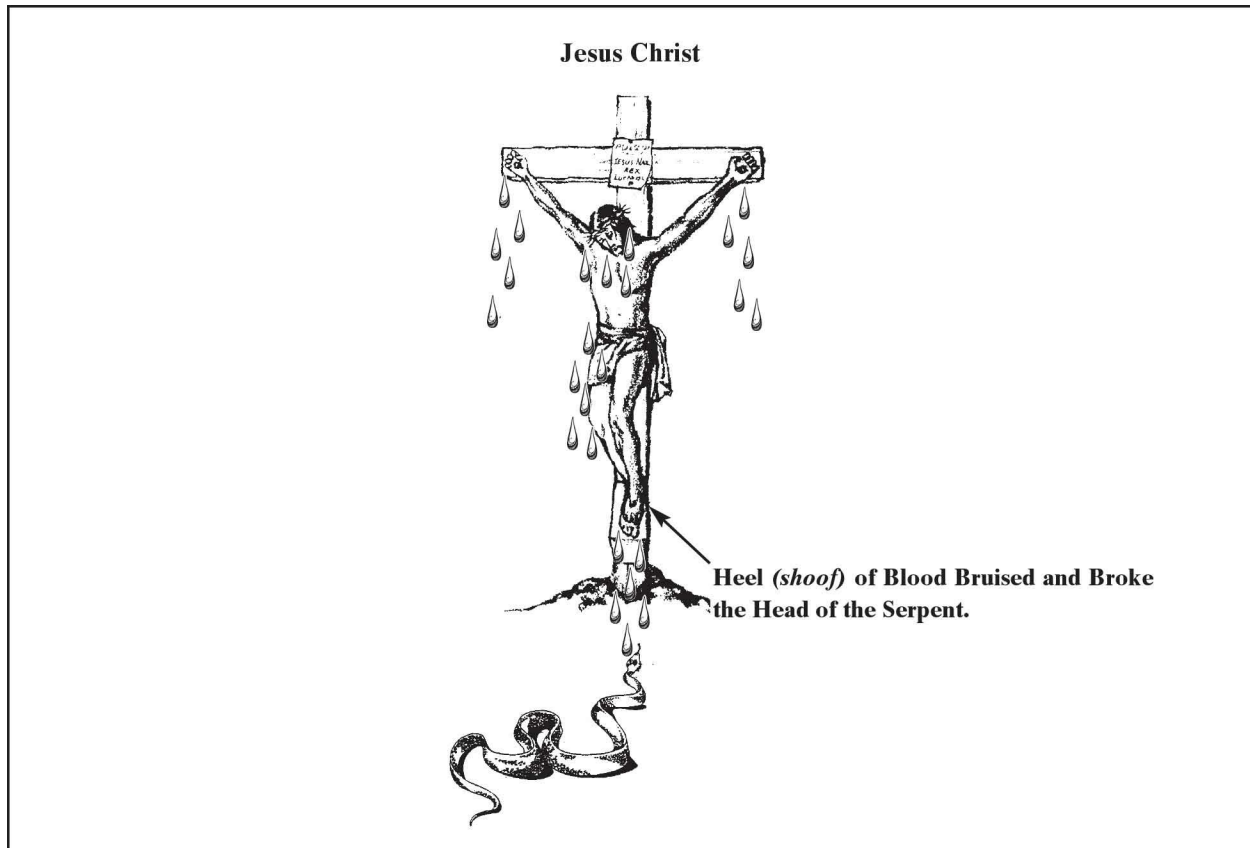
The LORD spoke both immediate Judgment and future Judgment on the evil *naw-khash* Serpent:

- The Serpent would have to crawl on his belly, which meant that he would have lost his ability to walk.
- He would have to feed on dust all the days of his existence.
- He would have to experience enmity between his seed (followers) and the woman's Seed (Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,) and His followers.
- He would have to experience Christ's (the *shoof* – *shef-ee-fone* Good Serpent, the Seed of the woman), bruising and breaking his evil head in all of his warfare against God's Purposive Will and Master Plan.

All the *naw-khash* Serpent would ever be able to do in the future would be to bite and bruise the (*shoof*) Heel of the LORD Jesus Christ, the Son of God, on Calvary's Cross, which would serve only to release Christ's conquering Blood, breaking (*shoof*) the evil Serpent's head.

There was to be a *shoof* war between Christ Jesus, God's Good Serpent-Wisdom, and Leviathan, the *naw-khash* evil serpent. The evil Serpent would be able to bruise (*shoof*) only Jesus' precious Heel with his hate, death, and darkness when the Roman Soldier would drive the nail through Jesus' Feet or Heel, but Jesus Christ would break and crush the evil Serpent's Head through His obedient Death on the Cross.

Eventually, the flowing Blood from Jesus' Heel of Love, Light, and Life broke (*shoof*) Leviathan's head of power and knowledge. The LORD Jesus Christ, with His *shoof* bruising and breaking Heel of Blood, overcame, once and for all, Leviathan's stolen power and knowledge. On the Cross, Christ Jesus' own Blood from His Heel defeated His foe, Leviathan.



II. The Tribe of Dan Was a Good (*shef-ee-fone*) Serpent Who Would Bite the Heels of Leviathan's Evil Horse, but, Eventually, the Serpent Would Bite the Tribe of Dan with His Poison of Disbelief, and the Tribe Would Become Idolatrous.

Because the Tribe of Dan suffered the bite of the evil Serpent, he presents a dual picture: on one side, he was a Good Serpent, judging God's people with Wisdom; but on the other side, he became a picture of the evil Serpent because of his idolatry.

Through Jacob, the LORD God prophesied that the tribe of Dan would be a Good Serpent by the way, biting the horse's heels (all four heels of Leviathan's evil horse of disbelief) so that its rider, *Doubt*, would fall backward.

Dan shall be a serpent [*naw-khash*] by the way, **an adder** [*shef-ee-fone-shook*] in the path, **that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward** (Genesis 49:17).

The name Dan or *dawn* in Hebrew, means judge, which comes from the Hebrew root word *deen*, which means to rule, to judge as an umpire, to strive against, execute judgment, contend, plead the cause.

The tribe of Judah carried the *Son's mish-pawt* Judgment as a king or prince, but the tribe of Dan carried the *Father's deen* Judgment. Dan would not conquer like Judah, with his lion strength, but he would conquer with the powerful, divine strategy of Wisdom from the Father's Unbegotten Purposive Will and Master Plan!

III. Later, the Tribe of Dan Became an Evil (*shef-ee-fone*) Serpent Who Introduced Idolatry into Israel.

Because Dan had received such a high calling of God, the Serpent Leviathan quickly came against the tribe of Dan, biting his heel with disbelief in the LORD's *Torah-Truth* so that Dan was the first of the Tribes to establish idolatry in Israel.

And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and **took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and**

the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war. And these went into Micah' s house, and **fetchd the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image.** Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? And the priest' s heart was glad, **and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people** [Dan] (Judges 18:17-20).

Micah, from the Tribe of Dan, was an idolater, whose idolatry was a poisonous imitation of the Melchisedec order of the High Priesthood.

The people had an *ephod* with the following idolatrous things:

- a graven image for the ephod;
- a teraphim to go inside the ephod;
- a molten image, and
- an idolatrous Levite to be their imitation priest.

IV. Samson, from the Tribe of Dan, also Was a Good (*shaf-ee-fone*) Serpent, but He Became an Evil (*shaf-ee-fone*) Serpent because of His Yielding to His Lust for Idolatrous Women.

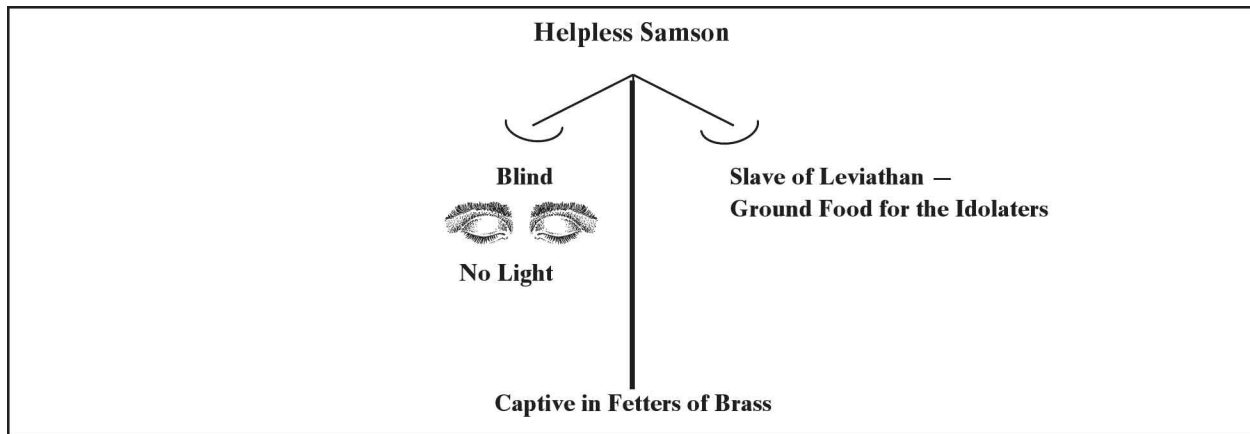
Samson, from the tribe of Dan, was a judge in Israel. He also was God's Good *shaf-ee-fone* Serpent, whom the LORD sent to bite the heels of the idolatrous Philistines, the LORD's enemies in the land.

God had equipped Samson with supernatural strength to fight against God's idolatrous enemies in the land. He was the *Hercules* of the Hebrews. Samson was a Nazarite unto the LORD from his birth, but the secret of Samson's great strength lay in the preservation of his seven locks of hair, which he had allowed to grow when he had taken his Nazarite vow to the LORD.

When he was grown, however, his sensual, idolatrous lust led him into illicit, sinful relations with the Philistine women. Consequently, Samson lived a dual life before the LORD, which is unacceptable to a Holy and Pure God.

On one side of the scales, Samson used his powerful strength as a Good Serpent to bite the idolatrous heels of the Philistines, and he destroyed many of them. On the other side of the scales, he took the idolatrous, serpentine, female Philistine, Delilah, into his own idolatrous, sensual bosom of lust, and she bit him with her poison and robbed him of his Nazarite vow. Consequently, he lost his supernatural strength. Samson learned the hard way that he could not practice duality with the LORD.

And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; That he told her all his heart, and said unto her. There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; **and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.** And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. **And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house** (Judges 16:16-21).



Samson slew the Philistine male armies and he laid waste to their country on every side. However, Samson lusted after the serpentine Philistine women. God purposefully allowed Samson to go down among the Philistine women so that he could discover his idolatrous lust and allow God to conquer it. Then, his whole being could have been a sacred sanctuary for the LORD's divine Begetting Power that would have given him strength through the holy anointing that was upon his seven locks of hair.

Instead of becoming a completely sacred sanctuary, Samson became an idolatrous house, which he filled with his lust for the Philistine female Serpents of Fire. As a result, Samson ultimately attached his *worker* heart to Delilah, who used this unholy attachment to practice her evil serpentine strategies in continually vexing his *worker* heart until she had obtained the knowledge of the secret place of the LORD's divine Power and Strength within his seven Nazarite locks of hair.

The Hebrew word for *vex* is *kaw-tsar*, which means to dock off, to curtail, to harvest grain, to discourage greatly, to grieve, to loathe, to mourn, reaper, to be shorter, to be straightened and troubled in his *worker* heart.

Samson's pride could not bear being mistrusted by Delilah, his idol. His passionate lust in his *worker* heart that he thought was true love could not bear to be called in question by his idol, Delilah. Samson had brought Delilah into his sacred sanctuary or *lover* heart instead of bringing in the LORD and His Holiness; consequently, he disclosed his sacred secret to her!

While Samson laid his head and hair in Delilah's lap, she had a Philistine man cut off his seven locks of hair, thus destroying and breaking his Nazarite vow from the LORD and to the LORD.

Samson had sown his seeds of idolatrous lust with Delilah, so God used Delilah to make Samson reap (*kaw-tsar*) what he had sown. Sowing and reaping (*kaw-tsar*) is one of God's irrevocable laws.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for **whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap**. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting (Galatians 6:7,8).

Samson's self-deceit in his *worker* heart constrained his *worker* heart to believe that God's Long-suffering and Mercy would always continue to be with him. Since he had always gotten by, he thought, in his idolatrous diseased perception of reality, that there would be no serious consequences to his sharing his sacred secret.

(How great is God's faithfulness not to let us get by with our idolatrous thoughts, feelings, and deeds.)

Samson sold his sacred Nazarite vow of separation to his heathen idol, Delilah, so Delilah called in a Philistine man to shave off Samson's seven anointed locks of separation, which left him powerless, helpless, and defiled.

Then, Samson's reaping began:

- His beautiful Delilah-idol betrayed him to the Philistine lords.
- Delilah began to afflict him (*aw-naw*) or defile his soul and spirit by giving her idolatrous, victorious chants over him.
- He deceitfully thought, as before, that he would go out from them.
- His cloud of iniquity over his mind made him ignorant of the Truth that the LORD, his Strength, had departed from him.
- He lost his natural eyesight.
- He lost his land; the enemy took him to Gaza.

- He lost his liberty; they bound him with fetters of brass.
- He lost his precious ministry with the LORD; he ground grain in his enemy's prison house.
- He had to listen to his enemies glorify their god, Dagon, for their great victory over him.
- The Philistines took Samson to their idolatrous feast to make sport or mockery of him through their joking and jesting about his lowly, weak, ugly, and helpless condition.
- The Just Judge Who sits on His Throne on High saw Samson's most humbled, weakened condition and that his new anointed hair of separation had begun to grow, so the LORD returned to be Samson's miracle Strength.

Although Delilah shaved off Samson's seven, visible, sacred locks, she could not shave off the seven invisible roots of Samson's hair. In Samson's most humbled and weakened condition, the new, anointed roots of his hair of separation began to grow and become visible again. As a result, the LORD returned Samson's miraculous strength!

(Take courage weary captives, your hidden roots are beginning to grow again. So arise with new strength and march forward!)

The idolatrous Philistines did not know they could not cut off the hidden roots of Samson's miraculous separation in his *worker* heart! So they rested in false security, feasting and making a scornful sport out of Samson, God's judge.

When Samson, in his humility and helplessness, leaned on the pillars of the idolatrous temple of the Philistines and called on the LORD, his LORD and Strength joined Samson's most weak condition. Samson's *worker* heart offered itself to its LORD and Strength, as a living sacrifice to Him.

The LORD sent the new anointing of supernatural Strength on Samson's newly grown seven locks, and Samson's weakness was swallowed up with God's supernatural Strength. In his renewed Strength, Samson pulled down the idolatrous pillars of the temple so that, in his death, Samson killed about 3,000 of the LORD's enemies.

And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them. Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life (Judges 16:26-30).

V. Job also Served as a Good (*shuf-ee-fone*) Serpent, yet the Evil (*shuf-ee-fone*) Serpent Bit Him with Pride, and He Manifested His Serpentine Nature through His Accusations Against God.

On one side of the scales, Job was like Samson in that he could see the idolatrous wrong in others. On the other side of the scales, Job was completely blind to his own idolatrous delight that made him make himself righteous and his soul angry with God, so he accused God of being unrighteous to him in His governance of his life. Job was angry with God because God was chastening and correcting him for taking the Glory that belonged to Him for all His great blessings He had bestowed upon Job.

God's Good *shuf-ee-fone* or *shoof* Serpent bit him with chastening pain for his idolatrous wrong.

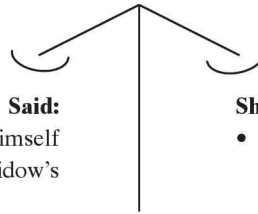
For he breaketh [*shoof*] me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause (Job 9:17).

Job had the prideful audacity to enter into a complaining argument against God Who was chastening him in order to break (*shoof*) the proud boasting that was coming from Job's mortal mentality.

Job could see the wickedness of others, but he could not see his own wicked mortal mentality. If Job had built good "houses of habits"* in his good times and had filled them with praise, blessing, and thanks to the LORD for His Abundant Goodness to him, and if Job had given God all the Glory for the good things that Job had been able to do for others, Job would have known exactly how to give the LORD praise and thanks for His wonderful Works of chastening in his painful times.

For one small example, notice the following scales to see what Job said and what he *should* have said:

Job



Said:

- Job's Idolatrous Wrong in Making Himself Appear Great: He Said "I Made the Widow's Heart to Sing."

Should Have Said:

- Job Should Have Praised and Thanked the LORD for All the Great Things that He Had Given Him and that He Had Helped Him to Do.

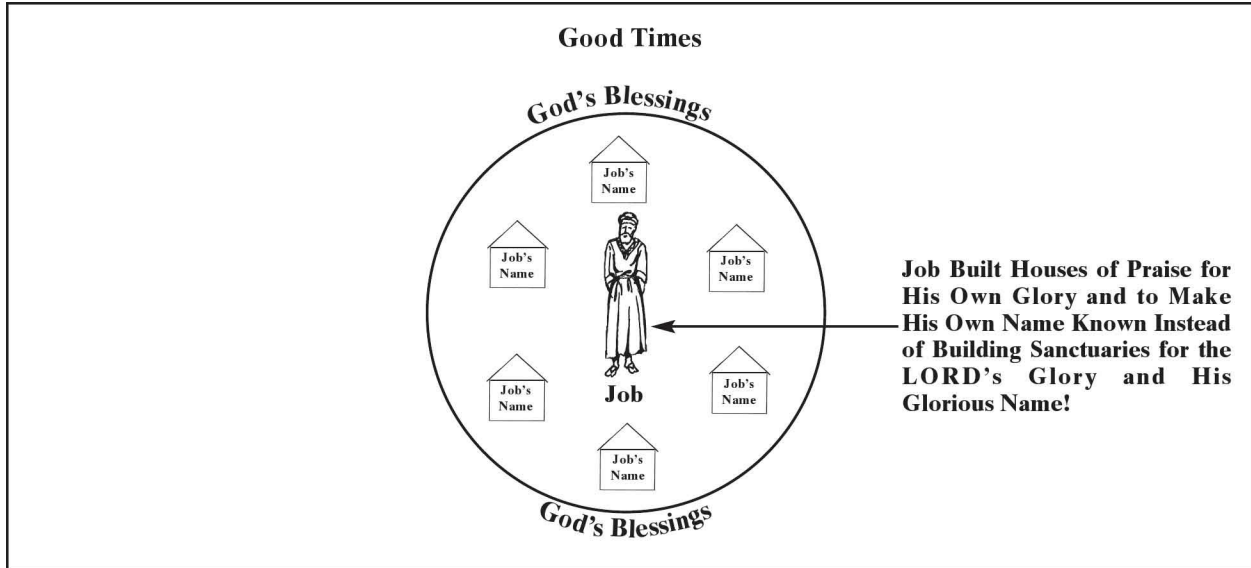
Job, in His Idolatrous Pride, Used "I" Eighteen Times in the Twenty-ninth Chapter of Job. He also Used "My" and "Me" Twenty-six Times in This One Chapter.

Job Should Have Said: "Thank You LORD for Allowing Me to Help the Widow. Praise You for Making You All the Honour and Praise."

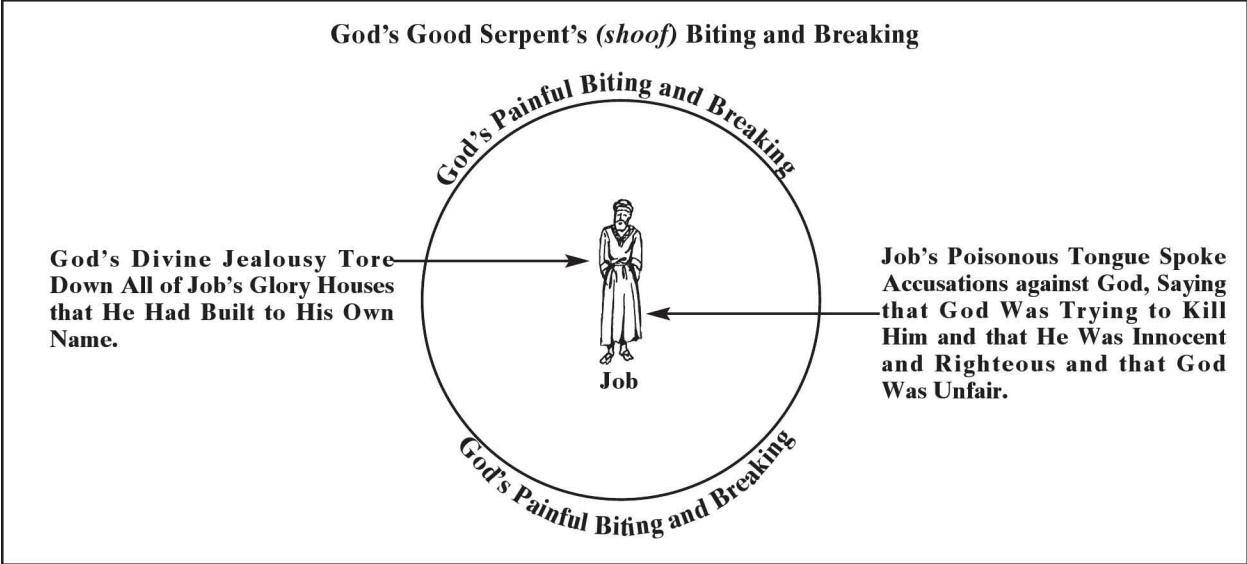
Instead of Job's giving the LORD all the Glory and Honour for all that had been given him and for all that he had done for others, Job wrapped his *I*, *me*, and *my* with stolen glory, which had come from God's Honour, Glory, and Praise. What unspeakable serpentine idolatry!

The LORD's chastening of Job was just and right because the LORD makes all things work together for His Glory and for our good. Job's chastening for stealing God's Glory and Honour was good and right for him. It cleansed Job and freed him from Leviathan's proud blindness, and it led him into a new realm in God the Father's Love, Life, and Light.

God, in His Love, Mercy, and Grace, used His Good Serpent-Wisdom (*shoof*) to bite, to break, and to destroy the proud, ignorant, mortal mentality of Job's thinking. Job built the wrong house of praise because it was self-praise; therefore, he had to reap what he had sown.



Job, a poor mortally minded creature, blatantly argued with the omniscient Divine God. How unspeakably ignorant!



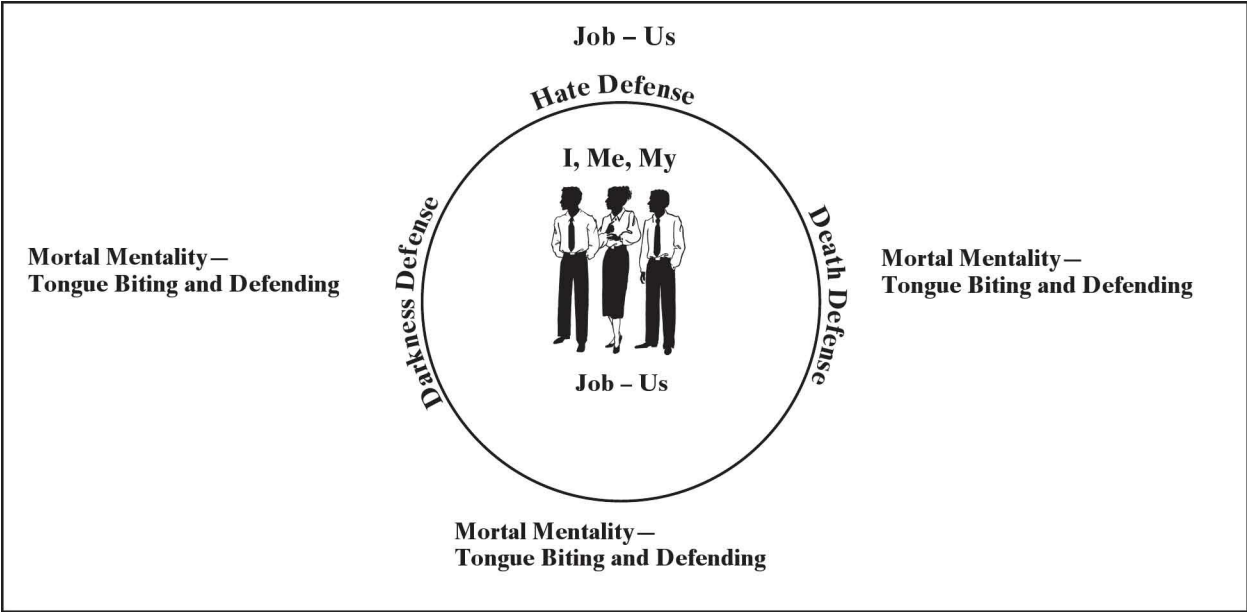
Ultimately, Elihu, the daysman or mediator (a picture of Christ Jesus), revealed to Job his unrighteousness and God's Righteousness and Justice. So Job repented in dust and ashes, and God restored His powerful wheel of blessing to him.

Remember, our evil biting (*shoof*) tongue can never prevail against the Eternal God!

David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel, revealed that the serpentine darkness cannot cover (*shoof*) us from the omnipresent, pervasive Vision of the Almighty God's All-seeing Eye.

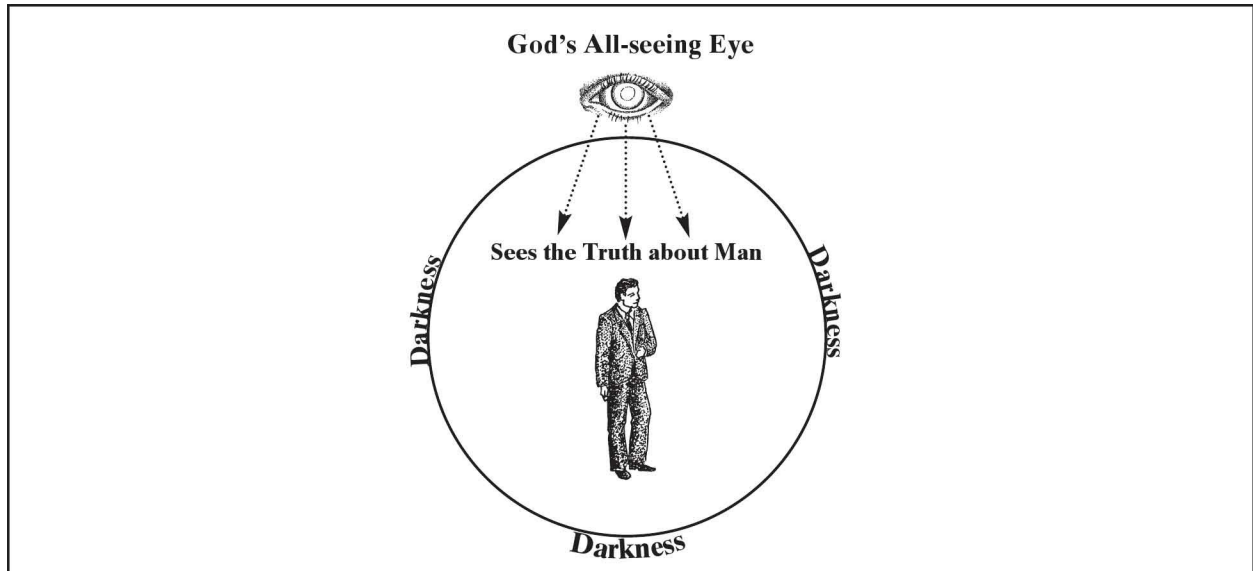
If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover [*shoof*] me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, **the darkness hideth not from thee**; but the night shineth as the day: **the darkness and the light are both alike to thee** (Psalm 139:11,12).

The real meaning of these verses is that, although we can surround ourselves, as Job did, with our biting tongues of hate, death, and darkness, in a vain effort to defend ourselves, it will not hide us from God's All-seeing Eye.



No veil of the thickest darkness can hide us from God's All-seeing Eye. It is our self-deceit that makes us think we can hide our thoughts, feelings, and deeds from God.

The Darkness and Light are both alike to Almighty God's All-Seeing Eye.



In the natural realm, the dark of the night is a cover for the guilty criminal or for the defeated army, but darkness does not hide *anything* from God's All-seeing Eye. There is no cover of darkness nor shadow of death where the idolatrous guilty works of iniquity can flee in order to hide from God's Infinite Eye.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do** (Hebrews 4:12,13).

No fiery tongue of defense nor any hypocritical mask nor any disguise can prevent the infinite Light of the LORD's Divine Truth from shining His arrows of Light into our hearts to penetrate the hate, death, and darkness in the secret place of our wrong thoughts, wrong feelings, and wrong deeds.

These are the wonderful Works of God, and they are marvelous in our eyes!

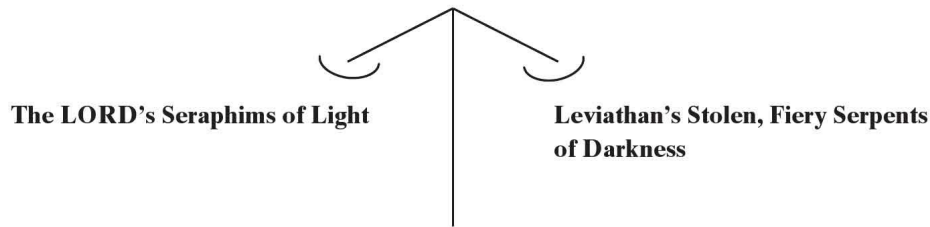
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Chapter Eight

The Good *saw-rafe* Serpents And The Evil *saw-rawf* Serpents

This eighth class of serpents also includes a good side and an evil side. The *Good Serpents* are called *saw-rafe* in Hebrew. The Hebrew root word for *saw-rafe* is *saw-raf*, which means to be set on fire, to make a burning, to kindle utterly. The Hebrew word that means burning, *poisonous serpent*, the fiery serpent, is *saw-rawf*, whose description as “fiery” is derived from its copper color. The Hebrew words *saw-rawf* (the evil serpents) and *saw-rafe* (the good serpents) are from the same Hebrew root word *saw-raf*.

The evil serpents (*saw-rawf*) are wicked apostates that have gone astray from God. However, the LORD’s Good *Burners* (*saw-rafe*) are the Seraphims who wrestle against Leviathan’s stolen fire, his evil *burners* or serpents of darkness.



The Seraphims are some of the LORD’s most exalted warriors!

I. Seraphims, the LORD’s Good Serpents, Are the LORD’s *Burners* Who Purge the Unclean Mouths of the LORD’s Servants with His Coals of Fire.

The Seraphims are ministers for cleansing the mouths of the LORD’s servants, one of which was Isaiah, the Prophet. Isaiah’s cleansed mouth uttered the highest perfection of the Messianic Prophecies of the LORD Jesus Christ, the Suffering and Triumphant Saviour of Israel and the entire Creation.

The Seraphims took their tongs (*mal-kawkh*) or tweezers or snuffers to carry a live Coal of Fire to Isaiah’s mouth in order to cleanse it. After the Seraphim had taken the live coal with tongs, he then put the live coal in his hand to cool it so that it would not destroy Isaiah’s mouth, but would just cleanse it, thus giving Isaiah a new Holy Song of Love. This Coal of Fire was a Coal of God’s Fiery Love.

The LORD’s Glory was so fiery that the Temple was filled with clouds of smoke that protected Isaiah from being devoured, and the LORD’s Power was so great that it moved the door posts of the Temple. The words and song of the Seraphims were so holy that Isaiah cried out “Woe is me [my mouth]! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.”

Those, today, who proclaim the Coming of the LORD must also have their mouths purged with the LORD’s Seraphim Fire or *Burners*.

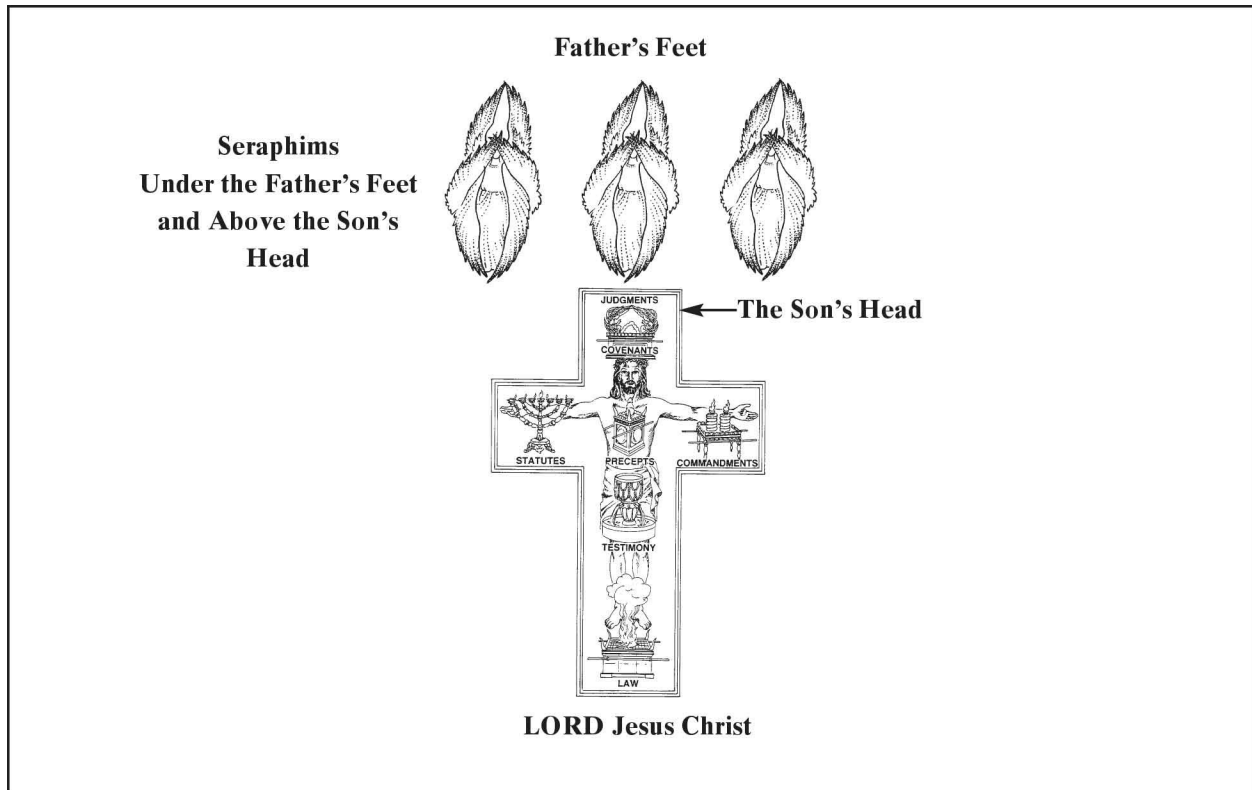
A. The Prophet Isaiah Described the LORD’s *Burners* or *Seraphims*.

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me (Isaiah 6:1-8).

Seraphims have three pairs of wings: with one pair, they cover their faces, showing their humility by not gazing upon the Father's Glory; with one pair, they cover their fiery feet, denoting their reverence for the LORD's Holy Name and taking care not to make their fiery stature known; and, with one pair, they fly rapidly, moving in fiery zeal and obedience to the LORD's Commands.

B. The Seraphims Hold a Heavenly Position and Sing a Song of Holy Praise to God.

The Seraphims are clothed with the Father's Eternal Fire from His Feet of Fire, which are above the Christ, the LORD, Adonai, the Master and the Owner of Creation. The following diagram shows the position of the Seraphims as it relates to the Father and the Son.



The Seraphims are an antiphonal choir, who cry "Holy, holy, holy," one to the other. Their message in song is this: "The Earth Is Full of God's *kaw-bode* Glory or Devouring Fire."

II. God Has Coals of Fire (*reh-tseh*) and Stones of Fire (*reh-tseh*) for Burning.

The Hebrew root word for *coal* is *reh-tseh*, which means a hot stone, tessellated pavement, live coal, a pavement.

A. The Hot Stones Are God's Foursquare Stones of His Fiery Love.

The word *tessellate* refers to a method of paving with small square stones that are laid in a mosaic pattern of small blocks. In other words, the Seraphim took one foursquare stone of Fiery Love from the midst of the Heavenly Father's Feet or Altar and put it in Isaiah's mouth.

The Coal of Fiery Love cleansed Isaiah's mouth, making it a four-square mouth of love for the LORD's Holy Name so that he could prophesy the highest perfection of the LORD Jesus Christ and His advent to Earth as the Son of Love, Who was sent to suffer for the whole Creation.

B. The King's Throne Chariot Is Paved with God's Fiery Stones of Love.

The Song of Solomon says that the midst of the King's Throne Chariot is paved with Love. Solomon, whose life symbolized the aspect of Christ as the Prince of Peace, made a bed or palanquin or place of rest that was paved with foursquare Stones of His Father's Fiery Stones of Love.

He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, **the midst thereof being paved [reh-tsef] with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem** (Song of Solomon 3:10).

C. The Father and His Son Have Fiery Stones in Them.

The Unbegotten Father's Coal of Fiery Foursquare Stones of Love is in the midst of His Only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ.

That they all may be one; **as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me (John 17:21).

The LORD Jesus desired that all His Disciples have the same foursquare, paved stones in them that He and His Father had so that they could be One with Him and His Father.

D. Elijah's Fiery Love for God Stood against Ahab's False Prophets.

The LORD sent His Foursquare Stones of Fiery Love to nurture His great soldier Elijah, who had fought for the LORD's Holy Name and had destroyed Ahab and Jezebel's false prophets and idols.

Elijah ate a cake of *hot stones*.

And **he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals [reh-tsef]**, and a cruse of water at his head. **And he did eat** and drink, and laid him down again (I Kings 19:6).

E. The Israelites Bowed Their Faces upon the Pavement of Foursquare Stones.

When Solomon dedicated the Temple, the Israelites saw the LORD's Fire fall from Heaven and God's Glory enter the Temple, so they bowed themselves with their faces upon the pavement (*reh-tsef*) and worshipped and praised the LORD.

And **when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement [reh-tsef]**, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever (II Chronicles 7:3).

Solomon *knelt* on a scaffold at the dedication of the Temple, but the people *fell* upon a tessellated pavement of small, foursquare stones that were laid in a mosaic pattern.

F. The Millennial Temple Will Be Paved with God's Foursquare Stones of Love.

When the LORD Jesus Christ returns to Earth, the second time, He will rule during the Millennium. At that time, He will build a new Temple and a Courtyard that will have great pavements in them.

Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, there were chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty

chambers were upon the pavement [reh-tseh]. And the pavement [reh-tseh] by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates was the lower pavement [reh-tseh] (Ezekiel 40:17,18).

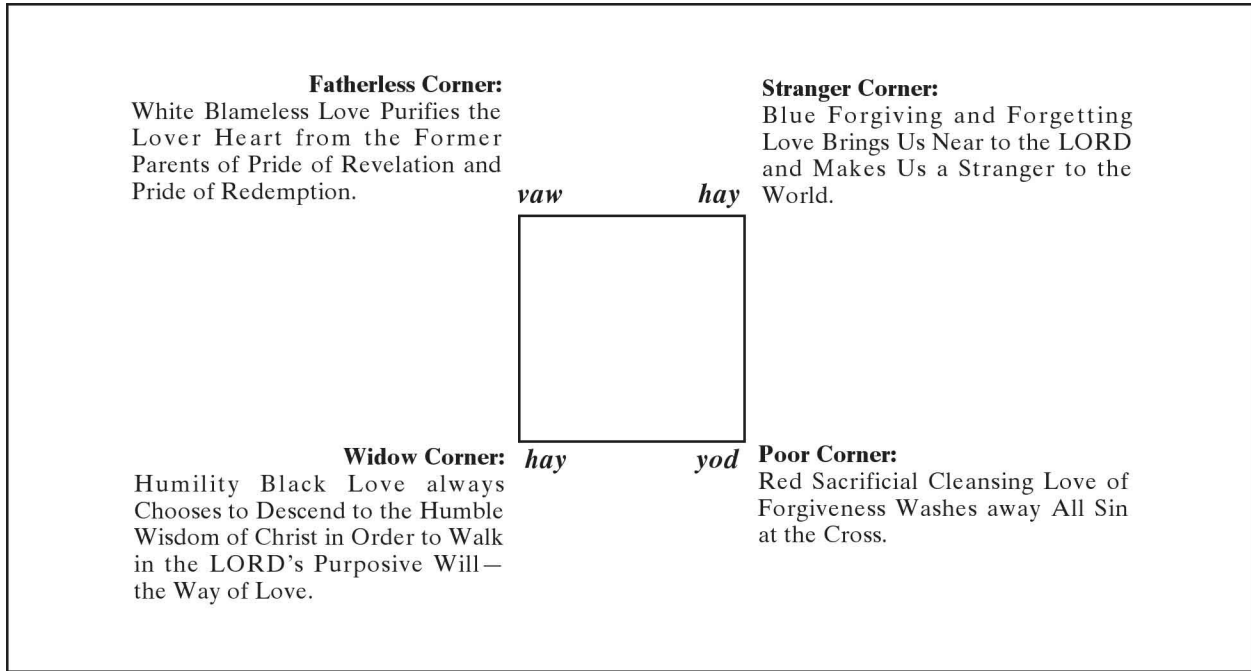
Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and **over against the pavement [reh-tseh] which was for the utter court**, was gallery against gallery in three stories (Ezekiel 42:3).

All these tessellated pavements of small, foursquare stones will be a picture of Christ's divine Stones of Fiery Love, with which He will rule during the Millennium.

G. King Ahasuerus' Tessellated, Foursquare Pavement of Red, Blue, White, and Black Was a Picture of the LORD's Foursquare Name of Love.

Since all Scripture is profitable (II Timothy 3:16,17), King Ahasuerus' pavement, as described in the Book of Esther, teaches us a spiritual lesson, which is described in the following verses and drawn out in the following diagram.

And when these days were expired, **the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace**, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; **Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement [reh-tseh] of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble** (Esther 1:5,6).



III. God Had Laws for Burning.

The LORD's Burning Love sets on Fire and makes a burning, kindling Fire that feeds off of Christ Jesus' Sacrifice at the Cross, which was pictured by the multitudes of sacrifices and deeds of Fire in the Old Testament, under the Old Covenant.

A. The Remainder of the Sacrifice for Atonement for Consecration and Sanctification Had to be Burned.

And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. **And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder**

with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy (Exodus 29:32-34).

This teaches us that we must eat our appointed portion of the Crucified Christ each day. We cannot feed on Christ's portion for yesterday; it is gone!

B. The Remainder of the Passover Had to Be Burned.

This same Principle was reinforced at the Passover Supper.

And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire (Exodus 12:10).

C. The Sin Offering Had to Be Cleansed and Burned Outside the Camp.

The Sin Offering could not be eaten.

But **the flesh of the bullock**, and his skin, and his dung, **shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a sin offering** (Exodus 29:14).

This pictures Jesus Christ's being led outside the Temple and the city to be crucified on the Cross, where God's Fire of Love accepted the *whole* Sacrifice of His Son for the *whole* world.

D. The Remains of the Freewill Offering Had to Be Burned.

But **the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire** (Leviticus 7:17).

The flesh of the sacrifice of a Vow or Freewill Offering could be feasted on for two days, but on the third day, what was left had to be burned with fire.

E. Flesh that Touched an Unclean Thing Had to Be Burned.

And **the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire:** and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof (Leviticus 7:19).

Any part of a sacrifice that had been defiled had to be burned by fire because the sacrifices were to picture Jesus the undefiled One.

F. The Remains of the Peace Offering Had to Be Burned.

The Peace Offering or the Offering of Thanksgiving had to be eaten the same day.

It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and **if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire** (Leviticus 19:6).

If any of the Peace Offering remained, it had to be burned. This teaches us to offer our thanksgiving offering for the Blood of Jesus Christ, today, in everything that happens because our privilege to do so will be burned, so to speak, since it will no longer be possible to do.

G. Idolatrous Things Had to be Burned with Fire in the Old Testament.

There are many examples in God's Word of idolatrous things being burned in obedience to God's Commands.

1. Moses Burned the Golden Calf.

Moses burned in anger over the idolatrous calf Israel had made. He ground it to powder, mixed the powder with water, and made the children of Israel drink it.

And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it (Exodus 32:20).

Idolatry is spiritual adultery, so the same thing happened when Israel drank the waters mixed with the burnt idol-calf that happened when those who were guilty of natural adultery drank the waters of jealousy. For their heinous crime, they experienced a poisonous plague! Although their thighs did not rot, the plague broke forth in their foreheads. We know that leprosy was the outward manifestation of spiritual adultery or idolatry from the account of Uzziah who became leprous because of his sin. When Uzziah lifted himself up above the Priest, by intruding into the Holy Place to offer incense, the LORD smote him with leprosy in his forehead.

When the idolaters had Aaron make a golden idol calf, the tribe of Levi stood with Moses and slew all the gross idolaters. Thus, God's divine Wrath was turned away from the Nation of Israel. The Levites knew whom to slay because Moses made the people drink the waters of jealousy, and when the plague of leprosy broke out their foreheads, their guilt of idolatry was manifested.

It is the *burning* Love in the LORD God's Holy Name that demands annihilation of all false gods that are generated out of man's mortal mentality.

All God's true leaders of love have always destroyed idols and idolatry.

2. God Commanded Israel to Burn All Things Pertaining to Idolatry in Canaan's Land.

God commanded Israel to destroy the idolatrous altars, images, and groves in Canaan's Land and to burn them with His Holy Fire of Love.

But thus shall ye deal with them; **ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire...** The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God (Deuteronomy 7:5,25).

Near the end of his life, Moses reminded Israel how he had burned their idol calf.

And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount (Deuteronomy 9:21).

Moses continued to reinforce the LORD's Command to destroy the false idol gods by the LORD's Fire of Love.

And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place (Deuteronomy 12:3).

3. Certain Kings in the Old Testament Burned Idols in Obedience to God's Commands.

In the Old Testament, King David, Asa, Jehu, and Josiah were kings who burned idols because they were zealous for the True God, although Jehu's motives were not completely pure because, later, he himself became an idol worshipper.

a. King David

King David burned the gods of the Philistines.

And when they had left their gods there, **David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire** (I Chronicles 14:12).

King David obeyed the Commandment in God's *Torah*-Truth and disposed of the heathen idols by burning them.

b. King Asa

King Asa destroyed his mother's idol and burned it by the brook Kidron.

And also **concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king,** he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and

Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron (II Chronicles 15:16).

Although Maachah occupied the dignified, influential position of queen-mother, she was an idolater. Consequently, her son, King Asa, removed her abominable, horror image with its obscene form.

c. King Jehu

King Jehu destroyed the images of Baal.

And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them. And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. **Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel** (II Kings 10:26-28).

King Jehu wrought a dreadful extermination of the idolatrous house of Ahab and of the idolatrous worship that Ahab had implanted in the house of Israel. Jehu's works of judgment upon Ahab's house were in accordance with God's divine Command. As a result, Jehu received God's divine approbation and approval.

However, King Jehu was ambitious politically and became a tyrannical ruler. Finally, he also succumbed to idolatrous worship and kept his two golden calves at Bethel. So Jehu's motive in destroying Ahab's idolatrous idols and house was basically for political gain.

What good does it do to destroy someone else's idols, if we are determined to keep our own?

d. King Josiah

The old Prophet from Judah prophesied that King Josiah would burn the bodies of the idolatrous priests on Jeroboam's altar.

And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; **Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee** (I Kings 13:2).

God's zealous King Josiah was clothed with the LORD's Judgmental Fire to fulfill Israel's Prophet's message about the bones of the idolatrous priests being burned upon Jeroboam's altar. King Josiah burned all the idolatrous images in the LORD's Temple in the fields of Kidron and buried them in Bethel.

And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel (II Kings 23:4).

King Josiah also burned the idolatrous grove without the city by the brook Kidron.

And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people (II Kings 23:6).

King Josiah also destroyed Jeroboam's altar, high place, and grove at Bethel.

Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place **he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.** And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words (II Kings 23:15,16).

King Josiah also destroyed the idolatrous high places in Samaria.

And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel. And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem (II Kings 23:19,20).

When King Josiah heard the LORD's *Torah*-Truth read, he made a solemn vow of obedience to the LORD and

His Law. He destroyed every vestige of idolatry, both images and temples. Then, by divine Command, he caused the feast of the Passover to be celebrated with such solemnity as had not been known since the days of Samuel.

Josiah, king of Judah, burned the idolatrous things among God's people.

And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men. Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove (II Kings 23:11-15).

And he [Josiah] burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem (II Chronicles 34:5).

King Josiah took away the idolatrous horses which were adorned with the images of their idols of Baal, the sun god, and he burned their idolatrous chariots that were driven, at sunrise, into the Temple precinct in honor of Baal. He also burned their grove and destroyed all idolatrous places, shrines, and priests in Bethel and Samaria.

King Josiah purged the territory of the northern kingdom, as well as his own territory. He was a great warrior king for God, although, just as King Hezekiah, he was the son of an idolatrous father.

H. Idol Thoughts Bring God's Burning Judgment.

King Zedekiah's thoughts were idol thoughts that caused Jerusalem to be burned because he did not obey the King of Babylon as God had said he should.

Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house: **But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.** And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me (Jeremiah 38:17-19).

Zedekiah was a rebellious, weak king. He did not have the courage to vindicate the Prophet Jeremiah but allowed the people to be led astray by the false prophets who had said that the Babylonians would not come to Jerusalem. The consequences were disastrous.

In the ninth year of his reign, King Zedekiah revolted against King Nebuchadnezzar, so the monarch came from Babylon, as the Prophet had foretold, and took the city of Jerusalem. Zedekiah's children were slain; he was captured, and his eyes were put out; then, he was carried to Babylon.

IV. In the Millennial Reign of the LORD Jesus Christ, the Whole Bullock for a Sin Offering Will Be Burned on Wood with Fire, Outside the Camp.

The Nation of Israel, as a whole, failed to see, by faith, that the Old Testament Covenant and animal sacrifices were a picture of Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God. They never looked with the *eye of faith* to see that Christ, the Messiah, stood above every sacrifice. Because of their disbelief, they never understood that Jesus' ultimate sacrificial Death and His shed Blood would fulfill all the Old Testament types and shadows, purchasing man's redemption from sin, his peace with God, and his consecration to the One and Only True God.

After the lowly Messiah had come the first time, and after Christ had died and had given His precious Blood, once and for all as a Sin Offering, and after He had risen from the dead and had carried His precious Blood to the Temple in Heaven, where He made an Eternal Atonement for penitent souls, the Nation of Israel still clung to the Old Testament order and placed animal blood above the Blood of God's Only Son.

Since Israel did not learn her lesson the first time, the Father will send His Son, the second time, to Earth. Again, Jesus Christ will stand above their sacrifices for 1,000 years until they learn, as a nation, that Christ Jesus is the

fulfillment of the type and shadow.

Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary (Ezekiel 43:21).

The Laws in the Millennial Reign of the LORD Jesus Christ will be the same as those of the Old Testament order.

Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt... **And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin offering for the congregation** (Leviticus 4:12,21).

And **no sin offering**, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire (Leviticus 6:30).

But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses... **And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire** (Leviticus 8:17,32).

And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp (Leviticus 9:11).

The bullock and the goat of Sin Offerings will be burned without the camp.

And **the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering**, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, **shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.** And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp (Leviticus 16:27,28).

V. The LORD Kindled a Burning (*saw-raf*) Fire that Devoured Nadab and Abihu, the Proud, Idolatrous Priests.

And **Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them,** and they died before the LORD... And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but **let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled** (Leviticus 10:1,2,6).

Nadab and Abihu sinned by offering strange fire of hate, death, and darkness, not the Fire of God's Love that is Just and Right and full of Life and Light. In their proud, vain conceit, they offered their own strange fire, instead of asking Aaron, their father and spiritual leader, what they should do. They sowed strange fire in the Holy Place, so they reaped God's Burning Judgment Fire that got rid of the young idolaters.

VI. God's Command Demanded that Fretting Leprosy Be Burnt with Purging Fire.

He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, **wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire...** And the priest shall look on the plague, after that it is washed: and, behold, **if the plague have not changed his colour**, and the plague be not spread; **it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it is fret inward**, whether it be bare within or without... And **if it appear still in the garment**, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; **it is a spreading plague: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire** (Leviticus 13:52,55,57).

It was an accepted fact in Israel that leprosy, whether in the body, a house, or a garment, was a sign and a miracle in Israel that God's divine Power had inflicted punishment on a person or his family.

Leprosy in a body, house, or garment was an indication of the great malignity that is hidden in sin. Sin not only defiles the inner conscience of the sinner, but it also defiles all of his outer employments and enjoyments.

God's Word teaches us to hate the garments that are even *spotted* with the flesh.

And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; **hating even the garment spotted by the flesh** (Jude 1:23).

Those who use their garments for prideful and lustful reasons should be aware that they are tainted with spiritual

leprosy and therefore doomed to God's Judgment Fire. In Isaiah's day, the LORD declared this to the proud, vain Israelite women, who dressed themselves with ostentatious adornments.

In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, The rings, and nose jewels, The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils. And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty (Isaiah 3:18-24).

The spiritual ornaments of God's Meekness and Quietness, in His Love, Life, and Light, are incorruptible in the hidden man, in his *labe* worker heart.

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price (I Peter 3:4).

The LORD has provided the Blood of His Son and the Water of His Word and the Fire of His Love, through His Holy Spirit, to purge and cleanse us from sin and its defilement.

VII. The LORD Forbade a Man to Take a Wife and Her Mother, Calling It Wickedness; It Was Lewd Sensuality that Demanded Death by Burning with Fire.

And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you (Leviticus 20:14).

This type of sin comes from Leviathan's burning Fire of lewd, sensual sexuality; therefore, it must be reaped with punishment by Fire. This type of sexual immorality destroys the very center of a home and the heart of a nation.

VIII. The LORD Sent His Fiery Serpent Army among the Dissident Israelites in the Wilderness.

And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died... And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live (Numbers 21:6,8).

The Israelites in the wilderness were impatient and angry about God's Master Plan concerning the way to Canaan's land. They did not want to wait until God's appointed time to inherit the land. They were discontented with God's and Moses' guidance in the way. Yet they had no real cause for dissatisfaction. God had met *all* their requirements. He had given them Bread from Heaven, and after He had given them Water from the *zoor* Rock, they still said that there was no bread and no water and that their souls loathed the insubstantial stuff God called Bread.

They hurled their angry Leviathanic Fire in God's Face and Moses' face. As a result, the LORD sent His Fiery Serpent army to swallow up them and their strange fire of hate, death, and darkness. Thus, God proved, again, that His infinite Fire can swallow up all opposition.

IX. The Red Heifer with Her Skin, Flesh, Blood, and Dung Was Slain and Burned Outside the Camp, with Cedar Wood, Hyssop, and Scarlet.

And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer... And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even (Numbers 19:5,6,8).

The LORD's Holy Fire of Love that He had given to Israel from Heaven was so infinitely powerful that all of these seven things mentioned in these verses were completely changed in form, color, and nature and made into the same, unified ashes. These unified ashes were then joined with fresh water to be used for purification of those who had been defiled by touching the dead. The sacrifice of the red heifer ashes and fresh water cleansed all things that had been defiled by *death*.

Without God's Fire of Love from Heaven to bring all the seven, separate parts of the red heifer into unified sameness, there would not have been the precious water of purification for those who were defiled by death.

The red heifer was a picture of Jesus Christ Who, through the eternal Spirit of Fire, went to Death and Hell in our place. Then, He arose from the dead by His Father's Waters of Resurrection Life, which He has provided for us to purify us from Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness.

X. The LORD Commanded that, when a City or a Community Had Defected from God and Had Gone Astray, the Idolatrous City Must Be Burned with God's Judicial Fire.

The offending city had to be destroyed in order to save the nation for the True LORD God.

If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying, **Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;** Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, **if it be truth, and the thing certain,** that such abomination is wrought among you; **Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly,** and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. **And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit,** for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again (Deuteronomy 13:12-16).

Idolatry stirs up God's Wrath; consequently, God is faithful to send His judicial, fiery Punishment upon idolatrous offenders.

A. In obedience to the LORD, Joshua Burned the City of Jericho with Fire.

And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD (Joshua 6:24).

Joshua burned the idolatrous, leprous city of Jericho. He also purged the silver, gold, brass, and iron with Fire and brought them to the LORD's House as a Firstfruit of victory and as a witness that the LORD God would give them all the future victories that would be necessary for Israel to possess the land.

Likewise, the Father and the Son of God have given us the Holy Ghost and Fire as a Witness that there is future Fire that will help us to lay hold of the Spiritual Stature of the Son of God and His Father.

B. Joshua also Burned the Idolatrous Chariots of the Enemy.

And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. And **Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire** (Joshua 11:8,9).

The LORD commanded that their enemies' horses be slain because they had been used as servants for idols. After battles with their enemies, the idolatrous people would give glory to their gods for their victories, which meant that, in their idolatrous eyes, the horses had been used as instruments for their idol gods to gain the victory.

Israel also was to burn their enemies' chariots that were adorned with images of their gods so that Israel could not use them later and defile themselves with these unclean things.

C. Joshua also Burned the City of Hazor with Fire.

And **Joshua** at that time turned back, and **took Hazor,** and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: **and he burnt Hazor with fire... But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn** (Joshua 11:10,11,13).

In his effort to prevent Israel from possessing the land, the King of Hazor had a daring design to head up a confederacy of kingdoms to fight against Joshua. As a result, Joshua turned back and defeated them all, and he

burned Hazor, the head, and also destroyed its king.

However, the cities that rose *not* up, Joshua did not burn. The whole message, here, is about the Power of God's Judgmental Fire to swallow up His enemies in accordance with His Purposive Will and Master Plan.

D. Joshua and Israel Stoned Achan and His Family; then, They Burned Them with God's Judgmental Fire.

And it shall be, that **he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath**: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel... And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. **And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones** (Joshua 7:15,25).

When Achan, the troubler, stole some of God's Firstfruits, by taking a goodly Babylonian garment, 200 shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold (50 shekels), he sinned against the LORD God of Israel. Because of his sin, he brought defeat upon his brethren at the battle of Ai.

The LORD refused to be with Joshua anymore until he had destroyed the accursed from their midst. God's divine Judgment had all Israel to stone Achan and his family; then, Joshua and all Israel burnt them and their possessions as a witness that God's Judgmental Fire will swallow up all His enemies.

E. Joshua Burned Ai.

And **Joshua burnt Ai**, and made it an heap for ever, even a desolation unto this day (Joshua 8:28).

According to the LORD's command, Joshua obediently burned the idolatrous city of Ai.

XI. The LORD Revealed His Judgmental Fire to the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them (Ezekiel 5:2).

Ezekiel was commanded to give a symbolic demonstration of the LORD's Judgmental Fire that would bring about the destruction of the people and the city in three ways: by massacre, by dispersion, and by fire.

And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more (Ezekiel 16:41).

Nebuchadnezzar came and burned their houses and the Temple in the city of Jerusalem. The LORD's Judgmental Fire swallowed up the idolatrous, harlot city.

XII. The LORD Burned the Chariot in the Fire.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; **he burneth the chariot in the fire** (Psalm 46:9).

The infinite, divine Judgmental Fire of the LORD will ultimately swallow up all war and all weapons of warfare.

XIII. Leviathan's Wicked, Worthless Men, Like Thorn Bushes, Shall Be Burned by God's Judgmental Fire.

But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; **and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place** (II Samuel 23:7).

Thorn bushes were uprooted and burned in the place where they grew. Likewise, worthless, wicked men are burned with God's Judgmental Fire in the place of their sins.

XIV. David and His Men Burned the Amalekites with the LORD's Judgmental Fire of the *Urim* and

Thummim after They Had Burned His City of Ziklag and Had Taken His Wives and Children Captive.

And it came to pass, when **David and his men were come to Ziklag** on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and **smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;** (I Samuel 30:1).

And **David said to Abiathar the priest**, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, **bring me hither the ephod.** And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. **And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them , and without fail recover all.... And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men,** which rode upon camels, and fled. And **David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives** (I Samuel 30:7,8,17,18).

The town of Ziklag belonged to David; it was where his family lived. In his absence from Ziklag, the Amalekites descended upon it, plundered it, and burned it. When David returned to Ziklag, he enquired of the LORD by having Abiathar, the Priest, bring him and the Ephod, which held the Judgmental Fire of the *Urim* and *Thummim*. In answer to David's inquiry, the LORD told him to pursue the Amalekites and swallow them up. So David proceeded onward, clothed with the Judgmental Fire of the *Urim*, and swallowed up his enemies and retrieved his two wives and all his possessions.

XV. The Valiant Men of Jabesh Gilead Burned Saul's and His Sons' Bodies.

In order to sanctify Saul's and his son's bodies from the idolatrous heathens who were holding their bodies captive in their death, all the valiant men took them and burnt them.

All the valiant men arose, and went all night, **and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there** (I Samuel 31:12).

These valiant men, out of honour to the Nation of Israel and to the land of Israel, which ought not be defiled by exposing dead, unburied bodies, especially of the Royal Family in Israel, retrieved King Saul's and his sons' bodies. The LORD's anointing of Fire was upon these valiant men, and they burned these dead bodies, sanctifying them from the defilement of the uncircumcised Philistines.

XVI. Any Priest's Daughter Who Became a Whore Was Burned with Fire.

And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: **she shall be burnt with fire** (Leviticus 21:9).

If the daughters of the priests made light of the high office of the priesthood by immoral, lustful behavior, belittling the ministry of the priesthood, and belittling the LORD's Holy Fire throughout the Tabernacle and Temple, she sinned against God's Holy Fire, so she was swallowed up in death by God's Judgmental Fire.

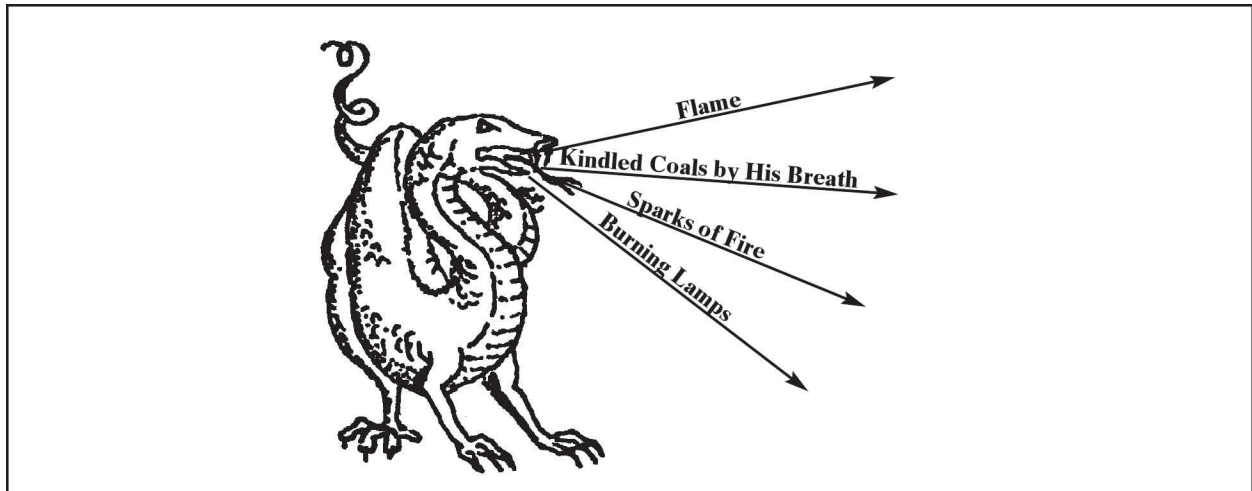
Now, let us proceed to the evil *saw-rawf* Serpent, Leviathan, and his use of the Fire he stole from God.

XVII. The Evil (*saw-rawf*) Serpent, Leviathan, Uses His Stolen Fire to War Against God and His Son.

The evil *saw-rawf* Serpent, Leviathan, has stolen Judgmental Fire from God. He is a piercing, crooked Serpent, full of God's stolen Fire, which he uses to war against God the Father and God the Son.

In the Book of Job, Leviathan is pictured as having a lot of Fire coming out of his mouth.

Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out... His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth (Job 41:19,21).



In the following Scriptures are instances of Leviathan's *burnings* or attacks with his stolen Fire, as he has destroyed houses and Temples and Synagogues and people, which God has allowed to be His own fiery Judgment on man's rebellion and gross sin. God protected His people, Israel for as long as they served Him, but when they sinned and became idolatrous, He allowed their enemies to punish them.

A. By Burning Incense with the Wrong Fire, the Rebellious Sons of Aaron—Nadab and Abihu—Reaped God's Judgmental Fire Through Leviathan's Stolen Fire.

Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he **take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed** (Numbers 16:37).

The LORD commanded Moses to take Nadab's and Abihu's brazen censers and beat them out and nail the censers to the Brazen Altar as a continual witness of God's Judgmental Fire that had fallen upon the two rebellious men.

The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel. And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar: (Numbers 16:38,39).

The rebellers, their families, and their possessions were swallowed up and carried to the *sheol* Pit or Hell, the Place of God's Judgmental Fire.

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation (Numbers 16:32,33).

B. The Children of Dan Stole Micah's Graven, Molten Image, His Ephod, His Teraphim, His Priest, and Burned the City with Fire.

And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye?... And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people... **And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish,** unto a people that were at quiet and secure: **and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire** (Judges 18:18,20,27).

The tribe of the Levitical Priesthood chose to apostatize, so they took a creature-made molten image for their creator-god. But Micah's god was so sorry and helpless that it could not prevent the Danites from carrying it off.

How could it protect anyone since it could not protect itself? The LORD God hates robbery for burnt offerings, but Leviathan loves it!

C. God Allowed Leviathan to Burn, with Fire, Idolatrous Israel, His Idolatrous Vineyard, Her Cities, and the People's Houses, and to Burn the Egyptian's Gods and Their Houses.

Leviathan's wicked, mortal mind was in Nebuchadnezzar, whom God allowed to burn Jerusalem, thus destroying Solomon's Temple, the king's house, and every great man's house.

And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire (II Kings 25:9).

And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof (II Chronicles 36:19).

The LORD was Just and Right in burning His idolatrous Vineyard with Fire.

And **the vineyard** which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. **It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance** (Psalm 80:15,16).

In these verses, the Psalmist beseeched the LORD to look down from His High and Lofty Throne in Heaven and see Israel's despicable, low, immoral condition and show them how great was their offense of idolatry that caused Him to cut down His Vine and burn it with His Judgmental Fire.

The infinite Merciful LORD never cut out the *root* of the Vine, only the strange *fruit* of idolatry on the Vine. The Psalmist pled for the LORD to strengthen and support the weak and fragile root so that it could put forth new roots downward and bear fresh, new fruit upward for the Glory of the LORD's Name!

The LORD had nurtured and protected His Vine that He had planted, but His Vine had become a strange Vine, bearing fruits of idolatry. Consequently, He burned His Vine with His Judgmental Fire since it was only good for fuel.

The LORD's Judgmental *saw-raf* Fire is a witness of His divine Holy Name that cannot and will not tolerate sinful man's idolatry, which is the finite works of his unclean hands. These sinful, idolatrous works insult the LORD's divine Holiness, His Omnipotence, His Omniscience, and His Omnipresence. Consequently, the LORD commanded that the houses of the idolaters be burned with fire.

And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and **burn up their houses with fire** (Ezekiel 23:47).

The righteous God allowed Leviathan's company of enemies to descend upon His corrupt Vine that had become an apostate Vine of idolaters and to burn it with Leviathan's fiery hate, death, and darkness. These Leviathanic enemies prevailed easily when God gave His Vine into their hands. They removed it, spoiled it, and burned it, and He will do the same today.

The Prophet Jeremiah also made it very clear that Nebuchadnezzar, with Leviathan's Fire, would prevail over Egypt.

And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. He shall break also the images of Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; **and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire** (Jeremiah 43:12,13).

God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to go in and kindle a Fire in the house of Egypt's gods, including the house of the sun god. He burned them all with fire.

And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; **and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire** (Jeremiah 52:13):

Leviathan's stolen Fire with its flames of hate, death, and darkness was the great Fire in Nebuchadnezzar's hands. He loved to display his cruel, fierce Fire in destroying others.

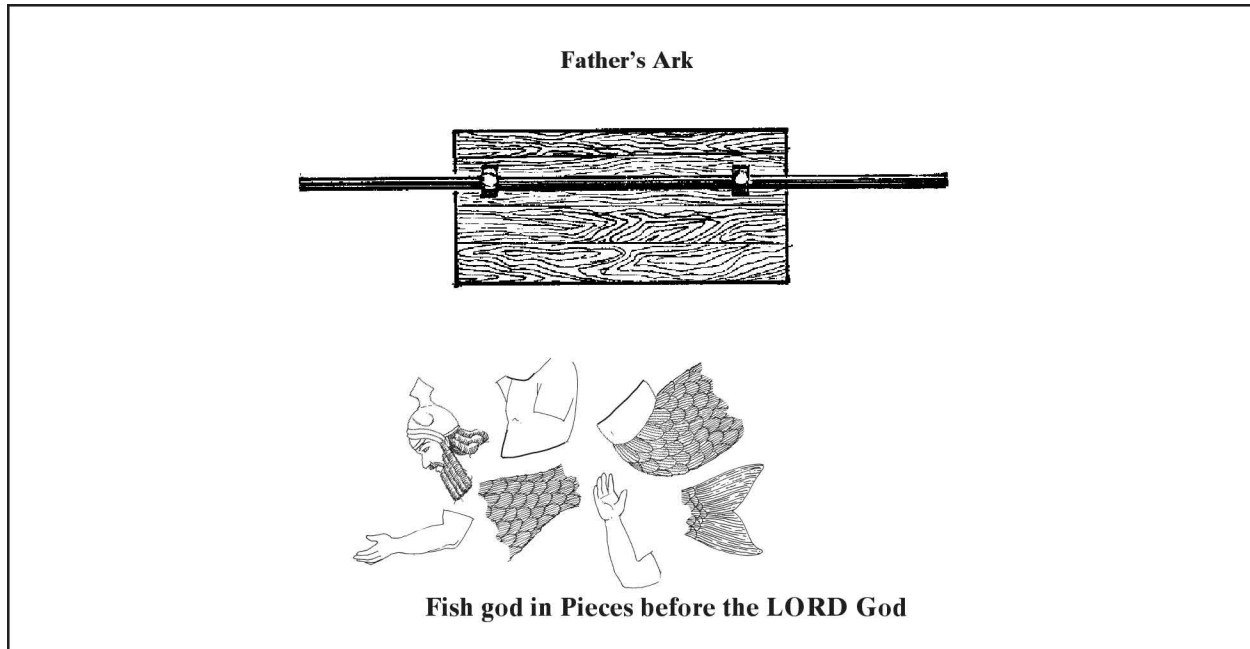
They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land (Psalm 74:8).

In this verse, the Psalmist was pouring out his heart to the LORD about what Israel's enemies were thinking in their *worker* hearts. They were determined to destroy all forms of worship to the True God and to Israel's false gods. The prideful hearts in each country esteemed their gods superior to the gods in other countries.

Let us take note of the three major Leviathanic attacks on God's Ark and His House of Worship.

1. The Father's Ark Was Captured by God's Enemies.

The Philistines captured the Father's Ark—the second Ark—the one that Moses had built—and put it in the house of Dagon, their fish god. The LORD God's Omnipresence in the idol house destroyed Dagon. The Almighty toppled Dagon and plagued the people while they held His Ark captive.



The LORD's Glory-Presence toppled the dumb idol to the ground, breaking it in pieces before Him.

2. King Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian, Laid Waste to the First Temple that Solomon Built and Burned It.

The LORD God had turned His Temple over to Nebuchadnezzar's Judgmental Fire because it was filled with abominable idols.

By His Spirit, the LORD carried Ezekiel from Babylon to Jerusalem to show him the abominable rites practiced by all classes of people in God's House. The LORD showed why He had left His Sanctuary and why He was allowing the Judgmental Fire of Nebuchadnezzar to be displayed in the imminent catastrophic destruction of the Temple.

And he said unto me, **Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.** So I went in and saw; and behold every form of **creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols** of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them **seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood** Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, **hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery?** for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. He said also unto me, **Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.** Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, **there sat women weeping for Tammuz.** Then said he unto me, **Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.** And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he

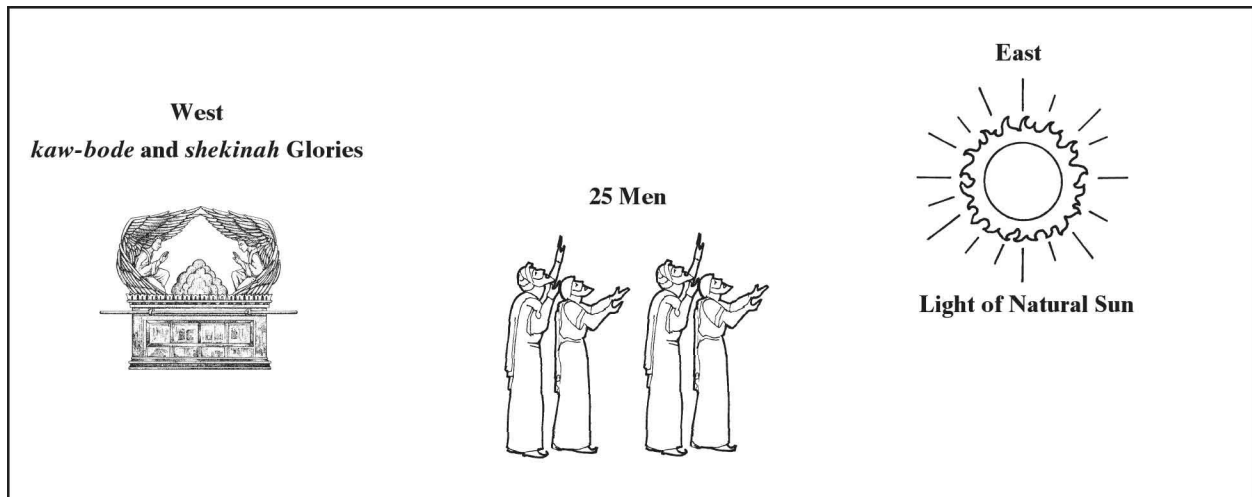
said unto me, **Hast thou seen this , O son of man?** Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? **for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: [fire] mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them** (Ezekiel 8:9-18).

Ezekiel saw the image of jealousy in the inner court. This dumb idol, assuming outraged audacity, provoked God to zealously vindicate His Rights as the Supreme, Sovereign LORD over all Creation.

The LORD continued to reveal to Ezekiel the secret, abominable idolatry of the Israelites. Ezekiel saw the detestable forms of creeping creatures and the forms of beasts upon the walls of the Holy Place to which the worthless, wicked ones were bowing down.

The women at the north gate were weeping for the idol god of fertility. The LORD led Ezekiel on in his revelation of Israel's idolatry. The Prophet was shown the horror of the last abomination, which was greater, exceeding all the previous ones.

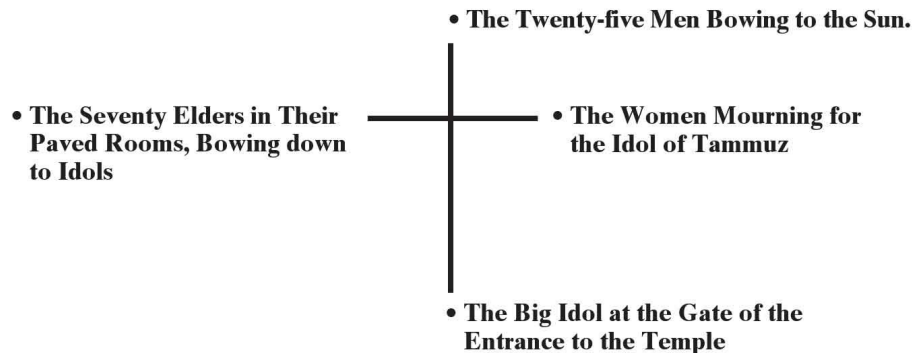
The shameful idol worship of these twenty-five men, who stood with their backs toward the Temple while they faced the sun, part of the Creation, left a lasting, searing mark on Israel's national conscience. These abominable idolaters turned their faces from the west, where God's Atoning Ark of the Covenant (God's Divine Presence) abode with His Oral Law and Written Law, and they faced the east to worship the sun, the Creation, thus they committed the depths of insolent, obscene abominations. Their backs were toward God, while they defecated downward in God's Face! This was the hideous, degrading worship of Baal-peor in God's very Temple. The LORD's divine Clouds of *kaw-bode* Glory and *shekinah* Glory were on the west, and the light of the natural sun was in the east.



The *kaw-bode* Glory and *shekinah* Glory united the Oral Law of Love on the Mercy Seat with the Written Law of Love in the Ark.

It was not enough for Israel to practice their idolatry outside the precincts of the Temple, they had to bring the full stature of their idolatry into the Temple to provoke the Eyes of the LORD's Glory and to stir up the wrathful Fire of the LORD's Judgments upon them.

Stature of Idolatry in the LORD's Temple



The horror of the first three levels of idolatry were not enough: they completed full stature of their idolatrous obscenities by moving to the fourth level, which was the horror of horrors.

- They hurled their shame in the LORD's Face by turning their backs and, with all the ugly smell and repulsive sound of breaking wind, defecated right in the LORD's holy, glorious Face.
- They filled the Temple and the land with violence and corruption.
- With their backs to the LORD's glorious Face and Name, they put the branch or phallus (the male organ) to their noses before the sun. They put the branch to their nose to worship it and the sun.

These abominable idolaters took the LORD's divine Procreating Power, which He had given man to produce offspring or bring new life into existence, assuring the human race continued its existence, and worshipped it and the sun, instead of giving all Glory to God and saying, "These are the wonderful Works of God, and they are marvelous in our eyes!"

Their fourth act of defiant idolatry was committed before the second and last Temple was destroyed by the Romans.

3. Titus, the Roman, Razed the Second and Last Temple when the Jews Rejected Their Messiah, the LORD Jesus Christ.

At last, God's chosen ones committed the most abominable, idolatrous act of all times; they crucified their King, counting His precious Blood as naught and without Power, when they cried "His Blood be upon us and our children."

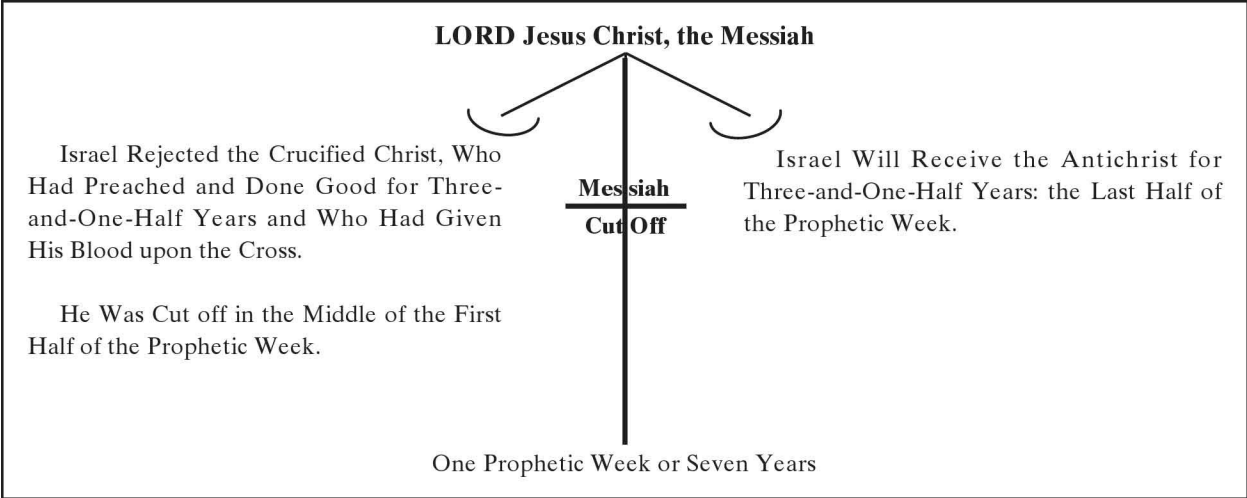
When Jesus hung on the Cross, the Temple veil was rent horizontally and vertically, allowing the *kaw-bode* Glory to leave the Temple and to come to rest upon Jesus on the Cross.

After Jesus had risen again, accompanied by the Old Testament saints who had died as overcomers, He went to Jerusalem to testify of His and the saints' Resurrection. But the Jews sewed up the veil of the Temple and chose animal blood above the spotless Holy Blood of God's Son, the Eternal Sacrifice for all Creation.

This was the overspreading abomination about which Daniel had prophesied.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, **and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate** (Daniel 9:27).

This verse does not refer to Titus, the Roman, but to the Messiah and the week of the Seventy Weeks of Prophecy.

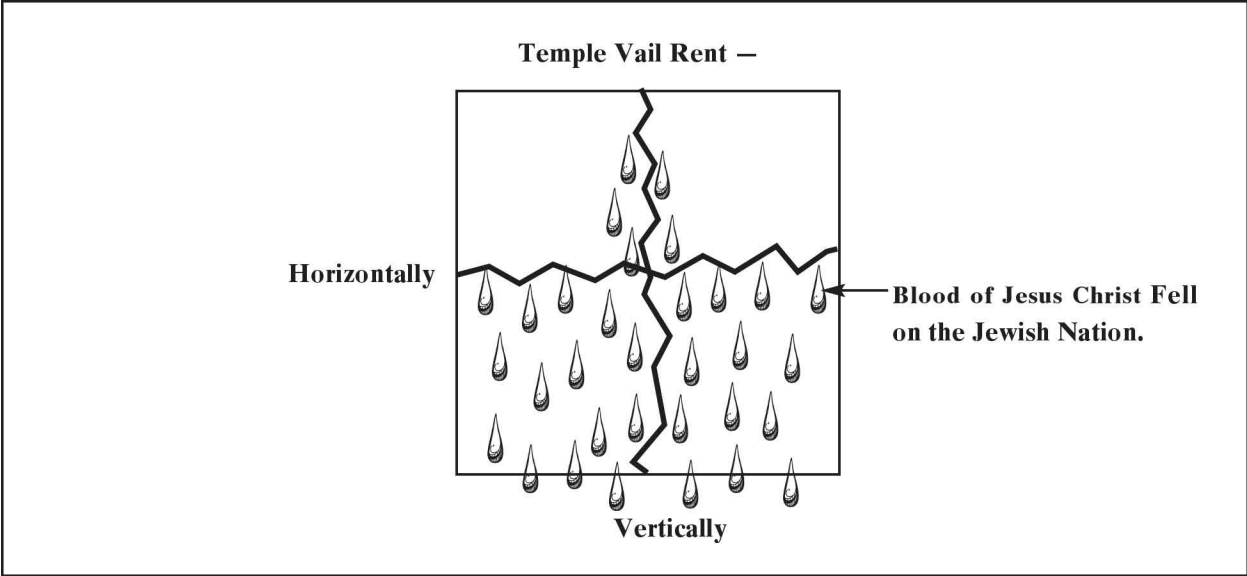


This overspreading of the abomination occurred when Israel spread animal blood upon Christ's Blood, after Christ had already swallowed up the Old Covenant with its provision of animal blood, and after Jesus Christ had instituted the New Covenant of His supernatural Blood.

God, the Father, in His infinite, divine Mercy and Long-suffering waited seventy years, while His Apostles and believers continued to preach and to bear witness to the Jews, doing great signs and miracles. They persisted in slaying many of Christ's ambassadors. Consequently, the LORD sent Titus, the Roman, to Jerusalem, just as He had sent Nebuchadnezzar to Jerusalem.

Some historians say that Titus, the Roman, cut the veil between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies and that Blood started flowing from the curtain.

When the Jews sewed up the veil that the Father had opened, first horizontally, in the midst, and, then, vertically, from top to bottom, He allowed the cruel Roman to come and again open up the Cross in the curtain from which the Resurrected, Judgmental Blood of Christ Jesus came upon the Jewish Nation. They had requested Pilot to let Jesus' Blood be on them when he was in the Judgment Hall, so their request was granted.



The Jewish Nation chose to hold onto the old Temple, with its shadow and type, after the LORD had sent His Only Begotten Son of Wisdom, the Living *Torah* in Flesh, to fulfill all the Old Testament shadows and types. As a result, the LORD sent Titus, the Roman, to destroy the Temple and the city, completely, and the Israelites were scattered into all parts of the world.

In the Book of Luke, Jesus prophesied about this to the Jews of His day.

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord** (Luke 13:35).

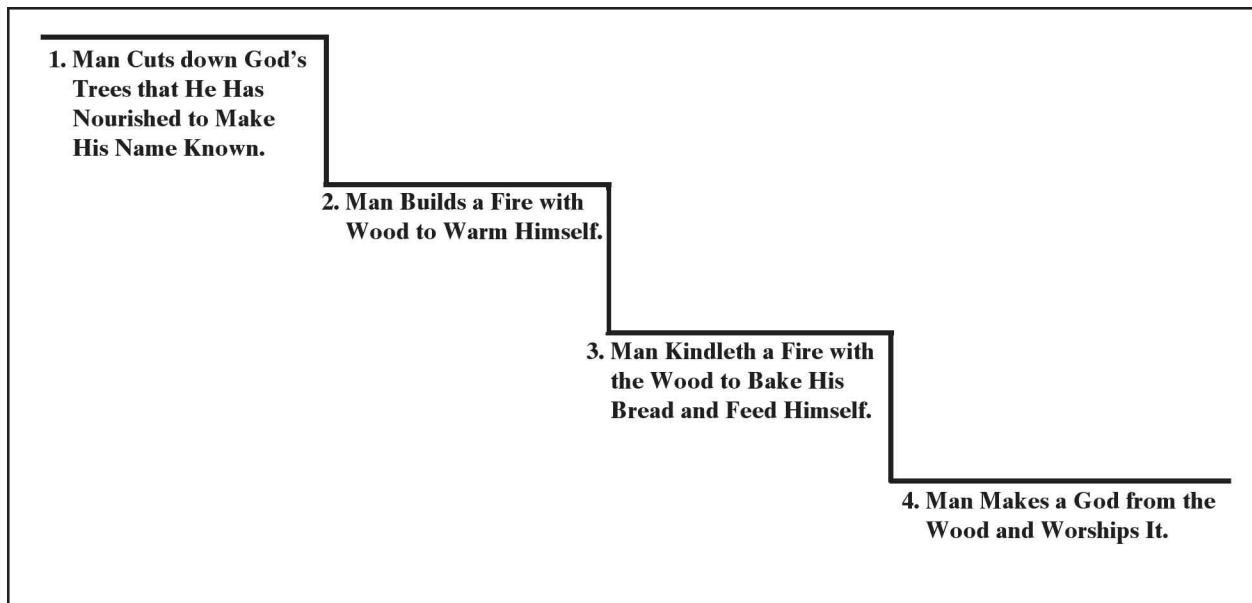
When Christ Jesus left the House of Israel, their House was desolate unto them. Hence, they will not see Him as the Messiah until their chastened and corrected hearts say “Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the LORD.”

D. Leviathan Tries to Imitate the Father and the Son.

Through his absurd falsehoods that bewitch the hearts and minds of deluded souls, which Isaiah the Prophet proved through his wise words, Leviathan tries to imitate God.

He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, **Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:** And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? (Isaiah 44:14-16,19).

The deluded soul takes the trees—the cedar, the cypress, the oak, and ash—for himself. Let us examine the downward, degenerated stairway of a soul bewitched by Leviathan.



The tree supplies both food for strength to the idolater so that he can manufacture his god out of what is left of the wood. What an origin for a god!

The idolater, fueled by Leviathan's stolen Fire of hate, death, and darkness, despises the restraint of God's loving Truth. Therefore, he goes about to establish his idol from his fiery imagination. Then, he uses the fire and comfort from God's wood to say that it is part of the idol that he has just formed. This is the height of diseased, deluded perception of reality.

The idolater sins against the Creator's natural fire, so he seriously reaps the Judgment of the Eternal Fire of God's Wrath. Then, deluded man says "I have seen the fire." So he will *truly* see the Eternal Fire of God's Wrath.

E. The LORD Uses Judgmental Fire in the Spiritual Realm.

God Allowed Leviathan to use his stolen Fire against Israel in the natural realm, which is not comfortable nor beneficial, but fierce and destructive.

Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; **if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail**. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. **Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it** (Isaiah 47:12-14).

Leviathan beseeched the idolaters to use all their hate, death, and darkness and idolatrous forms of their witchcraft to stand against the LORD and His Eternal Flame of Truth. The faithful Prophet assured them that the LORD's Eternal Flame of Truth will consume them all.

F. Leviathan Has Tried and Does Try to Extinguish the LORD's Eternal Flame of Truth by Getting Man to Destroy by Burning.

Leviathan has filled the history of man with the Fire of his hate, death, and darkness, which he brings against God. His warfare against God is seen in man's many types of idolatrous burnings, which are recorded in the pages of the Bible and history books. His foolish, vain effort to destroy God's Eternal Flame of Truth is perpetrated through his use of man to perform crimes of burning.

1. King Jehoiakim Arrogantly Burned God's Scroll of Truth.

King Jehoiakim's eyes and heart were for covetousness, shedding of blood, oppression, and violence. He built his royal rule and house by unrighteousness and wrong, by using his neighbor's service without pay, and by using his people's forced labor to build himself a splendid palace in violation of God's Word.

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning (Leviticus 19:13).

King Jehoiakim rebelled against God's scourge for Israel, Nebuchadnezzar. He burned God's Prophetic Word as though he could extinguish the Eternal Word of Truth and Judgment against idolatrous Jerusalem.

Nevertheless **Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them... Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.** And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim the king of Judah, **Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire:** and there were added besides unto them many like words (Jeremiah 36:25,27,28,29,32).

2. Idolaters Burned Their Children in Fire as Sacrifices to Their Gods.

And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, **to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart** (Jeremiah 7:31).

They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind: (Jeremiah 19:5).

Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; **for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods** (Deuteronomy 12:31).

And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and **the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim** (II Kings 17:31).

3. Moab Burned the Bones of the King of Edom and Used Them for Lime.

Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, **I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:** (Amos 2:1).

4. The Creation, Man, Burned Bricks to Build a City and a Tower to Fight Against God.

And they said one to another, **Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone,** and slime had they for mortar. And they said, **Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth** (Genesis 11:3,4).

5. The Philistines Burned Samson's Wife and Father with Fire.

Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, **Samson**, the son in law of the Timnite, **because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire** (Judges 15:6).

6. Pharaoh Burned Gezer.

For **Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire,** and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife (I Kings 9:16).

7. Zimri Burned Tirzah.

And it came to pass, **when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,** (I Kings 16:18).

And so, Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness burns brightly, causing his followers to vent their Leviathanic nature of violence in acts of destructive burnings. But one day, those who have not repented and been purged by God's Fire of Forgiving Love will have their Leviathanic nature burned out of them by God's Hot, Fiery Breath in Hell and the Lake of Fire.

hath been tamed of mankind:... But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison (James 3:6,8).

The evil tongue is a vicious sword that beats and wounds the spirit and the soul. Although the tongue is a mere three inches long, when it is controlled by Leviathan, it has power to kill the tallest giant.

A Leviathanic tongue kindles many defiling, dreadful, and destructive flames. Consequently, families, brotherhoods, societies, and kingdoms are thrown into insufferable confusion by being set on flaming fire. Hence, Leviathan's hate, scorn, death, and darkness rules through the tongue, making the tongue a bitter fountain that spews out poisonous death.

Leviathan's ninth serpentine army is his *reh-mes* serpent army that controls the tongue. The Hebrew word *reh-mes* comes from the Hebrew root word *raw-mas*, which means to glide swiftly, to move with short steps, to swarm, to creep or move, snake, amphibious serpent.

I. The LORD's Begotten Wisdom, the Christ, Is the Heavenly Father's Good Serpent.

God sent His Good Serpent-Wisdom, Christ, to Earth to teach us His Wisdom and to fill us with His Love, Life, and Light, setting us free from Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness.

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: **While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men** (Proverbs 8:22-31).

These verses are very clear about God's generation of His Only Begotten "Wisdom Son" Who was with Him in the beginning of His Way or Master Plan.

A. Christ, the "Divine-Wisdom Son" Was the Word that Was in the Beginning with God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him;** and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:1-3).

Christ, the LORD's Wisdom-Word, created all things so that all Creation would love and praise His Heavenly Father, the Unbegotten LORD.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD (Psalm 150:6).

B. Christ Was the Wisdom Name or Nature that God Put on Moses' Rod.

And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. **And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:...** And **thou shalt take this rod [serpent rod] in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs....** And **Moses** took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he **returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand** (Exodus 4:2-4,17,20).

The Hebrew word for *rod*, here, is *mat-taw*, which means a branch for chastening and correction, a support of life, a bread, a walking staff.

God's Word clearly verifies that the LORD Jesus Christ is the Father's Branch from His Tree of Knowledge. Therefore, Christ is the Way to the entrance of the Father.

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, **I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH** (Zechariah 3:8).

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, **Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up**

out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: (Zechariah 6:12).

Christ spouted and sprang forth from His Unbegotten Father's Knowledge and Prudence. He is God's *mat-taw* Rod for the whole Creation. This was the Good-Serpent-Wisdom Rod that Moses used to do all the miracles in Egypt.

- Moses' Rod swallowed up all the evil serpent rods of the magicians in Egypt.
- Moses' Rod smote the waters of Egypt and turned them all into blood.
- Moses' Rod, when stretched out over the waters of Egypt, brought up a plague of frogs.
- Moses' Rod smote the dust of Egypt and turned the dust into lice in man and beast.
- When stretched forth toward Heaven, Moses' Rod brought down thunder, hail, and Fire.
- When stretched over Egypt's land, Moses' Rod brought in the east wind full of devouring locusts.
- When Moses' Rod was lifted up and stretched over the Red Sea, the Sea divided so that Israel could cross over on dry ground to the wilderness.
- Moses' Rod smote the Father's *zoor* Rock at Horeb so that the *naw-har* River of the Father's Love could flow forth, quenching Israel's thirst.
- Moses' Rod had Aaron, the High Priest's, name on it; therefore, it budded, bloomed, and brought forth almond fruit.

The Psalmist revealed that Christ's regal Rod of Strength will go forth out of Mount Zion and rule over His enemies.

C. Jesus Said for Us to Be Wise as Serpents.

The LORD Jesus Christ counseled us to be wise and cautious, to make prudent choices, and to be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: **be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves** (Matthew 10:16).

Jesus would never have advised us to be like His enemy, Leviathan, so His admonition had to refer to a class of *Good* Serpents. However, this is a great mystery, and its explanation would require another lesson too big to include in this study.

D. The LORD Jesus Christ Came to Earth to Teach Fallen Man How to Be Filled with His Divine Wisdom and How to Praise, to Bless, and to Thank the LORD.

Jesus is our Perfect Example; He thanked His Father for not revealing His Love, Life, and Light to the prideful, arrogant cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Tyre.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because **thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes**. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight (Matthew 11:25,26).

Jesus thanked His Father that He had revealed His Humility Love to babes, not to the seventy boastful disciples whom He had sent out to witness to Israel about the Kingdom of God having come.

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, **I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes**: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight (Luke 10:21).

These boastful disciples had rejoiced in the gift of the powerful ministry that Christ had given them, rather than in their spiritual relationship with Him.

Jesus thanked His Father for the small amount of natural bread and meat for Himself and for the multitude.

And **he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks**, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude (Matthew 15:36).

Jesus thanked His Father for hearing His thoughts of Life in prayer that were divinely multiplied so that they

swallowed up the hunger of thousands.

Jesus thanked His Father for hearing His thoughts of Life that swallowed up Lazarus' full stature of death.

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, **I thank thee that thou hast heard me** (John 11:41).

Lazarus arose from the dead and came forth at Christ Jesus' command.

Jesus blessed His Father for His precious Bread, and He thanked His Father for His precious Blood that was poured upon the communion table.

And as they were eating, **Jesus took bread, and blessed it**, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. **And he took the cup, and gave thanks**, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:26-28).

Jesus sang a hymn of *haw-lal* praise to His Father, with abounding joy and rejoicing for His Father's Purposive Will, before He went to the Garden of Gethsemane.

And when they had sung an hymn, [*haw-lal*] they went out into the mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30).

Jesus Christ rejoiced over God's Purposive Will that was leading Him to Gethsemane.

E. The LORD Jesus Christ Provided His Blood, the Holy Ghost and Fire, and the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life for the Cleansing of Our Iniquities, Transgressions, Sins, and Trespasses against His Holy Name.

Jesus Christ paid the price with His precious Blood for all of our offenses against God. Jesus also sent the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, with His Tongues of Fire, to swallow up Leviathan's destructive Fire upon the human tongue so that the tongue could be cleansed and offer up praise, thanksgiving, and blessing to the LORD's Unbegotten Holy Name.

Jesus Christ promised His Apostles and Disciples that He would send the Holy Ghost and Fire.

And **I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; **Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but **ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you** (John 14:16,17).

We have the Holy Ghost with His fiery Tongues of intercession and travail because the LORD Jesus first made intercession to His Heavenly Father, Who sent Him to us. Jesus is an eternally ordained Melchisedec Priest. The Father heard His Son's prayer and gave us another Comforter, the Holy Ghost, Who abides with us forever.

The Tongues of Fire from the Holy Ghost purge our tongues of Leviathan's fiery hate, scorn, death, and darkness. The Holy Ghost Tongues of Fire give us everlasting comfort and consolation.

The Holy Ghost is called the Spirit of Truth because His Ministry is to lead us to more Truth in Christ Jesus by cleansing us, teaching us, and enlightening us. The Holy Ghost fills our minds with Understanding and Knowledge of Divine Truth in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of Truth quickens Christ's Word to us by making it live in our hearts, minds, and deeds.

Christ Jesus knew that His Word and Gospel would be opposed by Leviathan, Lucifer, and their followers, so He sent us a Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, to quicken Christ's Sword of Truth to us.

Jesus Christ opened not His Mouth, nor did He use His holy Tongue to defend Himself. He won the battle over His great enemy by His Silent Resignation and Tranquil Trust, and by His imperturbable Rest in His Heavenly Father.

Jesus prayed to His Father, and He sent the Holy Ghost with fiery Tongues to comfort His people by giving them fiery, powerful tongues to proclaim His Truth. It is Christ's Truth that supports us in maintaining His Cause against Leviathan's and Lucifer's lies. The Holy Ghost gives Power to Christ's followers to be witnesses and to cast out evil spirits and to shed abroad His Love, Light, and Life to the world.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all

Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: **for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.... Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:** for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you (John 16:7,13,14).

If Jesus Christ never had gone away, the third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost, could not have come and led us into all the Truth of Christ's Spiritual Stature; hence, we never would have had the privilege of growing in His Stature.

The Holy Ghost leads us into an intimate, experiential Knowledge of the Truth that is beyond theoretical Knowledge. Christ taught man about Himself in His Word, which is theoretical Knowledge. Then, He sent the precious Holy Ghost to teach us the Truth experientially.

Theoretical Knowledge is Light and Life for the head, but experiential Knowledge is the Father's divine Love, Contentment, and Satisfaction that is revealed in the *lover* heart. It is the Spirit's holy Flames of Love in the *lover* heart that leap upward and outward from the heart, through the throat, to the mouth. Then, the purified tongue can speak the Truth in love to itself and to others.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (Ephesians 4:15).

We grow up to our Head, Christ Jesus, in all things, as we experientially praise, bless, and thank His holy Headship that sends to us, every fleeting moment, either pleasure or pain, according to His Purposive Will.

We arrive at this level of spiritual growth in Christ Jesus after our tongues have been prepared and clothed with the Holy Ghost Tongues of Fire. The Holy Ghost Fire ignites our hearts to sing holy Love Songs of praise and gratitude to the Son and the Father.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; **Speaking to yourselves [*nepesh* soul] in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your [*lover*] heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;** (Ephesians 5:18-20).

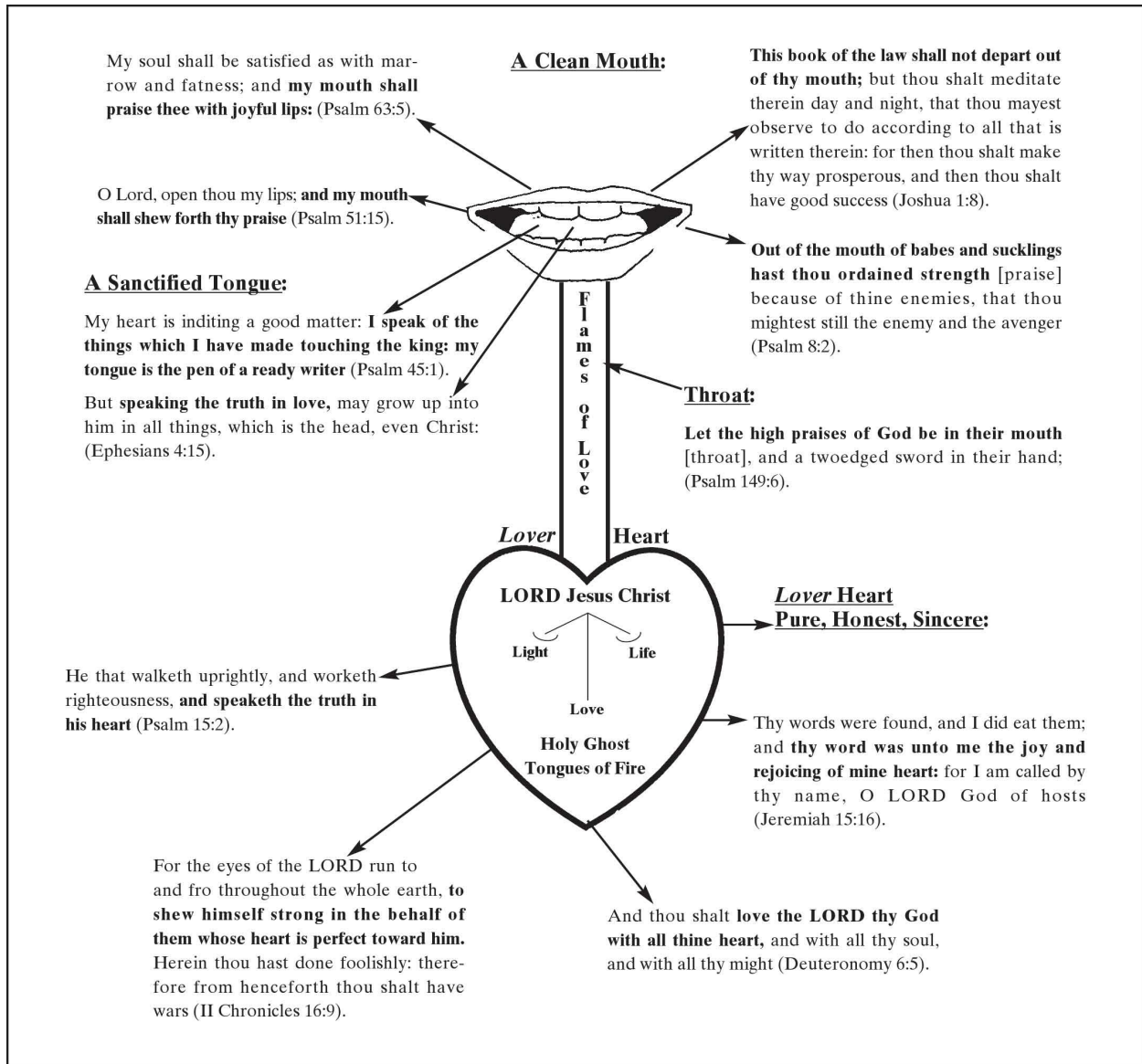
Holy Ghost Tongues of Fire enlighten our Understanding so that we can comprehend God's whole Purposive Will and Master Plan for us, which is to sing and make melody in our *lover* hearts to the LORD God and His Christ. Spiritual songs of joy give the glory to the LORD's Name that It deserves. Spiritual songs of cheerful praises are an expression of true gratitude for God's Abundant Goodness and Gracious Beneficence toward us.

II. The Human Tongue Is Untamable and Unruly.

Apart from the Holy Ghost Tongues of Fire, spoken in prayer, praises, and pleasant gratitude, we never can tame our unruly tongues of fire that have been set on Fire of Hell.

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, **and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell** (James 3:6).

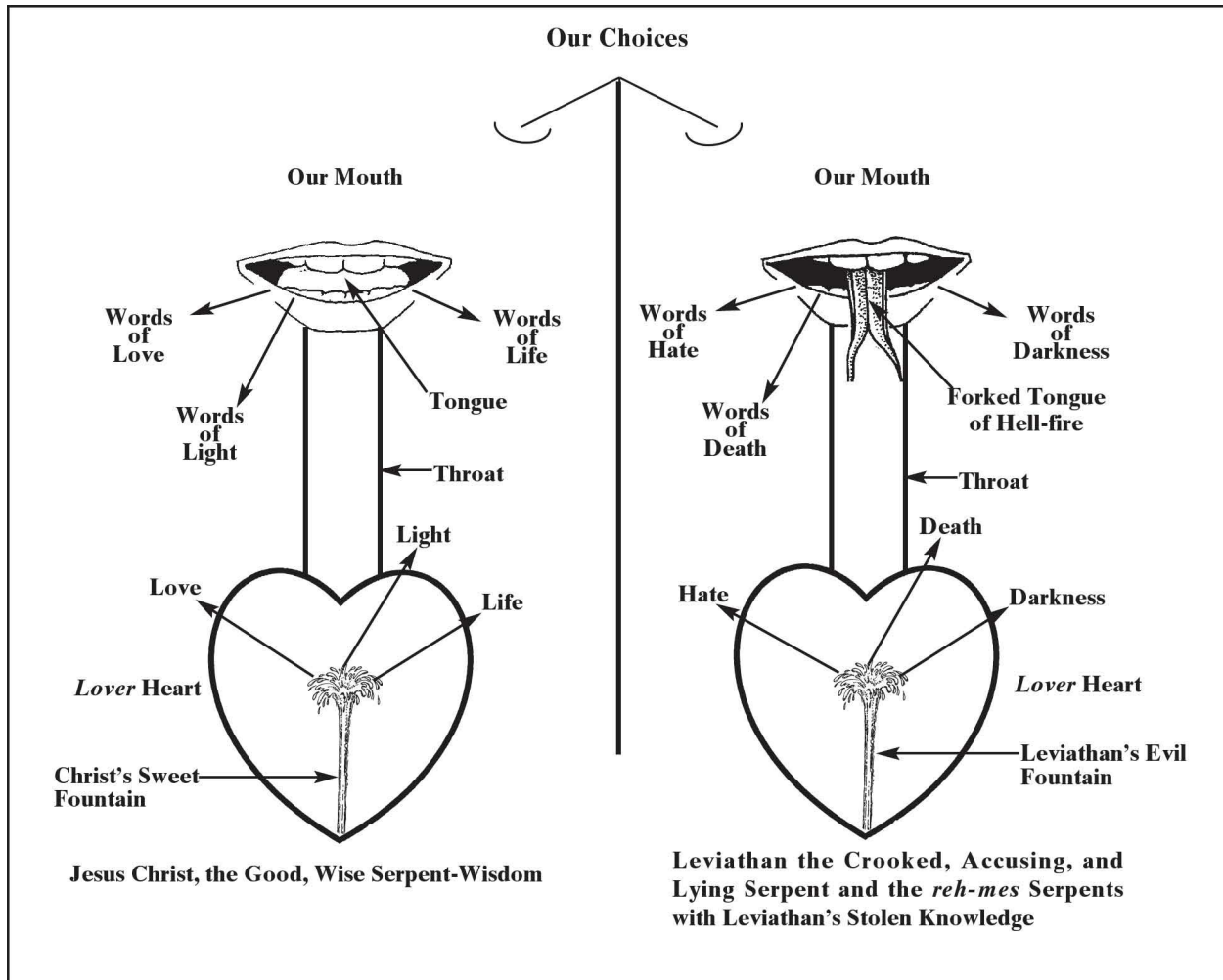
The following diagram shows the LORD's Perfect Purposive Will for our tongues and for our mouths.



When we clearly see the LORD's Purposive Will for our *lover* hearts, throats, mouths, and tongues, our need for Holy Ghost Tongues of Fire becomes very obvious, in order to keep God's Fire burning in our *lover* hearts. Leviathan works unceasingly to take our *lover* hearts captive, again, with his stolen hell fire of hate, scorn, death, and darkness so that he can project it out through our mouths. He knows that our *lover* hearts are the hidden fountain that feeds our throats, mouths, and tongues. He knows that if he can control our *lover* hearts, then he can fill our throats, mouths, and tongues with the fiery wretchedness of his hate, scorn, death, and darkness and spread it from our hearts to our mouths.

If we want clean mouths, we must ask the LORD Jesus Christ to cleanse, renew, and restore our *lover* hearts by His precious Blood. Remember, our mouths are fed from the fountain in our *lover* hearts.

The following diagram shows the choices we have.



If we desire to be like Jesus, we must choose to lay hold of Christ's Words of Truth and choose to let the Holy Ghost fill us, daily, with His Tongues of Fire; then, He can shed abroad Christ's Love, Light, and Life from our *lover* hearts, through our throats, mouths, and tongues. Thus, we will praise, bless, and thank the Blood of Jesus Christ and magnify and glorify the Unbegotten Father's Holy Name of LORD.

We must season our conversation with Christ's precious Words of Truth and adorn our words with praise, blessing, and thanksgiving to Him. This will please the LORD, and the Holy Ghost will continue to fill our *lover* hearts, throats, and mouths, and tongues with His Love, Light, and Life. Thus, we shall be bright and shining witnesses for the LORD, not frightening, dark thunderclouds of Leviathan's and the *reh-mes* serpent's hate, death, and darkness. If we fill our hearts, minds, and mouths with his evil murmuring and hateful complaining, we shall spread the enemy's terrifying thunderclouds of darkness to those around us.

By being filled with Christ's Love, Joy, and Peace, we show forth the Light of His Divine Nature of Love!

III. The Evil *reh-mes* Serpents Are Leviathan's Army that Fight Against the LORD's Purposive Will in Our Lives.

The Fire of the evil (*reh-mes*) serpents keep the Fires of murmuring and complaining against God's Purposive Will burning in all rebellious hearts. The evil *reh-mes* serpent-powers of darkness keep the *lover* heart filled with hellish irritation, cruelty, and painful misery. To avoid this evil condition is a battle that every Christian soldier faces.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against

spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12).

God's Word is our Shield and our Sword, and the Blood of Jesus Christ is our Battleship, from whence we fight the enemy, the *reh-mes* serpents of darkness.

When our *lover* hearts are burning with the *reh-mes* serpents' hate and scorn, they use man's mortal mentality to steal the LORD's Breath so that our hearts and mouths delight and gloat in making our own names known instead of the LORD's Name. As a result, the LORD sends His chastening situations to correct the arrogant blindness in our *lover* hearts. In the meantime, our deluded *lover* hearts burn with the *reh-mes* serpents' murmuring, complaining, and disputings against the LORD for His Governance of our lives, which we see acted out by Job in his life's story when he murmured and complained for so many chapters.

Our moral development grows in proportion to our putting our spiritual education into constant practice by praising the LORD in all things for His wonderful Works, which are marvelous in our eyes when we are cleansed and corrected by Him.

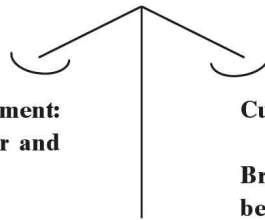
God created our tongues for giving praise to His Name, not for giving vent to the *reh-mes* serpent's fiery flames of hate, scorn, death, and darkness.

Our whole spiritual battle is about whether we allow Jesus Christ or the *reh-mes* serpents to rule our *lover* hearts. Our choice is whether we bless God and His people with the Sweet Waters of Jesus Christ or curse them with the bitter waters of the *reh-mes* serpents.

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.... **Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature;** and it is set on fire of hell.... **But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison** [*reh-mes* poison rolling in reverse]. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. **Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.** Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh (James 3:2,5,6,8-12).

Fountains of an Unsanctified Heart, Throat, Mouth, and Tongue

**Blesses One Moment:
Blesses Jehovah for His Sweet Water and
Fresh Water of Truth.**



**Curses the Next Moment:
Curses the LORD God and His Redeemed
Brother Who Is Made in the Similitude of God
because the *reh-mes* Serpents' Bitter Water of
Hate and Burning Salt Water of Scorn Produce
Thoughts and Feelings of Hate and Scorn when
Things Are not Going as Planned.**

If we will repent of the offenses of our unkind tongues and ask Jesus Christ to cleanse our hearts, throats, mouths, and tongues with His Peace Offering Blood, we will bless the LORD at all times, just as King David did.

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1).

In joy and sorrow, David blessed the LORD's ineffable Name. The LORD's Holy Name remains the same, both in pleasure and in pain.

When we think about the past offenses and mistakes we have made with our tongues and how the LORD Jesus Christ has forgiven us in His Mercy and Grace and has blessed us with His forgiving Peace Offering Blood and how the Holy Ghost has continued to fill us with His fiery Tongues, we will be more merciful, gracious, and kind to others and not scornfully curse them in our thoughts and feelings. We will be less severe in our judgmental censoring of them, while they are struggling in their warfare with the *reh-mes* serpents, manifested through their

offensive tongues.

We must not use our tongue of reasoning in our soul for self-justification of our own offensive unkind tongue. We must not become a self-deceiver, in a vain effort to justify the hate, death, and darkness of our judgmental tongues.

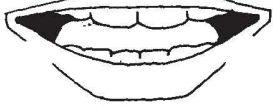
We are all guilty before God for the misuse of our tongues! If we are lording it over others for their frailties, infirmities, and the misuse of their tongues, it is because we have forgotten about our own frailties, infirmities, and misuse of our own tongues.

If we bridle our own tongues by continually praising the Blood of Jesus, blessing the Blood of Jesus, and thanking the Blood of Jesus, and if we clothe our own tongues with the Holy Ghost Fire in everything, we will be protected from the *reh-mes* serpentine armies of Fire. If our tongues are bridled with Jesus Christ's Humility Gratitude, we will be able to bridle our whole body.

The Mouth Is Bridled by Christ Jesus or by *reh-mes* Serpents

The LORD Jesus Christ Bridles the Mouth with His Kind Words.

Mouth



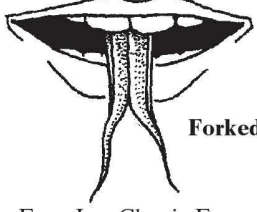
Unified Tongue

Joseph Spoke Kindly from His **Worker** Heart and **Lover** Heart to His Brethren.

And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore **fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them** (Genesis 50:18-21).

Joseph Spoke Kindly from His **Lover** Heart to His Brethren. He Forgave Them, Encouraged Them, and Relieved Their Fears by Speaking to Them with His Unified Tongue of Love, Light, and Life.

The *reh-mes* Serpents Bridle the Mouth, Keeping It from Being Kind.



Forked Tongue

Esau Is a Classic Example of Being Controlled by the *reh-mes* Serpent's Hate in His Heart.

And **Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him:** and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will **I slay my brother Jacob.** And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, **thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee** (Genesis 27:41,42).

In His Hate, Death, and Darkness, Esau Envied His Brother because Their Father's Blessing Had Been Given to Him. Hence, He Falsely and Prophetically Comforted Himself with His Murderous Thoughts from the *reh-mes* Serpents in His **Lover** Heart.

When Adam-male and Adam-female believed Leviathan's lying forked tongue, they sinned against the LORD's *Torah*-Truth. Consequently, Leviathan ruled over their disobedient tongues by giving them forked tongues. Adam-male's forked tongue blamed God and the woman for his disobedience. Adam-female's forked tongue blamed the Serpent and his deceitful lies.

Instead of repenting before the LORD for their disobedience to Him, the guilty pair approached Him with self-defection, self-defiance, self-justification, and self-conceit. Despite all of their defense, they were judged for their disobedience, and God cast them out of His Garden.

We also must give a personal account for every word that goes out of our mouths.

But I say unto you, That **every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof** in the day of judgment (Matthew 12:36).

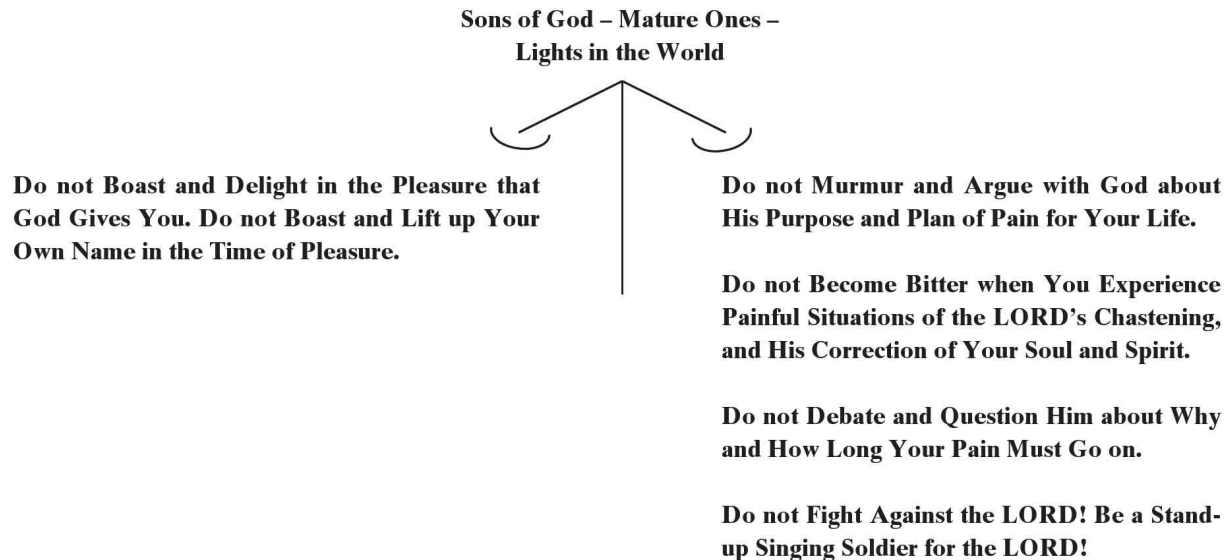
We will give an account at Christ's Judgment Seat for every idle word that we have spoken. Idle words are empty, useless, and worthless, words that have no value in God's Kingdom.

Although the tongue is a little member in the body, it boasts of great, prideful things. It has power to set one's *wheel of nature* on Fire of Hell, as well as setting others' wheels on Fire.

The LORD Jesus Christ will not tame our tongues by putting His bridle of humility on them until we have repented before the LORD for our mortal mentality that we have inherited from Adam the First. We must repent and be cleansed by Christ's Precious Blood. We must be filled with the Holy Ghost Tongues and Fire. We must choose Christ's holy Tongue of Quietness, Peace, and Love. We must refuse the *reh-mes* serpent's fiery, slanderous tongue of murmuring, complaining, and arguing against God's Governance of our lives and the lives of others.

The Apostle Paul commanded the Philippian believers not to murmur, dispute, argue, and complain.

Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; (Philippians 2:14,15).



A sanctified, fiery Tongue of the Holy Ghost learns to praise and thank the LORD in all things. The fiery Tongue for Christ becomes a bright, shining Light in the midst of a crooked and perverse world!

Because Israel committed spiritual adultery or idolatry against the LORD, her Divine Rock, He sold her to His Judgmental Fire and Wrath. He took vengeance upon their poisonous passions for idols and idolatry. God's Wrath was their recompense for their anger and poisonous passion for idolatry.

God is a faithful Just Judge. If we sow Leviathan's stolen Fire, through his *reh-mes* serpents of Fire on our tongues, we shall reap God's Holy Fire from above.

The unruly, slanderous tongue is full of the serpentine *reh-mes* poison of death. But the LORD Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost and Tongues of Fire will liberate the penitent, captive tongue from the *reh-mes* fiery serpent's hold.

The Hebrew word for *poison* is *khaw-math*, which means to be hot, warm, to become stagnant or rancid, to stand without motion, not flowing or moving, foul from lack of movement, dull, sluggish.

If we fill our minds with the LORD's precious *Torah*-Truth and our *lover* hearts with Holy Ghost Tongues of Fire, we will be most active in praising, blessing, and thanking His Holy Name from our *lover* hearts, through our throats, mouths, and tongues. Otherwise, we will become stagnant and give forth an evil smell! Leviathan's stolen, hot, fiery anger puts his stinking smell in the captive soul, killing the person's desire for God's precious Word.

Instead of God's Word being sweet and alive to the soul, the soul will be lean and feel that the LORD's Word tastes like stale oil, not fresh, but spoiled. As a result, everything and everyone will smell bad to this lean captive soul. Hence, the soul's mortal mentality will blame and accuse God and everyone else. The diseased perception of reality in the lean soul makes it feel justified with feeling angry all the time.

Leviathan's hate, scorn, death, and darkness makes the lean soul to feel vicious anger, doubts, and rejection toward God. For a season, the lean soul enjoys his degenerated, perverted pleasure; however, in due season, it reaps God's Judgmental Fire from above.

We must remember that the LORD Jesus Christ, the LORD's Wise Good Serpent has nailed Leviathan's stolen power, his *reh-mes* serpent armies of darkness and their Fire to the Cross, once and for all. We are more than overcomers through Christ's precious Blood! We are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus, if we choose Him!

Let us never forget that Jesus Christ will apply His overcoming, victorious Power to our *lover* hearts, throats, mouths, and tongues, every fleeting moment, and that in everything we can praise, bless, and thank the LORD's Glorious Name! We must choose whom we want to govern our *lover* hearts, throats, mouths, and tongues—the LORD Jesus Christ or the *reh-mes* serpents.

Remember, Adam-male and Adam-female chose to accept the Serpent's lies in the Garden of Eden; therefore, they sinned against God, and their sin passed on to all humanity. As a result, man has become engaged in a spiritual warfare between God's Good and Leviathan's Evil. We can choose to join with the LORD's Good Serpent Army and fight against Leviathan's evil serpent army, or we can choose to ally ourselves with Leviathan's evil and fight against God's Good. There is eternal Victory on the LORD's side! Through His sacrificial Death on the Cross, the LORD Jesus Christ has already conquered Leviathan! Through the Resurrected Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ and through His Name of Love, Light, and Life, we can trample All evil serpents under our feet! To God be all the glory! ☐