WHO IS YOU YOUR GOD?

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The whole Bible is the record of the age long war between our God, Yahweh and the rebel Satan, which is being carried on between their children. Are you surprised I speak of both Yahweh and Satan having children? I am not saying this as a figure of speech, I mean that both of them have literal children living in the world today, who are respectively the leaders of the human forces on the side of good and those on the side of evil. The theme of the entire Bible is stated in Genesis 3:15, spoken by Yahweh to Satan. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed. It shall crush thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel." The same Hebrew word zeh-ra, meaning seed or children, is used in both instances. Satan was to have just as literal children as Eve. Yahweh said that he would put enmity between Satan's children and Eve's children. It has been true throughout all the centuries since then and it is true today. Luke 3:38 tells us Adam was the son of Yahweh, so Eve's children by Adam were therefore the children, or descendants of Yahweh. Can anyone be so completely blind as not to see this war is being carried on today between the children of Satan and the children of Yahweh? All of you are wondering when atom bombs will be dropped on us by the children of Satan.

Satan was once an angel of very high rank, with great authority. Evidently he was then the governor of this planet earth, possibly much more also. Then he rebelled against Yahweh and was cast out of heaven and confined to this earth. We read about this in Isaiah 14:12-15. "How art thou fallen from heaven O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground which did weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Yahweh. I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Revelation 12:7-9 states, "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 anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out that ancient 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." In Luke 10:18 Yahshua says, "I beheld Satan, as lightning, fall from heaven."

However, some of Satan's power seems to have been left to him for a period of time. Yahshua speaks of Satan three different times as the prince of this world order, in <u>John 12:31.14:30 & 16:11 Corinthians 4:4</u>. The apostle Paul also speaks of Satan saying, "The god of this age (aion) hath blinded the minds of them that believe not". Still rebels, although now earthbound, Satan and his angels wanted men to worship them as gods. Many of the pagan gods of Asia and Africa can be clearly traced to and identified as devils, Satan and his rebel followers. The Bible also refers to this fact in

<u>Leviticus 17:7</u>. "And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring." <u>Deuteronomy 32:17</u> states, "They sacrificed unto devils, not to Yahweh, to gods whom they knew not." Again in <u>II Chronicles 11:15</u>, "And Jeroboam ordained him priests for the high places and for the devils and for the calves which he had made." In the New Testament, Paul warns against this in <u>I Corinthians 10:20</u> saying, "But I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils and not to Yahweh: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils."

Remember, our religion was crystallized in the form we now have in the Bible at the time when the children of Israel were in the exodus, on their way to their new home in the promised land. They were about to move into a land where they would be surrounded by devil worshipping pagans. There was great danger they would gradually absorb the customs of the pagans around them and would learn to call the pagan idols gods and be led into idol worship. To avoid this, Yahweh repeatedly gave the children of Israel stern warnings against such integration with the pagans, forbidding even the mention of the names of the pagan gods. In <u>Exodus 23:15</u> we read,

"And in all things that I have said unto you, be circumspect and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth". In <u>Joshua 23:7</u> Israel was told, "Come not among these nations, these that remain among you, neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them".

In <u>Psalms 16:3-4</u>, King David's words are so well expressed in Smith and Goodspeed's translation of the Bible. "As to the gods who are in the land and the lofty ones, I have no pleasure in them. Their images are many, others praise them, but I will not pour out their libations of blood, nor will I take their names upon my lips." Anyone, whether man or god, is identified by his name. If I wanted to recommend to you an especially skillful doctor, how could I do it if I didn't know his name? If I told you the wrong name, I would certainly be sending you astray, for you would go to the man that bore that name. It was necessary that the pagan gods be forgotten, no worship was to be given to them, any worship in their names was necessarily to them. It is clearly important that we know the true name of our God. It has been important to Satan to keep us in ignorance of it. For 2,500 years, Satan has largely succeeded in keeping us ignorant of the name of our God. It would surprise you to find to whom you have been addressing your prayers these many years. Of course, you meant well and in your heart you understood that you were praying to the one true God. But, the great probability is that you said something else, as we shall see.

In Exodus chapter 3 you will remember that after Moses had fled from Egypt, Yahweh met him later in the desert, where Yahweh spoke to Moses out of the bush which burned with fire, yet was not consumed. Yahweh told Moses He had seen the affliction of the people of Israel in Egypt and knew their sorrows, so He would deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and bring them into a land of their own. Then He told Moses, "Come now therefore and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses knew what kind of a character this Pharaoh was and he also knew that the children of Israel had grown bitter and skeptical under their afflictions and might not believe Moses when he told them that he had come to lead them out of Egypt. They knew well enough that no man had power enough, of his own, to successfully take from Pharaoh's army a group of unarmed slaves, untrained and undisciplined for war. No, this could only be done with

the power of God, but which God? They lived among the Egyptians who worshipped many gods and if it were one of these, would an Egyptian god help them against the Egyptians who built the temples and furnished his priests? How was Moses to rally the people behind him so that they would believe and follow him when he led the way out of Egypt? So we read in Exodus 3:13, "And Moses said unto God, Behold, when 1 come unto the children of Israel and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you and they shall say unto me, **What is His name?**, what shall I say unto them?" A very important question indeed.

Yahweh told Moses to tell them who had sent him. But you can't find out who it was in your King James Bible, because the ancient records had been corrupted by the Jewish scribes and the translators of the King James Bible didn't know it. However, some of the modern English translations give it correctly. Smith and Goodspeed's American Translation and Rotherham's Emphasized Bible, are correct. Exodus 3:13-15 is curiously garbled in the King James Bible. "And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel and shall say unto them, the God of your fathers hath sent me unto you and they shall say unto me, What is his name?, what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses I am that I am, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you. Moreover, God said unto Moses, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you. This is My name forever and this is My memorial unto all generations." However, this actually concealed the name of Yahweh.

Now let's read it correctly translated in Rotherham's translation. "And Moses said unto God, Lo! as surely as I go into the sons of Israel and say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you, so surely will they say unto me, **What is his name?**, what shall I say unto them? and God said unto Moses, I will become whatever I please and He said, thus shalt thou say unto the sons of Israel: **Yahweh, God of your fathers**, God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob hath sent me unto you. **This is my name** to times age abiding and this is **My** memorial to generation after generation." Here the **name of Yahweh** is given for the first time. Note how correct translation clears this up. The meaningless, I am what I am becomes I will become whatever I please, literally I will become what I will become. I will become the Redeemer of My people and the Savior of all who come to Me as such. I will become the Lamb of God on the cross of calvary and the King of Kings when I come again.

The personal name of God, Yahweh, is revealed for the first time, for in Exodus 6:2-3 as correctly translated by Rotherham we read, "And God spoke unto Moses and said unto him: I am Yahweh! I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac and unto Jacob as God Almighty (El Elyon), although by My name Yahweh was I not made known to them." Yahweh was very insistent His people should know His name, should know who it was they worshipped as their God. But His name has been consistently edited out of the Bible, so that the people should not know it. Let us read some of these passages, putting His name back into them where the scribes and translators have falsified the book by taking His name out of it. Isaiah 52:5 says, "Now therefore, what have I here, saith Yahweh: and My name continually every day is blasphemed. Therefore, My people shall know My name: therefore, they shall know in that day that I am He that doth speak; behold it is I." Ezekiel 39:7 states, "So will I make My holy name known in

the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them pollute My holy name any more and the heathen shall know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel."

In the original Hebrew, this personal name of Yahweh is used 5,410 times in the Old Testament, yet the King James Bible never uses it and uses the corrupted substitute of Jehovah only 4 times! Yahweh was most insistent that His people should know His name for the good reason that they should know whom to worship. For example read <u>Leviticus chapters 19 & 20</u>, where every commandment given is emphasized by the statement of authority on which it is given. "I am Yahweh your God." There was also a rarely used shorter form, Yah. For example <u>Psalm 68:4</u>, "Sing unto God, sing praises to His name, extol him that rideth upon the heavens by His name Yah and rejoice before Him."

Since Yahweh so often commanded His people should know His name and in the Old Testament it was used 5,410 times, how could it have been so successfully concealed thereafter? For the answer to this, we must go back a bit. Genesis 3:15 gives the theme of the entire Bible, for there Yahweh says to Satan, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed". Satan's children, and I do mean real living people, not a mere figure of speech, have been fighting against Yahweh's people from that day to this. We have seen they have often tried to exterminate us by direct violence and have always failed because Yahweh has come to our rescue. Then the crafty Satan has seen that his only hope of complete victory must come through another way. He must corrupt our religion, until we become pagans or atheists so we will not have the right to call upon Yahweh for help. Therefore Satan has repeatedly resorted to the methods of infiltration and corruption of our centers of religion.

Remember, when the kingdom was divided and Jeroboam set up the independent kingdom of Israel among the 10 northern tribes, the new nation quickly fell into pagan idolatry. I Kings 12:31 tells us that King Jeroboam, "Made priests of the lowest of people, which were not the sons of Levi". Corruption of the religion into loathsome idolatry speedily followed as the natural corruption of the priesthood. Remember how the evil Queen Jezebel brought in the 450 priests of Baal, who debased the land into the grossest idolatry until the courageous prophet Elijah killed them, as we read in I Kings chapter 18.

In the southern kingdom of Judah, the same infiltration and corruption of the priesthood by the sons of Satan, also led that nation into idolatry. If Kings chapter 21 tells how this wickedness came to such a climax under King Manasseh in Jerusalem, about 698 B.C., that it brought Yahweh's final decision to send the kingdom into the Babylonian captivity. Jeremiah 7:17-18 quotes Yahweh's indignant statement. "Seeth thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood and the fathers kindle the fire and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger."

That this was due to the infiltration of the children of Satan is clear for <u>Isaiah 3:9</u> says, "The show of their countenance doth witness against them and they declare their sin as Sodom and hide it not". **All the ancient monuments which picture Israelites, show a people with straight noses**, a typical Anglo Saxon face. If these evil leaders were Israelites, there would be nothing about their faces to identify them as wicked.

They were identified by their big hooked noses as Canaanites, who later were called Jews, the show of their countenance doth witness against them, as Isaiah says. These Canaanites had infiltrated into the priesthood and were corrupting the religion of the Israelites, until they brought about the terrible Babylonian captivity. Indeed both Ezra 2:61-63 and Nehemiah 7:61-65 shows this infiltration of the priesthood by these aliens was still going on after the return from Babylon. So Jeremiah 5:26 says, "Among My people are found wicked men, they lay wait, as he that setteth snares. They set a trap, they catch men". Now we are reaching the heart of the ancient conspiracy which took the name of Yahweh out of the Bible and concealed it from His people for 25 centuries.

About a generation before the beginning of the Babylonian captivity, this infiltrated and corrupted priesthood started a new tradition that the name of Yahweh was too holy to be uttered. This idea had never been recognized before about 650 B.C. The name had been used in common speech, but of course with respect. Archaeologists have discovered many ancient letters in the ruins of such cities as Lachich which usually began with the formal salutation, "May Yahweh cause my lord to hear tidings of good". But about 650 B.C., these priests whose countenance was a witness against them, started this tradition that the name of Yahweh must never be used. In fact they carried it to such an extreme that the Talmud commands that no one but the high priest can ever speak it and he only in a whisper once a year. But the Old Testament scriptures contain the name 5,410 times, what could they do about this? If they made complete forgeries of the new manuscripts as they were written, there were always enough old manuscripts in existence to prove that the new ones had been altered. So they instructed the people that wherever they found the word Yahweh in the scriptures, they must not pronounce it as Yahweh. Whom should they say in its place and why?

Satan had already caused the pagans of all western Asia to worship him, under the name of Lord. Usually this was the Hebrew word Baal, meaning master or lord. You know how many times in the Bible you find references to the pagan worship of Baal. If the hook nosed priests had told the people to say Baal wherever they read Yahweh, the fraud would have been too transparent. The people would have realized they were being led into idolatry and devil worship, they would not have accepted it. But the Hebrew has another word for master or lord, aw-done and derived from it is ad-o-nay, meaning my lord.

The corrupt priests could not have misled the people into saying Baal where they read Yahweh, but they reached the same result when they told the people that the name of God was so sacred that it must never be uttered and instead the people should say my lord, Adonay. The people did not notice that this was really just another way of saying Baal, so this custom was adopted.

Actually, the ancient Hebrew language was written in a different alphabet than that which we know today, the old Hebrew alphabet is often called Phoenician. Upon the return from Babylon, they brought with them a new form of writing, using the same letters which are used today to write the Hebrew language. This second form of Hebrew was written, like some of the present day shorthand systems, using only the consonant letters. Thus, for Los Angeles, you would only write L-S-N-G-L-S, and these consonant letters were written on the line and from right to left. Eventually, they had to develop vowel letters also, because consonants alone sometimes caused difficulty. For

example, if you write only b-t, do you mean bat, bet, beat, bit, boat, or but? There was no room to insert the vowel letters on the line so, when the use of vowels began, they were written beneath the line. This was a handy devise for the new tradition that you should never say Yahweh, but always substitute for it Adonay. The name Yahweh was written using the Hebrew letters which correspond to our English letters Y-H-W-H. The corrupt Canaanite Jew priests caused the vowel letters of the word Adonay to be written under the line wherever Yahweh was written on the line, not to produce an altered form of Yahweh, but a reminder to whoever read the manuscript aloud to say Adonay instead of Yahweh.

It was well known, up into the middle ages, that where the letters YHWH were written on the line and the vowel letters of Adonay were written beneath them, this did not indicate one word, but two and it was a reminder to use one of them Adonay, in place of the other. The mistake of trying to combine into one composite word was not made until the year 1520 A.D., when a stupid and ignorant monk named Galatinus mistook this for one word and caused all the manuscripts copied in the monastery where he lived, to be written with this as one word, Jehovah. This is not and never was the name of God. In the modern English translations, Rotherham correctly uses the name Yahweh throughout the Old Testament. Smith and Goodspeed's American Translation uses it in only a few places, but in the preface the translators state they know the correct name to be Yahweh. In Chapter III of the introduction to Moffatt's translation, it shows that the author knew the name Yahweh was the true name, but thought that his work would be more popular if he didn't use it.

The infiltrated and corrupted priesthood taught the people never to use the name of Yahweh in their worship, but always to say Adonay which was just a synonym for Baal. Once the people were led to say that they worshipped the Lord, it was not long until this became true in fact. Idolatry with all its corruption set in as most of the people neglected to worship at the temple. For those who did, the services degenerated into paganism. The nation was swiftly sliding into destruction, because they worshipped the Lord Baal, instead of the only true God, Yahweh.

Haven't you sometimes been puzzled by those many verses in which Yahweh says He will not allow the people to blaspheme His name? For example Isaiah 52:5 where He says: "My name continually every day is blasphemed". In Ezekiel 39:7 He says, "I will not let them pollute My holy name anymore". What was He talking about? The fact that the people were being taught to say that they worshipped the Lord, Adonay, which was only a synonym for Baal. Thus in Jeremiah 23:26-27, Yahweh says "How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, which think to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams, which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal". When the people said that Adonay was God, this was practically the same as if they had said that Baal was God. Thus the name of Yahweh was blasphemed by the people, as He said.

In the early translations, this change by the scribes was followed. Thus, in the Septuagint, which was a translation of the Old Testament into Greek, made at Alexandria, Egypt about the year 300 B.C., the translators did not reproduce either the original name Yahweh or the name with the vowel letters of Adonay written beneath it, but boldly substituted the Greek word for lord, kurios. Jerome's translation into Latin,

commonly called the Vulgate, took the Old Testament from the Septuagint, so it did not use the name of God but substituted the Latin word Dominus, meaning lord.

This change was wrong, both in the Old and New Testaments. In fact, Jeremiah denounced it so hotly, I think the translators garbled it deliberately. In the King James Bible read <u>Jeremiah 8:8,</u> "How can you say, We are wise and the law of Yahweh is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it, the pen of the scribes is vain". As thus mistranslated, this is the silliest thing ever put into print. If it means anything at all, it must mean that Yahweh made His laws in vain, poor weak Yahweh, just couldn't make it stick! You know Yahweh didn't inspire anything so silly! Correctly translated from the Hebrew it reads thus; "How can you say, We are wise and the law of Yahweh is with us? when lo, **the lying pen of the scribes has turned it into a lie.**" You will find this correct translation in Rotherham, Moffatt, Smith and Goodspeed, Young's literal translation and even in the Septuagint. But it was too hot for the translators of the King James Bible. Truly as <u>Isaiah 43:27</u> says, "Thine interpreters have transgressed against Me."

If you are still wondering what difference does it make, the difference is that Satan was defined by the pagans as the lord, in Hebrew usually the word Baal. Now think it over, when you repeat the words of the 23rd Psalm, do you really want to say, "Baal is my shepherd, I shall not want"? Or in the 27th Psalm, "Baal is my light and my salvation"? Yet this is what the lying pen of the scribes has caused you to do. Yes, Yahweh has been patient with you, because He can read your most secret thoughts and He knows your intentions are good. You didn't know the Bible you have in your library had been tampered with by these hook nosed priests of Satan. Yahweh knows that you really believe in and worship Him, even when you are making the mistake of using the word Lord, the English equivalent of Baal.

We are getting very close to the end of this age in which no such mistakes can be made or can be tolerated. Only the willfully blind can fail to see the signs of the times. Crises are developing both internationally and within the nations, a situation which is plainly leading up to such catastrophes that, as our Redeemer said in <u>Matthew24:22</u> and <u>Mark 13:20</u>, "Except those days should be shortened, there should not any flesh be saved".

We have already reached the time when we should make every effort to live according to the will of Yahweh. There are scriptures which surely speak expressly to our own time on this subject. Consider <u>Hosea 2:16</u>, "And it shall be at that day saith Yahweh, that thou shalt call Me Ishi (my husband) and **shalt call me no more Baal** (my lord)." Sooner or later we must face the fact that we have been using the name or title of a pagan god which is really Satan. This must be cleansed, that we may worship Yahweh in His own true name. This is what He is speaking of in <u>Ezekiel 39:7</u>, where He says "So will I make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel and I will not let them pollute My holy name anymore; and the heathen shall know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel." In the early times, His people Israel did know His name and used it in their worship. Then came the corruption by the lying pen of the scribes, which suppressed the use of His name and finally even the knowledge of it and substituted the Lord. This cannot continue forever for Yahweh says, "So will I make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel and I will not let them pollute My holy name anymore."

Don't you think it is time we began this reform? <u>Micah 6:9</u> says, "Yahweh's voice crieth to the city and the man of wisdom shall see Thy name." If we are to be men of wisdom, it is time that we change. Even with good intentions in its use, Lord is not the name of an individual, but a title like the word governor. If you needed the help of the governor of your own state, wouldn't it make a great difference which governor you appealed to?

The whole book of the prophet Joel deals with tremendous events which close this end time. It is the **day of Yahweh**, when our God comes to put an end to the wicked and all their customs and institutions. We know from the writings of the other prophets who deal with this, the next world war is the beginning of this final conflict between good and evil, between Yahweh and Satan. We know how terrible this universal war will be and how desperately we will need Yahweh's help to survive it. <u>Joel 2:32</u> tells us, "in that day, it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of **Yahweh** shall be delivered." Hadn't you better start forming new habits of speech, learning to know and to use the correct name of God? You don't want to find yourself under the terrible strain and excitement of those days saying, "Baal help me!". Yahweh has told us what His name is and no translation into another language can change that. In this end of the age, there is no longer time to have any doubt as to **who your God is.**

We still face the question put by Elijah to the people of Israel, "How long hold ye between two opinions. If **Yahweh be God**, follow Him, but if Baal, follow him." Or as Joshua told the people, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve, but for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh". Let us also boldly say, **AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE**, **WE WILL SERVE YAHWEH**.