



***The Crimes of Jehovah: A Brief Selection from the Bible***  
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**Psalms 148:7**

**"Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons ...."**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**This work is an introduction to the dark side of Jehovah--the god who is also called Yahweh. The atrocities, brutalities, depravities, and indecencies of biblical mortals are well known--Moses, a lawgiver and a disease victim whose "hand was leprous" (Exodus 4:6), fostered murder and rape and ordered his minions to "kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him, but all the women children, that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves" (Numbers 31:17-18); Joshua, the legendary warlord who led the armed forces of the "children of Israel" into Palestine, committed war crimes and genocide and "destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded" (Joshua 10:40); Lot, remembered for his remarkable escape from the Sodom and Gomorrah holocaust, copulated with his two daughters (Genesis 19:30-38), and "thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father" (Genesis 19:36); David, the fabled psalmist and famous ancestor of Jesus of Nazareth, mutilated the penises of two hundred murdered Philistines and "brought their foreskins . . . to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law" (I Samuel 18:27); Jephthah, "a mighty man of valor" (Judges 11:1) who is praised in the New Testament for his "faith" (Hebrews 11:32-33), ritually sacrificed his only daughter, a virgin who "knew no man," (Judges 11:39), and turned her young body into a "burnt offering" to the god of Israel (Judges 11:31)--but the crimes, villainies, and indecencies of Jehovah are rarely discussed.**

**Some of those crimes, villainies, and indecencies--the spoor of a savage deity--will be detailed here. The selections in this work are all taken from the books of the Christian**

Old Testament, for the New Testament tends to neglect Jehovah and focus on "one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive" (Festus speaking in Acts 25:19). When Jehovah is mentioned in the New Testament, of course, the texts indicate that it is still "a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31), and his unpleasant side is indicated in II Thessalonians 2:11 ("God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie"), Luke 12:5 ("fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him"), Revelation 14:11 ("the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever"), and a host of additional places. Indeed, in the book of Revelation--a veritable chronicle of apocalyptic horrors--the New Testament version of Jehovah exterminates the human race like germs and insects with "hunger" (Revelation 6:8), "earthquake" (Revelation 6:12), "hail and fire mingled with blood" (Revelation 8:7), and other atrocities (see, for example, Revelation 9:3-18 and 16:1-21) that will continue until "the flesh of all men, both free and bond, great and small" is destroyed and fed to "fowls" in "the supper of the great God" (Revelation 19:17-21). In spite of these passages, however, it is in the Old Testament that the dark and lethal side of Jehovah is most obvious and most exhaustively discussed, so the books of the Old Testament will be the source quarried for this work. This focus, it should be added, is not unfair, for "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, wrote St. Paul in II Timothy 3:16, "and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

The 39 books of the Old Testament are an interesting dispensation--even though Christ claimed: "all that ever came before me are thieves and robbers"(John 10:8). Written over several centuries and completed by the second century before the current era, the books are considered so holy that pious rabbis still follow the venerable practice--grounded in archaic notions of magic and tabu--of washing their hands AFTER handling the texts. Taken together, the writings detail the adventures of a fearsome deity ("before him went the pestilence" declares Habakkuk 3:5) who has "horns coming out of his hand" (Habakkuk 3:4), "smoke out of his nostrils" (II Samuel 22:9), "fire out of his mouth" (II Samuel 22:9), "darkness . . . under his feet" (II Samuel 22:10), and "darkness . . . round about him" (Psalm 97:2). Jehovah communicates his power to mankind through a whirlwind (Job 38:1), a burning bush (Exodus 3:4), and even through the lips of a donkey ("the LORD opened the mouth of the ass" in Numbers 22:28). In addition to working innumerable miracles (such as closing "all the wombs in the house of Abimelech" in Genesis 20:18) and issuing some 613 commandments (34 of which have death penalties attached), Jehovah also massacres children, obliterates cities, causes cannibalism, orders violated women to marry their rapists, lies to his prophets, and threatens to smear dung on the faces of his priests. Indeed, the actions of Jehovah appear so criminal that Thomas Paine, the eighteenth century author of *The Age of Reason*, claimed: "It is not a God, just and good, but a devil, under the name of God, that the Bible describes."

All the Old Testament selections cited below come from the King James version of the Bible. This translation can be cryptic at times to the modern reader--when the King James version talks about a plague of "emerods" (1 Samuel 5:9), it is referring to hemorrhoids, medically defined as "livid, painful, bleeding lesions about the anus," and when the King James version talks of "paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses" (Ezekiel 23:20), the text is referring to enormous penises and abundant seminal fluid--but at other times the translation is charming in its clarity. Thus, in the King James version, the reader may find this unbowlerized passage in II Kings 18:27:

*Hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?*

Still another example of interesting verbiage is located in Jeremiah 25:27:

*Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more. . . .*

The eloquent English of the King James version, moreover, also captures the brutal hubris of Jehovah, who boasts in these Miltonian terms in Deuteronomy 32:39-42:

*See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.*

*For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.*

*If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.*

*I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh. . . .*

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## **SECTION I: EVIL AND FALSEHOOD**

### ***JEHOVAH CREATES EVIL***

**Isaiah 45:7**

**I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.**

### ***JEHOVAH CREATES EVIL FOR HIMSELF***

**Proverbs 16:4**

**The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.**

### ***JEHOVAH RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EVIL***

**Amos 3:6**

**Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?**

### ***JEHOVAH SPEAKS EVIL***

**Lamentations 3:38**

**Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?**

### ***JEHOVAH PLOTS EVIL***

**Jeremiah 18:11**

**Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,**

saying, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you. . . .

***Jehovah makes man sin***

**Isaiah 63:17**

**O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways? . . .**

***Jehovah gives bad laws***

**Ezekiel 20:25-26**

**Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live . . . to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.**

***Jehovah gives bad laws (an example)***

**Deuteronomy 14:21**

**Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself . . . thou mayest sell it unto an alien.**

***Jehovah sends evil spirits (example I)***

**Judges 9:23**

**Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech.**

***Jehovah sends evil spirits (example II)***

**1 Samuel 16:14**

**But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.**

***Jehovah sends evil spirits (example III)***

**I Samuel 18:10**

**And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house. . . .**

***Jehovah lies (example I)***

**1 Kings 22:23 [See also II Chronicles 18:22]**

**Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.**

***Jehovah lies (example II)***

**Jeremiah 15:15, 18**

O LORD. . . . wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar?...

*Jehovah Deceives (Example I)*

Ezekiel 14:9

And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet. . . .

*Jehovah Deceives (Example II)*

Jeremiah 4:10

Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem. . . .

*Jehovah Deceives (Example III)*

Jeremiah 20:7

O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed. . . .

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## **SECTION II: CRUELTY AND DEGRADATION**

### *Jehovah's Cruelty to Children and Pregnant Women*

Hosea 13:16

Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces and their women with children shall be ripped up.

### *Jehovah's Cruelty to Children and Women*

Isaiah 13:16

Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

### *Cruelty to Children: Jehovah Punishes Children for the Misdeeds of Their Parents*

Exodus 20:5 [See also Exodus 34:7]

. . . for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. . . .

### *Cruelty to Children: Jehovah Sells Children into Slavery*

**Joel 3:8**

**I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the sons of Judah. . . .**

***CRUELTY TO CHILDREN: JEHOVAH THREATENS TO MAKE CHILDREN THE PREY OF ANIMALS***

**Leviticus 26:21-22**

**And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.**

**I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children. . . .**

***CRUELTY TO CHILDREN: JEHOVAH KILLS EGYPTIAN BABIES***

**Exodus 12:12, 29-30 [See also Exodus 11:3-6]**

**For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and I will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. . . .**

**And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto of the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.**

***CRUELTY TO CHILDREN: JEHOVAH KILLS EGYPTIAN BABIES (REFERENCE II)***  
**Psalm 136:10**

**To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth forever.**

***HOSTILITY TO WOMEN: JEHOVAH DECLARES FEMALES ARE ESPECIALLY UNCLEAN***

**Leviticus 12: 1-2, 5**

**And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,**

**Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days. . . .**

**But if she bears a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks. . . .**

***HOSTILITY TO WOMEN: JEHOVAH WILL PUNISH PROUD WOMEN WITH SCABS AND NAKED VAGINAS***

**Isaiah 3:16-16**

**Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:**

**Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of**

**Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.**

***CRUELTY TO WOMEN: JEHOVAH DECLARES A MARRIED WOMAN WHO TOUCHES PENIS OF ANOTHER MAN IS TO HAVE HER HAND CUT OFF***

**Deuteronomy 25: 11-12**

**When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:**

**Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.**

***CRUELTY TO WOMEN: JEHOVAH ORDERS SOME FEMALES TO BE BURNED ALIVE***

**Leviticus 21:9**

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

***CRUELTY TO WOMEN: JEHOVAH ORDERS EXECUTION OF NON-VIRGIN BRIDES***

**Deuteronomy 22:13, 20-21**

**If any man take a wife, and go into her, and hate her. . . . and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel:**

**Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.**

***CRUELTY TO WOMEN: JEHOVAH ORDERS RAPISTS TO MARRY THEIR VICTIMS AND NEVER DIVORCE THEM***

**Deuteronomy: 22:28-29**

**If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;**

**Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.**

***CRUELTY TO WOMEN: JEHOVAH PERMITS RAPE IN WAR***

**Deuteronomy 21:10-11, 13**

**When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,**

**And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her. . . . thou shalt go in unto her. . . .**

***JEHOVAH CAUSES ADULTERY/RAPE OF WOMEN***

**II Samuel 12:11-12**

**Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.**

**For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.**

***CRUELTY TO HIS PROPHETS: JEHOVAH TRIES TO KILL MOSES***

**Exodus 4:19, 24**

**And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt. . . . And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.**

***DEGRADING HIS PROPHETS: JEHOVAH ORDERS EZEKIEL TO PREPARE HIS BREAD WITH ANIMAL EXCREMENT***

**Ezekiel 4:14-15**

**Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.**

**Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.**

***DEGRADING HIS PROPHETS: JEHOVAH ORDERS ISAIAH TO WALK NAKED FOR THREE YEARS***

**Isaiah 20:2-3**

**At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.**

**And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years. . . .**

***DEGRADING HIS PROPHETS: JEHOVAH ORDERS HOSEA TO MARRY A PROSTITUTE***

**Hosea 1: 2-3**

**The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms. . . .**

**So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.**

***DEGRADING HIS PROPHETS: JEHOVAH SHOWS HIS BACKSIDE TO MOSES***



**Exodus 33:23**

And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

***JEHOVAH DESTROYS TWO OF HIS PRIESTS***

**Leviticus 10:1-2**

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.

***DEGRADING HIS PRIESTS: JEHOVAH THREATENS TO SMEAR EXCREMENT ON THE FACES OF HIS PRIESTS***

**Malachi 2:1-3**

And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts. . . .

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**SECTION III: BARBARISM**

***JEHOVAH IS A GOD OF FEAR***

**Jeremiah 5:22**

Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence? . . .

***JEHOVAH CAUSES CANNIBALISM (EXAMPLE I)***

**Leviticus 26:27-29**

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

***JEHOVAH CAUSES CANNIBALISM (EXAMPLE II)***

**Ezekiel 5:8-10**

**Therefore thus saith the LORD God: Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.**

**And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.**

**Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.**

### ***JEHOVAH CAUSES CANNIBALISM (EXAMPLE III)***

**Isaiah 49:26**

**And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.**

**[NOTE: Old Testament law, which carefully regulates diet, does not specifically exclude human flesh. Pig and eel are forbidden, and cow and grasshopper are allowed, but human flesh is not mentioned. For a list of taboo food items, see Leviticus 11: 1-47.]**

### ***JEHOVAH DEMANDS HUMAN HEADS***

**Numbers 25:4-5**

**And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.**

**And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one of his men that were joined unto Baal-Peor.**

**[Note: Baal-Peor was a pagan god of the Moabites]**

### ***JEHOVAH DEMANDS HUMAN SACRIFICE***

**Leviticus 27:28-29**

**. . . both man and beast . . . every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.**

**None devoted . . . shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.**

### ***JEHOVAH CAUSES HUMAN SACRIFICE: FIRSTBORN CHILDREN WERE THE BURNT OFFERINGS***

**Ezekiel 20:25-26**

**Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;**

**And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all**

that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

***Jehovah Delights in the Death of His Followers***

**Psalm 116:15**

**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**

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**SECTION IV: VIOLENCE**

***Jehovah is a God of Assassins***

**Jeremiah 48:10**

**Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and curseth be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.**

***Jehovah Orders Massacre***

**Exodus 32:27-28**

**And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and slay every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.**

**And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.**

***Jehovah Orders Massacre (Example II)***

**I Samuel 15:2-3**

**Thus saith the Lord of hosts . . . Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.**

***Jehovah Orders Massacre (Example III)***

**Numbers 25:16-17**

**And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Vex the Midianites, and smite them.**

***Jehovah is a God of War***

**Exodus 15:3**

**The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.**

***Jehovah Orders Genocide/War Crimes***

**Deuteronomy 20, 16-17**

**But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save nothing alive that breatheth:**

**But thou shalt utterly destroy them . . . as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee."**

***JEHOVAH ORDERS GENOCIDE/WAR CRIMES (EXAMPLE II)***

**Deuteronomy 7:2, 16**

**And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them . . . .**

**And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them. . . .**

***JEHOVAH IS A SAVAGE GOD***

**ISAIAH 34:6**

**The sword of the LORD is filled with blood; it is made fat with fatness. . . .**

***JEHOVAH COMMITS ATROCITIES***

**Zechariah 14:12**

**And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.**

***JEHOVAH COMMITS ATROCITIES (EXAMPLE II)***

**Deuteronomy 32:25**

**The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.**

***JEHOVAH COMMITS ATROCITIES (EXAMPLE III)***

**Numbers 16:30-33**

**But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.**

**And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:**

**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.**

***JEHOVAH BURNS HUMANS TO DEATH (EXAMPLE I)***

**Numbers 11:1-3**

**And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.**

**And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.**

**And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.**

***JEHOVAH BURNS HUMANS TO DEATH (EXAMPLE II)***

**Numbers 16:35**

**And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the 250 men that offered incense.**

***JEHOVAH KILLS PEOPLE WITH SNAKES OF FIRE***

**Numbers 21:5-6**

**And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.**

**And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.**

***JEHOVAH KILLS PEOPLE WITH HEMORRHOIDS OR "EMERODS" (EXAMPLE I)***

**1 Samuel 5:9**

**. . . the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he killed the men of the city, both young and old, and they had emerods in their secret parts.**

***JEHOVAH KILLS PEOPLE WITH HEMORRHOIDS OR "EMERODS" (EXAMPLE II)***

**1 Samuel 5:6**

**But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon the people of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and killed them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.**

***JEHOVAH KILLS 50,070 PEOPLE***

**I Samuel 6:19**

**And he smote the men of Beth-Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.**

**[NOTE: The Ark of the Covenant was a box constructed of acacia wood and gold (see Exodus 25:10-22) that contained a copy of the law, a jar of manna, and the rod of Aaron.]**

***JEHOVAH KILLS 70,000 PEOPLE***

**I Chronicles 21:14-15**

**So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.**

**And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. . . .**

***JEHOVAH KILLS 185,000 PEOPLE IN ONE NIGHT***

**II Kings 19:35**

**And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp the Assyrians an hundred four-score and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.**

***JEHOVAH ANNIHILATES CITIES***

**Genesis 19:24-25**

**Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;**

**And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.**

***JEHOVAH KILLS THE POPULATION OF A PLANET (THE OMNICIDE OF THE DELUGE OR THE GREAT FLOOD)***

**Genesis 6:7**

**And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.**

**[NOTE: See Genesis 7:23-24 for the effects of the Deluge.]**

***JEHOVAH KILLS OTHER GODS (DEICIDE)***

**Isaiah 26:13-14**

**O LORD our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.**

**They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.**

**[NOTE: The authors of the Old Testament, who were apparently henotheists, worshiped one god, but believed other gods existed. In Exodus 15:11 the writer declares: "Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods?"]**

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## **SECTION V: INTOLERANCE AND OBSCENITY**

### ***INTOLERANCE: JEHOVAH ORDERS DEATH PENALTY FOR HONORING OTHER GODS***

**Exodus 22:20**

**He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.**

### ***INTOLERANCE: JEHOVAH ORDERS FOLLOWERS TO MURDER ANY OF THEIR RELATIVES OR FRIENDS WHO HONOR OTHER GODS***

**Deuteronomy 13:6-9**

**If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers:**

**Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;**

**Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:**

**But thou shalt surely kill him. . . .**

### ***INTOLERANCE: JEHOVAH ORDERS PAGAN PROPHETS KILLED--EVEN IF THEIR PROPHECIES ARE ACCURATE***

**Deuteronomy 13:1-2, 5**

**If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or wonder,**

**And that sign or wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them. . . . that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death. . . .**

### ***INTOLERANCE: JEHOVAH'S NAME IS JEALOUS***

**Exodus 34:14**

**For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is jealous, is a jealous God.**

***CENSORSHIP: JEHOVAH DEMANDS THE DEATH OF ANYONE WHO INSULTS HIM***

**Leviticus 24:16**

**And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.**

***JEHOVAH USES OBSCENE LANGUAGE (EXAMPLE I)***

**Ezekiel 23:1-3**

**The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**

**Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:**

**And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.**

***JEHOVAH USES OBSCENE LANGUAGE (EXAMPLE II)***

**Ezekiel 16:25**

**Thou hast . . . made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passeth by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.**

***JEHOVAH USES OBSCENE LANGUAGE (EXAMPLE III)***

**Ezekiel 16:28**

**Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.**

***JEHOVAH USES OBSCENE LANGUAGE (EXAMPLE IV)***

**Hosea 9:1**

**Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.**

***JEHOVAH USES OBSCENE LANGUAGE: A DILDO METAPHOR***

**Ezekiel 16:17**

**Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them.**

***JEHOVAH USES OBSCENE LANGUAGE: DISCUSSES LARGE GENITALIA***

**Ezekiel 16:26**

**Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbors, great of**



flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

***JEHOVAH USES OBSCENE LANGUAGE: DISCUSSES LARGE GENITALIA (EXAMPLE II)***

**Ezekiel 23:19-20**

**Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.**

**For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.**

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**SECTION VI: PREJUDICE AND BIGOTRY**

***PREJUDICE AGAINST THE HANDICAPPED: JEHOVAH CLAIMS DISABLED PERSONS ARE PROFANE***

**Leviticus 21:18-21, 23**

**For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,**

**Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded,**

**Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken;**

**No man that hath a blemish . . . shall come nigh. . . . unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries. . . .**

***PREJUDICE: JEHOVAH DISCRIMINATES AGAINST MEN WITH MUTILATED GENITALIA***

**Deuteronomy 23:1**

**He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter in the congregation of the LORD.**

***JEHOVAH'S PREJUDICE AGAINST THE ILLEGITIMATELY BORN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS***

**Deuteronomy 23:2**

**A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.**

***FAVORITISM: JEHOVAH PREFERS HIS FOLLOWERS OVER OTHER PEOPLE***

**Deuteronomy 7:6**

**For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath**

chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

[NOTE: This favoritism has unpleasant consequences. In Amos 3:1-2, Jehovah declares to the "children of Israel": "You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."]

***FAVORITISM: JEHOVAH DECLARES THAT HIS FOLLOWERS WILL BE GLORIFIED ABOVE OTHER PEOPLE***

**Isaiah 61:6**

**But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.**

[Note: The Biblical distinction between the "chosen people" and the gentiles is based on religion rather than ethnicity. Thus, when Jesus of Nazareth refers to gentiles as "dogs" in Matthew 15:22-27 and Mark 7:26-28, he is demonstrating a theological prejudice.]

***FAVORITISM: JEHOVAH DECLARES THAT THE FEET OF HIS FOLLOWERS WILL BE LICKED BY KINGS AND QUEENS***

**Isaiah 49:23**

**And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet: and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. . . .**

***FAVORITISM: JEHOVAH DECLARES THAT ANY NATION THAT WILL NOT SERVE HIS FOLLOWERS WILL BE DESTROYED***

**Isaiah 60:10-12**

**And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee.**

**Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.**

**For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.**

***FAVORITISM: JEHOVAH DECLARES THAT HE WILL DESTROY THE ENEMIES OF HIS FOLLOWERS***

**Zechariah 12:9**

**And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**

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## **CONCLUSION: THE DARK SIDE OF JEHOVAH**

### ***JEHOVAH CONFOUNDED WITH SATAN***

**Note: Two curious passages in the Bible seem to make Jehovah and Satan equivalent. The passages, which refer to the same event in the history of Israel (King David orders a census of the "chosen people"), are as follows:**

#### **II Samuel 24:1**

**The anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.**

#### **I Chronicles 21:1**

**And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.**

### **JEHOVAH IS DARKNESS**

#### **Amos 5:18-20**

**Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.**

**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.**

**Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?**