

The Whore of Religion

Binyamyn's birth caused his mother's death

Do not be Seduced...

Religions are man's most deadly and debilitating plagues. They are contagious, spreading like a virus from one man's lips to another individual's ears. Religion is an especially seductive pathogen because it masquerades as vaccine against death, when it actually hastens mortality. A person's faith cripples them, precluding the infected from fighting off the disease, because it renders them incapable of diagnosing their fatal malignancy, preventing them from even considering the cure.

The epidemic spread of religion has sickened tens of billions of souls, resulting in their demise. Regardless of whether it is inherited from one's parents, chosen of one's own accord, or imposed under penalty of sanction or death, nine out of every ten people worldwide are infected and will die as a result of Christianity, Islam, Socialism's Secular Humanism, or Hinduism, their souls ceasing to exist as a result of the degrading nature of the disease.

A modern analogy for the world's most endemic faith, Christianity, might be AIDS, because like the religion, the disease attacks an individual's immune system. In the case of Christianity, the cure is found in the Towrah, the very book Paul told believers to toss aside, claiming that it was incapable of curing anyone.

In the case of Islam, it's a lose lose scenario. Muslims are damned if they ingest Allah's poison, and they will die at the hands of jihadist Muslims if they reject it.

In the case of Socialist Secular Humanism, advancement in society is predicated upon accepting the mantra of man. Those in academia, politics, or the media who refuse to submit, who advance a contrarian position, are publicly crucified before being fired.

Against a plague this menacing and widespread, you would expect the Creator of our world and the Architect of the lifeforms religion destroys, to speak out bluntly and boldly against the consequence of faith. And so He does, specifically denouncing the two most prolific strains of this virus, Christianity and Islam, while also condemning the source of all religions: *Babel* – Babylon.

The entire book of Howsha' / He Saves / Hosea is devoted to religion's cause, consequence, and cure. Yahowah asks His prophet to marry a religious prostitute to appreciate why Yisra'el's breach of the Covenant necessitated a divorce. The same admonition is provided throughout Yirma'yah / Yahowah Uplifts / Jeremiah, albeit for a different audience, this time Gentiles. It was written to prove that the Christian New Testament was not divinely inspired and is not credible. Also, throughout His prophetic accounts, especially in Yasha'yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah, God lambasts Islam, denouncing the jihadist monopoly on terrorism.

What's interesting about all of this, is that while there are numerous condemnations of Judaism in the Torah, Prophets, and Psalms, the most specific censures of religion criticize the precursor to Christianity, ostensibly because Babylonian-based religions similar to Christianity were prolifically practiced in Israel during the time Yahowah spoke through His prophets. Rabbinic Judaism began in the second-century BCE, and it did not become the majority religion of the Jews until Rabbi Akiba forced it upon his people during the second Roman assault in the second century CE. And today, two out of every three Jews are secular.

Yahowah's assault on the practice and consequence of religion begins in the Towrah. He tells us that a deity by any other name is a false god. That alone is sufficient to impugn every religion. He then tells His people not to emulate the ways of the Gentile nations, the very places where religion was born, where it was bred, and where it thrived. In fact, as we consider the legacy of these nations, all that can be seen of them today are their religious monuments. The shrines of Babylon, the pyramids of Egypt, the temples of Greece, and the majestic tributes to the gods of Rome still stand as proof that their cultures were dominated by religion, and that it was used to give credence to their governments and to justify their military conquests.

God's aversion to religion continues in the books which follow the Towrah, coming to a crescendo in Shamuw'el, as we discovered in the 7th chapter of *Observations for Our Time*. This theme was further advanced in the *Mashal* / Memorable Advice / Proverbs, which are open letters from our Heavenly Father to His children. They are filled with such advice, with God pleading His case against religion to protect His family from this deadly disease. In the opening chapter, *Fatherly Advice*, we discovered that the compilation of hated abominations found in Proverbs 6, served as the opening salvo against Pauline Christianity. So we should not be surprised that the 7th *Mashal* warns us about the same foe, even naming Sha'uwl at its conclusion.

As we approach this material, at the suggestion of a good friend who was appropriately generous with his constructive criticism, I'm going to deploy a

slightly different technique. Rather than provide a summation of Yahowah's testimony at the conclusion of my statement by statement analysis, I'm going to introduce each discussion with an uninterrupted presentation of God's teaching. Then, I'll proceed as I have done in the past, examining, explaining, and expanding upon, His every word, sharing relevant connections and germane insights along the way.

So we begin...

“My son, literally and continually observe, closely examine and carefully consider, My words, My answers, and My promises, especially My instructions regarding the conditions for participating in the relationship, electing to continually store them up within you as a genuine treasure. (7:1)

And you shall genuinely and continuously live by closely examining and carefully considering My directions regarding the conditions of the binding relationship agreement and with My Towrah teaching in accord with the pupil, and thus focus, of your eye. (7:2)

Choose to fasten them onto your fingers to influence your actions, and of your own volition, engrave them on the tablets of your heart so that you can process information rationally and make reasonable decisions. (7:3)

Elect to say to the skill required to be perceptive and discerning, you are my sister and my wise friend whom I know, acknowledge, and recognize. You should choose to call upon and summon her for understanding. (7:4)

By being observant, you will be protected from the illegitimate, estranged, unauthorized, sickening, and repugnant woman, away from the Whore's seductive words and deceitful promises. (7:5)

Because by the window of My house, through My framework denoting the proper order and timing of things, from a higher elevation, I looked down, (7:6) and I saw the simple-minded and naïve, the gullible, simply enticed, and readily misled, and I made the connection, understanding and recognizing that among these children, there was a young man of deficient character, lacking judgment.” (Mashal 7:1-7)

Before Yahowah presents religion as a whore, and prior to Him exposing it as a deadly toxin, God reveals the antidote.

“My son (*ben* – My child), literally and continually observe (*shamar* – closely examine and carefully consider, thoughtfully evaluating by actually focusing diligently upon, genuinely paying attention to, always gaining information and learning from, becoming secure by caring about (qal imperfect)) My words, My answers, and My promises (*emer* – the declarations I have made and the

proclamations I have avowed, My intent, My call, and My responses, My thinking and thoughts, the things I have spoken, the answers I have provided, and the promises I have made), **especially** (*wa* – and also) **My instructions and conditions for participating in the relationship** (*mitswah* – directions and terms of My mutually binding contract agreement, codicils of My covenant, My appointed and ordained prescriptions for living), **electing to continually store them up within you as a genuine treasure** (*tsaphan 'eth 'atah* – of your own freewill, literally gathering them, genuinely cherishing them, and consistently depositing them in you expecting ongoing benefits, choosing to create an ongoing personal repository for that which is greatly desired and always valued (qal imperfect jussive)).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:1)

The more willing we are to observe Yahowah’s testimony, to closely examine and carefully consider His answers and His promises, especially His conditions for participating in the Covenant, the better equipped we will be to live a long and productive life.

The world is filled with the fleeting and meaningless things humans have come to treasure. These include the heads of animals hunted and killed for fun, sport’s trophies for beating those on opposing teams by moving faster or hitting harder, closets filled with fancy shoes, all of which are uncomfortable to walk in. Diamonds are promoted as being “forever” and gold as having “intrinsic” value. We devote most of our time to the pursuit of money. We praise our troops, pledge our allegiance to nation and flag, and rely on debt to buy our homes and automobiles. But how many of us elect to treasure the most valuable and enduring thing in the universe: God’s Word?

And yet this is God’s advice, His will for our lives, His gift to us. He wants us to observe His Word and to value the terms and conditions of His Covenant. Should we agree, this will be the result...

“And you shall genuinely and continuously live (*chayah* – literally restoring and forever preserving your life, actually being revived, and staying alive, being consistently nurtured and flourishing (qal imperative) **by closely examining and carefully considering** (*shamar* – literally and continuously observing, thoughtfully evaluating by actually focusing diligently upon, genuinely paying attention to, always gaining information and learning from, becoming secure by caring about (qal imperfect)) **My directions and conditions of the binding relationship agreement** (*mitswah* – My terms and instructions of the contract, the codicils of My covenant, My authorized and written teaching regarding the guidelines for participation in the pledged association concerning the prescriptions for living) **and** (*wa*) **with My Towrah teaching** (*towrah* – with My Towrah guidance, instructions, and directions) **in accord with** (*ka* – akin to and identifying with, approximating, associating, and identifying with) **the pupil** (*‘iyshown* – individual enlightenment

of freewill as a compound of 'iysh – individual and 'arown – enlightened freewill) **of your eye** ('ayn – eyesight and perspective).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:2*)

There is only one place where the “*mitswah* – instructions regarding the terms and conditions of the mutually binding contract and relationship agreement known as the Covenant” can be found, can be read, can be known, and can be understood: Yahowah’s “*towrah* – Torah Teaching, Guidance, Instructions, and Directions.” This relationship was established between Adam, Nowach, Abraham, Yitschaq, and Ya’aqob with Yahowah, and it is spelled out, lived out, celebrated and explained from the beginning in the opening book of the Towrah: *Bare’syth*. And yet it is in the Towrah that Paul told Christians to discard. So since the Towrah leads to life, is there any wonder why Yahowah calls Sha’uwl the plague of death?

In spite of what virtually every religious translation has published, ‘*iyshown* is not “the apple” of one’s eye. It is not associated with fruit in any way. It means “pupil,” and is thus the portion of the eye used to see and thus be observant. It is the darkest part of the eye that is the most receptive to light.

Speaking of religious deceptions, it’s telling that when *towrah* is used in the Proverbs, which are known to be providing fatherly advice in a family setting, it is almost always translated “teaching.” But when the same word is found in the series of books which bear its name, *towrah* is rendered “law.” So I ask, if the religious translators know *towrah* means “teaching,” why do they misrepresent it as “law,” especially when there is no correlation between law and teaching?

Incidentally, *towrah* was written in the construct form, and was thus possessive, necessitating either “of My Towrah teaching” or “with My Towrah guidance.” The Towrah is Yahowah’s. It is the Word of God.

Upon His return to reestablish His Covenant relationship with Yahuwdah and Yisra’el, Yahowah declares through His prophet Yirma’yah that the only difference between the Covenant as it currently exists and its renewal is that He will actually place His Towrah in our hearts, engraving it there for our benefit. That’s important to know because it is what He is asking us to do right now, and for our own wellbeing.

“Choose to fasten them (*qashar* – elect to bind them, associating and coordinating them with and joining them (qal – literally, imperative – volitionally, and actively)) **onto** ('al) **your fingers** ('etsba' – the operative part of your hand; from *tseba'* – that in which a hand is dipped, coloring and flavoring the signposts along the way), **and of your own volition, engrave them** (*kathab* – inscribe them, writing them, recording them (qal imperative active)) **on the tablets** ('al *luwah* – upon the hard file where the permanent memory is kept and stored; *luw* is the place where important things are revealed, considered, and emphasized) **of your heart**

(*leb* – the seat of judgment where you process information and make decisions regarding your life, the core of your individual nature and persona).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:3*)

This is obviously symbolic. By fastening Yahowah’s *Towrah* and its *Mitswah* to our fingers, our actions will be properly guided. We might even pick up a copy and read it. Similarly, our hearts don’t have “tablets,” but we can incorporate Yahowah’s *Towrah* Guidance into our thinking so that it frames our perspective on life. If our thoughts and actions are guided by God’s instructions, we will find ourselves in good company, having come to know Yahowah and understand what He is offering and asking in return, we will accept the conditions of the Covenant and become part of His family.

Knowledge and understanding provide the lone path to God. He cannot be known through faith. What follows is reinforced throughout Yahowah’s Word.

“Elect to say (*amar* – of your own freewill, choose to express (qal imperative active) **to** (*la* – to approach and to move towards) **the skill required to be perceptive and discerning** (*ha chakmah* – the ability and capacity to correctly associate and ascribe evidence to the proper standard, the talent to exercise good judgment and become wise, the aptitude to learn from instruction and teaching so as to know and then make connections to understand, and to wisdom), **you are my sister** (*at any achowth* – you and I share the same Mother and Father, you are my beloved and we have an intimate and affectionate family connection; from *ach* – a kinship and reciprocal relationship) **and** (*wa*) **my wise friend whom I know, acknowledge, and recognize** (*mowda*’ – my familiar acquaintance and intimate associate; from *yada*’ – the one I know and understand, accept and acknowledge, perceive and discern, recognize and experience, am acquainted with and profess). **You should choose to call upon and summon her** (*qara*’ – elect to approach and meet with her, invite and welcome her, read and recite from her (qal imperfect jussive)) **for** (*la* – to approach and concerning) **understanding** (*binah* – making the connections between things which reveal the accurate and appropriate meaning so as to respond reasonably and rationally, to discriminate and be discerning, properly recognizing the appropriate relationships between things; from *byn* – to discern, consider, perceive and understand, to be observant and prudent).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:4*)

This serves to dissuade people from faith, from religion, from accepting what they are told to believe. Yahowah can be known. God’s instructions can be understood. We are encouraged to observe so that we can know. We are being asked to think so that we can understand.

The primary benefit of reading Yahowah’s Word is that we come to know Him, understand what He is offering, and appreciate what He is asking in return. But

there are additional benefits, one of which is being insulated from illegitimate claims, making religion repulsive.

“By being observant, you will be protected (*la shamar* – through close examination and careful consideration you will be kept safe) **from** (*min*) **the illegitimate, estranged, unauthorized, sickening, and repugnant** (*zar* – wrongful and foreign, illicit and alien, strange and lowly, overly ornamental and excessively binding; from *zara’* – nauseating and sickening, repulsive and loathsome, disgusting and despicable, even diseased) **woman** (*’ishah* – female individual, wife or mother; *’ishah* is also the feminine depiction of fire), **away from** (*min*) **the Whore’s** (*nakry* – the adulteress and estranged harlot, the outsider without ties to the family; from *nekar* – the ruinous pagan gods and religious rituals of foreign lands) **seductive words and deceitful promises** (*chalaq ’emer* – her flattering speech and misleading answers which divide, errant declarations and avowed proclamations which are easy to swallow, the slippery slope to being divided, apportioned to another by way of their intended allotment and provisions).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:5)

The “Whore” is being equated to “seductive words and deceitful promises” which are refuted by, and thus are in opposition to, Yahowah’s Towrah. As such, the “Whore” is Christianity – the religion comprised of the former to do the latter. It is the religion Yahowsha’ said was the “seat of Satan,” then “married to the Lord/Ba’al,” and finally “dead” in its successive iterations over time as Paul’s letters were morphed into Roman Catholicism.

This “Whore” is presented as “estranged” from Yahowah’s Covenant. As such, this explains the observation Yahowsha’ made about the final group of Christians in His Revelation letters – concluding by saying that these Laodiceans were found knocking at the door outside of His home, hoping that a God they did not know would open that door. It also explains why in His Instruction on the Mount, Yahowsha’ told the Towrah-less Christians who refer to Him as “the Lord,” and who claim to have done great works in His name, to get away from Him because He does not know them. This also sheds light on Yahowsha’s initial open letter, where He congratulated the community under Yahowchanan’s / John’s care at Ephesus for rejecting this false apostle.

The “Whore” is “unauthorized and illegitimate,” as were Paul’s claims of being an Apostle conveying the Word of God. As we shall see in this very Proverb, Paul, the principal author of the Christian Scriptures who, while admitting that he was demon-possessed, was the Whore’s initial representative. He would go on to anoint himself as God’s lone messenger to the world – something neither Moseh nor Yahowsha’ would do.

Since many of you do not know Sha'owl as well as does God, or even as well as do I, should you believe that we are being unfairly critical of him and jumping to conclusions regarding his association with the Whore of Babylon, Yahowah will leave no doubt in this regard. Sha'owl is specifically named at the conclusion of this Proverb. God reveals that the "way of Sha'owl" leads to "death" and the "Whore's lightless chambers in She'owl."

Paul did not, however, invent this Harlot. The "Whore" is Astarte / Ishtar, the Queen of Heaven, Mother of God, and the Virgin with Child which born in Babylon have been incorporated wholesale into Christianity, along with every other aspect of her religion, including Sunday worship, Easter and Christmas holidays, its cross, steeples, and trinity.

The "Whore" is an apt metaphor because Yahowah's "*beryth* – Family Covenant" is a "marriage vow," one that this "nauseating and repugnant" woman is trying to destroy by presenting herself as a more attractive and enjoyable rival. Therefore, the "Whore" is the "other woman," the one in competition with the "*ruwach qodesh* – Set-Apart Spirit," the feminine manifestation of Yahowah's light and nature. And that makes this "Whore," the Adversary, more commonly known by the transliteration of the "Whore's" descriptive Hebrew title: *ha satan*.

As a prostitute, she adorns herself to appear desirable and attractive, promising to satisfy the deepest longings of her clients. But all she delivers is a false skein of love, taking away her suitor's self-respect and money, ruining their relationship with their family, denuding trust, while exposing the lost and lonely to disease and recrimination.

Religion lurks estranged from the Covenant and thus outside of God's heavenly home. That is where she seduces those who are easily deceived into believing her.

“For (*ky* – because) **in and by** (*ba* – through and near) **the window** (*chalown* – the opening designed for the passage of light) **of My house** (*beyth* – of My home, household, and family), **through My framework denoting the proper order and timing of things** (*ba'ad 'eshnab* – behind and anterior to My rightful order of events, My pattern designating a marker positioned on a path leading, My casement and viewpoint; related to *shana'* – a verb which affirms that man changes while God remains consistent), **from a higher elevation, I looked down** (*shaqaph* – I overlooked and peered out upon), **and I saw** (*wa ra'ah* – and then I viewed and perceived) **her with** (*ba* – the Whore beside and among) **the simple-minded and naïve** (*ha pety* – the easily deceived, malleable, and readily persuaded, the ignorant and irrational with deficient judgment, the foolish; from *pathah* – airheads who are gullible, simply enticed and readily misled and betrayed).

And (wa) I made the connection, understanding and recognizing (byn – discerning and deducing, determining the relationship by noticing and realizing), that among (ba -with) the children (beny – the young men and sons), there was a young man (na'ar – a youthful attendant) of deficient character, lacking judgment (chacer leb – without the ability to process information and exercise good judgment, bereaved of his ability to reason, senseless with a weak heart)." (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:6-7*)

The first of five points God is making is subtle, and therefore easily missed. Having encouraged us to observe His Towrah, which means to closely examine it, He now speaks of a window, an opening designed for the passage of light. If you recall, in Proverbs 6, the Towrah was called "light." And windows work both ways. God can see us and we can see Him. As a result, for the most enlightening perspective, observe His Towrah as it shines through the window of His home. By doing so, you will see the very face of God as He exists in heaven.

Second, the Towrah presents "*ba'ad 'eshnab* – the rightful order of things and their proper timing." By reading Yahowah's testimony in the order He presented it, from beginning to end, starting with "*Bare'syth* – In the Beginning" in the Towrah, Yahowah becomes known, His purpose and plan understood, and the reader is empowered to make an informed and rational decision regarding Him. Even better, everything falls into place, and it all makes sense. The timing and purpose of Eden, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, and the Towrah's revelation are known, as is that of Yaruwshalaim and Yisra'el, of the menace of Babel and the Rabbis, of the cure provided by Yahowsha' through the Miqra'ey, of the deadly alternative presented by Sha'uwl, Rome, and Roman Catholicism, all leading to the Towrahless One and the ultimate fall of the Whore of Babylon, culminating with Yahowah's return to restore His Covenant. Every step forward and backward along the way, including those still in our future, can be known, understood, and dated.

Third, Yahowah affirmed that knowledge and understanding represent the means to life in the Proverb's first five statements. Now by contrast, in the sixth and seventh, He is acknowledging that ignorance and gullibility are the elixirs of religion.

Since knowing is a product of proof, Yahowah can be known because He proves His existence by way of prophecies like this one regarding the nature of Pauline Christianity. By correctly predicting future events, God demonstrates that He exists outside of the ordinary flow of time, while simultaneously demonstrating that His testimony is reliable. But when there is no proof, when the evidence is overwhelmingly contrary to a belief, and when the edicts of religion are irrational, faith is required to accept the unsupportable. There is a reason faith and religion have become interchangeable and indistinguishable concepts. Belief is the only

way to dull the faithful's senses sufficiently so that they are no longer bothered by the decaying smell of death emanating from their religion's rotten rubbish.

Simply stated: there are no informed and rational Christians, Muslims, or Hindus. Evidence and reason destroy almost every precept of every religion. And that is why Yahowah has presented the Whore of Religion engaging in seducing "*ha pety* – the simpletons who are naïve, the foolish who are easily deceived, the malleable who are readily persuaded, and especially the ignorant and irrational who demonstrate deficient judgment." Religious faith resides among those who are "*pathah* – gullible airheads, easily enticed, readily misled, and thereby, simply betrayed." Sadly, this describes most people. And thanks in part to the attack on reason promoted under the banner of Political Correctness, the condition is being expounded upon and exacerbated almost everywhere.

This problem is so severe, and the consequences are so catastrophic, we have reached a point where no amount of evidence or reason, no matter the credentials of the source or the veracity of the argument, resonates with people of faith, even if their faith is in Socialist Secular Humanism. Not even the validated testimony of God, Himself, nor science, nor irrefutable reason prevails. If I may be so blunt, if it were not for the foolish, there would be no religion. And worse, religious faith serves to keep all believers foolish. This is one of many reasons that God requires us to walk away from religious and political "*babel* – corruption and confusion" before coming to know Him or engaging in a relationship with Him. Even God, Himself, cannot reason with the religious.

The fourth of five essential insights which can be gleaned from this declarative statement is that, according to God, and He ought to know, the Whore of Religion stalks her prey along the path leading to the Covenant and in proximity to His heavenly home. This perspective is profoundly important and seldom understood. Consider the world's two most popular religions, Christianity and Islam. Both claim that the Towrah and Prophets are true and that they were inspired by their god. Both claim the characters presented in the Towrah and Prophets performed on the behest of their deity. So rather than being created or presented as independently viable alternatives to Yahowah's Towrah offering, they corrupt God's testimony to confuse the unwary through counterfeit. Rather than offer their religious rubbish in a garbage heap where it belongs, they pile their putrid corruptions directly on top of the truth. In this way, the Whore of Religion usurps Yahowah's credibility, claiming the proofs God has provided as her own, thereby causing the most absurd lies to appear plausible, even believable. And the closer the Whore can make her counterfeit appear, the more people she can fool with her bogus bill. This is the appeal of Christianity and Islam.

Let's drive this point home. In the Garden when Satan arrived one morning, bright and beautiful, he seduced Chawah into believing him by removing something

Yahowah had said from its context, misquoting Him, and then twisting the result to make it appear that his proposition was consistent with God's when it was, in fact, in conflict with it. He did not present himself as an alternative to God, or as God's Adversary, but instead as someone who could be believed because he quoted God. He did not offer a different a different plan, a different relationship, a different way to think, a different place to live, or a different approach to God, but simply corrupted Yahowah's testimony to confuse his audience. It made Satan appear credible. This is exactly what Paul did, right down to the smallest nuance. The ploy prevailed for Satan in a small way and for Sha'awl in a big way. This realization is so enormously important, at the conclusion of the seventh chapter, we'll consider God's advice to Adam, compare Satan's statement to God's, and then reflect upon how Paul deployed the same strategy.

This brings us to the fifth and final insight, one which is directly related to the previous four, and in fact is derived from them. To appreciate it, let's review the passage again to ascertain the identity of the character in question. Yah said: **“For in and beside the window of My home for My family, through My framework denoting the proper order and timing of things, from a higher elevation, I looked down and I saw her [the Whore] with the simple-minded and naïve, those who are easily deceived, the malleable who are readily persuaded, and the ignorant and irrational with deficient judgment. So I made the connection, understanding and recognizing, the relationship by noticing among the children, there was a young man of deficient character, lacking judgment, bereaved of his ability to reason, senseless with a weak heart.”**

So I ask: what man is most identified with the Whore of Religion – especially the Whore of Babylon? What man authored the world's most popular religion? What man claimed to have seen God, when in fact he encountered Satan? What man claimed to speak for God while also admitting to being demon-possessed? What man openly acknowledged that his character was deficient and then proved through his writing that he lacked judgement? What man claimed as his exclusive audience those who were completely ignorant of the Towrah? What man predicated his entire religious message on faith rather than reason, on belief rather than knowledge, to deceive the malleable? What man walked throughout the known world amassing a growing group of followers along the way? What man spent his youth in Yaruwshalaim when Yahowsha' was there without any record of them actually meeting. What man claimed that his new covenant replaced the old covenant? What man spoke of Abraham as the first to believe and then denounced the book that made Abraham known to us? Not surprisingly, the name of the man who is the answer to each of these questions is presented at the conclusion of this Proverb: Sha'awl / the man Christians know as Paul. More than just Fatherly advice, this *Mashal* is prophetic.

If you recall, Yahowah began His message by reinforcing the merit of His Towrah and its Covenant. Now our Heavenly Father is exposing the alternative and its advocates. This has become: Yahowah-Towrah-Covenant-Yahowsha' versus Whore-New Covenant-Church-Paul. Whose side are you on?

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While we have every reason to conclude that everything Yahowah says is related, providing a continuous and consistent train of thought, we mere mortals are only able to process so much at one time. With this in mind, here is the next installment of Yahowah's insights into the nature of religion.

“Passing by crossing over so as to be alienated and leading to intoxication in the street beside and earmarked for her corner, he strides, walking as part of a growing group along the path to her house [known today as the Christian Church]. (7:8)

Just before the dark of night, depicting the twilight of one's conscience and the fading of their soul, as the light fades after sundown at the end of the day, at the pupil, center, and focus of night, there is total darkness and doom, the complete elimination of light, (7:9) when behold a woman approaches to issue an invitation to meet with him, she moves toward him to summon him, calling out his name, outfitted in the garments of a prostitute, harlot, and whore. And she is crafty and concealed, underhanded and evil, in her shimmering and flashy appearance and of heart and character, of motives and judgment. (7:10)

She is disturbingly loud, creating a confusing commotion, flashy and flamboyant, gaudy and garish, and she is openly defiant and rebellious, a thorn of sorts. There is no way to live in her household, in keeping with her slanderous stance and covert manner, her malicious teachings regarding the insulting path to walk. (7:11)

Now, influencing the way one conducts one's life along the streets in the most prominent places, establishing a base to compel, influencing the conduct of life by constructing a foundation and raising an edifice to endow misfortune, in the public squares where people meet and civic activity occurs, and beside every corner, she deceptively lurks, ready to deceitfully ambush, clandestinely and covertly preparing to perpetrate her ploy using a false pretense, tricking, her prey. (7:12)

And she establishes her influence over him, harshly overpowering and binding him, controlling him, as flashing lights from the heavens. Then she makes him submit to her, brazenly and shamelessly possessing him with her presence and her improper and aggrandizing sayings which are directed toward him.” (7:13)

Digging deeper, we find Yahowah continuing to speak of the Whore’s man of ill repute who is lurking outside of God’s home, He is surrounded by an ever-growing group of morons...

“Passing (*‘abar* – crossing over so as to be alienated and leading to intoxication, to repeal and get rid of something required to remove guilt, to being banished; related to: *‘abat* – to swerve and turn away, *‘abtyt* – to be induced into a pledge under penalty of law, to be molded, and *‘abydah* – by engaging in ritualistic worship) **in the street** (*ba ha shuwq* – along the wide and popular, overflowing thoroughfare) **beside** (*‘etsel* – near and in conjunction with, being withdrawn, withheld, and earmarked for) **her corner** (*pinah* – beware of where her ways converge, of the cornerstone which is essential to constructing her edifice, of where she leads and exerts her authority, lest she turn you away to rule over you; from *paneh* – her presence and appearance), (*wa*) **he strides, walking as part of a growing group** (*tsa’ad* – he travels in her direction while pursuing her mission and goals, marching off to way, adorning himself with her ornamental apparel, including veils, shawls, and chains; from *tsa’ah* – deliberately bowing down as a prisoner (qal imperfect active)) **along the path** (*ba ha derek* – in the way and manner, the journey and conduct) **of her house** (*beyth* – of her home and household, a.k.a., the Whore’s Christian Church).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:8)

Yahowah is using a metaphor, that of Satan posing as a whore to lure the weak of mind and heart away from His Covenant, to describe the seductive and relationally destructive nature of religion. So while prostitutes trade in sexuality, it is interesting to note that God isn’t obsessed with sex, and only recommends against engaging in a very finite list of perversions, with adultery, incest, homosexuality, and bestiality, being among them. Further, these are all forgivable offences. So it is not the immoral aspect of prostitution that God is addressing, but instead the deadly nature of religious infidelity. For example, Christianity’s proclivity to negate the value of Yahowah’s name and message, by either deleting it, changing it, annulling it, or augmenting it, are all unforgivable acts, unlike any form of promiscuity. Dowd / David was promiscuous and yet Yah considers him righteous. So the Pauline preoccupation with fornication is an obsession with the trivial to distract readers from recognizing that he is committing the single most egregious crime that can be committed against God: annulling His Word.

With this in mind, and while considering the individual striding along the way as part of a growing group along the path of the Whore's house, to the church on the corner, consider what Paul wrote to his "church" in Corinth. Speaking of "hardly believing a report," because like his own message, it lacked any evidence or proof, of a man who was allegedly "living in sin with his stepmother, something that even pagans don't do," Paul wrote: "as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man...so then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed, and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns." (1st Corinthians 5:1-5)

Beyond the historical inaccuracy of pagans never living in sin with their stepmothers, beyond the fact that the Lord is Satan, beyond the realization that Yahowah will be reconciling Yisra'el and condemning Gentiles upon His return, not saving them, the notion that God wants His children to "hand someone over to Satan" when He is trying to keep us away from this Whore, is preposterous. But Sha'awl's demented proposition that "Satan can destroy a person's sinful nature so as to save that individual" affirms for all to see that Satan is both Lord and Savior in Pauline Christianity.

In another of Paul's letters, we find that to his credit and shame, Sha'awl not only met directly with Satan, he had a productive relationship with the Adversary: "Timothy, my son [he was Paul's young lover, not his son], here are my instructions [not Yahowah's] for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier [there were none]. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles [recognizing that the Lord is Satan]. Cling to your faith [not knowledge or understanding, not even relationship] in Christ [this inappropriate and inaccurate Greek title which means "Drugged" and is contrary to the Hebrew Ma'aseyah], and keep your conscience clear [in other words, continue to believe and don't start thinking]. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences [they have become observant, closely examining and carefully considering the evidence]; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked [evidence and reason are always lethal to faith]. Hymenaeus and Alexander are two examples [although, in keeping with Paul's proclivity to avoid facts, nothing whatsoever is known of these men]. I threw them out and handed them over to Satan so they might learn not to blaspheme God." (1st Timothy 1:18-20 NLT) Not only did Paul claim to know where to find Satan, he was so in sync with the Devil, they actually worked together. This is so overwhelmingly wrong, so utterly moronic, it's a wonder there are two Christians on the planet, much less two billion.

While it may not seem related, I am convinced that it is, especially in the context of the Whore wanting to be worshipped through religious faith and of Sha'awl leading the way to hell on her behalf. Just seven statements removed from what we just read, and after telling believers "to pray for kings and all who are in

authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives,” because this “pleased God” (when the opposite is true), and after associating his message with a perverse caricature of “the man Christ Jesus,” Paul wrote: “And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith. I am not exaggerating – just telling the truth.” (1st Timothy 2:7 NLT) It was true. He had been chosen by his Lord to create and communicate his faith to the Gentiles. Unfortunately, his whorish religion was and remains the plague of death. But why is it that no Christian seems capable of comparing what God said about governments to what Paul wrote Timothy and recognize that one’s message was the antithesis of the other. To believe Paul, God would have to be schizophrenic.

“In every place of worship [Satan wants to be worshipped as if he were god while Yahowah detests worship, as would any sane individual], I want men to pray [Yahowah never once asks men or women to pray to Him. He wants us to listen to Him because that will do us some good] with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.” (1st Timothy 2:8 NLT) In actuality, God is angry at Paul, and in fact hates him, as should we, for the controversy he was perpetrating. Further, Yahowah encourages us to grasp hold of His Towrah, not wave our hands in the air. One is a deliberate sign of acceptance; the other is an act of faith.

Now this brings us to Paul’s campaign against women. And while its similarity to Muhammad’s Qur’an (where Allah is most certainly Satan) is indicting, I suspect that there is a reason behind the young man’s madness. Paul hated women, as did Muhammad, but there was one female individual in particular they both loved and another they specifically loathed. Paul’s letters, as is the case with the Qur’an, are odes to the Whore of Babylon – the beautiful spirit they called Lord. No other woman was to rival her beauty, and most especially not the Set-Apart Spirit of Yahowah – the Maternal manifestation of His Light.

“And I want women to be modest in their appearance [as did Muhammad]. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes.” (1st Timothy 2:9 NLT) This reads like Muhammad’s and Allah’s requirement that women not show themselves, covering their heads, faces, and bodies in veils and burkas. “For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.” (1st Timothy 2:10 NLT) Being seen doing good things is the essence of religious devotion while being right is all that matters in the Covenant relationship. “Women should learn quietly and submissively.” (1st Timothy 2:11 NLT) Not only does “Islam” mean “submission,” Paul orders Christians to submit to him, wives to submit to their husbands, and everyone to submit to their government, each of which is an abomination to Yahowah. “I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly.” (1st Timothy 2:12 NLT) In this same way, Allah discounts the value

of a woman's testimony to half that of a man. But more than this, the primary role of the Set-Apart Spirit is to teach us as we observe Yahowah's Word. Our Spiritual Mother is thereby being negated.

A moment ago, I used the story of how Satan deceived Chawah in the Garden by corrupting Yahowah's testimony in order to explain the method Satan deploys to fool people into believing him. The Adversary not only tries to usurp Yahowah's credibility, but also twists and perverts what God has said, changing His testimony to confuse the unsuspecting. That is the moral of the story. But not for Paul. He wants to present men as being more important and more reasonable than women. "For God made Adam first, and afterward he made Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result. But women will be saved through childbearing, assuming they continue to live in faith, love, holiness, and modesty." (1st Timothy 2:13-15 NLT)

O contraire, Eve is the name of a pagan mother-earth goddess. Adam was deceived by the same specious argument, and he was as a result, held accountable for his own failures. Sin was actually the result of doing what Paul is now doing, ignoring some of what God really said, augmenting His instructions with one's own personal diatribe, and then rejecting God's actual guidance. Moreover, Paul missed the entire reason Chawah was created, and why her creation coincided with Yahowah's instructions on the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Chawah and the purpose of the tree are directly related, revealing something about God's nature that is amazingly insightful and considerate (another topic we'll discuss at the conclusion of chapter seven).

Women are not saved through "childbearing." Bearing children in pain was the consequence or penalty of Chawah's mistake. And no one has been or ever will be saved by faith, by love, by holiness, or by modesty. We are saved by walking to Yahowah along the seven-step path He has articulated and facilitated and by accepting the Covenant's five terms and conditions. And lest I forget, Muhammad also blamed Eve, "making all women stupid as a result," as did his wannabe god, Allah.

While we are on the subject, and now that Sha'awl has admitted to working with Satan and to leading people to the Adversary, even to the Devil being the Pauline Christian Savior, let's consider what the self-proclaimed apostle wrote about his relationship with Satan in his second letter to the Corinthians.

"This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about the visions and revelations from the Lord. I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know, - only God knows. Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding

that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell. That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses. If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud." (2nd Corinthians 12:1-7 NLT)

Yahowah's messengers don't boast, but Paul went on and on about himself. Yes, his visions and revelations were from the Lord, but as we know, the Lord is Satan's name and title. There is no such thing as a "third heaven." There are no physical bodies in heaven, so the whole "only God knows" diatribe was ridiculous. Everything Yahowah says can be expressed in words. In fact, God does a rather marvelous job of it throughout His Word. And Yahowah expressly enabled His prophets to share what they had witnessed in heaven.

Satan's messengers are demons. The worst of which possessed Paul. And since they were both Satanic emissaries, it should be no surprise that Muhammad would make exactly the same claim, right down to the grandeur of his moronic revelations, the in- or out-of-body experience to multiple heavens, and to being demon-possessed. It all serves to prove that Satan lacks creativity. He would have Muhammad play reruns of Paul's mantra to an even more ignorant audience, this time turning the latter religion against the previous one.

Now that Paul has admitted that he is the leader of the Whore's band, let's return to the Proverb and consider what else Yahowah has to say about him. And wouldn't you know it, after Paul's harangue on having one's faith shipwrecked as a result of violating one's conscience, we find...

“Just before the dark of night, depicting the twilight of one's conscience and the fading of their soul (*ba nesheph* – at dusk, in the twilight, in the evening, during the time of fading light; from *nashaph* – blowing out one's breath, related to *nashamah* – conscience and *nepesh* – soul), **as the light fades after sundown at the end** (*ba 'ereb* – beginning of night as light gives way to darkness, a time of gloom, a period of making and exchanging pledges, of mingling and joining, of bargaining and bartering, of mortgaging one's future for assurances of security, a foreign pattern that is woven which is not logically sustainable in context; from *'ar* – adversary) **of the day** (*yowm*), **at the pupil of night** (*ba 'ishown laylah* – in the center of darkness and in connection to the individual in opposition to the light, eliminating the ability to see and thus to be observant), (*wa*) **there is total darkness and doom** (*'aphelah* – of the complete elimination of all light, a time of all-encompassing depression, despair, terror, and calamity, when no one can properly see or function and wickedness prevails), **when behold** (*wa hineh* – so then look

now and pay attention) **a woman** (*ishah* – a female individual) **approaches to issue an invitation to meet him** (*la qara'* – moves towards him to summon him, calling out to him to create an encounter with him to appoint him to recite aloud, welcoming him into her presence announce her proclamations, her meeting times, and her designation and title for him (qal infinitive – creating a verbal noun and expressing the action without respect to place or time)), **outfitted in the garments** (*shyth* – dressed in the clothing, coordinated fashion, and appearance, the style; identical to *shyth* – to place before someone to establish something, ordaining, imposing and demanding devotion which cannot be denied) **of a prostitute, harlot, and whore** (*zonah* – one who provides immoral favors and fleeting pleasures for money, causing a person to be unfaithful and despised, disliked and loathed, losing status, becoming wanton and lowly; from a root meaning overly indulged). **And** (*wa*) **she is crafty and concealed, underhanded and evil** (*natsar* – secretive and damaging, albeit with a shimmering and flashy, gleaming appearance) **of heart and character, of motives and judgment** (*leb* – of inner nature, of purpose, of reasoning, of attitude and approach).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:9-10)

There are four successive references to darkness, to doom and gloom. And that is because the Adversary is the antithesis of Yahowah, who is Light. His Towrah and Spirit are Light. Satan is darkness. The Whore of Religion therefore blinds souls, causing them to fade away, by misdirecting and concealing God’s light. Without light, the Towrah cannot be observed. Yahowah cannot be known. The Covenant cannot be enjoyed. Religion cannot be rejected. Without light, we die. And so the Whore of Religion invites man into the darkness that forever separates souls from God. For the Whore to prevail, she must first dim the lights, obscure man’s vision, and then shimmer as the lone light flickering in the remaining darkness.

I have said this a thousand times and I will say it a thousand times more before I’m through. Satan does not want to be seen, known, or worshipped as the Adversary. He hates that name and title. He wants to be known as the Lord. Therefore, Satan disguises his appearance so that he appears worthy, so that he is what men perceive as god, so that he is worshipped as the Lord God. The very first time Satan is introduced to us, we are told that the serpent is “crafty, underhanded, and clever, concealing his true identity in order to deceive.” So if you are looking for Satan, don’t attend a séance or a meeting of the occult, go to a church or a mosque. You’ll find him there, worshipped as god.

And let’s not forget Paul, as Satan’s accomplice, is every bit as cunning and crafty, cleverly concealing his actual intent by claiming to be the opposite of what he really is. In this way, Paul, like Muhammad after him, became indistinguishable

from his god. Both reflect Satan's character flaws, his insecurities and braggadocio, his grandiose ambitions and presumptuousness, and his malevolent style.

As a result, what follows was equally true of Paul and Satan, and I think that this is the point God is making. In fact, every statement Yahowah has made, beginning with Proverbs 7:6, and will continue to make through 7:27 at the end of the *Mashal*, is specific to Paul and his religion, Christianity. Even more than this, a convincing, and indeed rationally irrefutable, argument can be made that the entirety of *Mashals* 6 and 7 serve not only to expose and condemn Paul and his religion, Christianity, but also to present the sole cure: observe, by closely examining and carefully considering, Yahowah's Word, His Towrah, and His Covenant – especially its terms and conditions.

One thousand years before Paul put pen to papyrus, God provided a critical review of the result. And as is His custom, He was right, right down to the most intimate and insightful details.

“She is disturbingly loud, creating a confusing commotion (*hy' hamah* – she is uproariously raging with a riotous snarl, a flashy and flamboyant, a gaudy and garish, a vulgar and angry drunkard, greatly desiring and yearning for stormy turmoil and furious hullabaloo while soliciting great wealth; associated with *huwm* – to easily confuse, to distract, dislocate, and destroy) and (*wa*) she is openly defiant and rebellious (*carar* – obstinate and unable to change, adverse to authority and yet craving authority, needing to be in charge, withdrawn as a result of a revolt; akin to *cirpad* – a thorn).

In her household (*ba beyth hy'* – in her home and with her family), in keeping with her slanderous stance and covert manner (*regel* or *ragal* – her sly footing and her defamatory footsteps, her malicious teachings regarding the insulting path to walk), is not a way to live (*lo' shakan* – is not established as the proper way to reside, should not be submitted to, and is neither settled nor foreign (qal imperfect)).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:11)

The Whore of Religion loudly proclaims her confusing mandates within flashy and flamboyant, gaudy and garish, churches, shrines, and mosques. Claiming to be god, she is a fraud, openly defiant and rebellious. And you'll notice, the Whore not only “craves to be seen as in charge,” and thus as God, she is also a “thorn.”

This is yet another affirmation of the fact that Satan does not want to be known or worshipped as the Adversary. So the Devil conceals his true identity to fool the foolish into believing that he is God. If you want to meet this Whore, go to church and read Paul's letters, go to a mosque and read Muhammad's Qur'an.

If you should be wondering how Satan and his accomplices can be both concealed and open, the answer was actually revealed in the text. Satan conceals

his identity as the Adversary to openly present himself as god through religions like Christianity and Islam. It was while studying the Qur'an that I came to appreciate how Satan is concealed by counterfeit, with him masquerading as god. At first I was confused, because while Allah was clearly Muhammad's alter ego, and obviously modeled after Satan, the Qur'an condemns Satan. But then I came to understand the tactic. Allah had to condemn his Satan / Adversary identity to appear godly. Through subterfuge, he was able to shirk his true identity and adorn a new façade all in one act. In fact, he is so brazen about it, both of Satan's messengers, Paul and Muhammad, admit to being demon-possessed. And in Islam, Allah uses his actual name as revealed in Yasha'yah 14, Halal, as the equivalent of the Towrah's Qodesh, making bad appear good in the eyes of hoodwinked Muslims.

“Now, influencing the way one conducts one's life (*pa'am* – at this time establishing a base, constructing a foundation, and raising an edifice to endow trouble while compelling a disturbing mental state) **along the streets in the most prominent places** (*ba ha chuwt* – in public buildings along well-traveled roadways; from an unused root meaning to sever), **establishing a base to compel** (*pa'am* – now influencing the conduct of life by constructing a foundation and raising an edifice to endow misfortune and suffering by way of an unsettled mental condition) **in the most spacious public squares** (*ba ha rachob* – in the largest and most attractive marketplaces and city centers, along the widest, most popular, and fastest growing byways where people meet and civic activity occurs), **and** (*wa*) **beside** (*'etsel* – near and in conjunction with, being withdrawn, withheld, and earmarked for) **every** (*kol*) **corner** (*pinah* – place of converging paths to be aware, cornerstone which is essential to constructing an edifice, place where leadership exerts its authority to turn you away and rule, exercising dominion), **she deceptively lurks, ready to deceitfully ambush** (*'arab* – she hides her ruse and waits to perpetrate her ploy, clandestinely and covertly preparing a treacherous attack, using a false pretense and artifice, stalking, surprising, tricking, maiming, and killing her prey).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:12*)

What institution exists to influence the conduct of one's life? What institution do you find establishing prominent buildings along the most well-traveled roadways? What institution has raised an edifice to compel the masses? What institution do you find in city centers and beside the most spacious public squares? What institution exists on almost every street corner, creating converging paths, all of which are called essential, whereby leaders exercise dominion? Since the best answer to each of these questions is “religion,” the Whore is religion.

Equally revealing, religion is “a ruse, a clandestine and covert trap operating under false pretenses.” It is “an artifice, deceptively lurking and ready to deceitfully ambush” the unwary, “tricking her prey and killing them.”

When Yahowsha' spoke of the "popular and broad path which leads to destruction and death" in the midst of His Instruction on the Mount, He was quoting this Proverb. He was also citing this Proverb when He proposed the Towrah as the solution in the same public address.

Once again, harlots serve as a perfect metaphor for religion. Prostitutes attract suitors with their flashy appearance and seductive words. The most alluring are beautiful on the outside and yet as a result of their numerous and lurid encounters, are diseased at the point of contact. They are especially good liars, telling those who engage them exactly what they want to hear, in spite of what they know to be true. Their job is to make as many people as possible feel good, albeit momentarily and superficially – leaving them feeling unfulfilled, dirty, and guilty thereafter. Whore's are in business to take an immoral and inadequate person's money. They will fake and corrupt the most loving part of a marriage. In so doing, they undermine the trust and malign the devotion required to nurture a mutually supportive and caring family environment. Everything a whore offers is for show. There is no substance. There is no satisfaction. It is all an act. Such is the case with religion.

I suspect that much of what follows could be directed at most any religious zealot. It is certainly accurate with regard to an Islamic jihadist. And yet it is equally true of Bishops, Cardinals, and Popes. But that is where the broad brush runs dry. Very few people are actually demon-possessed. I am only aware of two who not only admitted to having been demon-possessed, but who also were about the Whore's business of establishing a religion.

“And (wa) she establishes her influence over him, harshly overpowering and binding him (*chazaq ba huw'* – she becomes stronger than him, with greater resolve, and conquers and controls him, becoming a powerful ruler with high status, oppressive wealth, and military might; akin to *chazyz* – as flashing lightning bolts from storm clouds accompanied by severe winds, and *chazyr* – a swine or wild boar) (hifil perfect active)). Then (wa) she makes him submit to her (*nashaq la* – she directs him to comply with her directives, turning him into an instrument for fighting for her cause, providing him with weapons and engaging him in battle (qal perfect active)), brazenly and shamelessly possesses and oppresses him (*'azaz* – she forcefully and confidently gaining absolute control over him through bold and presumptuous expressions, impudently prevailing over him) with her presence (*paneh hy'* – with her appearance and superficial nature) and (wa) her improper and aggrandizing sayings which are directed toward him (*'amar la huw'* – her boastful declarations and erroneous promises, her incredulous claims regarding him (qal imperfect)).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:13)

While *nashaq*, which means “to submit, to comply, and to fight, obeying orders,” can also be translated “kiss,” that rendering makes no sense in this context.

The Whore represents religion, not promiscuous sexuality. But since we know that Islam means “submission,” and that the Qur’an demands that all Muslims arm themselves to fight in Allah’s cause, there is yet another connection to the Satanic religion. In actuality, there is no god or book as incredulous or improper, as self-aggrandizing or erroneous than Allah and the Qur’an.

However, Paul was also keen on submission, requiring women to submit to their husbands, believers to submit to his authority, and everyone to submit to their government. And since this is *Mashal* is only addressing one of the two self-proclaimed messengers, and since the one it is addressing is named at the conclusion of the Proverb, it’s safe to say that Yahowah is exposing and condemning Sha’uwl, a.k.a., the want-to-be apostle Paul.

Keep in mind, the enraged and murderous Sha’uwl was overpowered by his own admission during his initial demonic encounter. On the road to Damascus, he was struck down and blinded. It was so bad, the Rabbinic / Christian “Terminator” had to be nurtured back to health.

In what follows, we will encounter the Whore “establishing her influence over (Paul), harshly overpowering him.” We will witness Satan demonstrating that a spiritual being is “stronger than” a man, and can “conquer and control” those who are susceptible. We will see a “flashing light from the heavens” accompanied by a “demand” that the man “obey, submitting to” the spirit’s influence, as the Devil “directs (Paul) to comply with her commands, turning him into an instrument for fighting for” the Adversary’s “cause, engaging him in” the spiritual “battle” for men’s souls. We will witness the Whore “brazenly and shamelessly possesses and oppresses (Paul), forcefully and confidently gaining absolute control over him through bold and presumptuous expressions, impudently prevailing over him with her presence.” We will experience the spiritual being’s “appearance as superficial in nature,” with the Whore deploying “improper and aggrandizing sayings which are directed toward (Paul).” We will encounter “boastful declarations and erroneous promises, even incredulous claims regarding (Paul),” all in his own words.

Turning to Acts, we read:

“**And as they** (addressing Yahuwdym who recognized Yahowsha’ through the Towrah) **were being put to death** (something that did not occur anywhere at this time), **I cast my vote against them** (there was no authority given to the Sanhedrin or vote taken by the Rabbis to kill anyone). (10) **And as I punished them often in all the synagogues** (which affirms that they were Torah-observant Yahuwdym, not Christians), **I tried to force them to blaspheme** (which from the High Priest’s perspective would be to actually say “Yahowah”), **and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them, even to foreign cities** (Rome would not have permitted this to occur). (11)

While thus engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priest (the High Priest didn't have authority over Yaruwshalaim, Yahuwdah, much less Damascus, Syria, making this a lie), (12) at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun (had that occurred, it would have been recorded by the Romans, Syrians, Greeks, Persians, and Israelites, and it would have killed everyone and everything within hundreds of miles), flashing all around me and those who were journeying with me (neither of whom were ever named). (13) And when we had all fallen to the ground (Satan cripples the ambulatory while Yahowsha' healed the lame) I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Sha'awl, Sha'awl, why are you prosecuting me? It is difficult for you to kick against the goads.'" (Acts 26:10-14)

Since this was the third attempt at explaining his conversion from thug to the plague of death, let's consider his first before we comment further, because as is the case with liars, Paul embellished the story each time he retold it. In his first variation, his attaché, Luke, reported: "suddenly a light from heaven flashed all around him and he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, Sha'awl, Sha'awl, why are you prosecuting me?" (Acts 9:3-4)

At this time, in that it was both impossible and easily refutable, the absurd and invalid boast of the light being "brighter than the sun" wasn't stated. However, with the passage of time the risk must have seemed worth the reward. You see, the Roman god in the 1st-century CE was Mithras, the Unconquerable Sun. So with Sha'awl's Lord being hailed as brighter than the Roman god, visions of pagan grandeur were now dancing in their heads.

Also interesting, Sha'awl not only admits that he did not recognize the flashing light, but worse... "And he said, 'Who art Thou, Lord (addressing Satan by his preferred name)?' (5) And he said, 'I am Iesous whom you are persecuting (remember, Yahowah just told us that Satan deceives through false appearances, and since this was spoken in Hebrew, and Sha'awl's Hebrew name was spelled out, Yahowsha' would have used His Hebrew name if this had actually been Him and it would also have been spelled out in the text) (6), but rise, and enter the city, and it shall be told you what you must (not should of your own freewill) do.' (7) And the men who traveled with him stood speechless (mute instead of crippled), hearing the voice, but seeing no one (which infers that the nameless, wordless, witnesses didn't see the light, either). And Sha'awl got up from the ground and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing (Satan blinds the sighted while Yahowsha' gives sight to the blind); and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. (8) And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.'" (Acts 9:5-8)

Beyond the discrepancies, after having allowed the Romans to persecute Him, whipping Him and then crucifying Him, there is no chance whatsoever that

Yahowsha' would have bothered to ask puny Paul why he was doing so. Not only would God have known the answer to this question, as we discovered in Psalm / *Mizmowr* 91, Yahowah uses His *malak* – spiritual envoys to protect His children. But the reason that I shared these variants with you is because they convey a self-aggrandizing attitude, and show Satan overpowering Sha'uwl. Worse, in his third, more embellished variation, Paul quoted a line from Dionysus, one that conveys the very approach Yahowah is condemning in the *Mashal*. The famed Dionysus line, "It is difficult for you to kick against the goads," was the mythmaker's way of saying that once religion is established to herd the masses as if they were dumb animals, it is hard for a single individual to go up against the goad and rebel. Such has been the case with Christendom.

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There may be a change in voice, and perhaps perspective, beginning with Proverbs 7:14. Yahowah began by addressing His children in first person, and He continued to do so through the seventh verse. But then throughout the intervening six verses, God's viewpoint has changed to reflect the alluring and adversarial ways of the Whore of Religion. As a result, we are left with two options, both plausible at first blush, which I suspect is the intent.

If the following is in God's voice, it shows Yahowah acknowledging that He has personally paid the price to reconcile our relationship with Him, and that by doing so, He honored, satisfied, and fulfilled the sworn promise He had made to us. This would therefore be in contrast to the Whore of Religion, who is offering nothing of value.

However, since the following presentation isn't entirely consistent with Yahowah's plan and nature, even with the most favorable interpretation of the words and their definitions, and is a dead ringer for Christianity, Yahowah is in all likelihood revealing the strategy the Whore has deployed to make the religion of Christianity seem believable. If so, this portion of the religious story is being told in Satan's voice.

There are several reasons, therefore, that I'd like to present this discussion from God's viewpoint and then from Satan's. First, while I'm entirely certain which was intended – since every first person pronoun throughout this section is common, and therefore, undetermined, rather than masculine or feminine – I'm going to let you decide. But before I do so, you should know that there is reason to suspect that this was written somewhat ambiguously in order to demonstrate the allure of Satan, to explain how the Devil masquerades as God to manipulate people into

worshipping him, showing how the Whore's religious counterfeit could easily be misinterpreted. In other words, this could be a bit confusing for the very reason that religion is designed to confuse. In this way, God is exposing us to the Whore's favorite tactic.

Second, it's important that everyone recognizes that translations are products of perspective. Those with a religion to promote will render the words in the most religious way. Those who know Yahowah, however, and who are seeking to share the nature of His Covenant, will naturally compose translations that are consistent with His nature and purpose. Considering how dramatically this variation in perspective changes the result should be educational.

Third, when there is a chance, however small, that could be mistaken, we should pretend that we are certain. Claiming to be infallible or inerrant isn't an appropriate way to engender trust.

So first, if this is in God's voice, He may be saying...

“A reconciling sacrificial offering of fellowship (*zebach shalem* – a sacrifice signifying a harmonious alliance and relationship) **was provided by Me** (*‘al ‘any* – were on My account [note: the first person singular pronoun, *‘any*, meaning I or Me, was written in the common form, thereby deliberately not specifying if it is masculine (God) or feminine (the Whore) and has been left undetermined]) **the day** (*ha yowm*) **I fulfilled and completed** (*shalem* – I satisfied my consent agreement and alliance, demonstrating that I concurred, and I have paid (*piel* – the object suffers the effect, perfect – indicating completion without ongoing implications)) **my vows** (*neder ‘any* – my binding and sworn promise [continuing in the common form, and thus undisclosed gender]).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:14)

Yes, Yahowah has made a reconciling sacrifice on our behalf for the benefit of the relationship. However, there were two sacrifices over seven days (*Pesach* and *Matsah* as the first of seven *Miqra'ey*), not one day. The final three Invitations to be Called Out and Meet with God have not yet been fulfilled – so they are not yet completed. Lastly, each of the thirty times “*neder* – vows” is used, it is never in God's voice, but instead shows a human oath or pledge. So this isn't entirely wrong, but it's not entirely right, either.

Not only is it partially errant, the part that is wrong serves as the basis of Christianity, where the Christian god/man died on Good Friday. That is the one and only sacrifice in Christendom. So since this statement reflects the fulcrum of Pauline Christianity, we would be wise to ascribe the verse to the Whore.

“For this reason (*‘al ken* – therefore), **I went out, descended to serve, and extended Myself** (*yatsa* – I reached out to be helpful, having formally departed

and descended, coming forth (qal perfect)) **to approach and to meet you, to extend an invitation to you, calling you out to you to welcome you** (*la qara'* – to summon you, to read and recite My message to you, to call you out of this world (qal infinitive)), **earnestly seeking your presence** (*la shachar paneh* – searching for your face and longing to be present near you, wanting to know where you are, to understand how and why you've turned from vibrant colors to black (piel construct infinitive)), **and I have located you** (*wa masa'* – I have found where you are situated (qal – literal and actual, nun – emphasizing the point, imperfect – with ongoing implications)).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:15*)

Yahowah descended from heaven in the seventh dimension, extending Himself to serve us, inviting us to join Him, because He seeks our presence. However, the Covenant is the reason that He diminished Himself to serve us – and it was not mentioned here. So in actuality, the fulfilment of His *Miqra'ey* have served to make this relationship possible. However, this statement seems to suggest that His purpose was to approach us, rather than enabling us to meet Him, and also that the sacrifice (singular) was somehow the purpose, in and of itself. Further, the Towrah exists to help us find God, not the other way around. And equally concerning, Yahowah has told us in very specific terms where He saw this man and with whom he was associating – and it was not with Him. Criticisms aside, God does welcome those who earnestly seek Him. And yet the overwhelming preponderance of people have spurned His invitations and have rejected His sacrifices.

While Yahowah has created a wonderful home in heaven for our enjoyment, the décor will not come from Egypt because it represents the adversarial nature of human religious and political oppression from which God has freed His children. And it is not like God to describe heaven in luxurious or decadent terms. What follows, however, is extremely prevalent in the Qur'an.

“I have spread out (*rabad* – I have abundantly blanketed) **beautiful fabrics** (*marbad* – increasing attractive coverings) **on my couch** (*'eres* – my sofa, comfortable and reclining furniture, or bed), **cutting the most elaborate and dark textiles** (*chatubowth* – to gather and cut down, to carve out a new cloth, applying an applique of needlework and embroidery) **of processed fibers of linen** (*'etuwn* – of fine linen threads) **out of Egypt** (*min mitsraym* – from the oppression and subjugation of religion, politics, and militarism).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:16*)

“I have lightly dusted (*nuwph* – I have applied a small amount, sprinkling) **my bed** (*mishkap* – place of recovery and rest) **with myrrh** (*mor* – a fragrant extract from bark), **aloes** (*'ahalym* – an aromatic wood), **and cinnamon** (*qinamon* – dried powder from the inner bark of the cinnamon tree).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:17*)

Recognizing that Yahowsha' fulfilled His *Pesach* promise on an upright pillar of wood, it may be interesting that these aromatic extracts all came from the bark of trees. But since God provided a perfect environment for us to campout with Him, there would be no reason to perfume the place.

Further, Yahowah led His people out of Egypt. He isn't about to decorate Heaven's furnishings with Egyptian fabrics.

Worse, the idea of Yahowah having a "bed" is ridiculous. God doesn't sleep. And as spiritual beings, we aren't going to be sleeping either. This all reads like the Qur'an, where comfy sofas and beds sit beside rivers that flow with wine, creating the brothel-like atmosphere for virginal conquests.

"I want you to choose to continually come and walk this way, actually living like this (*halak* – elect to consistently travel this way (qal – genuinely, imperative – second person volition, cohortative – first person volition, active) for us to fully experience (*rawah* – drinking in to our complete satisfaction, lavishing upon ourselves an abundance of) loves (*dowdym* – being lovers). Until the approach of the morning, and for an eternity thereafter (*'ad ha boqer* – lasting until dawn, for an eternity of daybreaks, forever enjoying the first light of sunrise), let us enjoy one another's company (*'alac* – let's choose to appreciate and delight), reveling in the pleasure of love, of adoration, and affection (*ba 'ahab* – desiring the choice to love)." (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:18)

I've had to push the limits to make this seem spiritual rather than sensual – but following the mention of a bed, I'm afraid that my efforts are in vain. This was meant to be sexual. So if we put this in God's voice, it's really creepy – akin to pedophilia and incest. I dearly love Yah, and I look forward to long walks and long talks, but not to climbing in bed with Him.

Also, while *'ad* can be rendered "forever," the most accurate way to translate *'ad ha boqer* is "until morning," which sounds nothing like how Yahowah envisions our relationship and yet very much like an illicit affair. Therefore, recognizing that *dowdym* and *'ahab* can convey love or lust, and realizing that the previous passage spoke of elaborate and perfumed bedding, this is the siren call of the Whore, the way of a prostitute.

Furthermore, the speaker is implying that the way He or she wants this man to walk is in love. And that's a problem, because Yahowah wants us to walk to Him the right way, the only way, which is along the very specific path He has provided. Choosing to come by way of love, expressing one's devotion, is the syrupy sweet elixir of Pauline Christianity.

If this was still intended to be in God's voice, some of it would be true. Most have turned Him down.

“However, it is for not (*ky ‘ayn* – unfortunately, nothing has come of this for most are absent), **because the man** (*ha ‘iysh* – the individual male or husband) **isn’t in** (*ba*) **his home** (*beyth* – his household and family). **He has walked** (*halak* – traveled) **on** (*ba*) **a path** (*derek* – a way or journey) **that is far away and is now estranged** (*min rachowq* – which is profoundly distant, separated, very remote, and alienated).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:19)

Yahowah's Covenant family thrives in God's home in heaven, but here, “his” is addressing the wayward man, not God. So while His home becomes our home once we are part of His family, this estranged man is clearly on a path that is leading away from his wife and children, but also from the Covenant.

The best we can do with this is to suggest that while Yahowah can invite us to live in a home He has specifically built for us, if we don't open His invitations, if we don't read His instructions, if we don't act upon His guidance, it is all for naught. And sadly, rather than engaging in His Covenant Family and living with our Heavenly Father in His Home, as a result of the Whore of Religion, most men have walked away, embarking on a path which has left them estranged, separated and remote.

You have surely noticed my equivocation throughout this introduction to and commentary on the preceding six statements. I do not think that the first person narrator is intended to be Yahowah. But nonetheless, I've endeavored to provide a translation which is as consistent as is possible with the idea of Yahowah articulating what He is offering, what He has done, and what He is prepared to do on our behalf so that every wayward child will understand what they are losing to choose religion over the relationship.

And yet there is another possibility, one far more plausible and revealing, even prophetic, albeit considerably more challenging to ascertain. Since Yahowah has been focused on presenting the Whore's seductive and disingenuous religious approach to man, and realizing that He will continue to do so, the voice is almost certainly that of the Adversary. After all, in the world's most popular religion, and also the most Babylonian, the Christian god suffers and dies on behalf of believers so that they can go to paradise. It was a one and done event, occurring on a single day, wholly unrelated to any other sacrifice or plan. So God may well be sharing His take on how the Devil lures men and women into believing something as ridiculous as this religion.

If this segment of the story is being told in the Whore's voice, it is incumbent upon us to render each word so that to the greatest degree possible, it reflects the Christian perspective, revealing how the Whore uses religion to fool the foolish into

worshipping Satan as “the Lord God.” Keeping in mind that that the Hebrew language was created to present the choice between good and evil, between trusting Yahowah or believing Satan, most words have a light and dark side, and thereby convey the consequence of our choices. So while everything I’ve presented previously is supported by the most reputable Hebrew lexicons and dictionaries, what follows is also justifiable when rendered from an entirely different perspective.

“The sacrifice of being killed (*zebach* – dying sacrificially as part of an act of worship, being slaughtered as a punishment for the removal of sin and as compensation to forgive, being slain to show penitence, remorse, regret, and repentance, as a form of self-denial and forfeiture, an appeasement and mollification to propitiate, placate, pacify, and conciliate) **as a peace offering to finish and fulfill the promise of fellowship** (*shalem* – as a vow signifying having completed the restitution required for a harmonious and prosperous alliance) **was provided by me, the Almighty** (*‘al* – were on my account and because I am the Mighty One) **the one day** (*ha yowm*) **I fulfilled and completed, and therefore, finished once and for all** (*shalem* – I made restitution and began a renewal by ending (piel perfect)) **my vows** (*neder* – sworn affidavits from men).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:14*)

This is the dark and deadly soul of Christianity. The religion’s god died, sacrificing himself on Good Friday, an act he completed in one day, not only fulfilling the sum total of this god’s promises, but in so doing ending the purpose of his prior testimony. There would be no mention of Passover, of the Lamb, of the Doorway to Life, or what followed over the next two days, Un-Yeasted Bread and Firstborn Children.

It would all lead to Christians issuing “*neder* – vows,” pledging that they believed that their god actually died, and that his death, resolved their sin.

And lest I forget, the primary definition of *‘al* as a preposition is “over,” and as a noun, it is “Almighty.” This is a summation of Satan’s ambition, to be seen “*‘al* – over and above the Most High.”

It is the *raison d’etre* of the most popular religion in human history...

“For this reason (*‘al ken* – therefore, because to be seen over and above the Almighty), **I came out** (*yatsa’* – I reached out to vent, bringing expression to my anger, coming forth (qal perfect)) **to approach and to meet you, calling out to you** (*la qara’* – for the purpose of summoning you to read and recite my message which is in hostile opposition (qal infinitive)), **longing to darken your presence** (*la shachar paneh* – desiring to turn you black, conjuring up a plan to turn you away from vibrant colors to black (piel construct infinitive)), **and I have found you, attaining control over you, possessing you** (*wa masa’* – I have located where you

are situated, uncovered your nature, gained information about you, and obtained control over you, coming to possess you (qal – literal and actual, nun – emphasizing the point, imperfect – ongoing implications).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:15*)

Somehow I doubt Yahowah created the universe, authored life, and then forgot where He put us. So He isn’t looking for us. But we should be looking from Him.

In every pagan religion, the son of god dies in the spring, and is saved by an adoring god, so as to resurrect life. This is the reason Satan came in the guise of the Babylonian Tammuz, the Egyptian Osiris, the Greek Dionysus, the Roman Bacchus, and the Druid Gesus. In so doing, the Whore of Religion would darken men’s souls, precluding them from seeing the light. Since Satan has been deprived in this way, destined to the darkness of She’owl, the Devil would use Sha’uwl to take countless others with them. If misery loves company, they would have their party. And while Satan has found many, attaining control over them with his religions, he only possesses those he inspires to create and convey his myths. But such was the case with Paul. Every time “you” has been used in this Proverb, it has been singular and masculine. Satan would be Sha’uwl’s Lord. They would work together as one.

As for God, since He went to such elaborate means to facilitate freewill in the Garden, methinks He isn’t about to control anyone. And if He were in control, do you think that He would have allowed the world to get into this mess?

“I have blanketed (*rabad* – I have placed over, lowering the object beneath) **covers** (*marbad* – spreads which cover up and cover over) **on my bed** (*‘eres* – my sofa, comfortable and reclining furniture, divan or couch), **cutting dark-hued and elaborate fabrics** (*chatubowth* – gathering vivid cloth and applying fine needlework and embroidery) **of processed and ghostly fibers to bind** (*‘etuwn* – of fine linen threads; from an unused root meaning to bind, akin to *‘et*, and in the plural, *‘etym* – necromancers, the ghosts of the dead and disembodied, of the occult, of sorcerers and their idols, and *‘etem* – shutting the door and causing them to ignore, to forget, and not to respond) **out of the crucibles of human religious oppression** (*Mitsraym* – Egypt, the place of political, military, and economic subjugation).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:16*)

Pauline Doctrine covers over the truth, blanketing the Towrah in a dark and elaborate cloth embroidered with the self-proclaimed apostle’s musings. Christianity is woven out of the binding religious fibers Paul processed on behalf of the occult to shut Passover’s Doorway to Life and to cause billions to ignore the Towrah. The bed he made for believers was decorated in all of the trappings of Egypt, leading the faithful back into religious slavery.

“I have besprinkled (*nuwph* – I have cast a small amount as perfume) **my bed** (*mishkap* – death bier and stretcher carrying a corpse) **with myrrh** (*mor* – a fragrant and yet bitter extract from bark of the Arabian gum (perhaps as a symbol of Islam) seen as a sacred religious oil, rendered gall, a lesion or wound, an irritating blister or sore), **aloes** (*ahalym* – an aromatic byproduct of decaying wood often used to fumigate and thus kill, from India (perhaps symbolic of Hinduism); from *ahal* – to shine), **and cinnamon** (*wa qinamon* – dried powder from the inner bark of the cinnamon tree; a borrowed word from Chinese (perhaps a metaphor for Confucianism and Buddhism)).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:17*)

The bed Paul made for Christians would be a death bier, an aromatic product of decay designed to carry a corpse. And his method of sprinkling it became baptism, the Christian rite designed to replace circumcision.

Beyond this, I don’t suspect that Heaven stinks, and somehow needs to be perfumed. There is nothing rotten there to mask with incense. And there are no little buggers to fumigate. However, everything Satan offers is rotten and stinks to high heaven.

“I want you to choose to continually walk this way, living like this (*halak* – my will is for you to consistently follow me, behaving this way because it is my will (*qal* – genuinely, imperative – second person volition, cohortative paragogic – emphasized first person volition, active) **for us to fully experience** (*rawah* – drinking in to our complete satisfaction, being drenched and saturated in while lavishing upon ourselves an abundance of) **being lovers** (*dowdym* – lovers engaged in lovemaking) **until the morning** (*ad ha boqer* – lasting until dawn), **enjoying one another’s company** (*alac* – appearing happy, taking pleasure in (*hitpael* – the subject acts with respect to itself and suffers the effect of the verb, cohortative – expressing the will of the speaker, imperfect – indicating ongoing behavior with unfolding ramifications)) **reveling in the pleasures of love making** (*ba ahab* – as lovers engaged in sensuality, sexuality, and illicit religious worship).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:18*)

As I explained earlier, while *ad* can be rendered “forever,” the most accurate way to translate *ad ha boqer* is “until the morning,” which sounds nothing like how Yahowah envisions our relationship and yet very much like an illicit affair with a whore. Also, while *dowd* means “beloved,” *dowdym* is “lovers engaged in love making.” Further, *ahab* also means “lovers,” as in “having sex,” and *ohab*, which is written using the same three letters, speaks of “immoral lovers engaged in illicit religious worship.” So, recognizing that the previous verses described elaborate and perfumed bedding out of Egypt, this has nothing to do with familial love, of the affection a father has for his son. But behaving like this, craving the lovefest that is Christianity, and choosing to come by way of love, expressing one’s

devotion, is no doubt the seductive lure of Pauline Christianity. This Whore of Religion is calling the faithful to her bed.

By way of summation, here are verses 14 through 18 as presented prophetically in the Whore's voice to show how Satan and Sha'awl created Christianity...

“The sacrifice of being killed as a peace offering to finish and fulfill the promise of fellowship was provided by me, the Almighty, the one day I fulfilled and completed, and therefore finished once and for all, my vows. (7:14)

For this reason, I came out to approach and to meet you, calling out to you, longing to darken your presence, and I have found you, attaining control over you, possessing you. (7:15)

I have blanketed covers on my bed, cutting dark-hued and elaborate fabrics of processed and ghostly fibers to bind out of the crucibles of human religious oppression. (7:16) I have besprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes of decaying wood, and cinnamon. (7:17)

I want you to choose to continually walk this way, living like this for us to fully experience being lovers until the morning, enjoying one another's company by reveling in the pleasures of love making.” (7:18)

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With this next statement, the narrator is no longer speaking in first person. And yet, since this is the consequence of succumbing to the allure of religion, it remains true no matter how we interpret the preceding story. It is all for naught. The Whore of Religion is not a reliable or dependable lover. Having ruined one life, she moves onto the next.

But before we delve deeply into the nuances of Yahowah has provided for our intellectual stimulation, here is a word's eye view of how He completed the *Mashal* / Proverb...

“However, it is for not, because the man isn't in his home. He has walked on a path that is far away and is now estranged. (7:19) He grasped hold of the pouch filled with money, and he took it with him in his hand during the approach of the day of the full moon, when he will enter his home. (7:20)

She guides him and persuades him to reach out, to turn aside, to stoop down, to twist and bend, and also to plot and pervert, with the magnitude of her persuasive words, her fetching doctrine, and plagiarized beliefs. With her smooth and seductive verbiage, she compels him, causing him to be estranged.

(7:21) **And he follows after her right away like a dumb cow, a castrated steer who is not paying attention and does not understand, ignoring the fact it's going to the slaughter, or like a tinkling bangle clasped to a woman's ankle which serves as a fetter to control or discipline a foolish citizen. (7:22)**

Until a projectile pierces that which is essential to life, he is like an early bird, impetuously rushing directly towards a plot which ensnares. He does not realize that truthfully, the plot is against his soul, persona, and consciousness. (7:23)

So now My children, choose to actually listen to and approach Me, and elect to pay attention, accept what you hear as true, and of your own volition, actively and appropriately respond to the statements and promises of My mouth. (7:24) Do not go astray, continuing to have the illicit affair she desires, actually turning to her ways. Your heart, your disposition, inclinations, and reasoning should not be continually deceived, wrongly staggering as a result of wayward beliefs or errant perceptions, into her popular lifestyle, her broad and accommodating, widespread and prevalent, well-trodden path which defines one's sojourn through life. (7:25)

For many of the defiled and deceased, she has victimized and brought down, causing them to fall, to bow down, prostrating themselves in religious worship, their life aborted, and there are vast multitudes of apathetic individuals in addition to the powerful, all of whom have been deliberately devastated or purposefully killed by her. (7:26)

It is the way of Sha'owl and to She'owl, of Paul and to Hell, descending to the impending doom surrounding the lightless inner rooms of her house, the home of the plague of death.” (Mashal 7:19-27)

Now that we have our bearings, let's engage our *neshamah*, exploring each of the words God chose to convey this message. Returning to Mashal 7:19, we discover that when men and women opt for religion over the relationship God envisioned, when mankind cavorts within the Church instead of enjoying the company of those in the Covenant, such souls end up a long way from home. All paths do not lead to God. Most lead away from Him.

“However, it is for not (*ky 'ayn* – nothing will come of this because the negation negates one's existence, leading to emptiness and nothingness), **because the man (*ha 'iysh* – the individual male or husband) **isn't in** (*ba*) **his home** (*beyth* – his household and family). **He has walked** (*halak* – traveled) **on** (*ba*) **a path** (*derek* – a way or journey) **that is far away and is now estranged** (*min rachowq* – which is profoundly distant, separated, very remote, and alienated).” (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:19*)**

The only change the whorish perspective provides in this case is an extrapolation of *'ayn* to show that any association with the religious negation of Yahowah's testimony negates one's existence. It is an empty and unfulfilling experience which results in nothingness.

Further, continued exposure to whores and harlots will ruin any marriage, and preclude a husband from returning home. He will lose the opportunity to participate in his children's growth, forfeiting the family experience that Yahowah envisioned for us so that we might better understand His Covenant.

And lest I forget, Paul walked away from his home in Tarsus, away from his people in Yisra'el, away from Corinth and Ephesus, and died in Rome a lonely man estranged from everyone he had met along the way. And as we approach the next indictment, it is interesting to note that Paul not only made a living preaching, he made it possible for Christian clerics to enrich themselves by robbing the faithful. He made a deal with the Devil, selling his soul for fame.

“He grasped hold of and he took (*laqah* – he collected, accepted, and obtained (qal perfect)) the pouch (*tsarowr* – the bag, bundle, and satchel used to carry valuables; from *tsarar* – to bind, to emaciate, and to suffer distress as a result of harassing and vexing) of money (*ha keceph* – silver coins, shekels and talents) with him in his hand (*ba yad huw'*) during the approach of (*la* – concerning) the day of (*yowm*) the full moon (*ha kece'* – a fully illuminated moon; from *kacah* – to cover), when he will enter (*bow'* – he will arrive at) his home (*beyth* – his house).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:20)

While Paul admits that he robbed churches that he had founded, and that Christians should be paying him for his work on their behalf, this statement is so indicative of Islam, I'd be remiss if I didn't explain the connection. The first official act of the Islamic Era occurred at Badr, the Battle of the Full Moon, when Muhammad and his fellow Islamic jihadists attacked and robbed a civilian caravan. The story is retold in the 8th Surah, which begins by saying “Stealing is lawful and good.” It is why those who know Islam best affirm that it began as a criminal enterprise.

We are invited into Yahowah's home during *Pesach*, *Matsah*, and *Bikuwrym*, an absolutely free three-day celebration of life that begins at sundown at the end of the thirteenth day of the first month. Since each new month commences with a new moon, these feasts always occur during a full moon. The same is true with *Sukah*, which occurs on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. So I suspect that Yahowah is providing a contrast. This man who was interested in worldly wealth, went to his home, which was the abode of the Whore, instead of Yah's Home. If you are carrying money, you are not headed to God. And if you have obtained money in the name of God, you are in serious trouble.

But there is another angle here, also worth considering. Only one of Yahowah's seven Miqra' coincides with a new moon. *Yowm Taruw'ah* is celebrated on the first day of the seventh month. It represents the day Yahowah will remove His Covenant children from this troubled planet and bring us to His Home. As a contrast, however, *Taruw'ah* is also the lone Miqra' Jews have renamed as a result of the time they spent in the home of the Babylonians. They now call this day *Rosh Hashanah* – Head of the Year, thereby acknowledging their acceptance of the Babylonian calendar.

When it comes to keeping track of time, Christians have done no better. They begin their year in January, a nod to the Roman god, Janus. And one has to laugh at Muslims. Muhammad called the method of adding a lunar month every two or three years to sync the moon's phases with a solar year, satanic, so the Islamic calendar wanders aimlessly through the seasons.

“She guides him and persuades him to reach out (*natah* – she causes him to swerve, to turn aside, to stoop down, to twist and bend, and also to plot and pervert, going forth and extending himself) **with the magnitude** (*ba rab* – in the abundance and greatness) **of her persuasive words** (*leqach* – her fetching doctrine, possessive and readily accepted teaching, her captivating instruction and her stolen, and thus received and plagiarized, beliefs), **with her smooth and seductive** (*cheleq* – suggestive and fateful, flattering, financially rewarding by allotment and reward) **lips, and thus with language** (*saphah* – verbiage and speech; from *caphah* – to sweep and snatch away causing one to perish and be destroyed), **she compels him** (*nadach* – she entices and seduces him, causing him to wield and swing a sword and to be a banished exile and outcast).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:21)

Paul's summation of the Whore's words can be found in the Christian New Testament. Muhammad's rendition of Satan's mantra oozes out of the pages of his Qur'an. They are surprisingly similar, causing us to compare them, and to appreciate how both of them fit aspects of this scathing indictment.

This is how God views the religious. Speaking specifically of Paul, He says:

“He follows (*halak* – he walks, conducting his life (qal participle active)) **after her** (*'achar* – deferring to her, with her hindering and delaying his progress) **right away, instantly and openly** (*pith'owm* – almost immediately, straight away, and unexpectedly), **like** (*ka*) **a dumb cow or castrated steer** (*showr* – a domesticated animal who is not paying attention and does not understand, ignoring the fact it's) **going to the slaughter** (*'el tebach bow'* – being brought to the butcher to be killed), **or like** (*wa ka*) **a tinkling bangle clasped to a woman's ankle which serves as a fetter** (*'ekec* – a rattling ankle ornament or fetter used to restrict the movement of a prisoner) **to control or discipline** (*muwcar* – to instruct or warn, to exhort or

admonish, to correct or chastise) **a foolish citizen** (*'awyl* – a stupid and stubborn person, an ignorant and irrational individual).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:22)

And so it would be. Paul instantly and openly capitulated. Upon seeing the flashing lights in the sky, he ignored the fact that he was being castrated and would soon be slaughtered. Without any proof that it was God speaking to him, and in fact, with all evidence to the contrary, Paul was led off to the home of a man, unknown to him and to us, for indoctrination.

It's also interesting to note that there is no mention of anyone known as “Ananias” in the Towrah, Naby', or Mizmowr. It is neither a Hebrew nor a Greek name. And apart from Luke's Acts, where there are three different people Paul alleged were named “Ananias,” the name does not appear anywhere else in the “New Testament.” The closest Hebrew name is Chananyah, but that's a long way from Ananias in that it only has two letters in common and three which are dissimilar. And yet it is typical of Paul to make unverifiable and indeed, highly suspect and unsubstantiated, claims.

Faith is a fool's folly. And in that it is both deadly and popular, it is like a herd of cattle headed to the slaughter house, following one another, nose to tail, down a well-trodden path to their demise.

Beyond this, the English “religion” is from a Latin word which means “to bind,” not unlike a fetter. But in this case, the constraint is self-imposed. The victim wears their chains as if jewelry.

“**Until** (*'ad* – meanwhile, up to the point) **an arrow** (*chets* – a projectile shot from a weapon; from *chatsats* – that which divides, separates, and cuts off) **pierces** (*palah* – pokes through, slices, and cuts up) **that which is essential to life** (*kabed* – his liver and the seat of psychological faculties), **he is like** (*huw' ka* – similar to) **an early bird** (*tsipowr* – fowl in the morning) **impetuously rushing** (*mahar* – rashly and hurriedly and yet foolishly, dashing headlong) **directly towards a plot which ensnares** (*'el pach* – into a trap net, toward calamitous danger and the control of another, a plot which is lethal to his soul). (*wa*) **He does not realize** (*lo' yada'* – he does not know or understand, he does not recognize or perceive, he is unaware (qal perfect active)) **that truthfully** (*ky* – that actually) **it is against** (*ba* – it is in) **his soul** (*nepesh* – his persona and consciousness).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:23)

We are without excuse – as was Paul. Yahowah has warned us. Religion is counterproductive. It destroys souls. And yet nothing is more popular.

But as is suggested in the turn of phrase, the faithful remain hopeful until death, when their mythical balloon is pierced. Lacking what is essential to life, the Towrah and its Covenant, they are ensnared by their religion. Truth is in opposition to them.

Yahowah didn't just warn us, He provided us with the means to recognize and avoid these deadly traps.

“And now (*wa 'atah* – so then) **My children** (*beny* – My sons), **choose to actually listen to and approach Me** (*shama' la 'any* – elect to genuinely and consistently hear what I have to say to come near Me (qal imperative active)), **and elect to pay attention, accepting what you hear as true, and of your own volition, actively and appropriately respond** (*wa qashab* – be alert and attentive, focused and thoughtful, listening carefully and diligently, so that you can be suitably responsive (hifil – subject, God, enables the object, the children, to participate in this process, imperative – second person expression of volition, active)) **to the statements and promises** (*la 'emery* – to the intent of the words) **of My mouth** (*peh* – My speech and verbal communications).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:24)

Why is it then that four billion of the seven billion people roaming this earth today prefer either Paul's or Muhammad's words to Yahowah's? God's answer is simple and direct: Listen to what He has to say. Recite His words. Read His Towrah.

Yahowah has said it countless times. Yahowsha's first public address, His Instruction on the Mount, began with similar words. There is a singular, straight and narrow path to God's home in heaven and very few find it. Most veer off of the path, pulled astray by religion, making the way to death and destruction, popular and well-trodden.

“Do not go astray, continuing to have the illicit affair she desires, actually turning (*'al satah* – do not habitually wander away, swerving away in rebellion, literally altering the path to accommodate and thereby degenerate by descending (qal – genuinely and actually in relationship, imperfect – consistent, continual, and ongoing with unfolding consequences, jussive – third person volition, and thus addressing the will and desire of the Whore)) **to her ways** (*'el derek* – to her paths and conduct of life, to her broad thoroughfare).

Your heart, your disposition, inclinations, and reasoning (*leb* – your inner nature and character, your attitude and judgment, your ability to discern right from wrong, your capacity to incorporate something essential into the very fabric of your life, your ambitions and perspective, in addition to your thought processes and volition) **should not be continually deceived, wrongly staggering** (*'al ta'ah* – should not as a result of wayward beliefs or errant perceptions, foolishly being misled into accepting views which are wrong, and thereby wandering aimlessly (qal imperfect jussive)) **into her popular lifestyle** (*ba hy' nathybah* – into her broad

and accommodating, widespread and prevalent, well-trodden path which defines one's sojourn through life)." (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:25*)

During the Instruction on the Mount when Yahowsha' said "the way to life is narrow and few find it," He negated any possibility that a religion like Christianity with billions of adherents could be true. According to God, the truth has never been popular. Most people succumb to lies. Nothing has ever been as popular as religion. It was and remains the Whore's favorite domain.

"For many (*ky rabym* – indeed a vast multitude) **of the defiled and deceased** (*chalal* – of those who have died and are perceived to be dead who are profane and reprehensible, who have been treated with contempt, pierced and wounded, even used and abused while playing alongside), **she has victimized and brought down** (*niphal* – she has caused to fall, to bow down, prostrating themselves in religious worship, to unintentionally lose control of their lives and die, descending to a lower place and wasting away, she has perpetrated a deadly miscarriage of a stillborn child, an aborted life, expelled from the womb and no longer viable (hifil perfect active)), **and there are vast multitudes of apathetic individuals in addition to the powerful** (*wa 'atsuwim* – and so there are great throngs of people, countless individuals who hesitate, delaying action, who are lazy and undisciplined, slow to act, whose eyes are tightly shut, but also the vast preponderance of the strong and mighty), **all of whom** (*kol* – every one of whom) **having been deliberately devastated or purposefully killed by her** (*harag hy'* – having been slain, even slaughtered, victimized and dying or damaged, demolished, and destroyed on her account, their life intentionally ruined because of her)." (*Mashal / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:26*)

Ignorance isn't bliss. Apathy is deadly and destructive. Satan is playing a game in which there is no reset button. When you are gone, it's over.

But Satan does not work alone. The most deadly and demonic pandemic in human history was perpetrated by Sha'uwl, the man Yahowah calls the "plague of death." As promised, God identifies the Whore's pimp by name.

"It is the way (*derek* – it is the thoroughfare and route, the conduct and path) **of Sha'uwl and to She'owl** (*Sha'uwl* – of Paul and to Hell, Questioning Him, the given name of the self-proclaimed apostle, Paul, the principle author of the Christian New Testament / *She'owl* – the realm of death and the abode of the departed, the place of no return, and place of questioning where the guilty are abandoned (written as a proper noun and thus serving as a specific name) **descending** (*yarad* – going down, being brought down and lowered, subdued and forced to bow down and be subjugated, being abandoned and humiliated) **to the impending doom surrounding the lightless inner rooms** (*'el chadar* – to the

shrine for religious worship in the innermost and all-encompassing darkness of the enclosure) of **Her house, the home** (*beyth* – of her household and home) of **the plague of death** (*maweth* – the pandemic disease that causes an entire population to die and to either perish, ceasing to exist, or to be dispatched to the realm of the departed).” (*Mashal* / Memorable and Meaningful Sayings / Proverbs 7:27)

It is impossible to distinguish the place from the man when it comes to Sha’uwl, the founder of the Christian religion, and She’owl, the abode of those separated from God, more commonly known as “Hell.” Both are proper nouns, and thus names. And truthfully, not only does one lead to the other, Sha’uwl is in She’owl.

Both names, one belonging to the worst man who ever lived, and the other depicting the worst place a soul can go, are written identically in the Hebrew text. Without the diacritical marks, first deployed by the Masoretes circa the 11th century CE, Sha’uwl and She’owl are indistinguishable.

It should be noted that not all of those who have become infected with the plague Satan and Sha’uwl have spread around the globe will go to She’owl. Most will simply die, their souls ceasing to exist. So while Sha’uwl is the plague of death, She’owl is an eternal prison designed to incarcerate Satan and those who pimped for the Whore.

This distinction is why *‘atsuwm* speaks of both vast multitudes of apathetic individuals and of powerful people, and why I *harag* has the former purposefully killed and the latter deliberately devastated. Death and destruction are different fates, as are the impending doom of an eternity in a lightless inner room and the plague of death. As is the case with everything Yahowah conveys, this is precisely accurate because the victims will die while those who victimized them will be eternally incarcerated as a singularity.

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Regarding Sha’uwl, the most infamous and influential man in human history, Yahowah offered a haunting prediction 666 years prior to Paul penning his first letter, Galatians, which was written by the Devil’s Advocate circa 52 CE. In his opening statement, Chabaquwq, the prophet appointed by Yahowah for this mission, revealed the following:

“Toward You [Yahowah], there are cruel lies and a great injustice, a proliferation of errors which lead to death and destruction, so You must continuously withhold salvation. (1:2)

Lies and injustice are conspicuous to me and they are related. So he [Sha'awl] has been and continues to be contentious, taunting, and quarrelsome, insulting in his dispute, harboring hostile opposition, while presenting an entirely different perception regarding the proper standard, ultimately putting man in conflict with God. And so, he brings forward, advocates, and promotes strife and dissention, even argumentative objections with regard to vindication. (1:3)

So likewise, therefore, he has incapacitated and paralyzed the purpose of the Towrah (the source from which teaching, instruction, direction, and guidance flows). He failed to uplift and convey the glorious and eternal approach to vindication whereby disputes are justly resolved. For indeed, wickedness encompasses and guilt abounds, hemming in the hopeful in opposition to the righteous and innocent. Therefore, in this manner, his judgment regarding his ongoing means to vindication is perverted and distorted, twisted and false. (1:4)

Witnesses among the Gentiles, those who are actually observant and thoughtful, are astonished and astounded, amazed and surprised, that indeed, a work will be, and now has been, done in your days that you will not find credible even when it is written down and he is held accountable. (1:5)

Rather, look to Me, paying attention to Me, standing upright, established, and restored against Chaldea (a synonym for Babel – the corrupting confusion of Babylon), the country of heathens and pagans that is disagreeable and poisonous, impetuous and senseless. He makes his way to the vast expanses of the world as if an inheritance, taking possession of inhabited places that are not his. (1:6) Terrible, dreadful, and intimidating: this from his decision, the lofty status he sought, and the plan he advances and spreads.” (1:7)

“Then at that time, he will actually go with a new and completely different spirit, exchanging the existing Spirit for a totally dissimilar spirit. He will become arrogant, meddling, intoxicating, and alienating. He is totally guilty and will actually suffer punishment, genuinely enduring recompense for his acknowledged offenses. For this is the influence of his god. (1:11)

Are You not from eternity, an unlimited duration of time, Yahowah, My God, My Set-Apart One? You cannot die and cannot be killed, Yahowah. Concerning this, judgment is what You have appointed for him.

And the Rock [Shim'own Kephas / Peter], You have established to argue against and rebuke him, You have positioned and appointed him to prove that he [Sha'awl] is wrong, to chide him, accusing and judging him. (1:12)

Too flawless and clean are Your eyes to witness such malignant and displeasing evil. You cannot endure to look upon or consider such grievous and perverse labors, this painful iniquity.

Why would You look at or consider treacherous betrayal that is neither trustworthy nor reliable? You are silent and still, inactive, neither listening, speaking, nor taking action in devouring the wicked more righteous than him.” (1:13)

With that indicting introduction, God reveals that He isn't about to alter any of the requirements to participate in His Covenant nor change the approach that He has taken to facilitate our salvation by way of His Invitations. This alone is sufficient to prove that Sha'awl's approach is in direct opposition to Yahowah.

“Upon (*'al* – on this) **My requirements and responsibilities** (*mishmereth* – My mission which functions and serves as a safeguard to watch over and preserve the observant; from *shamar* – to observe, closely examining and carefully considering, retaining My focus), **I have decided I will literally and continually stand** (*'amad* – I will always be present, actually standing and thereby genuinely enabling others to consistently stand (the *qal* stem addresses actual events which are to be interpreted literally, the imperfect conjugation reveals that God's presence will continue throughout time, and in the cohortative expresses volition and desire in first person)). **And** (*wa*) **I will choose to always stand and present Myself** (*yatsab* – I will consistently stand firm, dependable and unchanging (the *hithpaal* stem tells us that God alone is taking this stand, the imperfect conjugation reveals that His stand is consistent, continual, and enduring throughout time, and the cohortative form conveys that where and how He presents Himself is of His choosing)) **upon** (*'al*– on the Almighty's) **that which protects and fortifies** (*matsowr* – the defensive stronghold which safeguards, preventing a successful attack by the adversary).

So then (*wa*), **I will be on the lookout** (*tsapah* – I will of My own volition continually keep watch (with the *piel* stem the object of the verb suffers its effect, imperfect conjugation affirms that God is constantly observant, and cohortative form, conveys that this is His decision)) **in order to see** (*la ra'ah* – so as to observe and consider) **what he will say about Me** (*mah dabar ba* – posing a question concerning what he will communicate regarding Me and what message he will convey in association with Me). **But then** (*wa*) **how can I be expected to change My attitude, My thinking, or My response** (*mah suwb* – why should I reverse course and thereby mislead) **concerning** (*'al* – during and over) **My disapproving rebuke** (*towkechath* – My complaint, correction, reproof, and strong disapproval, My rational arguments in response and subsequent punishment).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:1)

God announced that He would be on the lookout for the likes of Sha'awl, and that He is committed to disapproving and rebuking him or anyone who suggests that He has changed His plans or approach. So shouldn't we respond in kind? After all, since no one other than Sha'awl in all of human history fits this prophecy, shouldn't the world have been circumspect of the religion he proposed? He not only tried to change God's requirements regarding participation in the Covenant relationship and path to salvation, he replaced God's approach with his own. While claiming to speak for God, he consistently contradicted and undermined Him. It should have been obvious that his entire edifice was a house of tarot cards.

By affirming that He isn't going to replace His specific requirements for participating in the Covenant with something as nebulous as faith, especially in the "Gospel of Grace," nor shirk His own personal responsibilities, whereby He has promised to become the living embodiment of His Towrah's path to salvation through His participation in Passover, Un-Yeasted Bread, Firstborn Children, and the Promise of Seven, God has established Himself as being in direct opposition to Christianity, especially when one considers Sha'awl's repudiation of the Torah and its Covenant.

Paul's preferred conduit of misinformation was his letters, often large and distinct ones scribed in his own hand. Further, in his first letter, Sha'awl admitted that he was running, just as the world should be running away from him.

“Then (wa) Yahowah (יהוה) answered, approaching me (‘*anah* – responded to me), and He said (wa ‘*amar*), ‘Write (*katab* – use the alphabet to inscribe) this revelation (*chazown* – this communication from God), and then (wa) expound upon and reiterate it using those letters (*ba’ar* – teaching others its significance by plainly and clearly declaring it using large and distinct alphabetic characters) upon (‘*al*) writing tablets (*luwach* – engraving it in stone) so that (*ma’an* – for the express purpose and intent that), by reciting this (*ba qara’* – by reading this), he might run and go away (*ruwts* – he might flee).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:2)

Yahowah, having witnessed Sha'awl attempt to deceive His children 666 years before he composed his first letter, warned us about him. Additionally, He provided us with the means to rebuke him so that no one would be fooled by his faith. Therefore, by reading and reciting this prophecy, we distance ourselves and all who will listen from the ill effects of Sha'awl and his letters.

Yahowah considers the perpetrator of the scheme that emerged as Roman Catholicism particularly deadly, a plague so contagious, that He specifically exposed and condemned its protagonist. And I suspect that this occurred because this charlatan would claim that God had authorized him to undermine His credibility and competence. The lines of demarcation being so clear, and the

consequences being so severe, Yahowah left no doubt whatsoever regarding this man, specifically and unambiguously naming him as we shall soon see, in the prophecy.

From the time this prediction was written right up to today, only one man is guilty of every charge which is being laid out before us. And that is why “he” is identified in the third person masculine singular throughout.

Sha’uwl alone promoted his delusions during the “*mow’ed* – meeting times,” something we shall learn in a moment that is germane. Sha’uwl was in Yaruwshalaim when Yahowsha’ was fulfilling the *Mow’ed Miqra’ey* – Invitations to be Called Out and Meet with God. And he not only became infamous for his letters, he was a rabbi who did an about-face to attack God from an entirely new direction. Further, Sha’uwl admitted to being conceited and demon-possessed – things which will soon loom large.

Since He was speaking through the Prophet Chabaquwq around 615 BCE, it would be over six centuries before Sha’uwl would question the Towrah, earning Yah’s disapproval and punishment. Therefore, Yahowah encouraged those who first read these words to be patient. This warning was for another day.

“Still indeed (*’owd ky* – so therefore the expectation and subsequent realization of), **this revelation from God** (*chazown* – this divine communication) **is for the Mow’ed Appointed Meeting Times** (*la ha mow’ed* – for the time of the *Mow’ed*). **It provides a witness to and speaks, pouring out evidence** (*puwach* – it reveals facts which condemn, trapping and ensnaring) **in the end** (*la ha qets* – during the last days [and thus being fulfilled in this writing]). **The extended period of time required for this question to be resolved** (*’im mahah* – question him, because no matter how long it takes) **shall not prove it false** (*lo’ kazab* – this revelation shall not deceive, delude, nor fail). **Expect him in this regard** (*chakah la* – be certain concerning this) **because indeed** (*ky*), **he will absolutely come** (*bow’ bow’* – he will certainly come upon the scene and make his appearance), **neither being delayed nor lingering** (*lo’ ’achar*).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:3)

The first four *Mow’ed* Meeting Times – *Pesach*, *Matsah*, *Bikuwrym*, and *Shabuw’ah* – were fulfilled by Yahowsha’ and the Set-Apart Spirit in year 4000 Yah, more commonly known as 33 CE. They enable the Covenant’s promises and our salvation. Sha’uwl was in Yaruwshalaim at the time training to be a rabbi. Shortly thereafter, he began undermining them.

I find it interesting that now, in 2016, just seventeen years shy of Yahowah’s return, we are reading this prophecy and identifying it with Sha’uwl. Better late than never, I suppose.

As bad as this is, it is about to get much worse. This insinuates that Yahowah read Sha'awl's letters and is responding to them. **“Pay attention** (*hineh* – behold), **he will be puffed up with false pride** (*'aphal* – his head will swell and he will be haughty and arrogant, he will be lifted up for being boldly presumptuous heedless of the truth). **His soul** (*nepesh*), **it is not right nor straightforward** (*lo' yashar* – he does not consider anything appropriately and is circuitous in his reasoning, he wanders away by twisting and convoluting the teaching, and nothing is on the level) **in him** (*ba*).

So then (*wa*) **through trust and reliance** (*ba 'emuwnah* – by being firmly established, confirmed and upheld by that which is dependable and steadfast, always truthful and reliable), **those who are righteous and vindicated** (*tsadyq* – those who are upright, innocent, and acquitted, especially those who are right) **shall live** (*chayah* – they shall be restored to life, being nurtured and growing).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:4)

While narrowing His sights in on Sha'awl in the first stanza, in the second, Yahowah reminds us that vindication and life everlasting come to those who trust and rely on His firmly established and always dependable testimony. This is and always has been the antidote for religion, especially Pauline Christianity.

And yet in Galatians, in the midst of his initial assault against the Torah, Sha'awl misquoted this statement, the very statement which condemned him for arrogantly mocking God, removing it from its context and truncating it, all to promote a faith based on ignorance... **“But because with regard to the Torah absolutely no one is vindicated or justified by God becomes evident because: ‘Those who are righteous out of faith will live.’”** (Galatians 3:11)

Sha'awl, evidently transfixed by the attention afforded him in this damning and deadly prophecy, cited it again, this time at the beginning of his most famous letter: **“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from belief to belief, as it has been written, ‘But the righteous shall live by belief.’”** (Romans 1:17) Sha'awl and Satan are taunting God. Their collective arrogance is unmatched.

There are six specific details in this next prophetic statement, all of which implicate Sha'awl six hundred sixty-six years before he incriminated himself. But one clue in particular removes any doubt regarding whom God is warning us about because Yahowah identifies His foe by name. If you are a Christian, you may want to pay special attention to this...

“Moreover (*'aph*), **because** (*ky*) **the intoxicating wine and inebriating spirit** (*yayn* – the consequence of the impaired judgment) **of the man** (*geber* – the individual human being (singular masculine)) **of deceptive infidelity and treacherous betrayal** (*bagad* – of adulterous and offensive behavior, of handing people over to the influence and control of another without justification through

trickery and deceit) **is a high-minded moral failure** (*yahyr* – is arrogant, meritless presumptive), **he will not rest, find peace, nor live** (*wa lo' nawah* – then he will not succeed, achieve his aim, nor reach his goal, not be beautifully adorned nor abide (qal imperfect)), **whomever is open to the broad path** (*'asher rachab*– the wide, greedy, opportunistic, duplicitous, and improper way) **associated with** (*ka* – according to) **Sha'uwl** (*Sha'uwl* – the personal and proper name of the individual in question, it is also the name of the place of separation, the realm of the dead, the dominion of questioning: She'owl (*She'owl* and *Sha'uwl* are written identically in the Hebrew text (consider Strong's 7585 and 7586), however Sha'uwl as a "*geber* – man" with a "*nepesh* – soul" qualifies while She'owl as a place does not in this context)). **He** (*huw'*) **and** (*wa*) **his soul** (*nepesh*) **are like** (*ka*) **the plague of death** (*maweth* – a pandemic disease that kills a large population of people).

And so (*wa*) **those who are brought together by him, accepting him** (*'acaph 'el* – those who associate with and join him, those who are removed and withdrawn by assembling with him, moving toward him and thereby gathered in and victimized by him) **will never be satisfied** (*lo' saba'* – will not find contentment nor fulfillment (based upon the Dead Sea Scrolls)). **Almost every Gentile** (*kol ha Gowym* – the people from every race and place) **will gather together unto him** (*qabats 'el* – will assemble before him), **all of the people from different races and nations** (*kol ha gowym*).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:5)

I have read this countless times and it still takes my breath away. God could not have been any more explicit, and yet nearly five billion souls have ignored His warning, thereby dying by way of Paul's plague of death.

In 1 Corinthians 11:20-21, Sha'uwl / Paulos tells those who have joined his assembly not to participate in Passover, which is the ultimate plague of death, and not to drink wine in association with it, which thereby nullifies the symbolism associated with the blood of the Passover Lamb. This serves as a treacherous betrayal of Yahowah's instructions regarding the narrow path He provided to salvation. Attacking the core of Yahowah's plan is the epitome of presumptuousness and immorality. Those who ascribe to such moral turpitude die. Those who promote it will find themselves in She'owl along with Sha'uwl. And yet, Pauline Doctrine is popular, providing for those who are receptive to it, mankind's broadest path to destruction.

Yahowsha', at the outset of His mission, would specifically differentiate this immensely popular and broad Christian path from the Towrah in His Instruction on the Mount. He told all who would listen, that the Towrah led to life while Paul's way would lead to death and destruction.

Sha'uwl promised the gift of life, but his religion, the most popular ever conceived, is the plague of death. Sha'uwl promised heavenly rewards to those who

placed their faith in his Gospel of Grace, and yet those intoxicated by his myth will never find satisfaction or contentment. They will remain estranged from God because, unlike Yahowah's assurances in the Towrah, Sha'awl's hollow promises will all go unfulfilled. And that means that the people Sha'awl claimed as his own, the Gentiles – individuals from many different races and places – will suffer the consequence of his New Testament – which is to die and to remain that way forever.

Even if Sha'awl had not been condemned by name, with the mention of the Gentiles, or the “*ethnos* – races” in Paul's parlance, Rabbis Akiba and Maimonides were eliminated from the potential list of contentious culprits – not that it isn't already obvious. These religious stalwarts corrupted *Yahuwdym* not *Gowym*.

Pauline Doctrine has influenced more people in more places in this world than any other corruption of Yahowah's testimony, leading nearly five billion souls to their demise. And the means to this madness is exactly as Yahowah foretold: Sha'awl / Paul boasted that God had authorized him to alter the requirements upon which He had already taken His stand.

Sha'awl, like Satan before him in the Garden, shortchanged Yah's testimony, removing His directions from their context to beguile individuals into believing that God had instituted the changes he professed. Every time Sha'awl quotes Yahowah, it is always a terse reference which is lifted as an object of scorn to ridicule the Torah, most often with these allusive references serving as clichés – simple adages which are easy to articulate and remember.

In spite of this, and even though Sha'awl means “Question Him,” not one in a million Christians even contemplates the vast array of irresolvable conflicts between Paul's letters and God's Word. So while the following continues to identify the culprit, most Christians remain oblivious to Yahowah's prophecy regarding them or him.

“They do not ask questions, any of them, about him (*ha lo' 'eleh kol 'al* – nor are any of them against him). **Terse references to the Word they lift up as taunts to ridicule** (*mashal nasa'* – simplistic and contrived equivalencies, often easy to remember aphorisms (clichés, dictates, and adages) become bywords with implied associations with that which is well known to mock and to exercise dominion through comparison and counterfeit), **along with** (*wa*) **allusive sayings and mocking interpretations** (*malytsah* – derisive words wrapped in enigmas arrogantly spoken).

There are hard and perplexing questions which need to be asked of him (*chydah la* – there are difficult enigmas to be solved, dark and hidden secrets, and double dealings, to be known regarding him). **So** (*wa* – moreover) **they should say** (*'amar* – they should admit), **‘Woe** (*howy* – alas, expressing a dire warning) **to the one who claims to be great so as to increase his offspring, acting like a rabbi**

(*rabah* – to the one who thrives on numbers and who considers himself exceedingly great (the basis of *rabbi*, something Sha’uwl claimed of himself),’ **neither of which apply to him** (*lo’ la* – which is not his). **For how long** (*‘ad mathay* – until when) **will they make pledges** (*‘abtyt* – will they be in debt) **based upon his perceived significance** (*‘al kabed* – pursuant to the weight and burden of his testimony and the grievous honor afforded him)?” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:6)

Sha’uwl rebuked those who questioned him, claiming that by doing so they were opposed to God, that they were Satanic, when the opposite was true. And speaking of truth, the reason religious belief systems like Christianity are averse to questions is because those who query such things always lose their faith. Evidence and reason seldom matter in matters of religion. It is only the believer’s pledge of allegiance which is considered binding.

“And (*wa*) he loads himself down (*ta’an* – he burdens himself) **with** (*‘eth*) **thick** (*‘aphelah* – dark and wicked) **mud** (*tyt* – dirt and dust to be swept away), **so why not** (*ha lo’*) **quickly, for a short period of time** (*peta’* – instantly), **rise up and take a stand** (*quwm*)?” God is saying that the only thing “*kabed* – weighty and significant” about Sha’uwl is that he has covered himself and others in muck. Methinks Yah was poking fun at Sha’uwl’s murky and messy prose.

We cannot say that we were not warned. God even told us how to respond to this horrible individual. He wants us to stand up against all forms of corruption: political, religious, military, and economic. We are to confront lies and liars.

And (*wa*) those of you who are bitten and are making payments to him (*nashak* – those showing interest, earning money, or becoming indebted to him), **wake up from your stupor** (*yaqats* – take action and alter your state of awareness) **moving away in abhorrence of him** (*zuwa’* – in dread of him, detesting his terrifying and vexing nature). **Because (*wa*) you will be** (*hayah*) **considered** (*la*) **plunder, victimized by him** (*mashchah la* – as booty, spoiled by him).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:7)

Only Paul among those who claimed to speak for God solicits money. It is why Christian clerics embrace him. Following his example and his instructions, Christian institutions have made merchandise of men. And the worst among them has been the Roman Catholic Church. Yah is trying to rouse these victims before it is too late.

“Because (*ky*) you (*‘atah*) **have plundered, stealing the possessions of** (*shalal* – you have looted and victimized) **an enormous number of** (*rab* – a great many; and serving as the basis of *rabbi*) **Gentiles** (*Gowym* – people from different races and places), (*wa* – therefore (from the DSS)) **they shall loot and victimize** (*shalal* – plunder and rob) **all of** (*kol*) **the remaining** (*yether* – the residue of the

wealth of **nations** (*Gowym* – Gentiles from different races and places) **by means of** (*min*) **the blood** (*dam*) **of humankind** (*'adam* – mankind) **and also** (*wa*) **through the violent and cruel destructive forces terrorizing** (*chamac* – the immoral maiming and murdering which oppresses) **the Land** (*'erets* – the Promised Land and thus Yisra'el) **and** (*wa*) **Yah's city** (*qiryah* – to Encounter Yah, Yaruwshalaim – the source of teaching regarding reconciliation; from *qarah* – to encounter and meet Yah), **even all of those** (*wa kol*) **living in her** (*yashab ba* – dwelling in her).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:8)

Paul mercilessly attacks “Jews” throughout his letters, making them the enemy of his new religion, thereby creating the anti-Semitism that ultimately took root in the Christian church. Paul, a Roman citizen, seeded the hatred of God’s Chosen People that boiled over seventy years later with the destruction of Yisra’el and Yaruwshalaim by the Roman Empire’s legions. It happened just as Yahowah predicted it would. Seven hundred years from the time this prophecy was committed to writing, Yaruwshalaim was sacked, Yisra’el was salted, and those not murdered by Rome were hauled off into slavery.

According to Yahowah, to be “cut off” from Him is to be estranged from the Covenant, thereby, excluded from this relationship and forsaken – which is to be damned. Therefore, you do not want God to say of you what He said of Sha’uwl.

“Woe (*howy*) **to one who is cut off, coveting** (*batsa'* – to one who is greedy and dies), **while wickedly** (*ra'* – harmfully and immorally, adversarially and malignantly) **soliciting ill-gotten gain** (*betsa'* – theft through deception, and the threat of violence, immoral solicitation and plunder) **in relation to him setting** (*la sym* – for him to place and appoint) **his house and temple** (*la beyth*– his household and establishment) **in association with heights of heaven** (*ba ha marowm* – in an advantaged, desirable, elevated, and high place or status in association with God’s home in heaven) **so as to spare** (*la natsal* – for the purpose of snatching away and delivering the plunder) **the acquired property and possessions** (*qan* – what has been confiscated through envy and religious zeal, the nest egg and snare) **from the hands** (*kaph* – palms and control) **of fellow countrymen** (*ra'* – of those living in close proximity).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:9)

It is difficult to know if *qan* is the contracted form of “*qana'* – to acquire wealth,” “*qanan* – to nest,” “*qenets* – to snare,” or more likely “*qanah* – to acquire property and possessions,” even “*qana'* – jealousy, envy, and religious zeal inflaming sexual passion,” because in this context, they would all apply.

The Roman Catholic Church, which was founded on Pauline Doctrine, not only constructs gold-laden cathedrals and has storehouses filled with tens of billions of dollars of ill-gotten gain, they have positioned themselves as having sole possession of the keys to heaven. It is interesting, however, that recently they have had to return

billions of dollars to the families of children their priests have molested, priests following the Pauline mandate not to marry.

Six hundred sixty-six years before Paul perpetrated his ploy on the unwary, Yahowah was cognizant of his scheme. **“You have deliberately decided upon and conspired at the advice of another to promote a lowly and shameful plot to confuse** (*ya’ats bosheth* – after consultation you have come to an informed conclusion through deliberation to conceive and perpetrate a simplistic plan with the intent of confounding while displaying an adversarial attitude (note: *bosheth* – shameful, lowly, and confusing is from *bashan* – serpent, associating this adversarial scheme with Satan, with whom Sha’uwl admittedly consulted)) **those who approach your house** (*la beyth* – those who enter and are associated with your household and your construct), **ruining and reducing by cutting off** (*qatsah* – severely injuring and destroying by scraping away and ending the existence of) **many** (*rab* – a vast multitude of) **people from different races and places** (*gowym* – Gentiles; Greeks in Sha’uwl’s parlance who he claimed exclusively for himself) **and in the process** (*wa*) **losing** (*chata’* – forfeiting by impugning guilt upon through missing the way and bearing the loss of) **your soul** (*nepesh*).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:10)

Paul deliberately perpetrated this fraud in connection with Satan, the very spirit Sha’uwl claimed had possessed and goaded him. Also, since *beyth* serves as the basis for *beryth* – covenant, God is inferring that Sha’uwl’s “new covenant” is a shameful plot designed to confuse the unwary. Further indicting, Paul actually referred to himself as the father of his faithful children, and thus of his new covenant family. He even wrote about life in the household he had conceived.

To be cut off from Yahowah’s one and only Covenant, the very Covenant Sha’uwl condemned in Galatians, is to die with one’s soul ceasing to exist. So while the perpetrator of this crime will endure forever in She’owl, the souls of his victims are reduced to nothing, their lives squandered as a result of Sha’uwl’s shameful scheme.

Shim’own Kephas, the man Yahowsha’ personally named the “Rock,” summoned Sha’uwl to Yaruwshalaim and issued a proclamation against him. Also relevant, Shim’own acquired the moniker “Rock” when Yahowsha’, in Hebrew, told Shim’own: **“Upon** (*’al*) **this** (*ze’th*) **Rock** (*’eben*), **I will build** (*banah*) **My Invitations to be Called Out and Meet** (*Miqra’ey*).”

“Indeed (*ky* – surely and truly), **the Rock** (*’eben*) **as part of the structure of a home** (*qyr* – as the walls and ceiling which provides protection for a family) **will issue a proclamation** (*za’aq* – will issue a summons for an assembly meeting and will cry out (*qal* imperfect)), **and** (*wa*) **that which connects** (*kaphyc* – the plaster, the rafter, and the beam comprising the structure of a home) **with** (*min*) **the timber**

(‘*ets* – the carpenter’s work, the tree, and gallows), **he will answer and respond** (‘*anah* – making a public declaration, providing a contextual reply (qal imperfect)).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:11) Paul was transfixed by the “cross,” the implement used to torture Yahowsha’, whereas Peter knew God, and thus was focused upon His message.

In order to enhance his appeal to Gentile Greeks and Romans, Paul embraced Gnosticism, using its fascination with the spirit to denounce the Towrah as being of the flesh. So God says.

“Woe to (*howy* – a strong warning to) **the one who establishes** (*banah* – the one who builds a family, erects and constructs a home (qal participle)) **a place where the flesh is exposed as a source of anguish** (‘*tyr* – the city where terror is exposed; from “‘*uwr* – to incite and to stir up by blinding and rendering the chaff naked and laying the skin bare”). **In blood and through death** (*ba dam* – with blood; from *damam* – to destroy by making deaf and dumb), **he forms** (*wa kuwn* – he proposes, prepares, establishes, and supports (the polel stem reveals that the subject suffers the effect of the verb’s action and the perfect conjugation affirms that the process is complete)) **a populated institution promoting** (*qiryah* – a city; from “*qarah* and *qary’ah* – to encounter, meet, and befall the foundation, beams, building, and furnishings of an institution where people congregate based upon preaching”) **that which is unrighteous, invalid, and harmful** (*ba ‘awlah* – in wickedness with evil intent, unjustly damaging others through perversity).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:12)

And since there is a better option, Yahowah inspired His prophet to reveal: **“Why not look here and pay attention** (*ha lo’ hineh* – why not look up and behold) **by means of an association with** (*min ‘eth* – by approaching and being part of) **Yahowah** (יהוה) **of conscripts who provide assistance** (*tsaba’* – vast array of spiritual implements who are enlisted and arranged in a command and control regimen, serving as effective tools by following orders)?

But instead (*wa*), **the people** (‘*am* – family) **expend their energy and grow weary** (*yaga’* – they toil and labor, growing tired for lack of rest (qal imperfect)) **amongst an abundance of worthlessness** (*ba day ‘esh* – with excessive trifling uselessness which is of no value), **and the nations which gather together** (*la’owm* – the peoples who congregate) **in an excess of** (*ba day*) **delusions and fantasies which are poured forth which are unreal and have no benefit, resulting in nothingness** (*ryq* – fictitious myths which are unreliable, of empty and vain deceptions which are poured out, experienced, and consumed) **exhausting and destroying them** (*ya’eph* – physically draining and ruining them and causing them to be slighted, diminishing to nothingness (qal imperfect)).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:13)

God has a lot more to say about Sha'awl, so I'd like to continue and share some additional thoughts. In this next statement, we find Yahowah revealing that Sha'awl's words would be an antagonizing and intoxicating venom, a serpentine toxin that he would deploy to mask his perverted sexuality, while also advancing his attack on circumcision. Then God condemns Paulos based upon his Latin / Roman name, which means "little and lowly." This is the same name Yahowsha' later used in His Instruction on the Mount to undermine Paul's credibility. So from "Sha'awl and Questioning Him" to "Paulos and his lowly and little" moniker, from injurious venom to an unacceptable approach to the sign of the Covenant, this is another indicting summation of Paul's toxic legacy.

“Woe to (*howy* – a strong warning to) the one who causes and allows his companions and countryman to drink (*shaqah ra'*), thereby associating them with (*caphach*) your antagonizing venom (*chemah* – your poisonous and serpentine toxin which injures and antagonizes), but also (*wa 'aph* – and yet surely) intoxicating (*shakar*) for the purpose of (*ma'an*) looking at (*nabat 'al*) their genitals (*ma'aowr* – male genitalia).

You will get your fill of (*saba'* – you will be met with an abundance of (the qal perfect indicates that this is completely reliable while the second person masculine singular reveals that this is directed at a lone male individual)) shame and infamy, a little and lowly status (*qalown* – dishonor, disgrace, scorn, and a very small and humbling reputation) instead of (*min*) honor and glory (*kabowd* – the manifestation of the power and presence of God which rewards and empowers).

Choosing to intoxicate (*shathah* – deciding to actually inebriate (qal imperative)), in addition (*gam* – besides), you (*'atah*) also (*wa*) elect to show them unacceptable, going round about over their choice not to become circumcised (*'arel muwcab* – choosing to deploy circular reasoning in altering their perspective regarding their decision to remain uncircumcised for religious reasons, you have chosen to actually make them unacceptable (niph'al imperative and qal imperative)).

Upon you (*'al* – before you) is the binding cup (*kowc*) of Yahowah's (𐤑𐤃𐤑𐤏𐤃𐤓𐤕𐤓𐤕) right hand (*yamyn* – serving as a metaphor for judgment), therefore (*wa*) public humiliation and a lowly status (*qyqalown* – shame and ignominy, dishonor and disgrace) will be your reward (*'al kabowd* – the manifestation of your reputation and attribution of your status (second person masculine singular suffix – thus addressing a solitary man)).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:15-16)

Pauline Doctrine is poison, intoxicating venom from the most vile of serpents. But more incriminating still, Sha'awl, who never knew the love of a woman, provocatively expressed his love for a young man, Timothy. And even though Paul detested circumcision, and spoke hatefully about the sign and requirement of the

Covenant, he personally circumcised Timothy. Furthermore, Sha'awl so craved recognition and status, he heaped it upon himself. But here God is saying that Sha'awl's poisonous attack against circumcision will come full circle and slather him in shame. The man who claimed to be God's exclusive apostle to the Gentiles has become the man of infamy.

In the whole of Yahowah's prophetic testimony, no prediction is as dire as this one. And that is because no one ever did what Paul has done. This scathing attack was not required of anyone else.

Yahowah has provided His evaluation of Paul and His assessment of his followers. In this light, the only way to view him and his religion favorably is to ignore God and estrange ourselves from Him. We have been called to question and criticize everything Paul said and wrote. God has asked us to hold him accountable. It may be too little, but it is never too late.

And that is why we find Yahowah conveying... **“Indeed from** (*ky* – this is reassuring instead because from) **this grievous injustice and blatant wrongdoing in opposition to** (*chamac* – this unrighteous and unrestrained campaign of error and towrahlessness in destructive conflict with) **that which purifies, empowers, and enriches** (*labanown* – typically transliterated Lebanon, but from “*laban* – purifying, cleansing, and whitening” and “*own* – being substantially empowered, growing vigorously, while becoming enormously enriched”), **He will constantly keep you covered and continually protected** (*kacah* – He will always provide a covering by which He adorns you (the piel imperfect affirms that we, as those being clothed, receive continuous protection)) **and as for** (*wa*) **the destructive and demonic** (*shed* – the Devil's devastating and ruinous) **beasts** (*bahemah*), **He will shatter them** (*chathath* – He will astound them, causing them to wane) **as a result of** (*min*) **the blood** (*dam* – death) **of humankind** (*'adam*), **and also** (*wa*) **this grievous injustice against and blatant wrongdoing in opposition to** (*chamac* – this unrighteous and unrestrained campaign of error in destructive conflict with) **the Land** (*'erets* – the realm of Yisra'el), **the city** (*qiryah* – the place to encounter Yah's foundation, the upright pillar, the beams, and the furnishings associated with the Word), **and all** (*wa kol*) **of her inhabitants** (*ba yashab* – who have settled there to meet, to marry, to be restored, to be established, and to live (qal participle))” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:17)

Since most remain oblivious to the obvious, the faithful do not realize that the Pauline object of worship, the Christian “Jesus Christ,” is a caricature, an idolatrous image based upon the Greek god, Dionysus. In all of his thirteen letters, there isn't a single accurate statement from Yahowsha'. In his lone attempt, Paul misquotes God to advance the myth of a new covenant and testament. Yahowsha's unequivocal affirmations of the Towrah, and the fact that He was resolutely Towrah observant, are never mentioned. Yahowsha's fulfillment of *Pesach*, *Matsah*,

Bikuwrym, and *Shabuw'ah* is demeaned and disavowed rather than explained and celebrated.

As a result, Yahowah asks a foreboding question... **“How does he succeed with a caricature** (*mah ya'al pecel* – why does he benefit by valuing an idolatrous image he has shaped (hifil perfect))? **Indeed** (*ky*), **he will construct him** (*pacal* – he will shape it), **fashioning him** (*yatsar* – he will devise, form, and ordain him (qal perfect)) **by offering a veiled form of a pagan god** (*macekah* – by forming an alliance which conceals and an association which hides, covering up the true identity (qal perfect)) **and by teaching lies** (*wa yarah sheqer* – and through deceptive, misleading, mistaken, and useless instruction, guidance and direction (with the hifil stem the subject, Sha'uwl, is putting the lies into action while the participle is a verbal adjective, making Paul a deceiver)), **so that** (*ky*) **he adds credence and partiality to** (*batach* – he makes credible and believable, even preferable, so that believers stumble and the unsuspecting fall as a result of their penchant and fondness for and partiality to) **the one who created the construct of him** (*yatsar yetser* – the one who devised, planned, prepared, fashioned, and formed such thoughts and reasoning regarding him (qal participle)), **for him** (*'al*) **to make** (*'asah* – to act and cause) **the shepherds** (*'alylym*) **bound and mute** (*'ilem* – tied up and negated, appearing dumb).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:18)

If you are unaware of the fact that this is precisely what Paul did, and how and why he did it, I would encourage you to read www.QuestioningPaul.com. Because the answer to Yahowah's question is ignorance and antipathy, Christians are unaware of who Yahowsha' was, what He said, and what He did. And their ignorance is deliberate, because the recognition that He was the living embodiment of Yahowah's Towrah, a book they despise, destroys their religion. So to confuse the faithful and dissuade them from considering the truth, Paul not only negated the testimony of Yahowsha's Disciples by making them appear unworthy in comparison to him, he condemned them.

“Woe to the one who says (*howy 'amar*) **to the wooden pillar** (*la ha 'ets* – approaching the upright timber, tree, carpenter, and gallows) **return from the dead** (*quwts* – awaken from lifelessness and become alive again after death; from the verbal form which addresses the idea of abruptly starting something after having been asleep), **rising up to blind by providing false testimony and precluding further observation** (*'uwr* – awake in the flesh, ready to blind the observant so that they are unjustly deprived of an accurate recollection of what was witnessed), **to the Rock** (*la 'eben*), **he who consistently teaches** (*huw' yarah* – he who instructs and constantly provides guidance to the Rock (hifil imperfect)), **be silent** (*duwmam* – be silenced and be struck dumb and mute).

Behold (*hineh* – pay attention), **he** (*huw'*) **has actually been seized, captured, controlled, and then covered** (*taphas* – has been grasped hold of and wielded

skillfully (qal passive – having this actually done to him)), **brilliantly shimmering** (*zahab* – splendorous and golden), **extremely valuable and desirable** (*keceph* – ornamented and gilded in silver so as to be yearned for and desired), **but** (*wa*) **without** (*‘ayn* – devoid of) **any** (*kol*) **spirit** (*ruwach*) **in his midst** (*ba qereb* – in his corpse and physical being animating his life).” (Chabaquwq / Embrace This / Habakkuk 2:18-19)

Sha’uwl will repeatedly state that “the wooden pillar,” actually *stauros* in Greek, but changed by Roman Catholics into the Christian “cross” in the 5th century CE, exists as the means to be “*quwts* – awakened from the dead,” or to be “resurrected” in religious parlance. He even equated “sleep” with death and said of those who were sleeping, that they would rise up abruptly. So this is an allusion to the Pauline fixation on the wooden “cross,” from which he promotes resurrection from the dead, thereby dismissing *Pesach*, *Matsah*, *Bikuwrym*, and *Shabuw’ah* in addition to *Taruw’ah*, *Kippuryim*, and *Sukah*. Paul’s plan begins and ends at the cross with the death of his god.

While it makes me nauseous, as it does God, let’s compare some of what Paul wrote in Galatians in this regard. It is astonishing that anyone believed him when he claimed that rather than liberating, the Torah enslaved, that circumcision was actually counterproductive, that his characterization of “Christ” could not save the circumcised, that the Torah is a list of laws which must be obeyed, that the Torah condemns rather than saves, that the Pauline caricature of “Christ” was somehow in opposition to the Torah – freeing souls from it, that spiritual faith, a.k.a., blind faith, as opposed to knowledge, saves, albeit based upon promises that must remain unknown because God’s vows refute Paul’s assertions.

In the fifth chapter of Galatians, we will read that God must somehow have been mistaken when He made circumcision a requirement for Passover, inclusion in the Covenant, and entrance into Heaven. The same would be true of Yahowsha’s affirmation of every stroke of every letter in the Towrah. Paul even had the audacity to ask “the Lord,” who is Satan, to keep believers from false teachings, saying that his god will judge whoever has been confusing those who challenged his preaching. Mind you, the ones Paul wanted condemned for promoting the truth were named earlier in this letter, specifically Yahowah’s Disciples Shim’owm / Peter, Yahowchanan / John, and Ya’aqob / James. Their “crime” was similar to my own, accurately citing Yahowah’s and Yahowsha’s testimony and comparing it to Paul’s. And as Yahowah has just predicted, Sha’uwl would claim that it is the “cross” of his perverted variation of “Christ” that saves. But alas, it was Paul’s crusade against the sign of the Covenant, circumcision, that revealed the perverse character of the man who felt no compunction about publicly demeaning God’s plan.

By way of the *New Living Translation*, we find:

“So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don’t get tied up again in slavery to the law.” (5:1) “Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you.” (5:2) “I’ll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses.” (5:3) “For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God’s grace.” (5:4) “But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us.” (5:5) “For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.” (5:6) “You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth?” (5:7) “It certainly isn’t God, for he is the one who called you to freedom.” (5:8) “This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough!” (5:9) “I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you.” (5:10) “Dear brothers and sisters, if I were still preaching that you must be circumcised—as some say I do—why am I still being persecuted? If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be offended.” (5:11) “I just wish that those troublemakers who want to mutilate you by circumcision would mutilate themselves.” (5:12)

You are no better than a dumb cow if you believe this man. And my friends, keeping you and others from making this mistake was the purpose of the 7th *Mashal*.

So let’s review it together one more time...

“My son, literally and continually observe, closely examine and carefully consider, My words, My answers, and My promises, especially My instructions regarding the conditions for participating in the relationship, electing to continually store them up within you as a genuine treasure. (7:1) And you shall genuinely and continuously live by closely examining and carefully considering My directions regarding the conditions of the binding relationship agreement and with My Towrah teaching in accord with the pupil, and thus focus, of your eye. (7:2)

Choose to fasten them onto your fingers to influence your actions, and of your own volition, engrave them on the tablets of your heart so that you can process information rationally and make reasonable decisions. (7:3) Elect to say to the skill required to be perceptive and discerning, you are my sister and my wise friend whom I know, acknowledge, and recognize. You should choose to call upon and summon her for understanding. (7:4)

By being observant, you will be protected from the illegitimate, estranged, unauthorized, sickening, and repugnant woman, away from the Whore's seductive words and deceitful promises. (7:5)

Because by the window of My house, through My framework denoting the proper order and timing of things, from a higher elevation, I looked down, (7:6) and I saw the simple-minded and naïve, the gullible, simply enticed, and readily misled, and I made the connection, understanding and recognizing that, among these children, there was a young man of deficient character, lacking judgment. (7:7)

Passing by crossing over so as to be alienated and leading to intoxication in the street beside and earmarked for her corner, he strides, walking as part of a growing group along the path to her house. (7:8)

Just before the dark of night, depicting the twilight of one's conscience and the fading of their soul, as the light fades after sundown at the end of the day, at the pupil, center, and focus of night, there is total darkness and doom, the complete elimination of light, (7:9) when behold a woman approaches to issue an invitation to meet with him, she moves toward him to summon him, calling out his name, outfitted in the garments of a prostitute, harlot, and whore. And she is crafty and concealed, underhanded and evil in her shimmering and flashy appearance and of heart and character, of motives and judgment. (7:10)

She is disturbingly loud, creating a confusing commotion, flashy and flamboyant, gaudy and garish, and she is openly defiant and rebellious, a thorn of sorts. There is no way to live in her household, in keeping with her slanderous stance and covert manner, her malicious teachings regarding the insulting path to walk. (7:11)

Now, influencing the way one conducts one's life along the streets in the most prominent places, establishing a base to compel, influencing the conduct of life by constructing a foundation and raising an edifice to endow misfortune, in the public squares where people meet and civic activity occurs, and beside every corner, she deceptively lurks, ready to deceitfully ambush, clandestinely and covertly preparing to perpetrate her ploy using a false pretense, tricking, her prey. (7:12)

And she establishes her influence over him, harshly overpowering and binding him, controlling him, as flashing lights from the heavens. Then she makes him submit to her, brazenly and shamelessly possessing him with her presence and her improper and aggrandizing sayings which are directed toward him." (7:13)

The sacrifice of being killed as a peace offering to finish and fulfill the promise of fellowship was provided by me, the Almighty, the one day I fulfilled and completed, and therefore finished once and for all, my vows. (7:14)

For this reason, I came out to approach and to meet you, calling out to you, longing to darken your presence, and I have found you, attaining control over you, possessing you. (7:15) I have blanketed covers on my bed, cutting dark-hued and elaborate fabrics of processed and ghostly fibers to bind out of the crucibles of human religious oppression. (7:16) I have besprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes of decaying wood, and cinnamon. (7:17)

I want you to choose to continually walk this way, living like this for us to fully experience being lovers until the morning, enjoying one another's company by reveling in the pleasures of love making. (7:18) However, it is for not, because the man isn't in his home. He has walked on a path that is far away and is now estranged. (7:19) He grasped hold of the pouch filled with money, and he took it with him in his hand during the approach of the day of the full moon, when he will enter his home. (7:20)

She guides him and persuades him to reach out, to turn aside, to stoop down, to twist and bend, and also to plot and pervert, with the magnitude of her persuasive words, her fetching doctrine, and plagiarized beliefs. With her smooth and seductive verbiage, she compels him, causing him to be estranged. (7:21) And he follows after her right away like a dumb cow, a castrated steer who is not paying attention and does not understand, ignoring the fact it's going to the slaughter, or like a tinkling bangle clasped to a woman's ankle which serves as a fetter to control or discipline a foolish citizen. (7:22)

Until a projectile pierces that which is essential to life, he is like an early bird, impetuously rushing directly toward a plot which ensnares. He does not realize that truthfully the plot is against his soul. (7:23)

So now My children, choose to actually listen to and approach Me, and elect to pay attention, accept what you hear as true, and of your own volition, actively and appropriately respond to the statements and promises of My mouth. (7:24) Do not go astray, continuing to have the illicit affair she desires, actually turning to her ways. Your heart, your disposition, inclinations, and reasoning should not be continually deceived, wrongly staggering as a result of wayward beliefs or errant perceptions, into her popular lifestyle, her broad and accommodating, widespread and prevalent, well-trodden path which defines one's sojourn through life. (7:25)

For many of the defiled and deceased, she has victimized and brought down, causing them to fall, to bow down, prostrating themselves in religious worship, their life aborted, and there are vast multitudes of apathetic

