

ANGER AND ADULTERY

The Hebrew Words and Their Scriptural Connections

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This study will consider the connection between anger and adultery. As we will see, not only is anger the spirit behind murder, it is also the spirit behind adultery. From time to time, we find truths in the original Hebrew which are so instructive, and which are supported by such a multitude of Scripture verification, that we cannot rightly ignore them. Such compelling evidence exists, we believe, regarding the relationship between murder (inordinate anger) and adultery. When Scripture both explains and confirms the meaning of Hebrew words, as it so clearly does with “**anger**” and “**adultery**,” we feel this evidence should be shared with all those who would be instructed and edified. His commandments were given to make us wiser than our enemies,¹ and most especially, the Archenemy of יהוה and of all mankind.

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The Strength of the Hills is His Also

We begin our inquiry with an obscure Scripture – a text which is at least partially, if not fully explained by two Hebrew words and their remarkable relationship:

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also. Psalm 95:4

What is this “strength of the hills?” While we could reason many things in our own minds, it is far more important to consider what is revealed by the mind of יהוה through the Hebrew language and incidents in Scripture. In Hebrew, the word for “hill,” or “mountain,” is “har.”²

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har = הר = hill/mountain

It is interesting to note, as a *general rule*, wherever we find hills, or mountains, in the earth, we nearly always find streams and/or

rivers as well.³ Is it coincidence, then, the Hebrew word for “river” is “na-har?”

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נהר = stream/river

Based on the well-established connection between mountains and rivers – together with the weighty evidence which we will study momentarily – we have been led to believe “na-har” (נהר) is a contraction of two, Hebrew words:

1. “na-tan” (נתן) – meaning “gift (of),” or “given (of).” And,
2. “har” (הר) – meaning “hill” or “mountain.”

The letter nun (נ) being the first letter of the word “natan,” it is used to represent that word when placed in front of “har”/“hill” forming the word, “na-har:”

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נהר = נהר + הר

This contraction gives the following, literal meaning for “stream/nahar:”

“Gift of the hills/mountains,” or “Given of the hills/mountains.”

Streams and rivers are given to us *by*, or *from*, the hills and mountains.

If this contraction was the only example available, it might be alleged we are simply deriving our own ideas about the Hebrew language. However, we believe Scripture will give an excess of support to the veracity of yet another contraction – one which is of the *same, exact form*. In this second case, though, two Hebrew words are combined to give us the word for “adultery.” We will explain this second contraction and then visit the many Scriptures which so closely correlate “anger” and “adultery.” Not only are these texts rather numerous, they are seen *throughout* the word of יהוה. If we have a better understanding of anger/murder and adultery, we will also better understand those aspects of True Worship which

¹ Psalm 119:98

² “Har Meggido” is the Hebrew for “Mount Megiddo.” Judges 5:19, 2Chronicles 35:22 The translation from Greek to English typically drops the “H,” in “Har,” adds an “n” to the end of “Meggido, and renders this word as: “Ar-Maggedon,” or as it is customarily seen, “Armageddon.” Revelation 16:13-16

³ Many times, this is the case even in desert regions where no water is readily seen on the surface. Exodus 17:2-6, Numbers 20:7-11, Deuteronomy 8:15, Psalm 81:16, 114:8, Isaiah 48:21

were given to protect us⁴ from the wiles of the Devil.

The Clear Connection

Between Anger/Murder and Adultery

The Hebrew word for “anger” (and “nose”) is “aph:”

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“aph” = אַף = anger

However, simply by adding the letter “nun,” we now have the Hebrew word for adultery:

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“na-aph” = נֶאֱפָ = adultery

As with “na-har” (נָהַר), we believe “na-aph” (נֶאֱפָ) is a contraction of two Hebrew words:

1. “na-tan” (נָתַן) – meaning “gift (of),” or “given (of).” And,
2. “aph” (אַף) – meaning “anger.”

Once more, the letter nun (נ) – being the first letter of “natan” – is used to represent that word when placed in front of “aph” (“anger”) to form the word, “na-aph” (“adultery”):

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נֶאֱפָ = אַף + נ

This contraction gives the following, literal meaning for the Hebrew word which the Spirit of יהוה uses when referring to “adultery:”

“Gift of anger,” or “Given of anger.”

And we do not have to look very far to confirm that, in some way, a spirit of anger, or murder, accompanies adulterous deeds. There are a multitude of relationships and telling connections between anger/murder⁵ and adultery. The millennia are replete with examples showing the notorious link between anger and adultery. Scripture as well as secular history provide many examples of this connection; nor is it difficult to find modern-day evidence linking the two.

The Evidence From Scripture:

Various Connections and Confirmations

How many times does the Spirit of יהוה link *anger/murder* and *adultery* mentioning them “in the same breath,” as we say in America? The answer is, “Many.” We find the two side-by-side in numerous places throughout Scripture,

⁴ Psalm 17:8, 36:7, 57:1, 63:7, 91:1-16

⁵ As He magnified the Torah, the Messiah would later show murder to be directly correlated with anger. Matthew 5:21-22 We will visit His teaching on this concept momentarily.

and their close relationship should provide the *sober-minded* with a *somber* warning.

The Ten Commandments

In the *Ten Words*, we have the first pairing of murder and adultery: murder⁶ is the subject of the *Sixth Commandment* while adultery is the subject of the *Seventh*:

“You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.”
Exodus 20:13-14

Much evidence will be provided which shows it is not mere coincidence these two mitzvot/ commandments appear together in a consecutive fashion; nor is it happenstance that “murder” precedes “adultery” in its order. For the spirit of murder and setting others at naught certainly precedes the act of adultery, and these emotions and attitudes are a large part of what occurs in situations involving marital unfaithfulness. Those who covet the wife of another man have often resorted to murder as a means to get the husband “out of the way.” In still other cases, the husband will murder the wife (or the wife the husband) so as to be “free” to marry someone else. Both men and women should take note to consider the demeanor of a potential partner: a spirit of anger may make one a less-than-desirable candidate. Women (and potential in-laws) often look for the outward things of financial stability and “success” in a man, but the Spirit of יהוה declares:

*What is desirable in a man is his kindness,
and better is the poor than a liar.*
Proverbs 19:22, ISRV/YLT⁷

יהוה does not see the showy, outward things: He looks on the heart.⁸ Those who walk by the Spirit will find they are able to do likewise.

⁶ We will use murder and anger almost interchangeably. Readers are asked to remain aware that when this is done, we are speaking of anger when it has reached the three levels of *carnal* and *inordinate* mentioned by יהושע.

While all three levels are unacceptable, it is the third, highest, and last level which, as יהושע warned, is dangerously close to the act of murder itself. Matthew 5:22, James 3:6 History shows that this is the anger which can lead to murder and, therefore, it makes one potentially in danger of hell fire since no murderer can inherit Life in the Messianic Age. 1John 3:15

⁷ This verse, as it is seen above, is a *combination* of the text as it is rendered by the INSTITUTE FOR SCRIPTURE RESEARCH VERSION (ISRV) and *Young’s Literal Translation* (YLT).

⁸ 1Samuel 16:7, Psalm 147:10-11, Isaiah 55:8-9

Women are not alone in their failure to see the more important things surrounding a life partner. Very often, men also fail in the same manner except, in their case, they are overly captivated by the physical appearance of women and ignore those indicators which show “the law of kindness”⁹ is not an *authentic resident* on the tongue of a potential mate. The reality is: love and kindness foster intimacy and unity in a relationship while unchecked, uncontrolled anger destroys intimacy and self-esteem leading to misery and, very possibly, to marital unfaithfulness. Anger breeds adultery. This is not to condone the sin of adultery in any way; we are merely stating the facts of the matter. Concerning immorality, all should take solemn warning: fornicators and adulterers will not inherit the Kingdom of יהוה.¹⁰

יהושע the Messiah

In His ministry to magnify the Law of יהוה and to make it honorable,¹¹ יהושע the Messiah “brought life and immortality to light through the Good News.”¹² In doing so, He also connected adultery and murder by juxtaposition; these two are seen side-by-side when spoken of by the Savior. יהושע first magnified the Law regarding murder:

21 *You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not murder; and whosoever shall murder shall be in danger of the judgment:*
22 *But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, “Raca,” shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, “You fool!” shall be in danger of hell fire.*

See Matthew 5:21-26

When יהושע magnified the Torah of יהוה, He went to the heart of the problem – literally. The Messiah used the Law to show forth sin to be exceedingly sinful.¹³ יהושע exposed the *root problem* surrounding murder: He showed murder stemmed from inordinate anger in the heart of man. We must note this *inordinate anger* was anger without a cause.¹⁴ The

⁹ Proverbs 31:26

¹⁰ 1Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, Hebrews 12:14-17, 13:4, Revelation 9:20-21

¹¹ Isaiah 42:21

¹² 2Timothy 1:10, John 4:25

¹³ Romans 7:13

¹⁴ We believe this includes anger not proportional to the offense. How many times have we seen anger which goes far beyond that which is appropriate? How many times

Messiah also showed a three-stage progression of inordinate anger as it advances towards the fourth and final stage – the very act of murder itself:

1. Anger without a cause.¹⁵ This can progress to ...
2. Deriding another via angry, verbal abuse (still “without a cause”). But this can progress to ...
3. Heightened verbal degradation (still “without a cause”). At this stage, it is altogether possible to progress to the very act of murder itself. We know this because יהושע states the one whose anger rises to this level is in danger of condemnation into hell fire.¹⁶

We now see the connection between anger and adultery since, immediately after discussing anger/murder, the Messiah begins His instruction surrounding adultery:

27 *You have heard that it was said by them of old time, “You shall not commit adultery;” 28 but I say to you, That whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart ... See Matthew 5:27-32*

The *Ten Words* place murder/anger and adultery side-by-side. יהושע the Messiah, the Word made flesh, did likewise.

James Parrots the Messiah

James clearly wrote of the connection between anger/murder and adultery. This first-century believer had teachings which not only *precisely reflected* those of the Messiah, his words also bring further clarity and meaning to those recorded from the “*Sermon on the Mount*.”¹⁷ While we have seen anger and adultery linked by *proximity* in that special teaching of the Savior, James shows us even

have we seen unwarranted anger over the most petty and ridiculous things?

¹⁵ Because carnal man does not understand anger *with* due cause, neither can he understand anger *without* a justifiable basis. Just considering the foolish things over which young people are ready to begin an outright brawl, one readily sees how the carnal and unbelieving may *feel* their anger is based on a just cause. However, those observing from a vantage point of unattached emotions can readily see the person is “up in arms” over vanity and pettiness. Many *murders* have occurred over what was erroneously *believed* to be anger with a justifiable cause.

¹⁶ 1John 3:15

¹⁷ Matthew 5:21-32 (While the *Sermon on the Mount* extends from Matthew chapters 5 - 7, we speak of the particular segment concerning anger and adultery.)

more clearly that two are connected in a way which is far more real than most would imagine. Early in his letter to the twelve tribes scattered abroad, James wrote this about uncontrolled, carnal anger:

19 So then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 for the wrath of man does not work the righteousness of Elohim. James 1:19-20, ISRV

We notice that, like יהושע, James indicated those who are swift to anger are also *swift to speak*¹⁸ and that words spoken in these *advanced stages of anger* – termed “wrath” by the Spirit of יהוה – do not advance the righteousness of Elohim. This anger has advanced to the inordinate level of *wrath* and is often exhibited when those venting such emotions take matters into their own hands: although devoid of wisdom,¹⁹ they become “the judge and the jury,” speaking rashly²⁰ and, very possibly, acting recklessly as well. Of the flagrant words which accompany inordinate anger, James wrote just a bit later:

If any man among you seems to be religious, and bridles not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is vain. James 1:26

Why was James giving such attention to matters surrounding speech and anger? Later in his letter, we learn there was evidently a good deal of strife and malignity amongst the believers. This is strife which appears to have been at the high levels of degradation which the Savior had years earlier equated with murder – a deed that would result in the unfaithful experiencing the fire of hell:²¹

1 Where do fightings and strivings come from among you? Do they not come from your pleasures that battle in your members? 2 You desire, and do not have. You murder, and are jealous, and are unable to obtain. You strive and fight, and you do not possess, because you do not ask. James 4:1-2, ISRV

So often, strife is rooted in lust and envy:²² people become jealous and bitter when they lose sight of the sovereignty of a loving Creator; they are dissatisfied with their lot or are discontent

¹⁸ Matthew 5:22, Proverbs 29:20

¹⁹ James 1:19-20, 3:14-16. Contrast James 3:17-18 and those who promote peace in their relationships.

²⁰ James 3:14-16, 4:1-2, 11, 13-16, 5:9

²¹ Matthew 5:22, 1John 3:15

²² James 3:14-16, 4:1-2

with what they have already been given,²³ they blame others instead of worshipping יהוה and His sovereign power; they succumb to that age-old desire to “get more;” they fail to be truly grateful for what has already been set before them.²⁴ The believers to whom James wrote were fighting and striving instead of doing as their Messiah, the Prince of Peace, had already counseled:

“Be agreeing with your opponent quickly, while you are in the way with him” ... Matthew 5:25

This was the Savior’s exhortation to “put away anger,”²⁵ and throughout his letter, James was taking the opportunity to be like the Messiah as he exhorted these believers to be peacemakers with one another.²⁶

But the following point must not be lost: immediately after indicting his subjects for lusting and *murder*,²⁷ James writes they are guilty of *adultery* – the spiritual unfaithfulness otherwise called “idolatry:”

3 You ask, and receive not, because you ask evilly, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 You adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity against Elohim? Whoever therefore is a friend of the world is an enemy of Elohim. James 4:3-4

So we see that James *also* connects anger/murder with adultery.²⁸ He even states a warning that adultery exhibits enmity, or hatred, against Elohim.²⁹ This is not only man’s anger against fellow mankind; this is man’s carnal rage against a righteous, loving, and Qadosh Creator.³⁰ Adultery – spiritual or otherwise – is the fruit of anger.

The Mother of Harlots

While our evidence is already more than sufficient for establishing this study’s premise, it is still not exhausted. Many believe the “Babylon” of *Revelation* represents a *system of*

²³ Ecclesiastes 6:9

²⁴ 2Corinthians 4:15, Colossians 2:6-7, 4:2,

1Thessalonians 5:18, Hebrews 13:15

²⁵ Ephesians 4:30-32

²⁶ Matthew 5:9, James 1:19-20, 26, 3:7-10, 13-18, 4:1-4, 11-12, 5:9

²⁷ James 4:1-2

²⁸ James 4:1-4

²⁹ Further, this is not the only place in James’ letter that we see murder connected with adultery. See also: James 2:11.

³⁰ Psalm 2:1-3, Romans 8:13, Revelation 11:18

false worship.³¹ This particular Babylon is called “*the Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth.*”³² All false, religious systems represent an established pattern of spiritual harlotry, and all such lawless entities exhibit false worship through various forms of idolatry. They have forsaken the narrow way defined by the Torah.³³ The Scriptures refer to this obstinate and rebellious stance against the Torah³⁴ as “whoredom,” meaning spiritual fornication and uncleanness. The false religions in the world, we are told, originated with this Mother of Harlots. Further, this Harlot has slain those multitudes³⁵ which she seduced to be in union with her, yet it is also recorded that in her were found the blood of *prophets* and other set apart believers whom she had murdered:

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of set apart ones, and of all that were slain upon the earth. Revelation 18:24

Not only does this Harlot slay all those who seek and find a union with her, the Great Whore has also had (and will have) a hand in *murdering* the prophets and set apart servants of Elohim who have spoken out against her unclean and lawless deeds.³⁶ As far as those

³¹ In this section, we speak out in protest against numerous religious affiliations which have been established over the last two millennia. In a subsequent footnote, we make it quite clear that our opposition here is towards *the institutions* and those who have led, or who are leading them. We are not opposed to the many members of these organizations whose lives have been filled with love and service for their fellow man. And we are not opposed to the many well-meaning, good-hearted members of these organizations who, like sheep, have been led astray by erring shepherds. However, leading others astray is a *serious spiritual crime*, and we cannot, we *will not* remain quiet or sit idly by glossing over the *gross sins* of the past, or ignoring the truth, as these errors are presently perpetuated.

³² Revelation 17:5

³³ Deuteronomy 5:31-32, 17:11,20, 28:14, Yehoshua 1:7, 23:6, Proverbs 2:16-17, 4:23-27, Isaiah 30:20-21, Matthew 7:12-14, Luke 13:24-27 (iniquity = lawlessness).

³⁴ Proverbs 7:10-21, Jeremiah 3:3, Ezekiel 3:7

³⁵ Proverbs 2:16-19, 7:21-27

³⁶ For a real-life example, we turn to the days of Yochanan/John, the cousin of יהושע. After John the Immerser spoke out against the unlawful union of Herod with Herodias, a woman who obviously possessed a spirit of harlotry, she worked behind the scenes to have the prophet murdered. See Matthew 14:1-11, Mark 6:16-28, and Luke 3:16-20. Once more, we see the spirit of anger/murder acting in league with the spirit of adultery/harlotry.

who desire to be in sexual union with *actual harlots*, they are likened to an ox which goes to the slaughter;³⁷ they are considered as having been slain; the true proverb states they are actually *killed* by the harlot through such unclean, sexual unions:

25 Let not your heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. 26 For she has cast down many wounded: yes, many strong men have been slain by her. 27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death. Proverbs 7:25-27

This murder is certainly *spiritual*,³⁸ and it may also be *literal* after venereal disease runs its course and destroys the body.³⁹ In the harlot, we once more see anger/murder and its relationship with adultery/sexual impurity: the unclean, sexual union is tantamount to murder.

We cannot help but notice the Harlot of *Revelation* is said to have much *anger* connected with her deeds of *fornication*:

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:8

This statement (and warning) is not made once in the *Apocalypse*, but twice:

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Revelation 18:3

The *Apocalypse* associates heightened anger, or wrath, with the *fornication* and *murder* of the unclean harlot. This Scripture draws a clear analogy from the demeanor of an actual woman who is given over to a spirit of harlotry, and in so doing, it warns us of an *apostate, religious system* which has turned aside from the Laws and the Covenant of the True Faith.⁴⁰

How can we discern this Mother of Harlots? Scripture warns us of the anger and murder associated with the harlot when stating: *many are those she has slain.*⁴¹ And who are her daughters? Where are the other religious

³⁷ Proverbs 7:22-23

³⁸ Proverbs 2:16-19

³⁹ Proverbs 5:7-11, 7:21-23

⁴⁰ Proverbs 2:16-17, Daniel 7:25

⁴¹ Proverbs 7:26-27, Revelation 18:24

systems which *came forth* from the Harlot? Although these daughters exhibited *hatred* for the harlot, they nevertheless, *followed* in her steps!⁴² History shows the rampant paganism of Babylonian Mystery Religion was adopted and promulgated by the Roman Church, and it emanated from her in various forms resulting in nearly every other Christian religion of our day.⁴³

יהוה has long-indicated the anti-Torah worship of pagan idolatry is absolute **whoredom** and **spiritual adultery**.⁴⁴

Not only have we seen unfaithful, lawless deeds continually coming forth from this Unclean Religious System across the centuries,⁴⁵ but *many are her slain*:⁴⁶

⁴² Just as children today who grow up hating one or both of their parents: they usually turn out just like the ones they hate!

⁴³ See Alexander Hislop's, "*The Two Babylons*," available through many Internet and bookstore locations. For some excellent, additional thoughts on how the Babylonian mystery religion has been perpetuated through Protestantism see Keith Jackson's "*Sheshak is Taken*," at:

<http://www.etpv.org/2000/sheshak.html>

⁴⁴ To show Israel how serious their sins were when they played the harlot by forsaking His Law and going after other deities, יהוה stated Israel had turned aside to whoredom. Leviticus 17:1-12, 20:1-5, Numbers 25:1-3, Jeremiah 3:1-14, 13:18-27, Ezekiel 16:1-63, 20:29-32, 23:1-21, Hosea 1:2, 2:1-13, 4:1-19, 6:6-10 Forsaking the Torah was, and is, spiritual adultery. The penalty for deeds of harlotry and adultery was death by burning or stoning. Genesis 38:24, Leviticus 21:9, Deuteronomy 22:20-21, Revelation 18:1-19 (we believe *fire* and *brimstone* from heaven will bring *both* of these judgments – burning and stoning – upon Babylon, the Harlot of *Revelation*). Hence, when Jerusalem was judged for deeds of harlotry in profaning the Sabbath, a fire burned in her gates which could not be quenched. Jeremiah 17:1-27, Nehemiah 13:17-18 Modern-day followers of the Savior must take warning that יהוה has never changed His view (Malachi 3:6) over any of these issues: anti-Torah deeds of lawlessness will result in His severe punishment. Psalm 73:27, 119:126, Amos 9:8 The Messiah *never* intended for faith in Him to result in the anti-Torah religions so prominent in our day! Matthew 5:17-20, John 14:21, 15:10, 1John 2:6, 3:4

⁴⁵ The Catholic Church has historically opposed the Seventh Day Sabbath and even boasted its Protestant daughters bow down in obeisance to her by following her lead in forsaking the *Fourth Commandment* and keeping the pagan Sun-Day. For more on this see:

<http://www.biblesabbath.org/confessions.html>

*An estimated 50 to 100 million people*⁴⁷ have been annihilated by numerous papal decrees and various, insane inquisitions carried out through the Dark Ages!

The majority of those so killed were *believers in the Messiah*, and along with their family members, they were abused, defiled, brutalized, tortured, and murdered by various representatives of the Harlot for speaking out *against*, or for dissenting *from* her deeds of spiritual whoredom!⁴⁸ The *Spanish Inquisition* numbers among her attempts to wipe out a multitude of Jews/Yehudim who bore testimony to the truth of the Torah and who would not bow down before the Harlot in her quest to remain "Queen."⁴⁹

Further, the Harlot not only has an outward appearance and trappings which attract the ignorant masses,⁵⁰ ironically, she also vaunts an air of piety, putting on a show of religion.⁵¹ Together, these things can (and do) further add to the deception which accompanies her subtle seduction. While the Mother of Harlots seen in *Revelation* has historic credentials for doing many good deeds,⁵² this still does not excuse her for the lawlessness and commandment-nullifying traditions⁵³ and idolatry which remain in her heart.

And even down to our day, her lawlessness deeds continue as has been evidenced over the last few years with the sexual uncleanness in the priesthood.

⁴⁶ Proverbs 7:26-27, Revelation 18:24

⁴⁷ If one were to include all the wars and crusades waged under the papal banner, 100 million is likely to be a very conservative figure.

⁴⁸ See "*Fox's Book of Martyrs*," Chapter IV:

<http://www.biblebelievers.com/foxes/fox104.htm>

See also the following html file:

<http://66.102.7.104/search?q=cache:U6WMXyYDyLQJ:www.cs.unc.edu/~plaisted/estimates.doc+Numbers+Killed+by+Papacy+in+Dark+Ages+&hl=en>

⁴⁹ Revelation 18:7-9. Her place as "Queen" is more readily seen when we realize she often used her manipulative powers to seduce the *kings* of the earth into doing her will as they helped to carry out her murderous decrees so she might remain a dominant, ruling force. The Scripture cited refers to such unrighteous alliances, or political unions, as "fornication," and it exposes the murderous deeds which resulted (and which will result) from said harlotry.

⁵⁰ Proverbs 2:16, 7:16-18

⁵¹ Proverbs 7:14-15

⁵² Proverbs 7:14

⁵³ Matthew 15:3-9, Mark 7:6-13

We do not argue that there are a multitude of Catholic charities and many other very fine works within the Church which have helped scores of people across the centuries – and that these sub-organizations are certainly filled with many sincere, loving people who only want to do good – but this still does not excuse the Mother’s present and historic deeds of rampant murder, lawlessness, and self-proclaimed, spiritual authority which not only stands as empty and impotent, but which is also absolutely non-apostolic.

Across the centuries, scores of Messianic,⁵⁴ Sabbath-keeping communities and families were targeted, hunted down, and killed or tortured to death by her representatives. Many Torah-observant Israelites and their families suffered the same, terrible demise. The atrocities endured by those multitudes which refused any kind of union or pact with the Harlot were many, cruel, and terrible. Yet the Harlot has never acknowledged and repented of these deeds.⁵⁵ When these atrocities begin once

⁵⁴ “Messianic” means: committed believers who followed יהושע the Messiah wherever He went; they kept the Torah commandments of יהודה and the testimony of יהושע. John 14:1, 15:10, Revelation 1:2,9, 12:17, 14:12
⁵⁵ Proverbs 30:20. For some thoughts on Pope John Paul’s “confession,” see:

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/nl000327.htm>

Editor’s Update
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The new pope has recently underscored the veracity of our statement regarding the Catholic Church never truly renouncing the holocaust of the Dark Ages. Version 1.0 of this present article was published/posted to the Internet just after 6/12/2005. Over two months later, during the week ending 8/20/2005, Pope Benedict XVI visited his homeland of Germany. In an attempt to “repair” Rome’s relationship with the Jews, he also visited a synagogue while in Germany. During this time, the pope stated the Jewish Holocaust of WWII was the darkest hour in history for both Europe and Germany! *Not so!* As bad as the Jewish Holocaust was, the Catholic massacre of over 100 million people throughout the Middle Ages was far worse! These centuries of murderous brutality were fueled by popery’s insane lust for power and religious dominance – a lust which was manifested by the church’s maniacal opposition to Protestantism. The recent statement, made by the new pope while in Germany, is solid evidence the RCC only wishes to cover the truth of its mass murders in the Dark Ages!

Not the Jewish Holocaust, but the reign of pontifical terror was, indisputably, the darkest hour (thus far) in European history!

more⁵⁶ – or more accurately, when they once again become overt – the world will see the Harlot has never changed and that she has never truly repented of false worship/idolatry and the murder and fornication which accompanies it.⁵⁷

Concerning the Mother’s daughters, we need not look very far: those many branches of the Protestant Church – which inevitably formed as more and more *dissenters* broke away from the Harlot – were so filled with hatred and/or arrogance that they, too, never escaped the cords of iniquity⁵⁸ which held their Mother. While protesting against the Catholic Church, these many, Protestant sects never completely forsook the lawlessness and paganism of their idolatrous Mother. Not only is Lutheranism credited with spreading the anti-Semitism which resulted in the Holocaust,⁵⁹ many other anti-Messianic, Jew-hating denominations have sprung forth from their Unclean Progenitor. Many warring nations and religious factions have come forth from the Mother of Harlots in the form of Protestantism. Their anti-Torah deeds of lawlessness show they are her harlot daughters as they oppose the immutable Law⁶⁰ and follow in the murderous footsteps of the Mother. Further, this Polluting, Religious System⁶¹ is also said to be the source of abominations, or

⁵⁶ Is there not a reason the former pope was promoting the “World Court?” From all appearances, the RCC leaders covet a worldwide, religious jurisdiction. In light of history, one cannot help but wonder: “Does the pope seek to ultimately become the world court’s judge and jury?” See the website just cited in the previous footnote as well as the following:

<http://www.cuttingedge.org/articles/RC141.htm>

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/nl000704.htm>

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/nl990406.htm>

<http://hnn.us/articles/3437.html>

⁵⁷ Revelation 9:20-21

⁵⁸ Proverbs 5:22

⁵⁹ See “The Jewish Virtual Library” at:

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/anti-semitism/lutheran1.html>

And,

http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/anti-semitism/Luther_on_Jews.html

This, of course, makes us very wary as we now see a German Pope. Based on Scripture, we anticipate an eventual repeat of the Catholic and German Holocausts as anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment mounts worldwide. Satan’s determination to destroy the people of the Most High has never changed. Psalm 83:1-8, Revelation 12:13-17

⁶⁰ Isaiah 24:5-6

⁶¹ Acts 15:20, Isaiah 65:3-5, 66:16-17

detestable deeds, in the earth.⁶² The many religions implicated above have long-preached the *acceptability* of numerous things which the Torah of יהוה declares to be *abominations* – detestable deeds which cause one to be abhorred in the Courts of Heaven.⁶³

Through the Law of יהוה, then, we may become more aware of the schemes of the Devil,⁶⁴ and we may learn those signs which accompany the harlot and her deeds of fornication. Whether that harlot is an *actual person* or a *system of beliefs*, she is filled with anger and hatred against יהוה and man.⁶⁵ This anger is the root cause of her adulterous, murderous, and unclean ways of fornication,⁶⁶

⁶² Revelation 17:5

⁶³ A major abomination largely accepted throughout Christendom has been the consumption of unclean animal flesh. Leviticus 20:25 Yet the Messiah clearly taught His followers the difference between clean and unclean meat. Ezekiel 22:26, 44:23-24, Matthew 7:6, 23:24 For irrefutable proof this was (and is) the case, see the book, “*Is All Meat Meet to Eat?*” Then we have the case of homosexuality: over the past 10-15 years, many Christian denominations have even begun preaching the “acceptability” of the gay “lifestyles.” Yet this is more uncleanness which יהוה holds in absolute abomination. Leviticus 20:13 Add this to the long-standing lawlessness already set forth through Catholic and Evangelical opposition to the Messiah’s Seventh Day Sabbath. Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28, Luke 6:5

⁶⁴ Psalm 119:98, 2Corinthians 2:11

⁶⁵ Contrast the spirit of wisdom which permeates and under girds all of the Torah: that spirit has its delight in the *well-being* of the sons of men. Proverbs 8:1-36 The wisdom of the Torah is actually contrasted in the *Proverbs* with the foolishness of the harlot, and it is one’s intimacy with wisdom and understanding which guards against the temptations of the whore. Proverbs 7:1-5

⁶⁶ Referring to the harlot, the Scriptures mention “*the unclean things of her fornication.*” Revelation 17:4, ASV This phrase is not only a reference to sexually transmitted diseases, but also refers to a continual, unclean issue of blood. We recall the woman who had an issue of blood for 12 years and could not be healed by the physicians. Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-28 Through the prophet Ezekiel, יהוה had long-since spoken of the judgment upon women who commit adultery and shed blood:

“*And I will judge you, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged,*” ... Ezekiel 16:38, 23:45

“*The unclean things of her fornication,*” then, indicate many things, physically. Yet this is not all: the “unclean things” certainly include improper emotions and attitudes – among which is the spirit of hatred and murder.

Further, the word of יהוה warns the harlot is hostess to the defiling presence of unclean demons. See Proverbs 9:13-18 and especially vs. 18.

while her unfaithfulness is a tell-tale sign of idolatry and false worship. In the harlot, then, we once more see the connection between anger/murder and adultery/fornication. As believers in the Messiah, we must not be in union with any system of false worship⁶⁷ which directs anger and opposition towards יהוה through enmity/hatred toward His Torah⁶⁸ or toward those who seek to observe it. The call of the Spirit to “Come out of her, My people,” has sounded down through the ages, and it is now a call to be separate unto יהוה and to serve Him in these final hours of the closing age.⁶⁹ May many hear that call and come forth.

More Evidence From Scripture: Direct Examples

• King Shaul. It is a lamentable thing to behold the exaltation and demise of King Shaul. Not one, but many acts of disobedience and absolute lawlessness led to his *complete* decline:

1. He failed to honor the command of יהוה to completely destroy the Amalekites.⁷⁰
2. In jealousy, Shaul tried to murder David (both before and after David became his son-in-law!).⁷¹

⁶⁷ So we make it clear we are not against any person or group of persons in any way, whether they are members of either the *Catholic* or the *Protestant* faith. The author has many friends and family members whose faith is based on attendance and support of these institutions. While these friends and family members will probably always support their individual, religious affiliation, they would all agree with me that the historical persecution and murder of religious dissidents was uncalled for and inexcusable. Hence, without apology, this writer stands opposed to the largely unrecognized, unacknowledged, and unpublicized Catholic Holocaust. Most of the world remains in continual protest over Hitler’s Holocaust, yet the holocaust created by the Catholic Church in the Dark Ages was exceedingly worse as it involved tens of millions of devoted Messianic believers, Yehudim/Jews, and their innocent children. Religious systems which have historically forsaken “the ancient paths” are leading others astray and must be cast forth in the light of day as the Most High will surely hold its leaders accountable for perpetrating paganism and for foisting false worship on such great multitudes of unwitting sheep. For more evidence that we are opposed to the **paganism** of false, religious systems, and not to the people themselves, see the article, “*The Sign, the Seal, and the Secret.*”

⁶⁸ Exodus 20:4-5, Romans 8:13

⁶⁹ Revelation 18:1-5

⁷⁰ 1Samuel 15:1-24. Verse 24 shows Shaul had the fear of man. Proverbs 29:25

⁷¹ 1Samuel 18:6-11, 17, 20-25, 19:1, 4-5, 9-16, 20:32-34, 22:7-15, 24:9-15

3. In the process of hunting down David, Shaul ordered Doeg, the Edomite, to murder the priests of יהוה. After murdering *eighty-five innocent priests* at Shaul's command, Doeg turned on Nobeh,⁷² the city of priests, and slew all the men, women, children, and animals.⁷³
4. He sought the honor of the people.⁷⁴
5. Shaul never sought the Presence of יהוה through the ark of the covenant.⁷⁵
6. He had ordered those with familiar spirits were to be destroyed from the land, and then he consulted with such a woman!⁷⁶
7. And to show just how akin are the spirit of murder and adultery, we consider Shaul's actions towards David: he first attempted to *murder* David (murdering many others in the process), and he later made his own daughter an *adulteress*. Shaul had already given Michal in *marriage* to David, but he later gave her to Phalti!⁷⁷ In our minds, making Michal an *adulteress* was easily one of the king's most severe sins.⁷⁸

It was a sad day when the judgment of יהוה fell on the house of Shaul, but all who study the evidence would agree: the king had reaped what he had sown. He tried to murder David, the anointed of יהוה, he murdered many innocent priests and their families, and he later

⁷² Translated, "Nob."

⁷³ 1Samuel 22:7-21. Interesting Shaul could do a more thorough job for himself than he did for יהוה against the Amalekites.

⁷⁴ 1Samuel 15:30. Contrast Galatians 1:10.

⁷⁵ 1Chronicles 13:3. We believe the ark was prophetic of יהושע the Messiah. David made quite a statement about Israel not seeking יהוה by the ark of the covenant in the days of King Shaul. Why was this? Shaul failed to honor יהוה and His Presence (in the ark) because he sought honor for himself. So it is today with those who exalt their names/ministries instead of giving the preeminence to יהושע in all things. Colossians 1:18 Those who exalt and honor themselves are also those who, in their lack of wisdom, fail and/or refuse to exalt and honor the Name of יהוה. Psalm 115:1, Malachi 1:6, Matthew 6:9, Micah 6:9

⁷⁶ 1Samuel 28:7-25, 15:22-23. In the process, Shaul took the Name of יהוה in vain violating the *Third Commandment*. 1Samuel 28:10, Exodus 20:7. See also Isaiah 8:19-20.

⁷⁷ 1Samuel 25:44

⁷⁸ Matthew 18:6-7

gave his daughter in a relationship which constituted open, outright adultery.⁷⁹ Once more, we have the spirit of anger leading not only to murder, but to adultery as well.

- King David. From all appearances, David failed to dwell in booths during Chag Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles. Instead, he was at ease in Tziyon⁸⁰ and fell prey to the appearance of Bathsheba. Even after learning she was the wife of another man, David sent to bring her to himself and committed adultery.⁸¹ Bathsheba became pregnant and, to cover his sin, David attempted to get Uriah to have relations with her.⁸² However, unlike David, Uriah refused to be at ease in Tziyon. Uriah stated all Israel was dwelling in sukkot (booths) and he refused to go down to his house and lie with his wife.⁸³ David then resorted to murder in an attempt to cover his tracks.⁸⁴

David's adultery and murder were rooted in jealousy: he coveted another man's wife for himself.⁸⁵ But is *anger* present in jealousy? The true proverb states this to be the case:

Wrath is cruel, and anger is a flood, but who is able to stand before jealousy?
Proverbs 27:4

While the anger associated with jealousy is, oftentimes, far less obvious, the proverb indicates jealousy can be much more dangerous than even anger or wrath. As harmful as anger and wrath can be, the Spirit of יהוה warns jealousy rooted in subtle forms of covetousness can have far worse results than either of the previous two. Solomon would have known: he wrote the proverb and was the son of King David through Bathsheba.

- Herodias forsook her husband to marry King Herod. We are not informed of the particulars, but King Herod was not only her partner in adultery, he was her brother-in-law. Yochanan, the Immerser, spoke out against this adulterous, unlawful union. The prophet's outspokenness may have troubled the king, but it evidently bothered Herodias far, far more. This woman –

⁷⁹ We also note David recovered *his wife* from Phalti at a later date. 2Samuel 3:12-16

⁸⁰ Amos 6:1

⁸¹ 2Samuel 11:3-5

⁸² 2Samuel 11:6-13

⁸³ 2Samuel 11:11. The ark, and Israel, and Yehudah were abiding in tents (in Hebrew, this word is "sukkot").

⁸⁴ 1Samuel 25:44

⁸⁵ 1Samuel 25:44

already possessing a spirit of harlotry – worked behind the scenes to have Yochanan murdered.⁸⁶ Once more, we see the spirit of murder acting in league with the spirit of harlotry. In this case, the harlot murdered the prophet who was speaking out against her unclean deeds.

The Evidence From Everyday Life

There are many examples from every day life which show the curse of adultery⁸⁷ most often falls upon those who are either: 1.) Given to anger, or 2.) Victims of anger.

Women

Young women angered with their fathers have historically turned aside in rebellion in a number of ways which violate the *Seventh Commandment*, or its principles:

Fornication: the daughter rebels under the father's authority and runs off with a man in rebellion against the parents' wishes.

Lesbianism: often due to an abusive father, the woman becomes emotionally scarred, totally shuns the male figure, and sinks to the depths of profligacy through a "relationship" with another woman.

Men

Homosexuality: I have encountered young men hurt by their fathers (typically due to the father's *anger* and *impatience*) and they had long-since been emotionally scarred and turned aside to homosexuality.

Fornication: in still other cases, the anger of an unloving father provoked the sons to wrath⁸⁸ and they turned aside to fornication. Once more, anger yields the fruit of adultery and sexual uncleanness.

Married Couples

In the case of couples already married: anger, bitterness, discontent, and ingratitude have cultivated many evil roots which eventually sprouted into deeds of immorality, unfaithfulness, and adultery. Couples must take care to exercise mutual love and respect at all times. Men must be humble enough to communicate with nurturing love and patience, and this is often possible only when a man has been broken before the Presence of יהוה.⁸⁹ The

⁸⁶ Matthew 14:1-11, Mark 6:16-28, Luke 3:16-20

⁸⁷ Or by extension, other forms of sexual uncleanness and perversion.

⁸⁸ Ephesians 6:4

⁸⁹ Isaiah 57:15, 66:1-2

world's definition of a "macho man" falls terribly short of the Heavenly standard for fathers and husbands.⁹⁰ The man whose heart is inclined to walk in "the ancient paths"⁹¹ of the Torah is the man who can faithfully teach his children the ways of the Most High. While completely unrecognized by the unbelieving world, and while largely unacknowledged by believers, it was a heart such as this which made Abraham a truly great man: an honorable father and a loving husband.⁹² Children learn by example, and being an exemplary father/mother is the highest of callings.⁹³

Abortion

There may only be one positive thing which can be said in regard to abortion/murder: if it does nothing else, it shows the true nature of irresponsible, sexual lust. Abortion is an undeniable manifestation of the connection between murder, adultery, fornication, and sexual lust. Those who worshipped the false deity, Molech, also caused their sons and daughters to be slain by burning them in the fire to this pagan deity.⁹⁴ So it is today among those who have bowed before the demons which are working overtime to incite murder/abortion on the heels of illicit, sexual lust. Once more, we have anger and fornication: the fornication which leads to pregnancy later leads to murder, or "abortion," as it is commonly called.

Conclusion

Looking back across some 35 plus years, the writer has had much personal experience surrounding those given to *unreasonable* anger and, in nearly every case, it is now quite evident there was a connection between anger and adultery: the extremely angry, "hot-heads"⁹⁵ had lives which were also marred with seasons of adultery, and/or fornication and sexual uncleanness. In still other cases, anger in one marriage partner drove the other to commit adulterous deeds. This is not to *excuse* the act of adultery in any way, but it is simply an observation, a confirmation, of that which the

⁹⁰ Psalm 1:1-3, 147:10-11, Proverbs 19:22, Jeremiah 17:7-8, Ephesians 5:25-33, 6:4, 1 Timothy 3:1-5, Titus 1:5-9

⁹¹ Jeremiah 6:16

⁹² Genesis 18:17-19, 26:4-5, Deuteronomy 5:29

⁹³ Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 6:6-7, 11:18-21

⁹⁴ Leviticus 18:21, 20:1-5, 1 Kings 11:7, 2 Kings 23:1-18, Jeremiah 32:35

⁹⁵ The American term for a person who is easily angered far beyond that which is reasonable.

Spirit has long-since revealed through the Word of יהוה in the original Hebrew:

*Adultery is the gift of anger ...
anger yields adultery.*

In the case of anger/murder and adultery, we have a rare case wherein the literal meaning of Hebrew words is confirmed by numerous Scriptures.

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We must not completely leave this discussion without considering the “other side” of anger. Anger, in itself, is not sin.⁹⁶ יהושע was the unblemished Lamb of יהוה. At times, יהושע became angry, but He was also without sin.⁹⁷ The Messiah teaches us that being angry *without cause* is the problem.⁹⁸ By extension, this would also apply to being angry in a manner which is not *proportional* to the offense: a violation of the principle of just weights and balances.⁹⁹ In this regard, the carnal person will almost always miss the mark.

יהושע was angered by the hardened hearts of blinded Israelites.¹⁰⁰ On still another occasion, He was indignant when it became necessary to cleanse the Palace/House of יהוה because the money-changers were robbing and oppressing the poor.¹⁰¹ None of these incidents displayed sinful anger; the Messiah was not wrong in any way at any time: no transgression was committed on these occasions. The problem today is that so many fail in their ability to execute justice because of their own carnal bent and/or because of the human inability to get the whole story. Unlike the Messiah, most today condemn themselves¹⁰² through judging by what their eyes see and making decisions by what their ears hear.¹⁰³

In our study, the rebuke is against uncontrolled and/or disproportionate anger.

⁹⁶ Ephesians 4:26-27

⁹⁷ John 1:19,36, 1Peter 1:18-19, 2:21-22

⁹⁸ Matthew 5:22

⁹⁹ Leviticus 19:36, Proverbs 11:1, 16:11, 20:23

¹⁰⁰ Mark 3:1-5

¹⁰¹ Matthew 21:12-14, Mark 11:15-18, John 2:13-17. On the first of these occasions, at least one brother has pointed out that it took some time for יהושע to make a whip of cords. He did not act irrationally; He spent time thinking through what He was about to do. James 1:19-20

¹⁰² Romans 2:1

¹⁰³ Proverbs 17:4, Isaiah 11:3-4, John 7:24. For more thoughts on this, see *The True Messiah Series: Study 1, The Blind Servant of יהוה*.

However, in its rightful place, anger can be a beneficial motivator for *positive change*.¹⁰⁴ On the flip side, though, anger apart from the Spirit of יהוה is easily among the most imbalanced, destructive, and hurtful forces in the Universe. This manuscript has not only detailed the numerous, scriptural warnings which connect anger/murder and adultery, it also confirms the close tie between the original, Hebrew words which refer to the two.

Our search for the true riches revealed in the Word of יהוה is never a search for knowledge alone: we must apply the truth of His Word¹⁰⁵ and cleave to His Presence¹⁰⁶ to become wiser than the Enemy of our souls.¹⁰⁷ The fruit which anger yields is not beneficial. יהושע magnified the Torah as He warned misplaced anger is that which leads to the act of murder. At other times, anger will produce the destructive fruit of adultery – an act which is driven by anger and jealousy and which is closely akin to the murder of those involved. יהוה likened David’s act of adultery with Bathsheba to the slaughtering of a ewe lamb.¹⁰⁸ Further, inordinate, misplaced anger towards יהוה and others will lead to spiritual adultery/idolatry even as James warned. We must further avoid systems of false worship, or spiritual harlotry, which the Spirit warns will most certainly defile and murder. Those systems of false worship oppose both יהוה and His Messiah;¹⁰⁹ they oppose His Law accounting it as cords and fetters of bondage;¹¹⁰ and they oppose His Kingdom and those who proclaim it.¹¹¹

There is certainly an antidote to anger: cultivating a heart of gratitude. Being truly thankful for even the smallest blessings in life is a great safeguard against complacency, bitterness, and anger. Being thankful and always rejoicing in יהוה (who changes not), will guard our hearts and minds.¹¹² We must also be submissive – submissive to the eternal,

¹⁰⁴ Mark 3:1-5. In this case we have a contrast between the righteous anger seen in the Messiah and the unrighteous, unwarranted, murderous anger seen in the Pharisees. Mark 5:6, Matthew 12:10-14, Luke 6:6-11

¹⁰⁵ Proverbs 2:1-5, 4:4-7, 22:17-21, 23:12

¹⁰⁶ Deuteronomy 4:3-4, 11:22-23, 13:4, 30:19-20,

Yehoshua 22:5

¹⁰⁷ Psalm 119:98, 111:10

¹⁰⁸ 2Samuel 12:1-6

¹⁰⁹ Psalm 2:1-2

¹¹⁰ Psalm 2:3, Jeremiah 5:5

¹¹¹ Revelation 18:24

¹¹² Isaiah 26:3

sovereign, and unstoppable will of a loving and all-wise Creator. Anger yields unfaithfulness of many sorts, while thanksgiving produces the fruit of peace and righteousness. This is why יהוה commands us to offer to Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving.¹¹³ It is simply more of the *immense, immeasurable* understanding given through His Torah; it is the great wisdom which will ever *protect us*¹¹⁴ from the spirit of anger and adultery.

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An Error in Some Previous Versions

In one or more of the previous versions of *this document* (v.1.5, or prior), an error was made. While we asserted Miriam/Mary of Magdala was a harlot from whom went seven demons, this cannot accurately be put forth as a *definitive* statement. While it is *true* that יהושע cast from her seven demons (Mark 16:9, Luke 8:1-2), some have tried to link her with the woman of Luke 7:36-50, or the woman of John 8:1-11. If this is done, however, it can only be presented as a *possibility*. While demons are part of the uncleanness which defile harlots (Proverbs 9:18), we cannot necessarily deduce Mary of Magdala was a harlot even though she had seven demons. We can only say it is a *possibility* she shares her identity with either of those two women. See the *Companion Bible* notes on Luke 8:2, page 1454.

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¹¹³ Deuteronomy 28:47-48, Psalm 50:14-15, 22-23, 69:30-31, 107:21-22, 116:17, Jonah 2:7-9, Colossians 4:2, Hebrews 13:5

¹¹⁴ Philipians 4:6-7, Colossians 2:7-8

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