

Why **יְהוָה** Yahuah (God) Turned Away From Israel?

יְהוָה Yahuah (God) was angry with Israel because they went after other gods.

They forsook **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) and served Baal (**The Lord**) and the Ashtaroth (**Easter**). 14 The anger of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) burned against Israel. **Judges 2:13-14**

For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel joined themselves to Baal (**The Lord**) of Peor, and **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) was angry against Israel. 4 **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), so that the fierce anger of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) may turn away from Israel." **Numbers 25:3**

If you violate the covenant of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) your Alahym (God), which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s anger will burn against you. **Joshua 23:16**

Because they have abandoned me and have offered incense to other gods, provoking me by every deed that they have performed, my anger is ablaze against this place and cannot be extinguished. **2 Chronicles 34:25**

The first commandment given to Israel was simple and clear: "You shall have no other gods before me" (see **Exodus 20.3**). But Israel was prone to idolatry and the worship of other gods. Their history, from the time they left Egypt until their destruction in 586 BC, is a litany of the pursuit of other gods. They built a golden calf (**Baal**) not long after leaving Egypt (see **Exodus 32**), worshipped the gods of the Canaanites when they entered the land of promise, and even their best kings allowed and fostered the worship of other gods (i.e., Solomon). They went after other gods because they did not trust **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) to provide for their needs, turning instead to fertility gods and to bless their fields and their families.

One of the most shocking statements of the prophets is found in the words of Jeremiah: "Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit" **Jeremiah 2.11**. Even though **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) brought them out of slavery in Egypt and delivered them into a land of blessing, they defiled that land by praising other gods for these blessings. They changed gods.

Yahuah (God) was angry with Israel because they neglected justice and mistreated the poor.

Instead of perfunctory worship, **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) wanted His people to embrace His heart and His commandments. And one way this would be expressed was in the holy

pursuit of justice.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. **Amos 5.23-24**

Over and over again, the prophets spoke the word of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** that Alahym (God) was angry with His people because they “trampled the head of the poor” (see **Amos 2.7**). The wealthy elite continued to increase in their wealth at the expense of the poor. The un-powerful poor found no justice in the courts of Israel where bribes and injustice ruled the day. The poor were oppressed so that the wealthy could lie on beds of ivory, enjoy their second homes, sing idle songs, drink plenty of wine, and eat gourmet meals (see **Amos 6.4-6**).

The prophet Amos gave two specific examples of how the rich mistreated the poor. They sold the needy for a pair of sandals (see **Amos 2.6**), most likely a reference to putting a poor person into debtor’s servitude over a debt as small as the cost of shoes. They also lay themselves down on garments taken in pledge (see **Amos 2.8**). The poor would often give their coats as security for a loan, but the Torah (Instruction/law) instructed the coat to be returned to the poor during the night for it was their only covering. But the rich in Amos’ day were not only keeping the garments over night, but they were laying down on them beside the altars to false gods. Two sins for the price of one, if you will.

Exodus 22:22-24 You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you want to make **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** mad, another sure method is to abuse the weak and helpless. See also **Mark 9:42**.

These are but few examples of the mistreatment of the poor, but we should not miss **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**’s heart for justice and His expectations that our greed for more does not come at the expense of another.

Yahuah (God) was angry, because they were stubborn and hardened their hearts towards יְהוָה (Yahuah)

Deuteronomy 9:13-14 Furthermore, **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** said to me, ‘I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people. Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.’ **Deuteronomy 9:13** to the end of the chapter, provides great examples of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**’s anger.

From this section we learn some things which make **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** angry, what he might do, and how a man who truly loves **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** can make a difference in the outcome of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**'s anger. **Deuteronomy 9** includes the infamous story of the golden calf. This is a story of idolatry (see also **Rev 14:10**) and rebellion. Verses 22 to 24 go on to provide a second example and it clearly states **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** became angry because of rebellion. The calf idol was explained as an example and these later verses state outright it was the rebellion making **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** so angry. It is one thing to make a mistake, even to argue with **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**, but wholly another when you take matters into your own hands in direct defiance of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**.

1 Kings 11:6-8 So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** and did not wholly follow **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**, as David his father had done. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

This is another example of direct defiance and idolatry against **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**. Solomon knew right from wrong and deliberately chose to do wrong. Following verses provide gory details of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**'s wrath against Solomon for his intentional erring. **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**'s retribution might not be sudden, but it is certain.

And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts... **Mark 3:5**

Yahuah (God) divorced Israel, because of her idolitrous ways

Jeremiah tells us about **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** divorced the House of Isreal. And Isaiah gives it a confirming side comment. This is followed up by Hosea's statement that Israel is "not my wife".

Jeremiah 3:8 divorce of Israel

Isaiah 50:1 mother's bill of divorcement

Hosea 2:2 Israel not my wife

Because of Israel's idolitrous ways **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** gave them a "Bill of Divorce."

יְהוָה Yahuah (God) was angry with Israel because they rejected His Torah (Instruction/law) and His Commandments.

The basic covenant between **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** and Israel was (1) worship and serve me alone, and (2) obey my commandments. Not only did Israel reject the first principle of the covenant, they rejected the second as well.

For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have rejected the Torah (Instruction/law) of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), and have not kept his statutes... **Amos 2.4**

Israel did not obey the Torah (Instruction/law) of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) on every level. They worshipped other gods. They rejected the Torah (Instruction/law) that taught them how to love their neighbor. They rejected the Torah (Instruction/law) that instructed them how to live in moral righteousness. They did what was right in their own eyes. Sounds like the church of today!

One of the amazing things about their rejection of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s commandments is that they continued to practice their religion while they were rejecting His commandments. They stood in the temple courts, offered their animals for sacrifice, and sang their songs. But their hearts had no intention of submitting to the ways of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) they were "worshipping." This is why **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) hated their worship and took no delight in their offerings (see **Isaiah 1.11**). He even called their presence in His temple the "trampling of my courts" (see **Isaiah 1.12**). He took no delight in their "solemn assemblies" and wanted "the noise" of their songs to be taken away (see **Amos 5.21-23**). Do you think he feels the same today?

The progression is obvious, is it not? The people turned from the One True Alahym (God), **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), they rejected His commandments, went after other gods, and would not listen to word (Scripture) of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). Acts of worship that are not in obedience are offensive to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah).

1Samuel 12:14,15 If you fear (revere, Honor) **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), serve and obey him and do not rebel against his Commandments

"All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) your Alahym (God), to keep his Commandments and his statutes that he Commanded you. **Deuteronomy 28:45**

Loving **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), means keeping his Commandments, and his Commandments are not burdensome. **1 John 5:3**

יְהוָה Yahuah (God) was angry because of their Ungodliness and Unrighteousness towards His Torah (Instruction/Law) and His Commandments

Romans 1:16-20, For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Hebrew first and also to the Gentile. For in it the righteousness of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." For the wrath of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

KJV Dictionary Definition: ungodliness/unrighteous

Ungodliness

UNGOD'LINESS, n. Impiety; wickedness; disregard of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** and his Commandments and neglect of his worship; or any positive act of disobedience or irreverence.

Unrighteous

UNRIGHTEOUS, a. unri'chus.

1. Not righteous; not just; not conformed in heart and life to the divine Torah (Instruction/law); evil; wicked; used of persons.
2. Unjust; contrary to Torah (Instruction/law) and equity; as an unrighteous decree or sentence.

KJV Dictionary Definition: righteous

righteous

RIGHTEOUS, a. ri'chus.

1. Just; accordant to the Divine Torah (Instruction/law). Applied to persons, it denotes one who is Kadosh (holy) in heart, and observant of the Divine Commandments in practice; as a righteous man. Applied to things, it denotes consonant to the divine will or to justice; as a righteous act. It is used chiefly in theology, and applied to **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**, to his testimonies and to his chosen.

Romans 1:21-23, For although they knew of **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**, they did not honor him as Alahym (God) or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal Alahym (God) for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Sounds a lot like todays Catholic/Christian Church!

Both the Tanakh (Old Testament) and B'rit Chadashah (The New Testament), agree, **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**'s chosen must honor His Set Apart Name, being cautious about the Name of the Alahym (God) we call upon, so we are not found with another Name upon our lips.

His word (Scripture) and the Hebrew Language both make it clear that The Lord translates as Baal and we are not to call **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** by this name, as this is one thing that made him Angry with Israel. We are not to worship Him under any other Name but his own, the one that he gave us to call him by.

Baal (The Lord) does not Transliterate or Translate from the Name **יְהוָה (Yahuah)**, but it does lead us back to the one that has been stealing his Name, Praise, Worship and Honor from his Chosen people. Instead this Praise, Worship and Honor is going to the one that declared he would be worshiped as the Most High, and His Name is Baalzebub (Ha Satan)!

יְהוָה (Yahuah) has Commanded us to honor his Commandments and Sabbaths, which lead us to Righteousness and Godliness, and are also his Mark and Sign that declare we are his Chosen people and he is our Alahym (God).

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear (revere, Honor) **יְהוָה (Yahuah)** and keep his Commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.
Ecclesiastes 12:13