

Deliverance From Demon Possession

Is it True or False

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The Christian church has for centuries believed and taught on exorcism for people that they say are **possessed** by demons. Today we have many so called deliverance ministries, and travelling ministers and priests from different denominations and religions, promoting these so called deliverance ministries, or as the Catholic church calls them, exorcisms.

Most people believe that these so called demons are part of the fallen angels, that were tossed out of heaven by Yahweh, and that they are the demons that are running around all over the earth, and possessing people.

What does Scripture tell us about these things:

Let's first look at the Hebraic Scriptures which are separated into three parts. In Hebrew it is called the TaNaKh and it is an acronym for the words, Torah, תּוֹרָה, Neviyiyim, נְבִיאִים, Prophets, and Ketuviym, כְּתוּבִים, the writings. The Torah, is the first five books of the Scriptures, the word Neviyiyim means, the Prophets which is self explanatory and the word Ketuviym, means the writings, which encompass all the other books of the Hebraic scriptures.

Let's begin with the Torah.

First of all let me establish the fact that the Scriptures teach us that we are spirit, soul and body and our spirit has two inclinations. In Hebrew they are called the Yetzer Harah and the Yetzer Tov, which means the evil inclination and the good inclination.

Now with that in mind let us search the Torah and see what it tells us about demon possession.

When Adam decided to taste of the fruit from Eve's (Chavah's) hand, do you think it was a demon that entered him and caused him to disobey Elohim and eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or did Adam make that decision on his own?

When Cain decided to kill his brother Able, do you think that it was a demon that possessed him, and caused him to strike and kill his brother Abel, or, did Cain do that from his own evil inclination?

Now what about Nebuchadnezzar, do you think that he was possessed by a demon or was it his own depraved mind, that caused him to act like a beast in the field for those seven years.

Yahweh tells us in His Scriptures, that He does not change, *Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17*

Therefore if there are no mentions of demons in the Torah, and Scripture makes it very clear, that the Father does **NOT** change, then maybe, you should consider that this kind of theology is **FALSE**.

Some will say what about the evil spirits, are they Not demons? Well let us look at what Scripture says.

In *Judges 9:23* Then Elohim **SENT an evil spirit** (יִשְׁלַח אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ רָעָה), YiShlach, and sent, Elohiym Ruach, a spirit, Ra'ah, which means evil, wickedness, **distress, misery, injury**, ill favoured, unappealing, does not please, **harm, hurt, wrong**, it also means, friend, companion, female friend, fellow woman, it means to pasture, tend, feed, graze, he or she led the flock, directed, guided, ruled, it means to think, have the intention, strive) *between Abimelek and the men of Shekem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: 24 That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.*

So it appears that it was not the spirit that was evil but that the spirit was sent to cause distress, misery, harm, hurt injury and cause mistrust between Abimelek and the men of Shekem.

1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the **Spirit** of Yahweh came upon David (תִּצְלַח רוּחַ יְהוָה אֶל-דָּוִד) TeTzalach, and came, Ruach, the spirit od, YHVH, El unto David, *from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of Yahweh departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Yahweh troubled him.*

בַּעַתְּמוּ בָּרוּחַ רָעָה מֵאֵת יְהוָה Batatum, is from the word, Ba'at, בעת, means, **to frighten, terrify, fright, terror, dismay**, Ruach, spirit, Ra'ah, which means evil, wickedness, **distress, misery, injury**, ill favoured, unappealing, does not please, **harm, hurt, wrong**, MeEt, is from the word, Et, , as a preposition, means, with, to bring about, in the direction of, toward, giving, at or to the side of, it is usually prefixed only to a noun, like, Et HaIsh, אֵת הָאִישׁ, which means, the man, it also means, a cutting instrument, and is usually rendered as ploughshare, and with different vowel points, we end up with the word At, אַתְּ, which is the personal pronoun, **you, thou**; the Aleph and Tav letters, are also, the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, and as such, **they represent Messiah**, whom Scripture says, **IS** the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, and Scripture makes it abundantly clear, that Messiah, **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, and since it is very obvious, that all the Words of the Torah, are made up of the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, from the letter Aleph to the letter Tav, that therefore means, that the whole Hebrew Alphabet, also represents, **the Tree of Life**, for it is the letters of the Hebrew AlephBet that form the words that created all things, the word, YHVH, is the Name Yahweh, Yahuwah, or Yehovah.

Here it says that the evil spirit came to frighten, terrify Shaul, and as you can see it caused him distress, misery and harm, which is what Yahweh wanted His messenger to do to Shaul, because of his rebellious disobedience.

15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from Elohim troubles youu.

הִנֵּה-נָא רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים רָעָה מִבְּעַתְּךָ Hineh, behold, Na, נָא, means, please, I pray, I beseech you, welcome, go to, now, then, and as an adjective, it means, raw, uncooked flesh, half done, it is related to the word Ana, אָנָּא, which means, ah, **now**, I or we beseech you, I or we pray, Ruach, spirit, Elohiym, Ra'ah, which means evil, wickedness, **distress, misery, injury**, ill favoured, unappealing,

does not please, **harm, hurt, wrong**, MeBa'iteka, is from the word, Ba'at, means, **to frighten, terrify, fright, terror, dismay**,

*16 Let our lord now command your servants, which are before you, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on a harp: and it shall come to pass, when the **evil spirit** from Elohim is upon you,*

וְהָיָה בְּהַיּוֹת עָלֶיךָ רוּחַ-אֱלֹהִים רָעָה, VaHayah, it shall come to pass, BeHyot, when, Aleyha, upon you, Ruach, spirit, of Elohiym Ra'ah, which means evil, wickedness, **distress, misery, injury**, ill favoured, unappealing, does not please, **harm, hurt, wrong**,

that he shall play with his hand, and you shall be well.

Here again it is obvious that the so called evil spirit, **IS NOT EVIL**, because, the spirit of Elohim came upon Shaul to cause him to be terrified, and feel distressed and miserable, because of his rebellious heart.

*1Samuel 16:23 And it came to pass, when the **spirit** from Elohim was upon Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the **evil spirit** departed from him.*

*1Samuel 18:10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the **evil spirit** from Elohim came upon Saul,* הָיָה בְּהַיּוֹת רוּחַ-אֱלֹהִים אֶל-שָׂאִיל, Hayah, And it came to pass, BeHyot, when, Ruach, spirit, of Elohiym El, is upon Shaul,

and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

Here, once again it is obvious that the so called evil spirit, **IS NOT EVIL**, because, the spirit of Elohim came upon Shaul to once again cause him to be terrified, and feel distressed and miserable, because of his rebellious heart.

*1Samuel 19:9 And the **evil spirit** from Yahweh was upon Saul,* וְרָעָה אֶל-שָׂאִיל, TeHiy, and was Ruach, spirit of Yahweh, Ra'ah which means evil, wickedness, **distress, misery, injury**, ill favoured, unappealing, does not please, **harm, hurt, wrong**, El, upon, Shaul,

as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but David slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If you David, do not save your life to night, to morrow you shall be slain.

It is important that we understand that when it says evil spirit or evil spirits in our english Scriptures, that that is not what is actually said in the Hebrew Scriptures, for it says, וְרָעָה אֶל-שָׂאִיל, VaThiy, which is from the word Hayah, and here, it is translated as, and was, the word, Ruach,

means, the spirit, the word, YHVH, is translated as, of Yahweh, the word, Ra'ah רָעָה, Ra'ah, which does mean, evil, wickedness, **distress, misery, injury**, ill favoured, unappealing, does not please, **harm, hurt, wrong**, it also means, friend, companion, female friend, fellow woman, it means, to pasture, tend, feed, graze, he or she led the flock, directed, guided, ruled, it means to think, have the intention, strive)

It certainly appears like the evil spirit spoken of here in these verses are actually spirits sent by Yahweh to do **HIS WILL** against these rebellious disobedient people like Shaul, by bringing, distress, misery, harm, hurt, injury upon them. Therefore it could be said that these so called evil spirits **are NOT evil spirits at all, but they are spirits that are simply carrying out Yahweh's will, His retribution upon these people that have rebelled against Him, and done evil things.**

1Kings 22:20 And Yahweh said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before Yahweh, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And Yahweh said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I WILL BE a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, you shall persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and Yahweh has spoken evil concerning you. 24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of Yahweh from me to speak unto you? 25 And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 26 And the king of Yisrael said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 27 And say, Thus says the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. 28 And Micaiah said, If you do return at all, in peace, then Yahweh has not spoken by me. And he said, Harken, O people, every one of you.

The same thing is repeated in *2Chronicles 18:22 Now therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these YOUR prophets, and Yahweh has spoken evil against you. 23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of Yahweh from me to speak unto you?*

Here in this incident, we are told that one spirit appeared before Yahweh, when Yahweh inquired as to who would go and persuade Ahab, that is to go to battle against Ramot Gilead so that he can fall in battle and die. The spirit that volunteered said, I will go and persuade Zedekiah, the son of Chenaanah to lie to Ahab, so that he does indeed go into battle and die. Therefore all the spirit that Yahweh sent, did, is strengthen the lying heart of Zedekiah, so that he would indeed lie to Ahab, and cause him to go into battle where he would lose his life. The spirit spoken of here **WAS NOT EVIL**, it was Zedekiah's heart that was evil, and the spirit that Yahweh sent, simply strengthened what was already on his heart, which was his propensity to Lie, to get his own way.

2Chronicles 33:3 For he Menasheh built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 Also he built altars IN the house of Yahweh, whereof Yahweh had said, In Jerusalem shall My Name be for ever. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two

courts of the house of Yahweh. 6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom (called Gehenna in the Apostolic Scriptures): **also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards:** he wrought much evil in the sight of Yahweh, to provoke Him to anger. 7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of Elohim, of which Elohim had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Yisrael, **will I put My Name for ever:** 8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Yisrael from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole Torah and the Statutes and the Ordinances by the hand of Mosheh. 9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom Yahweh had destroyed before the children of Yisrael.

Acts 19:11-20 And Elohim wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and **the evil spirits** that were troubling them, departed from them. 13 Then certain of the **vagabond Jews, exorcists,** took upon them to call over them which had **evil spirits the name of the aster Yeshua,** saying, We adjure you by Yeshua whom Paul preaches. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did this exorcist. 15 And the **evil spirit** answered and said, Yeshua I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man whom the evil spirit was troubling, leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Master Yeshua was magnified. 18 And many that believed, came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. 19 Many of them also which **did use curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men:** and they counted the price of them, and found it **fifty thousand pieces of silver.** 20 So mightily grew the word of Elohim and prevailed.

If these were indeed demons sent by satan, to deceive the people into believing satan and his lies, as most people believe they are, then, they did a very horrible job, because, it says, that because of what these **so called evil spirits did,** that the Word of Elohim **PREVAILED and GREW MIGHTILY.** Based on this stated outcome, that the Words of Elohim prevailed and grew mightily, it certainly seems like it was Yahweh that orchestrated all of this and **NOT** satan.

Luke 7:21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of **evil spirits;** and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

Evil, Strong's number G4190 **πονηρός**, Ponērós, pronounced, *pon-ay-ros*, it is from a derivative of G4192, and it means, hurtful, i.e. evil, in effect or influence, and thus differing from G2556, which refers rather to essential character, as well as from G4550, which indicates, degeneracy from original virtue; figuratively, **calamitous**; also passively, **ill, diseased**; but especially, morally culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious; mischief, malice, or guilt; masculine, the devil, or sinners; bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked, wickedness).

Spirit, Strong's number G4151 **πνεῦμα**, Pneûma, pronounced, *\pnyoo'-mah*, it is from G4154; and it means, a current of air, i.e. breath, or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, human, the rational soul, vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or superhuman, an angel, demon, or divine Elohim, Messiah's spirit, the Holy Spirit, life, spiritual, mind.

This tells us that these people were very ill, it was their thoughts that were filled with evil, but they were not possessed by evil spirits.

*Luke 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of Elohim: and the twelve were with him, 2 And certain women, who had been **healed of evil spirits and infirmities**, Mary called Magdalene, **out of whom went seven devils**, 3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance. 4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: then Messiah went on and told them the parable of the sower*

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Devils is Strong's number G1140 **δαίμόνιον**, daimónion, pronounced, dahee-mon'-ee-on, and in the Thayer's Greek Lexicon it says, to have a demon or being possessed by a demon is said of people that who either suffer from exceptionally sever diseases, either bodily or mental, such as paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity, etc. and they are people that act and or speak as though they were **mad, insane**.

*Here we are told that Mary called Magdalene had a mental disorder, but she was **NOT** possessed by a demon, she simply had a temporary mental collapse, our heavenly Father healed her of that mental illness through Messiah.*

For your information word Possessed with devils is found in:

*Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were **possessed with devils**, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*

*Matthew 8: 16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were **possessed with devils**: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:
Search the word curse or cursed and the word reward*

*Matthew 8:33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the **possessed of the devils**.*

*Matthew 9:32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man **possessed with a devil**. 33 And when the **devil was cast out**, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never*

so seen in Israel.

Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one **possessed with a devil**, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

Mark 1:32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were **possessed with devils**.

Mark 5:15 And they come to Yeshua, and see him that was **possessed with the devil**, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. 16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was **possessed with the devil**, and also concerning the swine. 17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. 18 And when He was come into the ship, he that had been **possessed with the devil** prayed him that he might be with him. 19 Howbeit Yeshua suffered him not, but said unto him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how great things the Master has done for you, and has had compassion on you. 20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Yeshua had done for him: and all men did marvel.

Luke 8:36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was **possessed of the devils was healed**. **If he were indeed possessed by a devil, then it would say that he was freed from being possessed but, instead it says, he was healed. Which means that he was healed from a mental illness.**

Acts 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were **possessed with them**: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Although the word possessed is in all these verses in the King James version of Scripture, it is **NOT** in the Greek text of these verses, it was inserted by the Catholic scribes, to deceive people into believing their false teaching, that people could be possessed by demons, so that the church could have power and control over all of their followers. However, in Acts 8, the word Possessed, is actually used, but it is from the Greek word, Echo, Strong's number G2192 ἔχω, échō, pronounced, ekh'-o, including an alternate form σκέω, schēō, pronounced, skheh'-o; it is used in certain tenses only, a primary verb; **to hold**, used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possession, **an ability, relation, or condition**, to be able, **accompany**, begin to amend, conceive, count, **diseased**, do, eat, enjoy, fear, following, have, hold, keep, lack, go to law, lie, must needs, of necessity, need, next, recover, reign, rest, return, sick, take for, tremble, uncircumcised, use.

Now let's go to 2Peter 1-41 **But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies**, (man made religious and or secular doctrines, inspired by satan) **even denying Messiah, who bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.** 2 **And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of TRUTH, the Torah (Psalm 119:142) shall be evil spoken of.** 3 **And through covetousness, they shall, with feigned words, make merchandise of you:**(lie and deceive you, with their false man

made religious and or secular doctrines, that they tell you are from Elohim *whose judgment now of a long time does **NOT** linger, and their damnation does **NOT** slumber. 4 For, if Elohim did **NOT** spare the angels that sinned, **BUT**, cast them down to **hell**, Tartaro, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

In this verse, the word, Hell, is translated from the Greek word, Tartaro: Strong's G5020 **ταρταρόω**, Tartarōō, pronounced, tar-tar-o'-o, from **Τάρταρος**, Tartaros, and we are told that it *is the deepest abyss of Hades*, to incarcerate in eternal torment, cast down to hell.

However the word **Hades**, is Strong's number G86 ᾍδης, Háidēs, pronounced, Hah'-dace, it is from G1492; properly, unseen, Hades, or the place, state of departed souls, *the grave*.

Now let's go to Jude, in verses 5-6 it says: *5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though you once knew this, how that Yahweh, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6 And the angels which did **NOT** keep their first estate, **BUT**, left their own habitation, He, Yahweh, has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the Judgment of the great day.*

This tells us that the fallen angels, the ones that most people believe are now demons that are running all over the place and causing havoc, are actually prisoners of Yahweh that He locked up in the pit, until Judgement day, which means, that they cannot be running around in the world, and possessing people.

*In Revelation 19: 16-21 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great Elohim; 18 That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the **beast**, and **the kings of the earth**, and **their armies**, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the **BEAST** was taken, and with him **THE FALSE PROPHET** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the **beast**, and them that worshipped his image. These **both** were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

This indicates to us that at the beginning of the Seventh Millennium, when Messiah returns as our conquering King, that the Beast and the False prophet will be sent to the lake of fire, where they will **DIE**.

Now let's look at what it says in Revelation 20:1-31 *And I saw an angel come down from heaven,*

having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

As you can see, the angel that is sent by Yahweh, comes down to earth with a chain and a key to the pit where we are told that the fallen angels are in, and he says to the devil, satan, put this chain on, and then, this lone angel, takes satan who is now chained up, to the pit, and he casts him, satan, into the pit for one thousand years, and we are told that after the one thousand years are complete, that satan must be released for a little season.

Well, let me ask you this, IF Yahweh went to all the trouble of killing, the Beast and the False Prophet, and placing satan in the pit, for a thousand years, don't you think that He would have dealt with these so called demons at that time, IF they were indeed running around all over the earth? **BUT** nothing is mentioned about these so called demons, and that my friends is **BECAUSE** they are already in the pit and held by Yahweh, in that pit, until Judgement Day.

One of the favourite verses that my Christian friends always bring up, is *Matthew 8:28-34 Verse 28 And when He was come to the **other side** into the country of the Gergesenes, there He met two people that were **possessed with devils**, coming out of the tombs, and they were exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, **What have we to do with You, Yeshua, You Son of Elohim? Are You come here to torment us before the time?***

This is exactly the same scenario that I spoke of in *verse 16*, and at the risk of repeating myself, the devil **CANNOT** possess people, he can only do what Yahweh allows him to do, and the precedent for what the devil is allowed to do is set in the book of Job, in *verses 1-6* where Yahweh says to satan, *behold, all that Job has, all his possessions, is in your power to do with what you want, only upon Job, you are **NOT TO PUT FORTH YOUR HAND***. This makes it absolutely clear that satan **CANNOT** even put his hand upon any of Yahweh's created children, much less possess them and get them to do what he wants.

*Verse 30 And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought Yeshua, saying, **If You cast us out**, suffer or allow us to go away **into** the herd of swine. Verse 32 And He said unto them, Go. And when they were **come out**, they went with the herd of swine: And, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.*

I know that I am once again repeating myself, **BUT** it is very important that we all understand that the devil or satan **CANNOT** possess any of Yahweh's children, therefore it is impossible for these so called devils to come out of something they were never in to begin with. When it comes to the pigs, it is very interesting to me, that it wasn't a flock of sheep or goats, or a herd of cattle that these so called evil spirits were asking to enter into. As you know, or should know, Scripture makes it very clear that the pig, or the swine, **IS NOT** food for us, according to Yahweh, therefore the people who have willingly and lovingly committed to obey the Torah of Yahweh, **DO NOT EAT PORK**, for Yahweh Himself has told us in *Leviticus 11* that the swine **IS NOT FOOD FOR US**, therefore, I find it very interesting that these so called evil spirits are **supposedly** entering the pigs, and that, at that very point, when they supposedly entered the pigs, the pigs display fear, which sends them into a

panic mode, and they stampede down the hill into the sea where they all die. I believe that because, pigs are used in this scenario, and not any kosher animals, that Messiah is revealing some hidden gem to us here, I believe that He be telling us, that **IF** anyone chooses to eat anything that Yahweh has designated, as **NOT** bring food for us, and especially the pig, where a person can easily get trichinosis from, which is a disease, that manifests itself in the form of a worm **THAT CAN AND DOES AFFECT** the human heart and the brain, so that the people who choose to eat Pork, may end up having troubled minds, such as these two people who were supposedly possessed by evil spirits.

We have to realize that it isn't evil spirits that possessed these people, it was mental illness, it is a similar scenario to what is talked about in *1 Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Holy Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from believing the Truth (the Torah, Psalm 119:142), and give heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;* 2 (we have to understand that these people **ARE NOT possessed by the devil**, they are simply **out of their minds**, or, they have made up their minds, to believe and follow what the devil teaches, and that **IS**, they believe that the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, have somehow been abolished and done away with in whole or in part, for according to Paul:

They speak lies in hypocrisy;

WHY?

Because their consciences have been seared with a hot iron;

Please understand, that **ALL** of this can, and will happen, to many people, because of their flagrant disobedience to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, which happen to also be, His Directives for everlasting Life, and, inevitably, this kind of continual disobedience to the Father's Torah of Life, will eventually lead all people who follow this path, onto their second death in the lake of fire on judgement day, because, they have rejected Yahweh's Righteous path, which **IS** the only that leads to everlasting Life, and that **IS**, the Words of His Torah. Why do you think that alcohol is called **SPIRITS**? It is because, when people consume a lot of alcohol **IT CHANGES THEIR SPIRIT**, and some people are docile drunks, but the majority of people are usually out of their minds, argumentative and even violent, and in this case, the **spirit** that they are possessed with, **IS** Alcohol, where, as in the case of these two men from *Gergesenes*, were affected or struck with **a mental illness**, which I believe they had, because they consumed pork products throughout their daily living. Therefore it should be very obvious, that Messiah, cured their mental illness, that was brought upon them, by their rebellious disobedience to the dietary laws implemented by Yahweh, when they, of their own accord, chose to eat what Yahweh said was not food for us. Once Messiah healed them, they went from being **out of their minds, to a sound mind**, just like Nebuchadnezzar came to his **right mind** after serving the sentence of acting like an animal that Yahweh had imposed upon him for his prideful acts. He wasn't possessed by demons, he was just being punished by Yahweh, for what he had done, and then, Yahweh restored him back to where he had all of his mental faculties working properly, and then Yahweh used him for His purposes.

One more thing, **IF** you have ever been around a herd or a flock of animals, you know that they sense when there is something around them that is not right, something that they believe, might do them harm, and they can quite easily panic and start stampeding, and their fear, will indeed cause them to do stupid things, like run over a cliff to their death, or run down a hill into the sea, and die, because

they are **NOT** good swimmers, and that is exactly what happened in this case, the pigs sensed that something was wrong, and they panicked and stampeded to their death.

Verse 33 And they that kept them fled,

The people that kept the herd of pigs as food for the people in the area, even though the Creator of the universe has quite clearly stipulated, that swine are **NOT** to be food for man, are confused and afraid, we are told that they fled from Messiah, they *went their way into the city, and told every thing, that was befallen to those who were daimonizomai, troubled by the devil.*

The Book of Matthew, is **NOT** the only book that uses the term **possessed** by the devil or devils, but no matter how often they use that term, **it is still a lie**, for it is Yahweh that is in charge of all things, and there is absolutely **NO WAY** that He would allow any created entity, such as satan, the devil or any other entity for that matter, to possess **ANY** of the people that He has formed, and that His word has dominion over.

Romans 7:1 Do you NOT KNOW, brethren, (for I speak to them that KNOW the Torah) how that the Torah has DOMINION over a man as long as he lives?

Now please, put this teaching down, for a moment, and go to your bathroom, look in the mirror, and ask yourself, am I alive, and **IF** you came to the conclusion, that, **YES** I am alive, then, that means that our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **HAS DOMINION OVER YOU**, and that, that Dominion over you, will continue **ALL the days of your life here on earth, AND**, this same Torah, is what will judge you on judgement day!

Verse 34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Yeshua: And when they saw Him, they besought Him that He would depart out of their coasts.

Now please understand the severity and the sadness of this statement. These people that raise pigs for a living, an animal that they eat on a regular basis, and sell to other people to eat, and since there was a great multitude of pigs, we can surmise that they too, the people of the city, were eating swine, which is something that is forbidden in the Torah of Yahweh, which means, that these people were **NOT walking in obedience** to the Commandments of Yahweh, which in turn means, that they did **NOT** recognize Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh as their potential Saviour, and therefore, they asked Him to leave. The implications of asking the Saviour of the world to leave your city, is just mind boggling to me, because, in essence, they are actually saying: we are **OK** with eternal damnation.

If Messiah came to the average Christian church or household today, and told them, that they were forbidden to eat pork chops, bacon, ham, shrimp, or any of the other categories found in *Leviticus 11* that Yahweh has designated as **NOT BEING FOOD FOR US**, would they, like these people of the city mentioned above, **ASK HIM TO LEAVE?** I know, what I think they would do, what about you?

Scripture, makes it very clear that Yahweh **IS JUST**, and that he would never punish someone for committing a Sin, that they had absolutely no control over, and **YET**, *Ezekiel 18:20: Says: The soul that Sins, it shall die.*

Now **IF** it were possible for a person to be possessed by a demon, as Christianity wants you to believe, and that person were caused by the demon who supposedly controls him, to commit a sin, but is not punished for it by Yahweh, because, it was the so called demon, that made him do it, and **NOT** the man himself, **THEN**, does that not mean, that Yahweh, is contravening His own Torah, that says the soul that **SINS, SHALL DIE?** Think on that until the next time we meet.

Now, **IF** after reading all of **THIS**, you still believe that there are demons running around, then, that is indeed your prerogative to do so, but, I believe that you are only deceiving yourself, and others, if you continue to believe **that false teaching**, a teaching that comes directly from satan himself.

We live in a world that according to Scripture, **IS** free from these so called demons, but, we are not free from evil, for as you can see, Scripture makes it very clear in *Jeremiah 17:9* that: *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

So if you want to see who the real demons are, then, just look in the mirror, for according to Yahweh, all human hearts have the propensity to be demon like, and the only way to get rid of that type of potential demonic behaviour, that is embedded in all human hearts, **IS**, by willingly and lovingly choosing to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and, committing to believe, follow and obey all the Words of His Torah of Life. Anything short of committing our lives to our heavenly Father, leaves everyone that chooses that way of life, vulnerable to having demon like tendencies, and unless they repent of those ways before they physically die, then they will be sent to join the Beast and the False prophet in the lake of fire on judgement day, and be extinguished for eternity.

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein