

Accuser of the Brethren!

Exodus 32:1. When the people saw that Moshe was taking a long time to come down from the mountain, they gathered around Aharon and said to him, "Get busy; and make us gods to go ahead of us; because this Moshe, the man that brought us up from the land of Egypt - we don't know what has become of him."

Adultery, Rebellion, and Gossip! Adonai had previously revealed His plan and will to Israel. The Ten Commandments had been given along with its accompanying commands/mitzvah's were clearly understood by "ALL THE PEOPLE" as they stated:

Exodus 19:8. All the people answered as one, "Everything ADONAI has said, we will do." Moshe reported the words of the people to ADONAI.

Yet here they are, a short time later committing adultery, grumbling (Gossip) and in open rebellion. People are exhibiting the spirit of rebellion and the Spirit of Religion! What they are saying is: Why don't I know what's happening! No one informed me! We don't know what's become of Him! Balderdash! They saw Moses go up onto the mountain! They saw the cloud and fire swirling around the mountain!

How many of have destroyed their own lives in such a manner as this? Marriages broken, families divided, careers ruined - all for the sake of being double minded in our hearts toward Adonai, because the answer didn't come the way we wanted it, didn't look like what we expected, or because of rebellion. Moshe took the golden calf, burned it, ground it into powder, then scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it. Then:

Exodus 32:26. "Moshe stood at the entrance to the camp and shouted, "Whoever is for ADONAI, come to me!". All the descendants of Levi rallied around him.

All the descendants of Levi rallied around Moshe whom he commanded to go among the people and kill those who had been unfaithful. Three thousand lost their lives that day. Afterwards, Moses went before Adonai and asked for forgiveness for those who were left. They are forgiven but there are consequences for their disobedience followed and a plague fell upon the people. This was a great tragedy in the camp that day as the Israelites were taught to be accountable and responsible for their choices, actions, and behavior. They needed to remember their vow before Adonai: "Everything ADONAI has said, we will do.". Life was never the same for those who had rebelled.

Many of us do not realize that when we disobey and then repent, there is forgiveness, but there are consequences to our decisions, like in case of David and Bathsheba. Even though David repented, they lost their firstborn son and the sword will never leave his house (II Samuel 12:1-19).

As believers we need be accountable and take responsibility for the words, oaths, and vows we make before Adonai, breaking them brings curses upon us. We need to understand the terms of the covenant we have made with Him to stop suffering plagues or curses as described in Deuteronomy 28.

Matthew 15:18-20. But what comes out of your mouth is actually coming from your heart, and that is what makes a person unclean. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come forth wicked thoughts, murder, adultery and other kinds of sexual immorality, theft, lies, slanders. . . . ²⁰ These are what really make a person unclean, but eating without doing n'tilat-yadayim does not make a person unclean."

The breaking of their marriage vow between Adonai and Israel is the spirit of the Anti-Messiah, the accuser of the brethren. This would happen again, and again, and again, as the grumblers in the camp will continually bring false accusations against Moses and Aaron: That he led them to the desert to die, that he thought they were better than them etc... The leader hears the Lord and leads, someone in the camp says No, I hear it this way-Thus sayeth the Lord. Rebellion, grumbling, gossip, and slander! We've had quite a bit of this within CZS in the last several years. They are called the Accuser of the brethren! In the end days they will one day be cast down!

Revelation 12:10. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have come God's victory, power and kingship, and the authority of his Messiah; because the Accuser of our brothers, who accuses them day and night before God, has been thrown out!

There will be an actual point in time when the victory, power, and kingship of Adonai, as well as the authority of Messiah, will be manifested in the earth. While we wait patiently for the end days and the return of Yeshua we don't have to wait for the accuser to be thrown out! This reality can be possessed now, any time a people, or a Kehillat becomes determined with intentionality to walk free of criticism, faultfinding, gossip, slander, and turn their attention and actions toward love and prayer for each other. There are God ordained procedures to initiate these actions within a congregation to overcome the Anti-Messiah spirit. These corrections should be done according to:

Galatians 6:1-3. Brothers, suppose someone is caught doing something wrong. You who have the Spirit should set him right, but in a spirit of humility, keeping an eye on yourselves so that you won't be tempted too. ² Bear one another's burdens - in this way you will be fulfilling the Torah's true meaning, which the Messiah upholds. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is really nothing, he is fooling himself.

This idea can be illustrated of bearing one another's burdens with the picture of a man staggering beneath a heavy load of grain. He must somehow get this grain home to his family, but he is about to crumble beneath its weight. A brother sees his distress and rushes to his aid, lifting a part of the burden and thereby easing the weight of it. Although the supportive one does not assume the whole load, his help allows the struggling one to carry on to his destination.

We are each responsible before God for the gifts and resources He has entrusted us with. We cannot blame others, shift responsibility, or make excuses about why we were unfaithful with the assignments we've been given. As part of the family of God, we are to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in need.

Our motive should not be to destroy, but to restore! Accusations against an elder or leader, though, should not even be received except on the basis of two or three actual witnesses, not something passed along in Gossip. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is really nothing, he is fooling himself.

I Timothy 5:19. Never listen to any accusation against a leader unless it is supported by two or three witnesses.

The "witnesses" spoken of here are eyewitnesses, not the intuition witness (based on what one feels to be true without facts or conscious reasoning) or a feeling someone receives apart from hard and visible facts. All too often, these intuition witnesses are sent by HaSatan to destroy the shalom and harmony of a Congregation with rumors and gossip to tear down leaders. This is the same spirit that affected the children of Israel when the Golden calf was built! The enemy attempted to destroy the entire Kehillat of Israel through false accusations which according to Torah is a sin:

Exodus 20:16. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

When justice, righteousness, honor, and holiness are ignored in dealing with any situation, no matter what it is, the door or window is opened to allow the enemy in! Evidence that the "accuser of the brethren" is present is when fault-finding,

fleshly criticisms, and judging, slander, and character assassination are assaulting the body.

Where these sins are present the Ruach HaKodesh is restricted, spiritual power is minimal, and spiritual authority is crippled. This occurs through those who refuse to submit to authority, are always critical, always finding fault, opposing the leader, and many times refusing to submit to the body. These are serious dangers to a Kehillat that requires the entire body to intercede and help! Wolves in sheep's clothing, the clothing hiding their sin and immorality which is accompanied with a haughty Spirit of Religion in which the accuser will place themselves above the tenants of the Congregation and its leader, while judging and accusing of fault.

Matthew 18:15-17. "Moreover, if your brother commits a sin against you, go and show him his fault -- but privately, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. ¹⁶ If he doesn't listen, take one or two others with you so that every accusation can be supported by the testimony of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to hear them, tell the congregation; and if he refuses to listen even to the congregation, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax-collector.

We've dealt with this so many times over the last 25 years! If Congregates stop attending and we haven't brought them before the body to pray over them and release them, they've left because there is an issue issues or open involvement in sin. They'll continue to stalk congregates by trolling social media or seeking fellowship. Yeshua said: "treat him as you would a pagan or a tax-collector". Which means having nothing to do with them.

I Corinthians 5:13. God will judge those who are outside. Just expel the evildoer from among yourselves.

Those who do this behavior are wolves in sheep's clothing; they come from among us and seek to divide and destroy. Yeshua warned us about them and revealed what will happen to them in:

Matthew 7:15-21. "Beware of the false prophets! They come to you wearing sheep's clothing, but underneath they are hungry wolves! ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruit. Can people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every healthy tree produces good fruit, but a poor tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, or a poor tree good fruit. ¹⁹ Any tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire! ²⁰ So you will recognize them by their fruit. ²¹ "Not everyone

who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, only those who do what my Father in heaven wants.

Their fruit is bad and they seek to destroy the congregation, especially Messianic Congregations. The enemy vehemently does not want Jewish revival! They will be cut down and thrown into the fire! And as verse 21 reveales, it keeps them from heaven. HaSatan will oppose us in any way possible but the easiest way for him is from within the body as Sha'ul also warned in:

Acts 20:28-30. "Watch out for yourselves, and for all the flock in which the Ruach HaKodesh has placed you as leaders, to shepherd God's Messianic community, which he won for himself at the cost of his own Son's blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you; and they won't spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from among your own number, men will arise and teach perversions of the truth, in order to drag away the talmidim after themselves.

This is why Yeshua told us to stay away from them, this is why I'm so staunchly opposed to congregates fellowshipping with ex congregates who have left here in undesirable circumstances! Their desire is: "to drag away the talmidim after themselves." **Those whom I speak to about this aren't aware of this critical danger. It's never innocent, they always have an agenda that is not of God.**

John 6:70-71 (TLV). Yeshua answered them, "Didn't I choose you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is the adversary (**Diablos: Devil, Accuser, adversary, slanderer!**)!" ⁷¹ Now He was speaking of Judah, the son of Simon of Kriot—for he, one of the Twelve, was about to betray Him.

Verse 70 is very curious. What was Yeshua actually saying? Was Judas a minion of HaSatan, was Judas physically HaSatan? The term Diablos-Devel used here in verse 70. Yeshua's wording here is quit a revelation. Diablo is someone who is malicious, slanderous, or wicked, someone who is like the devil: a false accuser, an adversary!

How did Judas get to this point of betrayal? Webster's states that betrayal is to lead astray; seduce, 2: to deliver to an enemy by treachery, 3: to fail or desert especially in time of need. Betrayal doesn't occur overnight. Betrayal is the result of unresolved anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, offence, disappointment, and the whisperings of the enemy in your ear. Remember Moshes sister and brother? Is Moshe the only one who hears God. This is a foundational attribute of the spirit of Jezebel and Leviathan.

When we lose sight of the many things for which we should be thankful, we become murmurers and complainers darkened by unholy thoughts that make you more like Judas than Yeshua.

We must be wise and use wisdom in all that we say and do. People spend hours on prophetic words, dreams, visions and personal words, in many cases it's often given from the flesh and not from the throne room. Every "Thus Says the Lord" "or "the Lord Told Me" must be confirmed in scripture and will not have you act or behave contrary to His word. God does not cause division, he's not double minded, and He's not interested in Religion. These terms are far too often misused within the body of believers. Every word is to be tested because the gift is more than capable of being used by the enemy in limited capacity:

James 5:9. Don't grumble against one another, brothers, so that you won't come under condemnation - look! the Judge is standing at the door!

There is currently an increased attack of discontent, criticism and outright slander coming against many ministries including here. The real issue is that Adonai has not called anyone to criticize and accuse the brethren! HaSatan wants to destroy ministries; God wants to purify and transform. We must choose to stand with the Adonai, even praying for the critics and accusers as well. Scripture teaches believers to avoid criticizing and accusing others, emphasizing the importance of love, forgiveness, and grace. Yeshua warned us in:

Matthew 7:1-2. "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. ² For the way you judge others is how you will be judged -- the measure with which you measure out will be used to measure to you.

This underscores the understanding that criticism can usurp God's role as the ultimate judge and lawgiver. Criticism, when not exercised with discernment and love, poses a significant spiritual danger as outlined in Torah.

James 4:11-12. Brothers, stop speaking against each other! Whoever speaks against a brother or judges a brother is speaking against Torah and judging Torah. And if you judge Torah, you are not a doer of what Torah says, but a judge. ¹² There is but one Giver of Torah; he is also the Judge, with the power to deliver and to destroy. Who do you think you are, judging your fellow human being?

Speaking against biblically appointed leaders causes division, undermining their authority, and causes grumbling and murmuring among the people. Instead, we

are called to honor and pray for our leaders, trusting that God guides and works through them. We have one more powerful example of an accuser in:

Numbers 16:1-3 (TLV). Now Korah, son of Izhar son of Kohath son of Levi, and sons of Reuben—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—² rose up against Moses and took 250 men from Bnei-Yisrael, men of renown who had been appointed to the council.³ They assembled against Moses and Aaron. They said to them, “You’ve gone too far! All the community is holy—all of them—and Adonai is with them! Then why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of Adonai?”

Korach of the Tribe of Levi, of K'hat was an ambitious, talented, self-confident, Type A individual who felt that the community did not appreciate his talents and abilities. He clearly believed that he'd been slighted by his assigned position of Levitical duty. Moses had (as Numbers 3:30 records) appointed Elizaphan the son of Uzziel as prince of the Kohathites (one of the four clans of Levites), and Korah was (as Exodus 6:21 records) son of Uzziel's older brother Izhar, and thus had a claim to leadership prior to Elizaphan. Because Moses appointed the son of Korah's father's youngest brother, Uzziel, the leader, to be greater than Korah, Korah decided to rebel against Moses and question both Moses and Aaron's leadership

This REALLY grated on Korach! Pride, dissatisfaction, and arrogance are extremely powerful behaviors that often lead us along paths we would never travel! Clearly, Korach and his followers were angry with Moshe, Aharon, and with God. We must be careful to not be dissatisfied, disgruntled, to murmur, grumble, or complain or be unsatisfied with what God has given us as it spreads like cancer. We've experienced this right here at CZS many times. Like Korach we've had those who believe their entitled, that they deserve status, position, then become angry and disgruntled if they don't get it. It's normally followed by their departure from CZS with self-given labels of victims, when in reality, it was their misguided motives and agendas.

Psalm 105:15 states “Don't touch my anointed ones” is also found in I Chronicles 16:22, refers to God's chosen individuals, leaders or prophets, who are anointed leaders in their divine appointment. This command emphasizes the divine protection of these individuals, warning against harming or criticizing them, as they are representatives of God's divine will.

This scenario emphasizes the importance of humility, intercession, and the consequences of the sin of accusing their brothers. The verses serve as a warning

about the gravity of rebellious disobedience and the need to align oneself with God's will.

Numbers 16:19-22 (TLV). When Korah and all his following had assembled in opposition to them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, then the glory of Adonai appeared to the entire assembly.²⁰ Then Adonai spoke to Moses and Aaron saying, ²¹ "Separate yourselves from among this assembly, so that I may consume them at once!" ²² But they fell on their faces and cried out, "O God, God of the spirits of all flesh, if one man sins, will you be angry with the entire community?"

The verse emphasizes God's wrath and punishment against those who rebel or go against His ways. It serves as a warning about the consequences of disobedience and the importance of aligning oneself with God's will. The idea of being separated from the wicked to avoid destruction highlights the significance of making deliberate choices regarding the company we keep and the values we uphold. An individual can safeguard themselves from the negative outcomes that come from following a path of rebellion by separating oneself from unrighteousness (as I previously stated).

This verse prompts us to reflect on the potential consequences of our actions and attitudes towards God's teachings. It presents a powerful message about the need to stand firm in our faith and make choices that honor our beliefs. We can strive to lead a life that is pleasing to God and avoid the pitfalls that come with disobedience by acknowledging the importance of separating ourselves from wickedness. Let this verse serve as a reminder of the importance of staying true to our faith and seeking righteousness in all aspects of our lives.

We've dealt with this innumerable times in the last almost 26 years. Of the dozens who've been an accuser of the brethren, we've had only one, just one repent and it was just last year after watching our 25th anniversary video. I want to share:

Dear Eric & Barb,

I cannot believe we met over 25 years ago!!! Watching the 25th anniversary was a joy to look back at the first years! To see all the faithful plowing and sowing and fruit of the labors over the vision the Lord entrusted to you both. The creative blossoming of Barb with leading the dance-creative. Maturing the professional form and costuming to something unique and truly glorifying the Lord. Making it also less difficult so those who are awkward could join the worship circle with confidence. But also, more complex dances for those who need and can handle

the challenges for the costumed team. Costumes that were always creative, lovely and modest. Lol HaKavod (congratulations-well done) Barb. Abba is well pleased I'm certain.

Eric your determination to take the blows, be the one who had our backs, watch over your sheep- some through difficult times. Needing Solomon type wisdom and courage to root out blatant rebellion and powerfully in the Spirit bring down enemy strongholds. Truly a leader example to the other men to pick their sword and be warriors too.

Holding tight to The One New Man vision- in which you were a forerunner. Successfully modeling that in a wide variety of ways and people groups. All the while with great joy and lots of fun in the mix. It was such blessing to see all the first year activities that we sooo' enjoyed. Thank you for the memories with a great group of armor bearers - and teaching us what that meant.

Having said all that, and I could say a lot more, I am actually writing to ask forgiveness. Someplace along the way I held a hurt. Became quite disrespectful of your position over us and very arrogant. Being opinionated and not following what I knew the Word says to do.... talk to each other! Not about each other-especially leaders. Forgive me please for sowing tares of gossip and discontent. Only Abba knows the fruit of that seed... but it definitely opened you up for more enemy attack.

I allowed the enemy to win. I can't blame him actually... it was my choice. Please forgive me for accepting that wound and causing more disrespectful behavior and division. Bottom line, I am writing to ask your forgiveness for being proud, arrogant and divisive. I truly love you both. I admire your faithfulness to the mantle Abba laid on your shoulders which you have fought so much for, to bear much fruit for the Kingdom. Sending love

This person died several weeks after sending me this! They made it to heaven.

You see, we will always attend congregations that are imperfect, there will always be something is wrong. Our response to what we see and experience defines how Messiah like we are actually becoming. If we see weakness in the body, our call is to supply strength. Where we see sin, our response is to exemplify virtue. When we discover fear, we must impart courage; and where there is worldliness, we must display holiness. Our assignment is to enter the place of need and stand there until the body of messiah is built up in that area. Not to criticize and accuse the brethren.

Romans 8:33 (TLV). Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.