

The Power of Divine Protection

Exodus 23:20-25 KJV

20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an **enemy** unto thine **enemies**, and an **adversary** unto thine **adversaries**.

23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Introduction: The Historical Context of this Biblical Narrative: Israel, /God's /Chosen People.

Correct biblical interpretation is the key to divine revelation and intention. FAITHFULNESS, FELLOWSHIP, FEAST AND FIRST-FRUIT.

Who and What are Our Enemies and Adversaries? In the Hebrew contextual interpretation, the word enemy means to be hostile towards someone. It also means an emotional attitude towards someone with strong antagonism and opposition. It could reference a personal enemy or a national or military foe, one who hates and despise you.

Biblical Usage: Used frequently in the Old Testament to describe:

- Military enemies of Israel
- Personal enemies
- Those who hate God's people

Example: Exodus 15:6-7

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

“Adversary / Enemy / Oppressor”

Hebrew Transliteration: tsar “to bind, restrict, afflict”

- Adversary

- Oppressor
- One who brings distress
- Troubler

This word often emphasizes pressure, affliction, or oppression rather than simple hatred.

Biblical Example: Psalm 23:5 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies

This carries the idea of someone who causes distress or persecution.

(Satan) — “Adversary / Accuser”

Hebrew: Transliteration: satan

Meaning: Adversary, opponent, accuser

This word can also refer to:

- A human adversary
- An angelic adversary
- The specific being known as Satan

In Hebrew, satan does not originally mean a proper name, it means “one who opposes or accuses.”

Biblical Example (human adversary):

- **1 Kings 11:14** The LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon.

Biblical Example (spiritual adversary):

- **Job 1:6** — “satan” (the adversary) appears before God. Satan came also.

We as believers in Christ Jesus and followers of God, are subject to: **Struggles, Setbacks, and Sufferings.**

Psalms 34:19 Many **are** the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

The Protection Doctrine of God

Let me be very clear in this because a doctrine is not just a teaching, it is an established law and truth that can not be overridden. So herein lies not only our covering, but some clarity regarding this protective covering, covenant and custodial care.

1. It's Divinely Promising - He Guarantees it.

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Michael The Archangel: Who is like God

Daniel 10:13, 12:1

Jude 1:9

Revelation 12:7

He is the chief warrior angel and spiritual defender.

- **His role is Protector of who and what belongs to God.**
- **He leads heaven's army against satanic, as in Revelation 12:7**

2. It's Divinely Purposeful and Personal - His interest is the initiative.

....and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

3. It's Divinely Powerful - He has the capacity to do it.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

4. It's Divinely Preferential: He stands by and stands up for those who belong to Him and who obey Him

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then **I will be an enemy** unto thine **enemies**, and an **adversary** unto thine **adversaries**.

He will punish our enemies without pause!!

5. It's Divinely Predictable - We can expect Him to get us to where God wants us to be without interruption or prevention.

23 For **mine Angel** shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: **and I will cut them off.**

6. It Divinely Pays Off with Great Praise and Provisions

25 And ye shall serve the **LORD** your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

You Won't Be Hungry, Thirsty nor Sickly

Obedience to God is the Key to Eternal Victory and Wholeness

Book of Revelation (**specifically Revelation 21:4**) promises a future, restored creation where death, sorrow, crying, and pain—which include sickness—will no longer exist. This passage declares that the "former things" (earthly suffering and decay) have passed away, as God establishes a new heaven and earth free from the effects of sin.

- **Revelation 21:4**: Explicitly states "Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away".
- **Removal of the Curse**: This promise signifies the reversal of the curse of sin and the end of all human suffering.
- **Healing of Nations: Revelation 22:2** describes the tree of life, whose leaves are for the "healing of the nations" which symbolizes a state of perfect health and harmony in the New Jerusalem.
- **God's Presence**: The absence of sickness is linked to God dwelling directly with humanity, removing the causes of pain. This passage is viewed as a promise of hope for believers, assuring them that present, temporary sufferings will be replaced by a permanent, perfect existence.