

THE SECRET PLAN OF HASATAN

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HaSatan has a plan. His plan is devious. He, a perpetual liar, intends to share the truth, but in such a manner that it is completely unpalatable to the masses. He is not omniscient, but he knows some of God's plans for the last days. He can read in Scripture that God intends to establish unity between Yosef and Yehuda to usher in the Messianic kingdom.

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He actually thinks that he can thwart that plan, just as he thought he could tempt Messiah at the start of His ministry. HaSatan is an antagonist and will fight it to the end. HaSatan believes the most effective way to fight a work of God is to preempt it — that is, come in before and do it wrong.

It takes years to overcome a wrong introduction. So, the best way to derail the Hebrew Roots Movement is to take the right teaching and pervert it.

This could be done by causing the presenter to appear so offensive or so unscholarly that the message will not be heard.

Please consider the following examples and decide if it is the unifying message of YHWH or the destructive stirring up of the believers by HaSatan.

The Prophet walked into the room—I call him a prophet because he called himself a prophet. His name was Eddie. He had not been appointed as prophet by anyone, but he bragged that he had been kicked out of every church he had attended because they did not want to hear the truth. Too often, when someone makes claims like this, he is preparing his next group for what is coming.

Eddie frequented the local Christian Coffee shop where I heard him speak loudly to whomever would listen about the new Church he had found. This assembly was Beit Meshiach. Eddie explained, "They meet on Friday nights to keep the Sabbath and they really study the Bible."

Jonathan was the leader of Beit Meshiach and that meant that when he walked into the coffee shop, Eddie wanted to introduce him to all his friends. While such accolades might make a person feel special, at the time Jonathan had a nagging feeling that Beit Meshiach would be the next congregation to be described as, "not been willing to hear the truth."

The Prophet took a seat across the room from Jonathan this Friday evening. It seemed to be Beit Meshiach's night. During the week, Jonathan had heard that some of the more evangelical members in the congregation had been spreading around the usual literature concerning the Sabbath, the feasts and Torah.

While Eddie was enjoying the studies in their meetings, he had only been with them three months and all of this was new to him. In one of these articles, the author made some negative comments about people who teach that the Torah no longer applied to God's people, inferring

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that salvation came through the law. It is not certain this actually represented the view of the writer, but Eddie thought it did. Even if it did, it did not represent Jonathan's view and probably not any in the congregation.

People new to Torah observance often mistake an affirmative statement concerning the law to be a declaration concerning salvation. It seems they interpret any positive legal statement as salvation based on works.

Jonathan had received a call earlier in the week from Eddie informing him that Deborah was passing around trash and that he needed to put an end to it. Jonathan explained, "We do not handle things that way in our congregation. People must be free to explore and discover truth for themselves. If I squelch the search, I will harm their ability to hear from God."

Jonathan saw himself as a guide, not a dictator who clamped down on false doctrine. Instead he thought he should be well-trained to expose the flaw in a false belief. Eddie, considering himself to be a prophet thought he spoke for God. Jonathan's benevolent attitude toward the flock was very new to Eddie. Describing the situation to me, Jonathan said, "Eddie listened, but did he hear?"

He had a feeling that this night would prove he didn't.

Eddie looked very prophetly as he sat across the room with a scowl on his face. You know the look; one where anger seems to exude from his nostrils, arrogance in his brows and condemnation in his eyes. His posturing portrayed pompous superiority as though he were the king of an empire and everyone before him were his inferior subjects. He didn't sing much in the Praise and Worship service. He just sat there glaring.

After worship came — silence. The joyous singing and dancing had finished and people were getting settled, awaiting the evening study leader to take his place. The Prophet saw an opportunity. I'm sure in Prophet circles this is called a move of the Spirit.

Interrupting the silence, Eddie began to speak, "To those who have trampled on the grace of our dear Savior and Lord, Yeshua HaMeshiah, and have counted His sacrifice of no value; to those hypocritical arrogant law-keepers who think they can perfectly keep the law and gain entry into heaven by so doing; to those who are again returning to the weak and beggarly elements of this world; to the pompous fools who demand we do Jewish practices like the condemned judaizers of old, who place themselves as rulers over us, let it be known that God loathes your actions. He will swallow up your pride and arrogance and spit your bones into hell where you will burn forever. The Lord is God and He has judged you. Flee into the mountains and call upon the rocks to fall upon you so that you can end your punishment. But, hell will consume you forever, for what you have done is vile in God's eyes."

Jonathan knew he had to stop this. First of all, it was a total misunderstanding of the document that was being shared and if Deborah was in some way getting a bit overzealous for the law, this was no way to bring her and her friends back to centrality. This certainly was not conducive to good biblical discussion. He couldn't find any possible positive outcome from this tirade.

Jonathan interrupted Eddie stating that he thought Eddie was a bit arrogant in his statements and that he didn't understand what he was talking about. Unfortunately, you cannot tell a

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Prophet he doesn't know what he is talking about since he believes he is speaking for God Almighty and God Almighty knows everything. If your theology deems that you are always right then name-calling, misunderstanding of one another, false accusations and proclamations of eternal damnation are all excused in the name of speaking for God. In fact, the prophet speaks for God and God is just revealing the true heart of the people involved. We would be wasting our time trying to discern if it is true since the Prophet speaks for Him.

Now that is a hard paradigm to correct.

You know the outcome of the evening. The Prophet left whining about how we wouldn't listen to God and how offended he was that Jonathan had publicly humiliated him. The people who were being addressed took it personally and left the fellowship never to return. A visitor ran out during the tirade and of course never showed up again. All of this rebuking is justified by the prophet who has full confidence that he has the proper understanding and anyone who sees things differently is deceived and contemptible.

I want to clarify. Nothing in this discussion should be taken as me being opposed to the use of spiritual gifts. I believe the Spirit of God can give a person an unpopular word for His people. I just doubt that everybody who claims these gifts actually possesses them. 1 John 4:1 indicates that we need to test spirits and that some may not be from the Holy Spirit. I think the evidence of such a gift would be that it reaches the intended audience in an effective manner. If it is destructive, it is reasonable to question its origin. If it exposes pride and arrogance in the one using the gift or is demeaning the people to whom it is addressed, it comes under suspicion in my thinking.

HaSatan is the destroyer. We should use caution in receiving words claiming to be from God, but are fashioned in such a manner as to divide people against one another. Not everyone who claims to speak for God, does.

It is difficult to believe that anyone would think Eddie's actions were an effective method to persuade people, especially if his audience had already made their view known to be contrary to his. Calling your intended audience a uncomplimentary name doesn't make a good opening statement and likely stops up the ears for any future revelation.

Somehow this brother confused what he was doing for what the prophets of old did.

I'm sure he was sincere in presenting his beliefs and truly thought he was speaking for God, but in the process, he was making an honest mistake. His sincerity blinded him to the fact that condemnation and name-calling are not effective in changing people's hearts.

A prophet is supposed to have, as his mission, the betterment of those he addresses. King David was approached by the prophet Nathan many times for his errors, but Nathan wasn't attacking David verbally. He was conveying a message in a manner David could understand.

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Truly, Elijah was pretty hard on the prophets of Baal and other prophets also did some unpalatable things, but what makes a modern Prophet think that the negative message is the most effective and the only ordained presentation of God's truth?

I suspect it is due to an over-sized evaluation of one's own perspective that one might come to the place of thinking one speaks for God. Few people who claim the role of Prophet for themselves truly speak the messages God desires. This becomes obvious by the numerous prophets setting dates for Messiah's return, calling for the death of rulers and the fall of nations. Their prophecies did not come to fruition. It seems God is much more benevolent than the people who claim to represent Him.

I've shared a story of someone attacking our dearly held beliefs so that it is easier to see the man was out of order. Because we are sincere, it is difficult to recognize when we do something similar. It is a mistake to think that Eddie wasn't sincere. He was revealing his sincerely held beliefs. We can be sincerely wrong but we can also be sincerely right while exhibiting wrong behavior. He believed he was working for God, but the result seemed to indicate he was working for HaSatan's plan of destruction and division. You can decide for yourself concerning if Eddie was right or if he was mistaken.

Please consider the following story with equal weights and measures. It will be harder to judge because it comes from someone more in line with commonly held Hebrew Roots beliefs.

A couple of years ago, a new acquaintance from the Hebrew Roots Movement was sharing with me how he handled what he called "unbelievers" in our town. He had gone into Kroger's during Christmas to buy his groceries for the week. Arriving at the counter, he noticed they had a Christmas tree sitting at the end of the checkout. After the clerk had rung up his purchases, he proudly refused to give "a pagan" his money and proclaimed he would never shop there again because they "promote pagan worship by having a pagan idol at the end of the check out." He claimed he was a "true follower of Messiah," because he uses "the whole Bible" and all Christians are "deceived pagans."

He assumed I would congratulate him for upholding truth.

As he proudly told me this story, he claimed martyrdom for himself since they were the only store in town that offered Kosher food and he would now have to travel a bit to buy food from a Kosher market. He wanted me to commend him for his willingness to suffer for the truth. This brother was proud of his proclamation of perceived truth. He believed he had been a great witness for the Lord and had conveyed truth and righteousness with great courage to lost people.

I was horrified. I only hoped he didn't claim to be from our congregation during his tirade of truth. He had only come to a Sukkot gathering twice but seemed to like to talk as though he were a member.

I suspect that "name-calling" is not one of the forgotten, Yeshua ordained, ministries of the church. Antagonist is also absent from any biblical list of spiritual gifts. Arrogance and pride are on another list denoting behavior not from God. Paul declares in Ephesians 4:11-12, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and

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teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,....”

I think both the self proclaimed Prophet and the proud discernor of who might be Pagan were people acting in their own flesh. They mistakenly believed their views to be from God because, they sincerely wanted to do what was right before God. They were sub-consciously imitating what they believed to be the actions of a Prophet or one proclaiming truth. Both were attempting to do what they believed was right. However, they didn't have proper training.

Zeal is often misguided sincerity. Ben Franklin once wisely quipped, “Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.” Immature zealousness allows a person to be co-opted by a tempting moment set up by HaSatan.

It is very difficult to undo the harm caused by a loose cannon. It is of immense importance that each of us takes responsibility for our actions in dealing with those who do not yet agree with us. We may be doing more for HaSatan than for God.

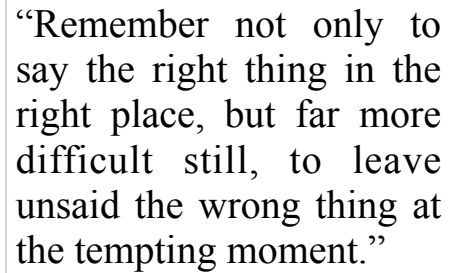
Kind and humble people are often not the first introduction church folks have to the Hebrew Roots Movement. If they are the first, I suspect there will be little resistance to an introduction. It is much more difficult to undo the destructive work from an immature presentation than to make your first impression a good one.

Unfortunately, many in the church have had numerous bad experiences on the Internet of what this movement looks like. If they experienced hostile, arrogant proclaimers of “the truth,” claiming to represent the Hebrew Roots Movement to their church, it will be very difficult to regain credibility.

Often a minister's first introduction is from sincere seekers who are asking for an explanation, but even with sincerity, their seemingly radical thoughts are seen as threatening. At such a time our response in love is even more important to calm their spirit. If we react to their inability to offer good responses, we turn the discussion into us versus them. All involved are zealous seekers of God and truth, but immature behavior clouds the message. Polarizing behavior does not describe everyone in the Hebrew Roots Movement. Unfortunately, the louder and more visible antics are often the defining memories in people's minds.

In BYNA we understand that name-calling is not a gift of the Spirit. It is a manifestation of immaturity. Claiming someone is pagan when they do not claim such themselves is name-calling. When we describe people in a manner that is offensive to them, we build walls between us and completely destroy our ability to share God's message. This is not congruent with the message of BYNA.

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Walking in the Spirit is when we seek God to teach us how we should behave so that we are not a distraction to what He is doing. We are not required to walk in judgment of our neighbors proclaiming to them how they fall short of God's expectations.

BYNA is calling like-minded people together; people who want to please God and desire to serve Him to the point that they are concerned about portraying Him in a negative manner. BYNA is seeking people whom God has taught how to behave or who desire to learn how to represent Him properly.

Are we willing to put down our pride and arrogance, leave our name-calling behind so that we can join together for a higher purpose? I think there are many who can see this vision and will embrace love, mercy, grace, kindness and long suffering in order to be Yosef (gatherers for God) who implement His plan. We must work together to be those people that God can trust to complete the job He has for us. In this way we will show that B'ney Yosef North America fulfills its acronym, and BYNA will mean understanding.

In a following article I wish to expose a very deceptive enemy in our Torah pursuant walk. It is deceptive because it is based on clear evidence but leads one to a false conclusion. We will constantly be trapped by it unless we are willing to slow down our decision process, gently search for more information and learn to question our first impressions.

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