

NAMES OF GOD

HOW BOSTING IN GODS NAME TRANSFORMS YOUR SOUL

Jehovah Qanna The Lord Who Is Jealous

Exodus 19:1-7 is the beginning of the record of what is called the Mosaic covenant that God made with the nation of Israel. He revealed it first to Moses on Mount Sinai and then Moses revealed it to the leaders of Israel and the people of Israel. God gave them the terms of the covenant. He let them know what He expected from them. He let them know what He would do for them.

Exodus 19:1-8

1 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.

3 And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him.

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It is an incredible covenant! God offered it to Israel so that He could use them to make His glory known to the world and fulfill the covenant that He had made with Abraham.

In Exodus 19:8, the people of Israel accepted the terms of the covenant.

Exodus 19:8

8 Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.

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Moses went back up the mountain and informed God that the people accepted the terms of the covenant.

In Exodus 20, God continued to reveal the terms of the covenant. He revealed more about His expectations of Israel and what they could expect from Him.

Exodus 20:5

1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

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In Exodus 20:5, God made sure that they understood something about Him that would be important to their commitment to Him. He identified Himself with a new name. He revealed to Israel that He was...

Jehovah Qanna: The Lord Who Is Jealous!

After this revelation of Himself, in Exodus 21-23, God gave them even more details about the terms of the covenant. He continued to let them know what they could expect from Him and what He expected from them.

In Exodus 24, knowing the Lord as Jehovah Qanna, the people of Israel affirmed their acceptance of the terms of the covenant two more times.

Exodus 24:3

3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the Lord has said we will do."

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Exodus 24:7

7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."

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Then in Exodus 32, we have a story of how the people of Israel experienced God's Jealousy.

Here is the story from God's Word!

Moses with God on Sinai

- I. The sin of Israel
- II. The sentence of God
- III. The solicitation of Moses

Moses with the people below Sinai

- I. The exasperation of Moses
- II. The examination of Aaron
- III. The execution of the guilty
- IV. The epidemic among the people

God told Israel that He was Jehovah Qanna, the Lord who is Jealous. They then experienced His jealousy in Exodus 32. He removed from Israel those that were leading Israel to be unfaithful. This would occur many times in the history of Israel.

The Hebrew word we translate as jealous comes from a Hebrew word that means zeal.

[Jealous is the zeal that arises in God when sin threatens a covenant relationship!](#)

When a covenant has been established between two parties, jealousy should be expected when one member violates the terms of the covenant.

A marriage covenant is a good example. If a husband or a wife are unfaithful to the other, the one who has been violated should be jealous. If they were not jealous, we would be right to conclude that the covenant was not very important to them and they did not care very much for the other.

[Jealousy is the zeal of love revealed in righteous anger!](#)

God compared His love and covenant with Israel to the love that a man has for his bride. He called Israel His bride.

[Isaiah 62:5](#)

[For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.](#)

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God spoke through the prophet Hosea in the book of Hosea and the story of his marriage to Gomer to let Israel know that she was His bride.

[Jeremiah 3:14](#)

[4 "Return, O backsliding children," says the Lord; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.](#)

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God called idolatry by Israel adultery.

Jeremiah 3:8-9

8 Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.

9 So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.

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Israel was guilty of adultery against Jehovah God repeatedly. They would not remain faithful to the terms of the covenant that God made with them. They deserved death. Instead, God had them exiled from the land of Israel and scattered throughout the nations.

God had every right to forsake the covenant He made with Israel. Instead, He carried out another plan. He would terminate the old covenant and establish a new covenant with Israel. In that new covenant, He would give every Jew His Spirit so that they would be faithful to Him.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah —

32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

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There was a problem. The termination of a covenant required the death of the one who made it. This is why a man and woman who get married today say until death separates us.

There was another problem. Israel was guilty of adultery and the penalty for adultery was death.

God solved the problem by sending His Son Jesus to terminate the old covenant and pay for Israel's adultery.

- By His death, Jesus terminated the old covenant and established a new one.
- By His death, Jesus paid for Israel's adultery and satisfied the justice of God.

Matthew 26:28

28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

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God then sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in those Jews that believed in Jesus so that they would be faithful to Him.

Jesus revealed to His disciples that in this new covenant God would bless Israel with a new promised land. He would provide for them a new earth with a new heaven where there would be no more sin.

Jesus also made it known to His disciples that this new covenant with God would be available to the whole world. Jesus said it would be available to anyone who believes that He is Lord.

Church, the covenant has changed but God has not changed.

He is Jehovah, Qanna: The Lord who is jealous!

- God has made a covenant with us and He calls us His bride.
Romans 7:4
4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another — to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.
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- God expects us to be faithful in love and obedience to Him.
2 Corinthians 11:2
For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
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- God has given us His Spirit to enable us to love and obey Him.
Romans 8:1-2
1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
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1 Corinthians 10:13
13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
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- God will never leave or forsake us if we are unfaithful to Him.

Romans 8:37-39

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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God's jealousy does not cause God to forsake us if we are unfaithful and leave Him. He is Jehovah Qanna. He is the Lord who is Jealous. Just like God moved the nations of the world to bring Israel back to Himself, God will move heaven and earth to bring us back to Himself.

But why would we ever consider leaving a God who loves us like this?

His jealousy for us reveals a love unlike we have ever known. It is why David wrote these words.

Psalm 139:1-18

1 Lord, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. 13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

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