

GODS OF DEATH

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We live in a world where people get to invent or serve the gods of their choice... but can't handle evidence.

We will begin according to the bible time line 6000 years ago.

Started in the Garden of Eden. GEN 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, **lest ye die.** **4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, **knowing good and evil** (as God's you can choose what is right and wrong).

Israel often only chose the parts of the Law that suited them... or they adopted Gentile Gods... the following is a perfect example of bad or good choices.

Continued through the Old Testament... 1KIN 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How **long halt ye between two opinions** (how long are you going to be half hearted)? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. *God always reveals himself through signs and wonders.* **22** Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. **23** Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: **24** And call ye on the name of **your gods**, and I will call on the name of **the LORD**: and the **God that answereth by fire**, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. *This challenge only limits the number of God's that actually answer... as it turns out; only one answered. The rest were fake. People had to choose between the God's of the Gentiles or their own God. There is no different today: people choose their God's.*

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. **26** And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. **27** And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah **mocked them**, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, **or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.**

Buddhist and Shinto followers also clap twice in case their gods are asleep when they make their prayers.

Nothing happened at all for the false prophets: however, when Elijah speaks... **37** Hear me, O LORD, hear me, **that this people may know that thou art the LORD God**, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. **38** Then the **fire of the LORD fell**, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. **39** And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. *Based on evidence... not religion.*

Even when you worship the one true God, the correct approach is needed to get an answer.

Jews... a dead-end faith. MAT 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. **25** Then answered all the people, and said, **His blood be on us, and on our children.** *That has been the fate of those that follow the Jewish faith to this day.*

God offered Ishmael a great blessing, but for his descendants, it wasn't enough.

Islam... Ishmael's descendants. GEN 17:20 And as for **Ishmael**, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. **21** **But my covenant will I establish with Isaac**, which Sarah shall bear unto thee **at this set time in the next year. Ishmael's line. Gen 16:12** And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

Islam wants Isaac's inheritance and power... that is why they want the lands of Israel... they also refuse to accept the angel's message... they want the power.

Christians: there are those who agree and those who do. Overcomers... 1JOH 5:4 For whatsoever is **born of God** overcometh the world (salvation): and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (obeying what God has offered us). *We need to get saved and stay saved... not selectively obey those parts of our beliefs that suit us. People have never let signs and evidence get in the way of their chosen God.*

That is why Jezebel tried to have Elijah killed and is also why Jesus was murdered. They couldn't argue with the evidence... so they killed the messenger.

True salvation comes from the God that answers by fire... MAR 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they **cast out devils** (false doctrines); they shall speak with new tongues; **ACT 2:3** And there appeared unto them **cloven (divided) tongues like as of fire**, and it sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

We need to be doers of the word... not doers of religion. JAM 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. & **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. *People have become their own gods calling evil good (ISA 5:20)... they will surely die!!*