

~ADVERSARY (281)

[English, opponent, challenger, rival, enemy, foe, antagonist, opposition, Opposite of, **supporter**, Hebrew, *tsar*, harass, show hostility to, Greek, *an-ti'di-kos*, legal adversary]

- An enemy that contends with or resists, an antagonist or opponent. The **Hebrew** word *tsar* for adversary comes from a root meaning, harass, show hostility to.
- Because they are **harassing you** with their deeds of cunning that they committed against you cunningly in the affair of Peor and in the affair of Cozbi the daughter of a chieftain of Midian, their sister who was fatally struck in the day of the scourge over the affair of Peor. (**Numbers 25:18**)
- Long enough they have shown **hostility** to me from my youth; Let Israel now say; (**Psalms 129:1**)
- The **Greek** word *an-ti'di-kos* primarily refers to an **adversary** at Law in a legal case;
- For example, when you are going with your **adversary at Law** to a ruler, get to work, while on the way, to rid yourself of the dispute with him, that he may never hale you before the judge, and the judge deliver you to the court officer, and the court officer throw you into prison. (**Luke 12:58**)
- But there was a widow in that city and she kept going to him, saying; See that I get justice from my **adversary at Law**. (**Luke 18:3**)
- But it can refer to others who are adversaries, or enemies, as in.
- Keep your senses, be watchful. Your **adversary**, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking to devour someone. (**1 Peter 5:8**)
- The most wicked **Adversary**, Satan the Devil, caused men and angels to join his opposition to God and man. Satan first showed his opposition in the garden of Eden, where, through cruel and underhanded action, he led Eve and then Adam into a course of rebellion that brought sin and death upon all mankind.

- In the courts of heaven Satan displayed his **antagonism**, charging Yehowah with bribing Job for his loyalty, a charge which became an issue of universal importance.

- Now it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before Yehowah, and even Satan proceeded to enter right among them. (**Job 1:6**)

- Then Yehowah said to Satan; Where do you come from? At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; From roving about in the earth and from walking about in it. (**Job 1:7**)

- And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? (**Job 1:8**)

- At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; Is it for nothing that Job has feared God? (**Job 1:9**)

- Have not you yourself put up a hedge about him and about his house and about everything that he has all around? The work of his hands you have blessed, and his livestock itself has spread abroad in the earth. (**Job 1:10**)

- But, for a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch everything he has and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (**Job 1:11**)

- Afterward it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before Yehowah, and Satan also proceeded to enter right among them to take his station before Yehowah. (**Job 2:1**)

- Then Yehowah said to Satan; Just where do you come from? At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; From roving about in the earth and from walking about in it. (**Job 2:2**)

- And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? Even yet he is holding fast his integrity, although you incite me against him to swallow him up without cause. (**Job 2:3**)

- But Satan answered Yehowah and said; Skin in behalf of skin, and everything that a man has he will give in behalf of his soul. ([Job 2:4](#))
- For a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch as far as his bone and his flesh and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. ([Job 2:5](#))

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- Worshipers of Yehowah in all ages have endured similar opposition from the **Adversary** by means of his agents. For example, when the remnant of God's people returned from Babylon, there were those who tried to prevent rebuilding the temple and the city wall.
- When the **adversaries** of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the Exile were building a temple to Yehowah the God of Israel. ([Ezra 4:1](#))
- Moreover, our **adversaries** kept saying; They will not know and they will not see until we come right in among them, and we shall certainly kill them and put a stop to the work. ([Nehemiah 4:11](#))
- Hateful Haman, having the spirit of the Devil, proved to be a wicked **adversary** of the Jews in the days of Queen Esther.
- Then Esther said; The man, the **adversary** and enemy, is this bad Haman. As for Haman, he became terrified because of the king and the queen. ([Esther 7:6](#))
- Christians today must be alert, watchful, on guard, and must put up a hard fight for the faith against the **Adversary's** machinations.
- Put on the complete suit of armor from God that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations of the Devil. ([Ephesians 6:11](#))
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places. ([Ephesians 6:12](#))

- Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ, but a brother of James, to the called one's who are loved in relationship with God the Father and preserved for Jesus Christ. (**Jude 1:1**)
- May mercy and peace and love be increased to you. (**Jude 1:2**)
- Beloved ones, though I was making every effort to write you about the salvation we hold in common, I found it necessary to write you to exhort you to put up a hard fight for the faith that was once for all time delivered to the holy ones. (**Jude 1:3**)
- Peter counsels;
- Keep your senses, be watchful. Your **adversary**, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking to devour someone. (**1 Peter 5:8**)
- But take your stand against him, solid in the faith, knowing that the same things in the way of sufferings are being accomplished in the entire association of your brothers in the world. (**1 Peter 5:9**)
- Eventually Yehowah's power will triumph over all opposers.
- Therefore all those devouring you will themselves be devoured, and as for all your **adversaries**, into captivity they will all of them go. And those pillaging you will certainly come to be for pillaging, and all those plundering you I shall give over to plundering. (**Jeremiah 30:16**)
- Your hand will be high above your **adversaries**, and all enemies of yours will be cut off. (**Micah 5:9**)
- When God's people were unfaithful he allowed their **adversaries** to plunder and defeat them.
- You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries. You have caused all his enemies to rejoice. (**Psalms 89:42**)
- Her **adversaries** have become the head. Those who are her enemies are unconcerned. Because Yehowah himself has brought grief to her on account of the abundance of her transgressions. Her own children have walked captive before the

adversary. (Lamentations 1:5)

- Jerusalem has remembered in the days of her affliction and of her homeless people all her desirable things that happened to be from days of long ago. When her people fell into the hand of the **adversary** and she had no helper; The adversaries saw her. They laughed over her collapse. (**Lamentations 1:7**)
- The **adversary** has spread out his own hand against all her desirable things. For she has seen nations that have come into her sanctuary, whom you commanded that they should not come into the congregation belonging to you. (**Lamentations 1:10**)
- Zion has spread out her hands. No comforter does she have. Yehowah has given a command concerning Jacob to all who are around him as his **adversaries**. Jerusalem has become an abhorrent thing in among them. (**Lamentations 1:17**)
- Yehowah has done what he had in mind. He has accomplished his saying, what he had commanded from the days of long ago. He has torn down and shown no compassion. And over you he causes the enemy to rejoice. He has made the horn of your **adversaries** high. (**Lamentations 2:17**)
- The kings of the earth and all the inhabitants of the productive land had not believed that the **adversary** and the enemy would come into the gates of Jerusalem. (**Lamentations 4:12**)
- The enemy, however, drew wrong conclusions from these victories, taking credit for themselves and praising their gods or feeling that they would not be called to account for the way they treated Yehowah's people.
- Were it not that I was afraid of vexation from the enemy, that their **adversaries** might misconstrue it, that they might say; Our hand has proved superior, and it was not Yehowah who worked all this out. (**Deuteronomy 32:27**)
- All those finding them have eaten them up, and their own **adversaries** have said; We shall not become guilty, due to the fact that they have sinned against Yehowah the abiding place of righteousness and the hope of their forefathers, Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 50:7**)

- Yehowah was therefore obliged to humble these proud and boasting **adversaries**
- Therefore the utterance of the true Lord, Yehowah of armies, the Powerful One of Israel, is; Aha! I shall relieve myself of my **adversaries**, and I will avenge myself on my enemies. (**Isaiah 1:24**)
- O Yehowah, your hand has become high, but they do not behold it. They will behold and be ashamed at the zeal for your people. Yes, the very fire for your own **adversaries** will eat them up. (**Isaiah 26:11**)
- In accordance with the dealings he will reward correspondingly, rage to his **adversaries**, due treatment to his enemies. To the islands he will recompense due treatment. (**Isaiah 59:18**)
- Yehowah is a God exacting exclusive devotion and taking vengeance, Yehowah is taking vengeance and is disposed to rage. Yehowah is taking vengeance against his **adversaries**, and he is resentful toward his enemies. (**Nahum 1:2**)
- And this he did for his holy names sake.
- As when a fire ignites the brushwood, and the fire makes the very water boil up, in order to make your name known to your **adversaries**, that on account of you the nations might be agitated! (**Isaiah 64:2**)
- And I shall have compassion on my holy name, which the house of Israel have profaned among the nations where they have come in. (**Ezekiel 36:21**)
- Therefore say to the house of Israel; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Not for your sakes am I doing it, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have come in. (**Ezekiel 36:22**)
- And I shall certainly sanctify my great name, which was being profaned among the nations, which you profaned in the midst of them, and the nations will have to know that I am Yehowah, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, when I am sanctified among you before their eyes. (**Ezekiel 36:23**)

- **And I will take you out of the nations and collect you together out of all the lands and bring you in upon your soil. (Ezekiel 36:24)**