

~TRAITOR (225)

[Hebrew, *ba-ghadh'*, Greek, *pro-do'tes*]

- **One who betrays another's trust, is false to a duty, or acts treasonously against his country or ruler.** The most infamous traitor of the Bible was Judas Iscariot, who turned traitor.
- And Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who turned **traitor**. (Luke 6:16)
- The Greek noun *pro-do'tes*, **betray**, **traitor**, from a verb meaning **give forth or over, betray**, aptly describes Judas, for after being selected as an apostle, he became a greedy, practicing thief.
- He said this, though, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a **thief** and had the money box and used to carry off the monies put in it. (John 12:6)
- And finally **betrayed** Jesus to the authorities for a comparatively small sum.
- Then one of the twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests. (Matthew 26:14)
- And said; What will you give me to betray him to you? They stipulated to him **thirty silver pieces**. (Matthew 26:15)
- So from then on he kept seeking a good opportunity to betray him. (Matthew 26:16)
- By way of reply Judas, who was about to betray him, said; It is not I, is it, Rabbi? He said to him; You yourself said it. (Matthew 26:25)
- Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying; Whoever it is I kiss, this is he, take him into custody. (Matthew 26:48)
- And going straight up to Jesus he said; Good day, Rabbi! And kissed him very tenderly. (Matthew 26:49)
- His was not merely a temporary abandoning of Christ by fleeing from what appeared to be a dangerous situation.

- And they all abandoned him and fled. (**Mark 14:50**)
- But was a deliberate **betrayal** of Jesus to those seeking his death.
- The Jewish religious leaders were correctly termed, **betrayers** and **murderers**, for they employed **traitorous** Judas, personally turned their fellow countryman Christ over to the Romans, and then, in an outrage of justice, opposed the declaration of Jesus innocence and demanded his death.
- Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. It was now early in the day. But they themselves did not enter into the governor's palace, that they might not get defiled but might eat the Passover. (**John 18:28**)
- At that time, therefore, he handed him over to them to be impaled. Then they took charge of Jesus. (**John 19:16**)
- The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified his Servant, Jesus, whom you, for your part, delivered up and disowned before Pilates face, when he had decided to release him. (**Acts of Apostles 3:13**)
- Yes, you disowned that holy and righteous one, and you asked for a man, a murderer, to be freely granted to you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:14**)
- Whereas you killed the Chief Agent of life. But God raised him up from the dead, of which fact we are witnesses. (**Acts of Apostles 3:15**)
- Which one of the prophets did your forefathers not persecute? Yes, they killed those who made announcement in advance concerning the coming of the righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become. (**Acts of Apostles 7:52**)
- Another outstanding example of a **traitor** listed in the Bible was Ahithophel. Though having been King David's trusted counselor, he joined Absalom's insurrection.
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- And to David the report was made, saying; Ahithophel himself is among those conspiring with Absalom. At this David said; Turn, please, the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness, O Yehowah! ([2 Samuel 15:31](#))
- Later Absalom said to Ahithophel; You men, give counsel on your part. What shall we do? ([2 Samuel 16:20](#))
- Then Ahithophel said to Absalom; Have relations with the concubines of your father, whom he left behind to take care of the house. And all Israel will certainly hear that you have made yourself foul-smelling to your father, and the hands of all those who are with you will certainly become strong. ([2 Samuel 16:21](#))
- Accordingly they pitched a tent for Absalom upon the roof, and Absalom began to have relations with the concubines of his father under the eyes of all Israel. ([2 Samuel 16:22](#))
- And the counsel of Ahithophel, with which he counseled in those days, was just as when a man would inquire of the word of the true God. That was the way all the counsel of Ahithophel was both to David and to Absalom. ([2 Samuel 16:23](#))
- He has thrust out his hands against those at peace with him, he has profaned his covenant. ([Psalms 55:20](#))
- Smoother than butter are the words of his mouth, but his heart is disposed to fight. His words are softer than oil, but they are drawn swords. ([Psalms 55:21](#))
- God thwarted the **traitorous** advisers counsel, leading to Ahithophel's death by suicide.
- Smoother than butter are the words of his mouth, but his heart is disposed to fight. His words are softer than oil, but they are drawn swords. ([Psalms 55:21](#))
- Evidently David had other experiences with persons who turned against him. A number of modern Bible translations render the plural Hebrew participial form of *ba-ghadh'*, meaning, **deal treacherously**, as **traitors** at;

- And you, O Yehowah God of armies, are the God of Israel. Do wake up to turn your attention to all the nations. Do not show favor to any hurtful **traitors**. (**Psalms 59:5**)
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- The superscription of the Psalms suggests that it relates to the time when Saul sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him.
- Later Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch it and to have him put to death in the morning, but Michal his wife told David, saying; If you are not letting your soul escape tonight, tomorrow you will be a man put to death. (**1 Samuel 19:11**)
- Immediately Michal had David descend through the window, that he might go and run away and escape. (**1 Samuel 19:12**)
- Then Michal took the teraphim image and placed it on the couch, and a net of goats hair she put at the place of his head, after which she covered it with a garment. (**1 Samuel 19:13**)
- Saul now sent messengers to take David, but she said; He is sick. (**1 Samuel 19:14**)
- So Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying; Bring him on his couch up to me to have him put to death. (**1 Samuel 19:15**)
- When the messengers came in, why, there was the teraphim image on the couch and a net of goats hair at the place of his head. (**1 Samuel 19:16**)
- At this Saul said to Michal; Why did you trick me like this, so that you sent my enemy away that he might escape? In turn Michal said to Saul; He himself said to me; Send me away! Why should I put you to death? (**1 Samuel 19:17**)
- As for David, he ran away and made his escape and got to come to Samuel at Ramah. And he proceeded to tell him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went away, and they took up dwelling in Naioth. (**1 Samuel 19:18**)
- So the **traitors** mentioned at;
- And you, O Yehowah God of armies, are the God of Israel. Do

wake up to turn your attention to all the nations. Do not show favor to any hurtful **traitors**. (**Psalms 59:5**)

- May have been associates of David who had deserted him or who were willing to betray him in that hour of trial. Or, since the preceding words call on God to turn his attention to **all the nations**, the term **traitors** may have referred to all opposers of God's will, whether inside or outside Israel.
- The prophecy in;
- But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here. (**2 Timothy 3:1**)
- For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, self-assuming, haughty, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, disloyal. (**2 Timothy 3:2**)
- Having no natural affection, not open to any agreement, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, without love of goodness. (**2 Timothy 3:3**)
- **Betrayers**, headstrong, puffed up with pride, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God. (**2 Timothy 3:4**)
- Having a form of godly devotion but proving false to its power, and from these turn away. (**2 Timothy 3:5**)
- About conditions to exist in **the last days** indicates that there would be many **betrayers**, or **traitors**, Greek, *pro-do'tai*. Christians were advised to **turn away** from such, as befits persons striving to be loyal and honest in all things.
- You are witnesses, God is also, how loyal and righteous and unblamable we proved to be to you believers. (**1 Thessalonians 2:10**)
- Carry on prayer for us, for we trust we have an honest conscience, as we wish to conduct ourselves honestly in all things. (**Hebrews 13:18**)