

~MALEDICTION (810)

[Hebrew, *qela-lah*]

- Purpose Of Divine Maledictions
- Setting Aside Of Maledictions
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- Literally, a speaking ill, or evil, against someone, and hence, the opposite of a benediction, or a blessing. The Hebrew word *qela-lah* basically refers to such a malediction and is regularly contrasted with **blessing** in numerous texts.

- What if my father feels me? Then I shall certainly become in his eyes like one making a mockery, and I shall certainly bring upon myself a **malediction** and not a **blessing** . (Genesis 27:12)

- At this his mother said to him; Upon me be the **malediction** meant for you, my son. Only listen to my voice and go, get them for me. (Genesis 27:13)

- See, I am putting before you today **blessing** and **malediction** : (Deuteronomy 11:26)

- The **blessing** , provided you will obey the commandments of Yehowah your God that I am commanding you today. (Deuteronomy 11:27)

- And the **malediction** , if you will not obey the commandments of Yehowah your God and you do turn aside from the way about which I am commanding you today, so as to walk after other gods whom you have not known. (Deuteronomy 11:28)

- And it must occur that when Yehowah your God brings you into the land to which you are going to take possession of it, you must also give the **blessing** upon Mount Gerizim and the **malediction** upon Mount Ebal. (Deuteronomy 11:29)

- And it must occur that just as you became a **malediction** among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I shall save you, and you must become a **blessing** . Do not be afraid. May your hands be strong. (Zechariah 8:13)

- It is derived from the root verb *qa-lal'*, which literally means, **be light**, but, when used in a figurative sense, means, **call down evil upon, treat with contempt**.
- And they must judge the people on every proper occasion, and it must occur that every big case they will bring to you, but every **small case** they themselves will handle as judges. So make it lighter for yourself, and they must carry the load with you. (**Exodus 18:22**)
- In case there should be any man **who calls down evil** upon his father and his mother, he should be put to death without fail. It is his father and his mother upon whom he has called down evil. His own blood is upon him. (**Leviticus 20:9**)
- However, the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said; We have ten parts in the king, so that even in David we are more than you. Why, then, have you treated us with contempt, and why did not our matter become first for us to bring our king back? But the word of the men of Judah was more severe than the word of the men of Israel. (**2 Samuel 19:43**)
- This is the word David used when he told Michal he would make himself even more **lightly esteemed** than what she had accused him of doing.
- David now returned to bless his own household, and Michal, Saul's daughter, came on out to meet David and then said; How glorious the king of Israel made himself today when he uncovered himself today to the eyes of the slave girls of his servants, just as one of the **empty-headed men** uncovers himself outright! (**2 Samuel 6:20**)
- At this David said to Michal; It was before Yehowah, who chose me rather than your father and all his household to put me in command as leader over Yehowah's people Israel, and I will celebrate before Yehowah. (**2 Samuel 6:21**)
- And I will make myself even more **lightly esteemed** than this, and I will become low in my eyes, and with the slave girls whom you mentioned, with them I am determined to glorify myself. (**2 Samuel 6:22**)

- Yehowah God used it after the Flood in saying that he would never again, **call down evil** upon the ground on man's account.
- And Yehowah began to smell a restful odor, and so Yehowah said in his heart; Never again shall I **call down evil** upon the ground on man's account, because the inclination of the heart of man is bad from his youth up, and never again shall I deal every living thing a blow just as I have done. (**Genesis 8:21**)

· Purpose Of Divine Maledictions

- One purpose of **divine maledictions** is to make clear who are and who are not God's approved servants, since the **maledictions** manifest God's disapproval, even as his **blessings** manifest his approval.
- So, in promising Abraham his **blessing**, Yehowah also stated that **him that calls down evil**, a participial form of *qa-lal'*, upon you I shall curse.
- And I will **bless** those who **bless** you, and him that **calls down evil** upon you I shall **curse**, and all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves by means of you. (**Genesis 12:3**)
- When the object of the **malediction** is thus left anonymous, the **malediction** also serves as a warning guide and a protection for those who wish to gain or retain God's favor. The Mosaic Law specified numerous **blessings** and **maledictions**, all of which would result from the application of the Laws statutes and ordinances.
- And it must occur that if you will without fail listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by being careful to do all his commandments that I am commanding you today, Yehowah your God also will certainly put you high above all other nations of the earth. (**Deuteronomy 28:1**)
- And all these **blessings** must come upon you and overtake you, because you keep listening to the voice of Yehowah your God. (**Deuteronomy 28:2**)
- And it must occur that if you will not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by taking care to do all his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today, all these **maledictions** must also come upon you and overtake you. (**Deuteronomy 28:15**)

- Prior to entry into the Promised Land, Moses emphasized the fact that the nation, as individuals and as a collective group, must choose between the **blessing** and the **malediction** and that this they would do by either **obedience** or **disobedience**.
- I do take the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you today, that I have put life and death before you, the **blessing** and the **malediction**, and you must choose life in order, that you may keep alive, you and your offspring. (**Deuteronomy 30:19**)
- By loving Yehowah your God, by listening to his voice and by sticking to him, for he is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell upon the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give to them. (**Deuteronomy 30:20**)
- Joshua, in essence, repeated this protective exhortation and warning within the Promised Land.
- Then he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the Law of Moses that he had written before the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 8:32**)
- And all Israel and their older men and the officers and their judges were standing on this side and on that side of the Ark in front of the priests, the Levites, carrying the ark of the covenant of Yehowah, the alien resident as well as the native, one half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and the other half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded, to bless the people of Israel first of all. (**Joshua 8:33**)
- And after this he read aloud all the words of the law, the **blessing** and the **malediction**, according to all that is written in the book of the Law. (**Joshua 8:34**)
- There proved to be not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read aloud in front of all the congregation of Israel, together with the women and the little ones and the alien residents who walked in their midst. (**Joshua 8:35**)
- And now fear Yehowah and serve him in faultlessness and in truth, and remove the gods that your forefathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt, and serve Yehowah. (**Joshua**

24:14)

- Now if it is bad in your eyes to serve Yehowah, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods that your forefathers who were on the other side of the River served or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are dwelling. But as for me and my household, we shall serve Yehowah. (**Joshua 24:15**)
- Individuals could, therefore, endeavor to avoid coming under the announced **maledictions**.
- The **malediction** also certifies that there can be no trifling with or despising of God's principles and announced purposes. High Priest Eli became the object of a specific **malediction** because of weakly allowing his sons to go un-rebuked, even though they were **calling down evil upon God**.
- And you must tell him that I am judging his house to time indefinite for the error that he has known, because his sons are **calling down evil upon God**, and he has not rebuked them. (**1 Samuel 3:13**)
- Yehowah told him the rule that those honoring me I shall honor, and those despising me will be of little account from the root form *qa-lal'*.
- That is why the utterance of Yehowah the God of Israel is; I did indeed say; As for your house and the house of your forefather, they will walk before me to time indefinite. But now the utterance of Yehowah is; It is unthinkable, on my part, because those honoring me I shall honor, and those despising me will be of little account. (**1 Samuel 2:30**)
- Just recompense for wrongdoing thus accompanies God's **malediction**. This may be immediate, as in the case of the jeering delinquents upon whom Elisha called down evil in the name of Yehowah.
- Finally he turned behind him and saw them and called down evil upon them in the name of Yehowah. Then two she-bears came out from the woods and went tearing to pieces forty-two children of their number. (**2 Kings 2:24**)

- Or it may be reserved for a later time, as when God informed King Josiah concerning the calamity due to come on Judah.
- For the reason that your heart was soft so that you humbled yourself because of Yehowah at your hearing what I have spoken against this place and its inhabitants for it to become an object of astonishment and a **malediction**, and then you ripped your garments apart and began weeping before me, I, even I, have heard, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**2 Kings 22:19**)
- That is why here I am gathering you to your forefathers, and you will certainly be gathered to your own graveyard in peace, and your eyes will not look upon all the calamity that I am bringing upon this place. And they proceeded to bring the king the reply. (**2 Kings 22:20**)
- Yehowah warned the nation of Israel that violation of his laws would bring inescapable difficulties, saying;
- And all these **maledictions** will certainly come upon you and pursue you and overtake you until you have been annihilated, because you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. (**Deuteronomy 28:45**)
- Although he foretold their desolation and exile in the plainest of terms, they refused to give heed, and thus Jerusalem became;
- I will, in turn, make this house like that in Shiloh, and this city I shall make a **malediction to all the nations of the earth**. (**Jeremiah 26:6**)
- I will also give them over for quaking, for calamity, in all the kingdoms of the earth, for reproach and for a proverbial saying; for a taunt and for a **malediction**, in all the places to which I shall disperse them. (**Jeremiah 24:9**)
- Then Yehowah's anger blazed against that land by bringing upon it the whole **malediction** written in this book. (**Deuteronomy 29:27**)

·· Setting Aside Of Maledictions

- A **malediction** can be set aside or canceled by Yehowah, but only where his just requirements are properly satisfied. This appears to be the case with the original malediction on the earth that was evidently terminated by the Flood that cleansed the globe of wickedness.
- And Yehowah began to smell a restful odor, and so Yehowah said in his heart; Never again shall I call down evil upon the ground on man's account, because the inclination of the heart of man is bad from his youth up, and never again shall I deal every living thing a blow just as I have done. ([Genesis 8:21](#))
- Failure to keep the Law covenant brought a **malediction** on all the nation of Israel, even on those who conscientiously, though imperfectly, tried to keep its terms. The apostle Paul shows that it was for this reason that Christ Jesus died in the manner in which he did upon a torture stake.
- For all those who depend upon works of Law are under a curse, for it is written: Cursed is every one that does not continue in all the things written in the scroll of the Law in order to do them. ([Galatians 3:10](#))
- Moreover, that by Law no one is declared righteous with God is evident, because the righteous one will live by reason of faith. ([Galatians 3:11](#))
- Now the Law does not adhere to faith, but he that does them shall live by means of them. ([Galatians 3:12](#))
- Christ by purchase released us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse instead of us, because it is written: Accursed is every man hanged upon a stake. ([Galatians 3:13](#))
- Thereby Jesus, though he had perfectly observed the Law himself, took upon himself the curse that resulted from the **malediction** of the Law and that rested on all those under that Law.
- His dead body should not stay all night on the stake, but you should by all means bury him on that day, because something accursed of God is the one hung up, and you must not defile your soil, which Yehowah your God is giving you as an inheritance. ([Deuteronomy 21:23](#))

- States; Because something accursed, literally, a **malediction**, of God is the one hung up, upon a stake. Jesus, by being nailed to the stake as a criminal, sentenced, though unjustly, by the Jewish priestly court, in effect became **a curse, a malediction**.
- Thereafter, when Jesus presented the value of his sacrifice in heaven, the Law was canceled by God. In accepting the sacrifice, God figuratively nailed the Law to the stake, and the **curse** accompanying that Law was legally removed.
- And blotted out the handwritten document against us, which consisted of decrees and which was in opposition to us, and He has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the torture stake. (**Colossians 2:14**)
- Because Jesus body was viewed as being a **malediction**, and also to fulfill the Law's requirement so that the Sabbath might not be profaned, the Jews were anxious that Jesus corpse and those of the malefactors be removed from their stakes before the day ended.
- His dead body should not stay all night on the stake, but you should by all means bury him on that day, because something accursed of God is the one hung up, and you must not defile your soil, which Yehowah your God is giving you as an inheritance. (**Deuteronomy 21:23**)
- Then the Jews, since it was Preparation, in order, that the bodies might not remain upon the torture stakes on the Sabbath, for the day of that Sabbath was a great one, requested Pilate to have their legs broken and the bodies taken away. (**John 19:31**)

•• The Effectiveness Of A Malediction

- While individuals may pronounce **maledictions**, their validity is entirely dependent on God, his principles, and his purposes. It was in vain that Goliath called down evil upon David by his false gods.
- So the Philistine said to David; Am I a dog, so that you are coming to me with staves? With that the Philistine **called down evil** upon David by his gods. (**1 Samuel 17:43**)
- Yehowah changed Balaam's proposed **malediction** into a blessing.

- For the reason that they did not come to your aid with bread and water in the way when you were going out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia to call down evil upon you. (**Deuteronomy 23:4**)
- And Yehowah your God did not want to listen to Balaam, but Yehowah your God in your behalf changed the **malediction** into a **blessing**, because Yehowah your God loved you. (**Deuteronomy 23:5**)
- Then Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, got up and went fighting against Israel. So he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to call down evil upon you. (**Joshua 24:9**)
- And I did not want to listen to Balaam. Consequently he blessed you repeatedly. Thus I delivered you out of his hand. (**Joshua 24:10**)
- Because David recognized that only Yehowah can make a **malediction** effective, he rejected Abishai's angry request to be allowed to go and take off the head of Shimei, who was abusively **calling down evil on David**. David said;
- And King David came as far as Bahurim, and, look! Coming out from there was a man of the family of Saul's house, and his name was Shimei, the son of Gera, coming out and calling down evil as he came out. (**2 Samuel 16:5**)
- And he began throwing stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right and at his left. (**2 Samuel 16:6**)
- And this is what Shimei said as he called down evil; Get out, get out, you bloodguilty man and good-for-nothing man! (**2 Samuel 16:7**)
- Yehowah has brought back upon you all the bloodguilt for the house of Saul in place of whom you have ruled as king, and Yehowah gives the kingship into the hand of Absalom your son. And here you are in your calamity, because you are a bloodguilty man! (**2 Samuel 16:8**)
- Finally Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king; Why should this dead dog call down evil upon my lord the king? Let me go

over, please, and take off his head. (2 Samuel 16:9)

- But the king said; What do I have to do with you men, you sons of Zeruiah? Thus let him call down evil, because Yehowah himself has said to him, Call down evil upon David! So who should say; Why did you do that way? (2 Samuel 16:10)
- And David went on to say to Abishai and all his servants; Here my own son, who has come forth out of my own inward parts, is looking for my soul, and how much more now a Benjaminite! Let him alone that he may call down evil, for Yehowah has said so to him! (2 Samuel 16:11)
- Perhaps Yehowah will see with his eye, and Yehowah will actually restore to me goodness instead of his **malediction** this day. (2 Samuel 16:12)
- And he kept loving the **malediction**, so that it came upon him, and he did not take delight in the blessing, so that it became far away from him. (Psalms 109:17)
- And he came to be clothed with **malediction** as his garment. So it came like waters into the midst of him And like oil into his bones. (Psalms 109:18)
- Let them, for their part, pronounce a **malediction**, but may you, for your part, pronounce a blessing. They have risen up, but let them be ashamed, and let your own servant rejoice. (Psalms 109:28)
- **God's Word specifically condemns the calling down of evil on ones parents.**
- And one who calls down evil upon his father and his mother is to be put to death without fail. (Exodus 21:17)
- In case there should be any man who calls down evil upon his father and his mother, he should be put to death without fail. It is his father and his mother upon whom he has called down evil. His own blood is upon him. (Leviticus 20:9)
- As for anyone calling down evil upon his father and his mother, his lamp will be extinguished at the approach of darkness. (Proverbs 20:20)

- **On God**
- You must not call down evil upon God nor curse a chieftain among your people. (**Exodus 22:28**)
- And the son of the Israelite woman began to abuse the Name and to call down evil upon it. So they brought him to Moses. Incidentally, his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri of the tribe of Dan. (**Leviticus 24:11**)
- Bring forth the one who called down evil to the outside of the camp, and all those who heard him must lay their hands upon his head, and the entire assembly must pelt him with stones. (**Leviticus 24:14**)
- And you should speak to the sons of Israel, saying; In case any man calls down evil upon his God, he must then answer for his sin. (**Leviticus 24:15**)
- After that Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought forth the one who had called down evil to the outside of the camp, and they pelted him with stones. Thus the sons of Israel did just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Leviticus 24:23**)
- **Or on the king,**
- Even in your bedroom do not call down evil upon the king himself, and in the interior rooms where you lie down do not call down evil upon anyone rich, for a flying creature of the heavens will convey the sound and something owning wings will tell the matter. (**Ecclesiastes 10:20**)
- And it exposes those who bless with their mouths while inside themselves they **call down evil**.
- Indeed they give advice so as to allure from one's own dignity, they take pleasure in a lie. With their mouth they **bless**, but inside themselves **they call down evil**. (**Psalms 62:4**)
- As God's spokesman, Christ Jesus while on earth, in effect, pronounced **maledictions** on the religious guides and Pharisees for their willful opposition to God's purpose.

- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut up the kingdom of the heavens before men, for you yourselves do not go in, neither do you permit those on their way in to go in. (Matthew 23:13)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you traverse sea and dry land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes one you make him a subject for Gehenna twice as much so as yourselves. (Matthew 23:15)**
- **Woe to you, blind guides, who say; If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is under obligation. (Matthew 23:16)**
- **Fools and blind ones! Which, in fact, is greater, the gold or the temple that has sanctified the gold? (Matthew 23:17)**
- **Also, if anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing. But if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is under obligation. (Matthew 23:18)**
- **Blind ones! Which, in fact, is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? (Matthew 23:19)**
- **Therefore he that swears by the altar is swearing by it and by all the things on it. (Matthew 23:20)**
- **And he that swears by the temple is swearing by it and by him that is inhabiting it. (Matthew 23:21)**
- **And he that swears by heaven is swearing by the throne of God and by him that is sitting on it. (Matthew 23:22)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you give the tenth of the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have disregarded the weightier matters of the Law, namely, justice and mercy and faithfulness. These things it was binding to do, yet not to disregard the other things. (Matthew 23:23)**
- **Blind guides, who strain out the gnat but gulp down the camel! (Matthew 23:24)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of plunder and immoderateness. (Matthew 23:25)**

- **Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside of it also may become clean. (Matthew 23:26)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you resemble whitewashed graves, which outwardly indeed appear beautiful but inside are full of dead men's bones and of every sort of uncleanness. (Matthew 23:27)**
- **In that way you also, outwardly indeed, appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. (Matthew 23:28)**
- **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the graves of the prophets and decorate the memorial tombs of the righteous ones. (Matthew 23:29)**
- **And you say; If we were in the days of our forefathers, we would not be sharers with them in the blood of the prophets. (Matthew 23:30)**
- **Therefore you are bearing witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. (Matthew 23:31)**
- **Well, then, fill up the measure of your forefathers. (Matthew 23:32)**
- **Serpents, offspring of vipers, how are you to flee from the judgment of Gehenna? (Matthew 23:33)**
- **The apostle Peter evidently called down evil upon Ananias and Sapphira for playing false to God, resulting in their immediate death.**
- **However, a certain man, Ananias by name, together with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession (Acts of Apostles 5:1)**
- **And secretly held back some of the price, his wife also knowing about it, and he brought just a part and deposited it at the feet of the apostles. (Acts of Apostles 5:2)**
- **But Peter said; Ananias, why has Satan emboldened you to play false to the Holy Spirit and to hold back secretly some of the price of the field? (Acts of Apostles 5:3)**

- **As long as it remained with you did it not remain yours, and after it was sold did it not continue in your control? Why was it that you purposed such a deed as this in your heart? You have played false, not to men, but to God. (Acts of Apostles 5:4)**
- **On hearing these words Ananias fell down and expired. And great fear came over all those hearing of it. (Acts of Apostles 5:5)**
- **But the younger men rose, wrapped him in cloths, and carried him out and buried him. (Acts of Apostles 5:6)**
- **Now after an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. (Acts of Apostles 5:7)**
- **Peter said to her; Tell me, did you two sell the field for so much? She said; Yes, for so much. (Acts of Apostles 5:8)**
- **So Peter said to her; Why was it agreed upon between you two to make a test of the spirit of Yehowah? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out. (Acts of Apostles 5:9)**
- **Instantly she fell down at his feet and expired. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her alongside her husband. (Acts of Apostles 5:10)**
- **Consequently great fear came over the whole congregation and over all those hearing about these things. (Acts of Apostles 5:11)**
- **The apostle Paul did somewhat similarly with the false prophet Elymas, the sorcerer, whom he called a son of the Devil and an enemy of everything righteous, and who, thereafter, became temporarily blind.**
- **When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met up with a certain man, a sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 13:6)**
- **And he was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. Calling Barnabas and Saul to him, this man earnestly sought to hear the word of God. (Acts of Apostles 13:7)**
- **But Elymas the sorcerer, that, in fact, is the way his name is translated, began opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul**

away from the faith. (**Acts of Apostles 13:8**)

- Saul, who is also Paul, becoming filled with Holy Spirit, looked at him intently. (**Acts of Apostles 13:9**)
- And said; O man full of every sort of fraud and every sort of villainy, you son of the Devil, you enemy of everything righteous, will you not quit distorting the right ways of Yehowah? (**Acts of Apostles 13:10**)
- Well, then, look! Yehowah's hand is upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sunlight for a period of time. Instantly a thick mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went around seeking men to lead him by the hand. (**Acts of Apostles 13:11**)
- Then the proconsul, upon seeing what had happened, became a believer, as he was astounded at the teaching of Yehowah. (**Acts of Apostles 13:12**)
- These actions had a salutary effect on those witnessing them. Such apostolic powers, however, did not give authority, or license, to others to pronounce **maledictions**. James warns against Christians improperly using the tongue for cursing men.
- With it we bless Yehowah, even the Father, and yet with it we curse men who have come into existence in the likeness of God. (**James 3:9**)
- Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. It is not proper, my brothers, for these things to go on occurring this way. (**James 3:10**)
- A fountain does not cause the sweet and the bitter to bubble out of the same opening, does it? (**James 3:11**)
- My brothers, a fig tree cannot produce olives or a vine figs, can it? Neither can salt water produce sweet water. (**James 3:12**)
- And he kept loving the **malediction**, so that it came upon him, and he did not take delight in the blessing, so that it became far away from him. (**Psalms 109:17**)
- And he came to be clothed with **malediction** as his garment. So it came like waters into the midst of him And like oil into his bones.

(Psalms 109:18)

- But now really put them all away from you, wrath, anger, badness, abusive speech, and obscene talk out of your mouth. **(Colossians 3:8)**
- Do not be lying to one another. Strip off the old personality with its practices. **(Colossians 3:9)**
- And clothe yourselves with the new personality, which through accurate knowledge is being made new according to the image of the One who created it. **(Colossians 3:10)**
- Whereas history records that in post apostolic times and down through the centuries religious organizations have published many **anathemas** and **interdicts** against individuals, cities, and nations, it also shows that the agent employed to make such **malediction** effective has invariably been, not the power of God, but the earthly power of a church or of the secular state. In contrast, at;
- Trust in Yehowah and do good. Reside in the earth, and deal with faithfulness. **(Psalms 37:3)**
- Also take exquisite delight in Yehowah, and he will give you the requests of your heart. **(Psalms 37:4)**
- Roll upon Yehowah your way, and rely upon him, and he himself will act. **(Psalms 37:5)**
- And he will certainly bring forth your righteousness as the light itself, and your justice as the midday. **(Psalms 37:6)**
- Keep silent before Yehowah and wait longingly for him. Do not show yourself heated up at anyone making his way successful, at the man carrying out his ideas. **(Psalms 37:7)**
- Let anger alone and leave rage, do not show yourself heated up only to do evil. **(Psalms 37:8)**
- For evildoers themselves will be cut off, but those hoping in Yehowah are the ones that will possess the earth. **(Psalms 37:9)**
- For those being blessed by him will themselves possess the earth, but those upon whom evil is called by him will be cut off.

(Psalms 37:22)

- We are counseled to wait on Yehowah, since those being **blessed** by him will themselves possess the earth, but those upon whom evil is called by him will be cut off.
- Such cutting-off is included in the **malediction** Jesus pronounces on the **cursed goat** class of his prophetic parable at;
- When the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. (**Matthew 25:31**)
- And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (**Matthew 25:32**)
- And he will put the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. (**Matthew 25:33**)
- Then the king will say to those on his right; Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. (**Matthew 25:34**)
- For I became hungry and you gave me something to eat, I got thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you received me hospitably. (**Matthew 25:35**)
- Naked, and you clothed me. I fell sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to me. (**Matthew 25:36**)
- Then the righteous ones will answer him with the words; Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty, and give you something to drink? (**Matthew 25:37**)
- When did we see you a stranger and receive you hospitably, or naked, and clothe you? (**Matthew 25:38**)
- When did we see you sick or in prison and go to you? (**Matthew 25:39**)
- And in reply the king will say to them; Truly I say to you; To the extent that you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. (**Matthew 25:40**)

- **Then he will say, in turn, to those on his left; Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)**
- **For I became hungry, but you gave me nothing to eat, and I got thirsty, but you gave me nothing to drink. (Matthew 25:42)**
- **I was a stranger, but you did not receive me hospitably. Naked, but you did not clothe me. Sick and in prison, but you did not look after me. (Matthew 25:43)**
- **Then they also will answer with the words; Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to you? (Matthew 25:44)**
- **Then he will answer them with the words, truly I say to you; To the extent that you did not do it to one of these least ones, you did not do it to me. (Matthew 25:45)**
- **And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous ones into everlasting life. (Matthew 25:46)**
- **In connection with the new heavens and a new earth, evil is also prophesied to be called down on sinners.**
- **For here I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and the former things will not be called to mind, neither will they come up into the heart. (Isaiah 65:17)**
- **I have spread out my hands all day long to a stubborn people, those who are walking in the way that is not good, after their thoughts. (Isaiah 65:2)**

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