

Macabre spectacle and psychological terror at Mount Sinai

The horror show created by Jehovah

The Bible describes an authentic macabre landscape when Jehovah gave the Old Testament law to Moses on Mount Sinai. The scene is composed of a mixture of environmental oppression, psychological anguish, despair and ghostly visions. The description was so terrible and frightening that it looked more like a creepy scene from a horror movie.

Thus Hebrews 12: 18-21 describes the landscape at Sinai ... ***You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death. The sight was so terrifying that Moses said: I am trembling with fear.***

According to that account, Jehovah announced his laws and commandments in an environment of terror, fear, darkness, thunder and darkness, so that even animals were afraid to approach.

That is what we read in the text analogous to Hebrews, which is in Exodus 19: 16-21 ... ***On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with Jehovah, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because Jehovah descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of Jehovah answered him. Jehovah descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up and Jehovah said to him: Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see Jehovah and many of them perish.***



It seems that with such kind of horror show, Jehovah wanted to cause fear among the people, with the aim of imposing respect for himself, and that is why he created that macabre and terror environment. This is why the religious basis of the Old Testament is so oppressive and those who follow its commandments are constrained to do so **because of reprisals and intimidation.**

This was such a sinister and tyrannical situation that Jehovah did not even have the courage to show himself publicly, hiding in the midst of fire, cloud and darkness, as the texts of Exodus 20:21 and Deuteronomy 4: 10-12 say.

Exodus 20:21 ... *The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the **thick darkness where Jehovah was.***

Deuteronomy 4: 10-12 ... *Remember the day you stood before Jehovah at Horeb, when he said to me: Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children. **You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. Then Jehovah spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice.***

In turn, Jesus also gave his commandments on a mountain - the so-called "*Mount of the Beatitudes*". However, Jesus did not resort to spectacles of terror, as well as fire, darkness, thunder or similar things, which only served to cause fear to the people on Mount Sinai and to show that Jehovah was severe.

Thus the text of Matthew 5: 1 and 2 describes how the sermon on the mountain was, which was transmitted in a weightless environment, with much tranquility and freedom, where Jesus recited the Beatitudes and the teachings he himself had received from his Father: ... *Seeing the crowd, he went up the mountain; and sitting down, his disciples came to him. And opening his mouth he taught them.*

We can observe the great difference, for while Jesus was quoting **beatitudes** from all who surrounded and heard them on a mountain, Jehovah threw **threats and burdens** to the people of Israel through his intermediary, Moses.

Unlike Jehovah, Jesus never forced people to obey Him. He always gave the possibility of acceptance or rejection for those who heard his commandments. Jesus always left the door open to his disciples for those who wanted to leave him, without threats and without reprisals.

When many of his disciples turned their backs on him and no longer walked with him, Jesus asked the twelve: *Do you also want to leave?* (John 6:66 and 67)

In Deuteronomy 5: 22-24 we also read this ... ***These are the commandments Jehovah proclaimed in a loud voice to your whole assembly there on the mountain from out of the fire, the cloud and the deep darkness; and he added nothing more. Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to me. When you heard the voice out of the darkness, while the mountain was ablaze with fire, all the leaders of your tribes and your elders came to me. And you said: Jehovah has shown us his glory and his majesty, and we have heard his voice from the fire.***

We read that there was deep darkness when the voice that gave the commandments came from the darkness. This is even stranger when we compare with 1 John 1: 5, that says: *This is the message we have heard from him, and we announce to you: **God is light, and there is no darkness in him.***

Then we ask the following question: How could a God who is light and who gives spiritual light to men, be in such dense darkness and in such a ghostly environment?

If the Father were the same as Jehovah, he would not give his commandments in a setting of darkness and dread, as Jehovah gave the law to the Jews on Mount Sinai, because the true God is light and there is no darkness in him, as said Juan.

The expectation for punishment and death in the Old Testament was so great that even the priests feared to exercise the priestly office, since Nadab and Abiu were both liquidated on the first day that they began their ministry as priests, as we read in Numbers 3:4 and 26:61.

According to a Jewish tradition, the high priests of the Old Testament entered the "Holy of Holies" with a rope tied around their ankles so that the body was towed out, if Jehovah had struck him inside the enclosure, cause of some hidden sin.

The reason for the use of the rope is because it was forbidden for anyone to enter the "Holy of Holies", even if it was to remove someone who died inside the sanctuary.

Only the high priest, once a year is the one who could enter that room with the authorization of Jehovah, as we read in Hebrews 9: 6-7 ... *When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But **only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.***

That could explain why the high priest used the "gold bells" around his suit. In Exodus 28:34 and 35 we read about those bells, which indicated that the high priest was still alive. When the sound of the bells ceased, it meant that the priest had to be towed out of the sanctuary through the rope.

So says the text: ... *The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe. 35 Aaron must wear it when he ministers. **The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before Jehovah and when he comes out, so that he will not die.***



What we can conclude is that the high priest could be killed by Jehovah inside the sanctuary, if it was not according to the behavioral patterns required by law, and therefore a rope would be tied around his ankle while he was in the sanctuary. Then, if the high priest fell dead, his body could be dragged out by the rope.

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Jesus is the true light of men and light shines in the darkness, as John 1: 4 to 9 says ... *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that*

through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

However, **the darkest darkness is not physical darkness, but spiritual darkness.** Spiritual darkness is what prevents minds from understanding God. **For that is exactly what Jehovah did by blinding the spiritual eyes of people,** as Isaiah 6:10 says ... *Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.*

In turn, **Jesus came to heal the people who were blinded by Jehovah and to show them the way of salvation** provided by the Father, as John 9:39 says ... *Jesus said: I have come to this world; so that those who do not see, see, and those who see, are blinded.*

A true God would never hide in darkness and would not blind men so they would not convert, that is, Jehovah is not the true God.

The Bible tells us in 1 John 5:20 that **there is only one true God and that God is Jesus Christ.** This is what the text says: ... *We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*

Now, if there is only one true God, which is Jesus Christ, it is concluded that all other gods are false, even the presumed Old Testament god - Jehovah.

Finally, I quote Hebrews 10: 19-23, where we read that through Christ we have access to the Father with freedom and lightness of soul, without terrorism, without macabre spectacles, without intimidation, without constraints, without threats and without any kind of psychological anguish. This is what the text says: ... ***Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.***

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