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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 27:46

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

Mark 15:34

At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

The language used in this verse of Scripture is neither pure Hebrew nor Syriac, but a mixture of both called commonly Syro-Chaldaic. This was probably the language which Jesus and the Apostles spoke in the Roman occupied territory of Jerusalem. The words are taken directly from Psalms 22:1.

Psalms 22:1

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

My God, my God ...This expression is one denoting intense suffering. It is very difficult to understand in what sense Jesus was forsaken by God? It is certain that God was very approving of Jesus' work and ministry. It is certain that Jesus was innocent and free from any sin of commission, omission and through Jesus' Virgin Birth He did not inherit the sin nature inherited from the first Man. Jesus had done nothing in deed, word or thought to forfeit the favor of God. As the Son of God, the 2nd person of the Triune God and God's only begotten Son in the incarnation of The Son, Jesus remained perpetually holy, harmless, undefiled, and obedient — God still loved him. In either of these senses, God would not and could not have forsaken Jesus at the very moment of His greatest need.

So, why would these words, "Why have You forsaken Me" be cried out by Jesus?

A FOURFOLD EXPLANATION

1. Fulfillment of Prophesy

These words were prophesied to be spoken by Messiah in Psalm 22:1 and Jesus was affirming His Messianic mission to Redeem man. The theme of Psalm 22 is Deliverance of God: Propitiation in the Suffering of Messiah. (See the study, Propitiation: What Is It? http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/propitiation.pdf). Quoting, nay praying the first verse of Psalm 22 was to bring attention to the entirety of the Psalm. Jesus is acknowledging He is the fulfillment of the prophesied Messiah's role to be a sin offering for His people, to suffer and die for those who despise and slay Him.

2. Fulfillment of Torah and it's Sin Offerings

The sin offerings of the Old Covenant Torah were created by God to teach the Old Covenant church, Israel just how repulsive and offensive sin is to our holy God. While it is not the purpose to revisit Torah sin offerings, suffice it to say that Torah was a highly involved and complex system of sacrificial observances and offerings (drink offerings, burnt offerings, sin offerings and guilt offerings) as recompense for crimes against God.

Isaiah 53:10

¶ But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting [Him] to grief; If He would render Himself [as] a guilt offering, He will see [His] offspring, He will prolong [His] days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Torah was also instituted by God to lead His people to Messiah when He should come for all the offerings performed by the high priests on behalf their sinful selves and congregation were imperfect representations of what would eventually and actually have to take place through Messiah ... The Eternal High Priest, The sinless God-man Theanthropos ordained by God to vicariously pay the *full price* for man's guilt and be poured out as a one-time sin and guilt offering upon the altar of God. There simply was no other way man could truly be freed from the sentence of eternal death and the Wrath of God for man's crimes against God.

The book of Hebrews and many other New Covenant writings do a magnificent job in disclosing the priestly function of Messiah in practically and spiritually fulfilling all laws, ordinances, and requirements of written Torah.

Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14

- 10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,
- 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

While a plethora of Scripture may be visited to establish Jesus as High Priest of God and God's *Passover*, *Atonement*, *Propitiation*, *First-Fruits* offering and the fulfillment of the New Covenant promise, all these subjects are covered individually and separately in many Topical and Expository bible studies at The Lord's Children website:

Online Bible Study http://thelordschildren.org/bible study/biblestudy.htm

Topical Studies http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/topical.htm

Expository Studies http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible study/exposit.htm

3. Theanthropos the Man: Intense Physical Suffering

Jesus' great bodily sufferings on the cross is greatly aggravated by his previous scourging, His human want of sympathy, and the reviling of his enemies while He remains torturously nailed upon the cross. A person suffering in this manner may very well address God as one forsaken and given up to extreme anguish. It was ordained and proclaimed by God that the serpent would bruise the heel of Messiah, the seed of the woman in Genesis 3:15. Messiah must first be wounded by and suffer through the full sting of the power of darkness, Satan, sin, evil, and death before He will crush and destroy them all through the power of God and the Resurrection to Life. Jesus was fully tested by the principalities and powers of darkness and overcame them all.

Luke 4:1-2

- 1 ¶ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness
- 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.

Though the tempter of man and angels *departed from him for a season* I am certain the Devil and his evil continued to oppress Jesus in any manner possible. Scriptures record many such events where Jesus comes under attack by those swayed and under the influence of darkness and how the principalities and powers were continually tormenting and taking possession of souls at the time of Jesus.

Lamentations 1:12

¶ "Is it nothing to all you who pass this way? Look and see if there is any pain like my pain Which was severely dealt out to me, Which the LORD inflicted on the day of His fierce anger.

Wherever the Light is most brilliant so shall darkness be its thickest gloom. It is as certain as the rising sun and the rotation of the earth that the powers of darkness would rise up with all its remaining powers in a last ditch attempt to thwart the culmination of its impending doom and defeat. There is no question in my mind that Satan and his demons were present at Calvary to exercise their utmost power to increase the sufferings of our Lord Jesus in hope against hope that by doing so perhaps sin may manifest from the sinless, pure and holy Savior. How and in what manner of evil did the demons of the dark torment the Holy One of God can be only conjectured ... but certainly the intensity of agony was at its zenith at during the pinnacle of human, physical weakness and suffering ... the few remaining moments just prior to death.

4. Theanthropos the God: Intense Spiritual Suffering

Jesus himself said that the power of darkness was at work.

Luke 22:53

"While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

Calvary is the time when the enemies of God and Jesus, both man and spirit, were suffered to do their utmost. Darkness of sin blots out man's fellowship with God. His sufferings were accumulated sufferings: and the design of the atonement seemed to require that Jesus should suffer all that human nature could be made to endure in so short a time. Yet, some have reason to think that there was still something more than what has been previously mentioned to produce in Jesus the words of forsakenness in His exclamation. Had there not been no deeper and more awful sufferings, it would be difficult to see why Jesus should have shrunk from these sorrows, and used such a remarkable expression. Isaiah tells us,

Isaiah 53:4-5

- 4 ¶ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

Jesus healed our broken relationship with God through His pain and suffering on the cross up to and including His death. Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Torah, being made a curse for us, (Galatians 3:13) and our sin offering.

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Greek in the above verse strongly indicates that Jesus was made a sin offering for us and the highlighted portion would be better translate as ... no sin a sin offering ... for Jesus died in our stead, a vicarious sacrifice ... He for me. Jesus died in our place, on our account, that he might bring us near to God. It was this, no doubt, which caused his intense sufferings. When Jesus bore our sins, He became a sin offering, a drink offering poured out upon the altar of God ... a burnt offering for a fragrant aroma to God. This was prophesied when Moses lifted up the serpent on the stick.

John 3:14

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

Numbers 21:8

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery [serpent,] and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live."

Could the very blackness and darkness of sin and evil possible have obscured Jesus' fellowship, His *koinonia* with The Father? Could Jesus' vision of the holiness of God during the epitome of the suffering of God's Wrath upon sin become blurred and obscured? I don't know. What I do know is what the Word of God teaches us

concerning the magnitude of sin and evil crimes waged against our Most Holy God and the even greater magnitude of the remedy, Jesus' propitiation to The Father on our behalf.

Justice must be served. Where crime, there too must be punishment. The cross of Jesus on Mount Calvary became the manifestation of God's hatred of sin to his soul in that hour of dread. A quintessential sacrifice for quintessential glory; the supreme agony and suffering Jesus endured when He took upon Himself the sum total of God's wrath for all the past, present and future sins of a redeemed humanity that was justifiably due to us for the supreme reward ... Eternal Life to those under the curse of Eternal Death and quintessential agony for quintessential glory. (John 12:23)

John 17:1

"When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you"

Jesus is the ultimate Sacrifice of the innocent as propitiation for the ultimate Salvation of the guilty.

THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR HIS SON JESUS

Jesus was never more glorious to the Father than when Our Savior hung on the Cross. The Father has already declared His good pleasure with Jesus at the anointing ceremony for Jesus as High Priest.

Matthew 3:17

and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Mark 1:11

and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Luke 3:22

and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Consider, that both The Son, who became flesh, incarnate Jesus and The Father are in full agreement to this plan of redemption in eternity past, before anything that is came to be. The very nature and essence of God the Father is revealed in Jesus and there is absolutely nothing that gives pause to think that Jesus would be abandoned by The Father or forsaken by The Father at the very moment of His greatest need.

Colossians 2:9

For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

Jesus died shortly after he uttered the prophetic word recorded in Matthew 27:46. However, after these words and before Jesus died He spoke these final words from the cross as recorded in Luke.

Luke 23:46

And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

Luke records this as Jesus' last words before dying and having complete trust in the Father. These words are also a quote from Psalms which Jesus said are written about Him.

Psalms 31:5

Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.

These words, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," were spoken after God supposedly had forsaken him? If God truly had forsaken him, to whom was Jesus speaking?

THE SON JESUS' LOVE FOR HIS FATHER

Jesus is One with the Father and The Father is One with Jesus.

John 14:8-11

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? ... The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me..."

The Messianic mission of Jesus, the great "I AM" is to be lifted up with honor and glory and to do the will of The Father for the will of Jesus is the will of the Father even while Jesus hung upon the cross in great pain and agony.

John 8:28-29 (JB2000)

28 Then Jesus said unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then ye shall know that I AM and that I do nothing of myself, but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father has not left me alone, for I always do those things that please him.

This translation from the Jubilee Bible 2000 puts it most succinctly; God the Father could not and did not leave Jesus alone at this or any other time, especially when Jesus hung upon the cross. Jesus has clarity and understanding about who He is, "the great I AM" the **YHWH**, Yehovah God, LORD GOD who is One with God as the 2nd person of

the Triune God. Jesus is fulfilling that which He was prophesied to do and in no way gives food for fodder for abominable interpretations like the Spirit of God departing Jesus and leaving to die alone upon the cross, which stands in stark opposition and defiance to the very Word of God and the very nature of God. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed,

Matthew 26:39

"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

What passion and love for The Father as expressed with the deeply endearing, "My Father..." at the beginning of Jesus' prayer.

John 10:17-18, 30

- 17 Therefore does my **Father love me**, because I lay down my soul that I might take it again.
- 18 No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment I have received of my Father.
- 30 I and [my] Father are one.

Jesus lives an obedient and loving life that glorifies The Father. Jesus was never more loved by The Father then when he was on the Cross. It was then that Jesus was doing and fulfilling the precise will of the Father and the purpose for His incarnation. What was pleasing to the Father was Jesus willingly giving up His life to demonstrate His love of The Father.

John 14:31a

but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me.

Love is demonstrated through our obedience to the Father. Love = Obedience. And as John 8:28-29 points out, God the Father could not have left His obedient Son alone at this or any other time. We have abandoned Jesus and left Him time and time again, but thanks be to God the Faithful and True, He does not reciprocate.

John 16: 32-33

- 32 "Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
- 33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

And in this is defined the Christian walk: Tribulation in the world ... Peace in Jesus.

Jesus is abandoned by His Apostles and His Disciples yet Jesus informs us that the **FATHER IS AND WILL ALWAYS BE WITH HIM**. Further, He says that this to give us peace and comfort in knowing no matter what tribulation happens to us in the world, and tribulation and Great Tribulation is indeed going to happen to the church regardless what a few popular pan-handlers who seek profit through distorting and twisting the Word of God. Jesus is comforting us by teaching us that when tribulation comes upon us we will be treated by our Heavenly Father and Jesus Himself in our time of trial the same way the Father treated Him. We will not be abandoned or forsaken.

PROBLEMATIC ALTERNATE VIEWS

There are many alternate views floating around on how to understand Matthew 27:46. Some will claim the passage a mistranslation, it is not; others contend Jesus was stating a theological fact that the Father had forsaken Him while He was on the Cross. Any interpretation that contradicts other passages of Scripture is an incorrect understanding and interpretation of the verse. Any view advanced must not stand in defiance of or denial of biblical truths articulated elsewhere in Scripture.

Of all the views advanced, and there are many, like the Father turning away or looking away, mistranslations of the text, etc) the most abominable is the Spirit of God departing Jesus and leaving human Jesus to die alone upon the cross alone. This view comes dangerously close to heresy and demonism because it tramples underfoot several biblical truths. Here is a summary of this view:

Isaiah 53:9 teaches that Jesus Christ would experience two deaths: spiritual death and physical death. He would have to die spiritually before he died physically, because, being God's only begotten Son, he was immortal. As the second Adam, he could not die physically until he first died spiritually, as was true of the first Adam who didn't die physically until he first lost the spirit. When the first Adam died spiritually, he became sin and that separated him from God. So it was with the second Adam, Jesus Christ. When he became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21), he died spiritually and that separated him from God. This occurred on the cross at the time (Matthew 27:46) when Jesus Christ said, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? Having died spiritually, it was only moments later that he died physically. Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, identified with us in our sin. He literally became one with us and one of us in taking on our sin nature. Having paid the price for that sin by dying and going to hell, God then raised His son on the third day pronouncing him, and ultimately all who believe on him, righteous.

These false teachings and heresies all need to be refuted.

Isaiah 53:9 does not teach two deaths of Jesus. This is gross twisting of Scripture and the verse needs to be shown.

Isaiah 53:9

His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

This is the prophesy that Joseph of Arimathea would claim the body of Jesus as it lie dead between sinful men and buried in a rich man's tomb where no one had yet been laid. (Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:43-46; Luke 23:50-53; John 19: 38-41). Jesus was a pure and innocent, (no violence, no deceit) and therefore completely free from any sin. Jesus did not have the sin nature inherited from Adam because of His Virgin birth, for the sin of man was inherited from the seed of man.

(See Atonement: http://www.thelordschildren.org/atonement.htm)

2nd Adam never dies spiritually. Jesus as the second man or second Adam is the life giving spirit. The second Adam NEVER DIED SPIRITUALLY! Where THE FIRST Adam gives life to mortal, temporal man, Jesus gives life to spiritual, immortal man, those born again in Spirit. Jesus succeeds where the first Adam fails.

1 Corinthians 15:22, 45

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam [became] a life-giving spirit.

Become one in Jesus. The above heresy perverts and reverses the truth of God. It is not Jesus who becomes one with man through sin, for Jesus is already one with man at His physical virgin birth and never committed sin. It is man who becomes reconciled to God through sinless Jesus.

(See Freewill, Sin, Evil http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/FreeWill.pdf

When the spirit departs the body, death occurs. God incarnate was not an "occupying spirit" in Jesus but was Jesus. The can be no separation prior to death for separation is death. The 2nd person of the Triune Godhead became flesh ... became Jesus ... is Jesus. The 2nd person of the Triune simply did not occupy the person of Jesus but was fully and totally Jesus. Physical death is defined in Scripture as the spirit departing the body and therefore causing physical death (James 2:26). Colossians 2:9 state that the fullness of the Godhead, the Triune God is in Jesus. If all the fullness of God dwells in Christ, how can they be separated? In John 16, speaking of his imminent crucifixion and death, Jesus is confident that God, his Father, will be with him, though all others will forsake him.

Jesus claims the Father Never Left Him. We covered this already and will not reproduce all the verses again here. We simply must believe the Words of Jesus as

recorded in Scripture and Jesus Himself say that Scripture cannot be broken (John 10:35).

We follow Jesus to the cross. Jesus is giving us a message of hope when we follow him to the cross (Luke 9:23-24). This is not so we will be abandoned but hope in believing that God will NEVER leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

Although believers in God may feel abandoned when they suffer, in reality God the Father and Jesus is closer than ever. What earthly father would not desire to be near his son when he is suffering? Certainly an earthly father is not more loving than God the Father.

God is not unfaithful or unreliable. If we say that Jesus was "forsaken" in an absolute sense wouldn't that make The Father a schizophrenic God, One who tells Jesus to do something and then when Jesus obeys the Father forsakes Him?

Cursed is not forsaken. Many who continue to twist and pervert Scripture do it to their own destruction. Many try to twist Galatians 3 into meaning something it is not.

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—

Paul is referring to how Jesus accepted the suffering due to our guilt (Deuteronomy 27:26). By accepting the suffering due to our guilt Jesus enables our hearts to be opened up to having a true faith, so that it will even be open to accepting the suffering of our own cross. Jesus was enabling us to become truly loving and holy by His grace which works within us, even when that means tribulation, pain and suffering. When God inflicts punishment He does so with more love than any human being could imagine.

Jesus never experienced Spiritual Death. Spiritual death is separation from God due to sin. Jesus never sinned and when He vicariously took all humanities sins upon Himself, for that sacrificial act is not the same as one who volitionally committed crimes against God. There was never any separation between God and Jesus, only a physical death, never a spiritual death. Proclaiming that Jesus died in a state of sin is heretical, for Jesus absolutely did not. This argument is completely unsound, illogical, irrational and completely unscriptural.

Jesus bearing the sin (innocence) for the transgressor of sin (guilty) can in no way be equated. The very function of Jesus as Redeemer means he died a vicarious death and carried with Himself all the sins of the redeemed. Those who support the idea that Jesus died spiritually say that God redeemed him by raising Him from the dead and pronouncing him righteous. This is heresy and in complete contradiction to scripture. If Jesus died in sin like all other men (transgressors) then God could simply decree righteousness via fiat and the sacrifice of Jesus was for nothing. God would have

broken His own Word if this is what He did, but thanks be to God, the Righteous, Faithful and True that this is not what occurred.

Jesus NEVER transgressed, Jesus NEVER violated God's law, and Jesus ALWAYS was the full expression of love and perfection of the Godhead. Those who proclaim spiritual death do so in gross and presumptuous error. Jesus bore the sin of man by being everything man is not ... holy, obedient, sinless and true. It pleased God to strike Jesus for the redemption and salvation of humankind. It is wrong to presume that the sins Jesus *bore* can be equated to the sins via *transgression* like us. This is just untenable.

Nowhere does the Word of God teach it was necessary for the Savior to die spiritually. On the contrary, God's Word clearly states that it was Jesus Christ's perfect and sinless body and blood that was offered to redeem mankind. His flesh, not his spirit, was given for the life of the world.

1 Peter 3:18

¶ For Christ also died for sins once for all, [the] just for [the] unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

John 6:51

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

We are justified by His *blood*, not His spiritual death.

Romans 5:8-10

- 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while **we** were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
- For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Redemption and Reconciliation is through the blood of Jesus.

Ephesians 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Jesus Christ was just and sinless. Although He *suffered* the *consequences* of sin, he never **became** sinful, wicked or unjust on the basis of His Redemptive act of bearing the full penalty for **our sins**.

Jesus Christ accomplished man's salvation through his physical death - the shedding of his sinless blood. Jesus willingly laid down his life for mankind and was raised to life by the Spirit. Redeemer Jesus is God's righteous servant, bearing the sins of many as a spotless lamb before the slaughter. This characterization of the Redeemer is consistent with the Torah, Mosaic Law's portrayal of the sin and trespass offerings as they foreshadow the work of the Promised Redeemer. Jesus is the lamb without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 1:18-20

- 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,
- but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
- For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

At Calvary, Jesus Christ, who was holy and separate from sinners, offered himself to God as the perfect sacrifice for man's sin under the requirements of Torah, Mosaic Law. Jesus was born righteous, lived righteous, and remained so throughout his crucifixion and death.

Hebrews 9:13-14

- For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,
- how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

No dear children, Jesus was never forsaken by The Father, for The Father and the Holy Spirit were as much a part of the suffering of Jesus on the Cross as was Jesus Himself. Be comforted with these words:

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

Jesus Christ died once for sin, not twice, once. The death of Jesus was a physical death ... not a spiritual death.

Jesus never went to hell. This false teaching has Jesus becoming sin and therefore having to be punished for sin in hell. Jesus went to Paradise, which was separated from Hades, the abode of the dead, by an impenetrable gulf. Jesus brought those souls in Paradise who were awaiting the manifestation of Messiah up to heaven with Him at His Ascension where they are now with The Father and Jesus for eternity.

(See Hell: Did Jesus go? http://www.thelordschildren.org/jchell.htm)

FORSAKE: NEW COVENANT SCRIPTURES

1459 εγκαταλειπω egkataleipo (eng-kat-al-i'-po)

from 1722 and 2641; ; v; to leave behind, i.e. (in a good sense) let remain over or (in a bad sense) desert:—

NAS-abandon (1), abandoned (1), deserted (2), forsake (1), forsaken (3), forsaking (1), left (1). AV-forsake 7, leave 2; 9

- 1) abandon, desert
 - 1a) leave in straits, leave helpless
 - 1b) totally abandoned, utterly forsaken
- 2) to leave behind among, to leave surviving
- Matthew 27:46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN <1459 egkataleipo> ME?"
- Mark 15:34 At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN <1459 egkataleipo> ME?"
- Acts 2:27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON <1459 egkataleipo> MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.
- Acts 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED <1459 egkataleipo> TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.
- Romans 9:29 And just as Isaiah foretold, "UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOTH HAD LEFT <1459 egkataleipo> TO US A POSTERITY, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE RESEMBLED GOMORRAH."
- 2 Corinthians 4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken <1459 egkataleipo>; struck down, but not destroyed;
- 2 Timothy 4:10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted <1459 egkataleipo> me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
- 2 Timothy 4:16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted <1459 egkataleipo> me; may it not be counted against them.
- Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking <1459 egkataleipo> our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
- Hebrews 13:5 *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE <1459 egkataleipo> YOU,"

FORSAKE: Old COVENANT SCRIPTURES

05800 עזב 'azab (*aw-zab'*)

a primitive root; TWOT-1594,1595; v; to leave, forsake, loose:—

NAS-abandon (3), abandoned (11), abandons (1), commits (1), deserted (1), failed (1), fails (1), forsake (48), forsaken (56), forsakes (2), forsaking (1), forsook (16), free (5), full* (1), give...vent (1), ignores (1), leave (26), leave them undone (1), leave your behind (1), leaves (2), leaving (1), left (22), left me behind (1), left the behind (1), left behind (1), let it go (1), neglect (2), stopped (1), surely release (1), withdrawn (1).

- AV-forsake 129, leave 72, leave off 4, faileth 2, fortify 2, help 2, committeth 1, destitute 1, refuseth 1, surely 1; 215
- 1) to leave, loose, forsake
 - 1a) (Qal) to leave
 - 1a1) to depart from, leave behind, leave, let alone
 - 1a2) to leave, abandon, forsake, neglect, apostatise
 - 1a3) to let loose, set free, let go, free
 - 1b) (Niphal)
 - 1b1) to be left to
 - 1b2) to be forsaken
 - 1c) (Pual) to be deserted
- 2) to restore, repair
 - 2a) (Qal) to repair

NOT ALL VERSES LISTED

- Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave <05800 azab> his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.
- Genesis 24:27 He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken <05800 azab> His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, the LORD has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."
- Genesis 28:15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave <05800 azab> you until I have done what I have promised you."
- Genesis 39:6 So he left <05800 azab> everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him *there* he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.
- Genesis 39:12 She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left <05800 azab> his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.
- Genesis 44:22 "But we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave <05800 azab> his father, for if he should leave <05800 azab> his father, his father would die.'
- Exodus 9:21 but he who paid no regard to the word of the LORD left <05800 azab> his servants and his livestock in the field

- Exodus 23:5 "If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying *helpless* under its load, you shall refrain from leaving <05800 azab> it to him, you shall surely <05800 azab> release <05800 azab> it with him.
- Leviticus 19:10 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave <05800 azab> them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God.
- Leviticus 23:22 'When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave <05800 azab> them for the needy and the alien. I am the LORD your God.'"
- Leviticus 26:43 'For the land will be abandoned <05800 azab> by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.
- Numbers 10:31 Then he said, "Please do not leave <05800 azab> us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you will be as eyes for us.
- Deuteronomy 12:19 "Be careful that you do not forsake <05800 azab> the Levite as long as you live in your land.
- Deuteronomy 14:27 "Also you shall not neglect <05800 azab> the Levite who is in your town, for he has no portion or inheritance among you.
- Deuteronomy 28:20 "The LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in all you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken <05800 azab> Me.
- Deuteronomy 29:25 "Then *men* will say, 'Because they forsook <05800 azab> the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.
- Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake <05800 azab> you."
- Deuteronomy 31:8 "The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake <05800 azab> you. Do not fear or be dismayed."
- Deuteronomy 31:16 The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers; and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake <05800 azab> Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.
- Deuteronomy 31:17 "Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake <05800 azab> them and hide My face from them, and they will be consumed, and many evils and troubles will come upon them; so that they will say in that day, 'Is it not because our God is not among us that these evils have come upon us?'
- Deuteronomy 32:36 "For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants, When He sees that *their* strength is gone, And there is none *remaining*, bond or free <05800 azab>.
- Joshua 1:5 "No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake <05800 azab> you.
- Joshua 22:3 "You have not forsaken <05800 azab> your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

- Joshua 24:16 The people answered and said, "Far be it from us that we should forsake <05800 azab> the LORD to serve other gods;
- Joshua 24:20 "If you forsake <05800 azab> the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you after He has done good to you."
- Judges 2:12 and they forsook <05800 azab> the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from *among* the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the LORD to anger.
- Judges 2:13 So they forsook <05800 azab> the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtaroth.
- Judges 10:6 Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus they forsook <05800 azab> the LORD and did not serve Him.
- Judges 10:10 Then the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against You, for indeed, we have forsaken <05800 azab> our God and served the Baals."
- Judges 10:13 "Yet you have forsaken <05800 azab> Me and served other gods; therefore I will no longer deliver you.
- Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave <05800 azab> you *or* turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.
- Ruth 2:11 Boaz replied to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left <05800 azab> your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.
- Ruth 2:20 Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn <05800 azab> his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives."
- 1 Samuel 8:8 "Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken <05800 azab> Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.
- 1 Samuel 12:10 "They cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken <05800 azab> the LORD and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve You.'
- 2 Samuel 5:21 They abandoned <05800 azab> their idols there, so David and his men carried them away.
- 1 Kings 6:13 "I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and will not forsake <05800 azab> My people Israel."
- 1 Kings 8:57 "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave <05800 azab> us or forsake us,
- 1 Kings 9:9 "And they will say, 'Because they forsook <05800 azab> the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the LORD has brought all this adversity on them.'"
- 1 Kings 11:33 because they have forsaken <05800 azab> Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of

- Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and *observing* My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David *did*.
- 1 Kings 14:10 therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person, both bond and free <05800 azab> in Israel, and I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.
- 1 Kings 18:18 He said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, because you have forsaken <05800 azab> the commandments of the LORD and you have followed the Baals.
- 1 Kings 19:10 He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken <05800 azab> Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."
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- 1 Kings 21:21 "Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free <05800 azab> in Israel;
- 2 Kings 2:4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave <05800 azab> you." So they came to Jericho.
- 2 Kings 14:26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *which was* very bitter; for there was neither bond nor free <05800 azab>, nor was there any helper for Israel.
- 2 Kings 17:16 They forsook <05800 azab> all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, *even* two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.
- 2 Kings 21:22 So he forsook <05800 azab> the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.
- 2 Kings 22:17 "Because they have forsaken <05800 azab> Me and have burned incense to other gods that they might provoke Me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore My wrath burns against this place, and it shall not be quenched."
- 1 Chronicles 16:37 So he left <05800 azab> Asaph and his relatives there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required;
- 1 Chronicles 28:9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake <05800 azab> Him, He will reject you forever.
- 1 Chronicles 28:20 Then David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake <05800 azab> you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.
- 2 Chronicles 7:19 "But if you turn away and forsake <05800 azab> My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them,
- 2 Chronicles 7:22 "And they will say, 'Because they forsook <05800 azab> the LORD, the God of their fathers who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'"

- 2 Chronicles 12:1 When the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong, he and all Israel with him forsook <05800 azab> the law of the LORD.
- 2 Chronicles 12:5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, 'You have forsaken <05800 azab> Me, so I also have forsaken <05800 azab> you to Shishak."
- 2 Chronicles 13:11 "Every morning and evening they burn to the LORD burnt offerings and fragrant incense, and the showbread is *set* on the clean table, and the golden lampstand with its lamps is *ready* to light every evening; for we keep the charge of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken <05800 azab> Him.
- 2 Chronicles 15:2 and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake <05800 azab> Him, He will forsake <05800 azab> you.
- 2 Chronicles 21:10 So Edom revolted against Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time against his rule, because he had forsaken <05800 azab> the LORD God of his fathers.
- 2 Chronicles 24:18 They abandoned <05800 azab> the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols; so wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt.
- 2 Chronicles 24:20 Then the Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people and said to them, "Thus God has said, 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD and do not prosper? Because you have forsaken <05800 azab> the LORD, He has also forsaken <05800 azab> you.'"
- 2 Chronicles 24:24 Indeed the army of the Arameans came with a small number of men; yet the LORD delivered a very great army into their hands, because they had forsaken <05800 azab> the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.
- 2 Chronicles 28:6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah 120,000 in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken <05800 azab> the LORD God of their fathers.
- 2 Chronicles 29:6 "For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done evil in the sight of the LORD our God, and have forsaken <05800 azab> Him and turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and have turned *their* backs.
- 2 Chronicles 32:31 Even *in the matter of* the envoys of the rulers of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that had happened in the land, God left <05800 azab> him *alone only* to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.
- 2 Chronicles 34:25 "Because they have forsaken <05800 azab> Me and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place and it shall not be quenched."
- Ezra 8:22 For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, "The hand of our God is favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but His power and His anger are against all those who forsake <05800 azab> Him."
- Ezra 9:9 "For we are slaves; yet in our bondage our God has not forsaken <05800 azab> us, but has extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us reviving to

- raise up the house of our God, to restore its ruins and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem
- Ezra 9:10 "Now, our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken <05800 azab> Your commandments,
- Nehemiah 9:17 "They refused to listen, And did not remember Your wondrous deeds which You had performed among them; So they became stubborn and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But You are a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness; And You did not forsake <05800 azab> them.
- Nehemiah 9:19 You, in Your great compassion, Did not forsake <05800 azab> them in the wilderness; The pillar of cloud did not leave them by day, To guide them on their way, Nor the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way in which they were to go.
- Nehemiah 9:28 "But as soon as they had rest, they did evil again before You; Therefore You abandoned <05800 azab> them to the hand of their enemies, so that they ruled over them. When they cried again to You, You heard from heaven, And many times You rescued them according to Your compassion,
- Nehemiah 9:31 "Nevertheless, in Your great compassion You did not make an end of them or forsake <05800 azab> them, For You are a gracious and compassionate God.
- Nehemiah 10:39 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of the grain, the new wine and the oil to the chambers; there are the utensils of the sanctuary, the priests who are ministering, the gatekeepers and the singers. Thus we will not neglect <05800 azab> the house of our God.
- Nehemiah 13:11 So I reprimanded the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken <05800 azab>?" Then I gathered them together and restored them to their posts.
- Job 6:14 "For the despairing man *there should be* kindness from his friend; So that he does not forsake <05800 azab> the fear of the Almighty.
- Psalms 9:10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken <05800 azab> those who seek You.
- Psalms 16:10 For You will not abandon <05800 azab> my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
- Psalms 22:1 <<For the choir director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David.>> My God, my God, why have You forsaken <05800 azab> me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.
- Psalms 27:9 Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not abandon me nor forsake <05800 azab> me, O God of my salvation!
- Psalms 27:10 For my father and my mother have forsaken <05800 azab> me, But the LORD will take me up.
- Psalms 37:8 Cease from anger and forsake <05800 azab> wrath; Do not fret; *it leads* only to evildoing.
- Psalms 37:25 I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken <05800 azab> Or his descendants begging bread.
- Psalms 37:28 For the LORD loves justice And does not forsake <05800 azab> His godly ones; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.
- Psalms 37:33 The LORD will not leave <05800 azab> him in his hand Or let him be condemned when he is judged.
- Psalms 38:21 Do not forsake <05800 azab> me, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me!

- Psalms 71:18 And even when *I am* old and gray, O God, do not forsake <05800 azab> me, Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation, Your power to all who are to come.
- Psalms 89:30 "If his sons forsake <05800 azab> My law And do not walk in My judgments,
- Psalms 94:14 For the LORD will not abandon His people, Nor will He forsake <05800 azab> His inheritance.
- Psalms 119:53 Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked, Who forsake <05800 azab> Your law.
- Psalms 119:87 They almost destroyed me on earth, But as for me, I did not forsake <05800 azab> Your precepts.
- Proverbs 2:13 From those who leave <05800 azab> the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;
- Proverbs 2:17 That leaves <05800 azab> the companion of her youth And forgets the covenant of her God;
- Proverbs 3:3 Do not let kindness and truth leave <05800 azab> you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.
- Proverbs 4:2 For I give you sound teaching; Do not abandon <05800 azab> my instruction.
- Proverbs 4:6 "Do not forsake <05800 azab> her, and she will guard you; Love her, and she will watch over you.
- Proverbs 9:6 "Forsake <05800 azab> your folly and live, And proceed in the way of understanding."
- Proverbs 10:17 He is *on* the path of life who heeds instruction, But he who ignores <05800 azab> reproof goes astray.
- Proverbs 15:10 Grievous punishment is for him who forsakes <05800 azab> the way; He who hates reproof will die.
- Proverbs 28:4 Those who forsake <05800 azab> the law praise the wicked, But those who keep the law strive with them.
- Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes <05800 azab> *them* will find compassion.
- Isaiah 1:4 Alas, sinful nation, People weighed down with iniquity, Offspring of evildoers, Sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned <05800 azab> the LORD, They have despised the Holy One of Israel, They have turned away from Him.
- Isaiah 1:28 But transgressors and sinners will be crushed together, And those who forsake <05800 azab> the LORD will come to an end.
- Isaiah 10:14 And my hand reached to the riches of the peoples like a nest, And as one gathers abandoned <05800 azab> eggs, I gathered all the earth; And there was not one that flapped its wing or opened *its* beak or chirped."
- Isaiah 41:17 "The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none, And their tongue is parched with thirst; I, the LORD, will answer them Myself, *As* the God of Israel I will not forsake <05800 azab> them.
- Isaiah 42:16 "I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, In paths they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them And rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do, And I will not leave <05800 azab> them undone <05800 azab>."
- Isaiah 49:14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken <05800 azab> me, And the Lord has forgotten me."

- Isaiah 54:6 "For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken <05800 azab> and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of *one's* youth when she is rejected," Says your God.
- Isaiah 54:7 "For a brief moment I forsook <05800 azab> you, But with great compassion I will gather you.
- Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake <05800 azab> his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.
- Isaiah 58:2 "Yet they seek Me day by day and delight to know My ways, As a nation that has done righteousness And has not forsaken <05800 azab> the ordinance of their God. They ask Me *for* just decisions, They delight in the nearness of God.
- Isaiah 62:4 It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken <05800 azab>," Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; But you will be called, "My delight is in her," And your land, "Married"; For the LORD delights in you, And *to Him* your land will be married.
- Isaiah 62:12 And they will call them, "The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD"; And you will be called, "Sought out, a city not forsaken <05800 azab>."
- Isaiah 65:11 "But you who forsake <05800 azab> the LORD, Who forget My holy mountain, Who set a table for Fortune, And who fill *cups* with mixed wine for Destiny,
- Jeremiah 1:16 "I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken <05800 azab> Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.
- Jeremiah 2:13 "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken <05800 azab> Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water.
- Jeremiah 2:17 "Have you not done this to yourself By your forsaking <05800 azab> the LORD your God When He led you in the way?
- Jeremiah 2:19 "Your own wickedness will correct you, And your apostasies will reprove you; Know therefore and see that it is evil and bitter For you to forsake <05800 azab> the LORD your God, And the dread of Me is not in you," declares the Lord GOD of hosts.
- Jeremiah 5:7 "Why should I pardon you? Your sons have forsaken <05800 azab> Me And sworn by those who are not gods. When I had fed them to the full, They committed adultery And trooped to the harlot's house.
- Jeremiah 5:19 "It shall come about when they say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' then you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken <05800 azab> Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you will serve strangers in a land that is not yours.'
- Jeremiah 9:13 The LORD said, "Because they have forsaken <05800 azab> My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice nor walked according to it,
- Jeremiah 12:7 "I have forsaken <05800 azab> My house, I have abandoned My inheritance; I have given the beloved of My soul Into the hand of her enemies.
- Jeremiah 16:11 "Then you are to say to them, '*It is* because your forefathers have forsaken <05800 azab> Me,' declares the LORD, 'and have followed other gods and served them and bowed down to them; but Me they have forsaken <05800 azab> and have not kept My law.
- Jeremiah 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake <05800 azab> You will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, Because they have forsaken <05800 azab> the fountain of living water, even the LORD.

- Jeremiah 19:4 "Because they have forsaken <05800 azab> Me and have made this an alien place and have burned sacrifices in it to other gods, that neither they nor their forefathers nor the kings of Judah had *ever* known, and *because* they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent
- Jeremiah 22:9 "Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook <05800 azab> the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.'"
- Jeremiah 49:11 "Leave <05800 azab> your orphans behind <05800 azab>, I will keep *them* alive; And let your widows trust in Me."
- Jeremiah 49:25 "How the city of praise has not been deserted <05800 azab>, The town of My joy!
- Ezekiel 8:12 Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken <05800 azab> the land.'"
- Ezekiel 9:9 Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great, and the land is filled with blood and the city is full of perversion; for they say, 'The LORD has forsaken <05800 azab> the land, and the LORD does not see!'
- Ezekiel 20:8 "But they rebelled against Me and were not willing to listen to Me; they did not cast away the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they forsake <05800 azab> the idols of Egypt. Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.
- Ezekiel 23:8 "She did not forsake <05800 azab> her harlotries from *the time in* Egypt; for in her youth men had lain with her, and they handled her virgin bosom and poured out their lust on her.
- Ezekiel 24:21 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I am about to profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes and the delight of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left <05800 azab> behind <05800 azab> will fall by the sword.
- Daniel 11:30 "For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake <05800 azab> the holy covenant.
- Hosea 4:10 They will eat, but not have enough; They will play the harlot, but not increase, Because they have stopped <05800 azab> giving heed to the LORD.
- Jonah 2:8 "Those who regard vain idols Forsake <05800 azab> their faithfulness,
- Zechariah 11:17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd Who leaves <05800 azab> the flock! A sword will be on his arm And on his right eye! His arm will be totally withered And his right eye will be blind."