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Recognizing Rebellion

1 Samuel 15:1-9, Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy ALL that they have, and SPARE them NOT; **but SLAY both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.**

And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. And **Saul smote the Amalekites** from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. **And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites ALIVE**, and **utterly destroyed all the people** with the edge of the sword.

But Saul and the people SPARED Agag, and the BEST of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and ALL that was good, and would NOT **utterly destroy them**: **but every thing that was vile and refuse, THAT they destroyed utterly.**

1 Samuel 15:10-15, Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for **he is turned back from following me, and hath NOT performed my commandments.** And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD:

I have performed the commandment of the LORD. And **Samuel said, What meaneth then** this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I HEAR? **And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the BEST of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest WE have utterly destroyed.**

1 Samuel 15:16-19, Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

And Samuel said, When thou wast LITTLE in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? And the LORD sent thee on a journey, **and said, Go and utterly destroy the SINNERS the Amalekites,** and fight against them until they be consumed. **Wherefore then didst thou NOT obey the VOICE of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst EVIL in the sight of the LORD?**

Thought 1. Knowing Samuel's ministry, Saul KNEW the words spoken by HIM were exactly what came from THEIR God, for Saul. So, those words were the voice of the Lord.

1 Samuel 15:20-23, *And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in OBEYING the voice of the LORD? Behold, to OBEY is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.*

For **REBELLION** is as the sin of witchcraft, and **STUBBORNNESS** is as iniquity and idolatry.

REBELLION defined 4805, **bitterness** (state of extreme impiety [**IRREVERENCE** toward the Supreme Being; **WICKEDNESS**] or enmity [state of opposition; hostility] to God). Irreverence, want of proper **REVERENCE**; **DISREGARD** (**SLIGHT** [attach little importance to] as unworthy of **REGARD** or notice) of the authority and character of a superior.

REVERENCE, profound (deeply **FELT**) **RESPECT** and **ESTEEM** (high value) mingled with **FEAR** and affection (**LOVE**)...

RESPECT, 1. Caution 2. appreciation [gratitude]; 3. **HONOR**.

The **FEAR** acceptable to God, is a **filial** [**CHILD** in relation to his parents] **FEAR**, an awful (inspiring awe [**DREAD**]) reverence of the divine nature, proceeding from a **JUST** esteem [high value] of his **PERFECTIONS** [infinite power, holiness, justice, benevolence and wisdom], which produces IN us an inclination (**LEANING** of the **MIND** or **WILL**) TO his service AND an **UNWILLINGNESS** to offend (displease) him.

REGARD, attention (exclusive [**FIXED {constant}**] or special **consideration**) of the **MIND**.

James 4:17, Therefore to **HIM** that **KNOWETH** to do good, and doeth it NOT, to HIM it is **SIN**.

Stubbornness defined 6484, **dull** (1. wanting **READINESS** of apprehension [the faculty by which new ideas are conceived; as, a man of dull apprehension] 2. **UNREADY, sluggish, SLOW** in action).

Stubbornness, perverse (distorted from the right) and unreasonable obstinacy (fixedness in opinion or resolution that cannot be shaken at all, OR not **WITHOUT** great difficulty).

Matthew 13:15, This people's heart (**MIND**) is waxed gross (**stupefy** [blunt {**DULL** {**NOT KEEN**}} the faculty of perception or understanding]), and **their ears are dull** (unready) of **hearing (understand)**: and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should SEE with their eyes, and HEAR with their ears, and **should understand with their heart (MIND)**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

NOTE: Lest at any time they should see.—**The words point to the obstinate, wilful ignorance which REFUSES to LOOK on the truth,** lest the look should lead to conviction, and conviction to conversion—the ignorance of those who LOVE darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil (John 3:19).
(Source: <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/ellicott/matthew/13.htm>)

1 Samuel 15:23-28, *Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will NOT return with thee: for thou hast rejected the*

word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.
 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.
 And Samuel said unto him, **The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel FROM thee this day, and hath GIVEN it to a neighbour of thine, that is BETTER** (having good qualities in a GREATER degree than another) **than thou.**

NOTE: Seeing his mantle rent by Saul, he took occasion from thence to predict, and no doubt **it was IMPRESSED on his MIND by the Spirit of God**, that his kingdom should be in a like manner rent from him, on account of his own evil conduct and behaviour; and from this day forward he might expect it; the sentence was gone forth from God, and it would NOT be reversed; and by a like sign was signified the rending of the TEN tribes from the kingdom of Solomon in his son Rehoboam, 1 Kings 11:30, and **hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou; who was David**, a man after God's own heart, that would fulfil his will, who was MORE holy, just, and wise than Saul; whose works were better and righter than his, as the Targum; who was an Israelite, of the same nation and religion as he, and so his neighbour; and though he was NOT of the same tribe, yet of a neighbouring tribe; Benjamin, and Judah, of which tribe David was, joining closely to one another.

(Source: https://biblehub.com/commentaries/gill/1_samuel/15.htm)

NOTE: This is the SECOND time that Samuel has indicated that YHWH now has his replacement in mind. In 13:14 he had said, '**YHWH has sought a man after His OWN heart (MIND)**, and YHWH has commanded him to be war-leader over His people'.

(Source: <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/eng/pet/1-samuel-15.html>)

James 4:4, Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye NOT that the friendship (fondness [TENDER PASSION; WARM AFFECTION]) of the WORLD is enmity (hostility) with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend (dear [LOVER; sweetheart]) of the WORLD IS the enemy of God.

World defined 2889, kosmos Phonetic: *kos'-mos*; **orderly arrangement, figuratively (MORALLY [In a MORAL sense]: (The world's)** Moral, relating to the practice, manners or conduct of men as social beings in relation to each other, and with reference to RIGHT and WRONG]].

NOTE: A man may have a competent portion of the good things of this life, and yet may keep himself in the LOVE of God. **But he who sets his heart upon the world, who places his happiness in it**, and will CONFORM himself to it, and DO any thing rather than lose its friendship, **he is an ENEMY to God.**

It is constructive (NOT directly expressed, but inferred) TREASON and REBELLION against God, to set the WORLD upon HIS throne in our hearts.

(Source: <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/mhm/james-4.html>)

TREASON, 1. disloyalty; 2. Loosely, the BETRAYAL of any trust or confidence.

TREASON is the highest crime of a civil nature of which a man can be guilty. Its signification is different in different countries. In general, it is the offense of attempting to overthrow the government of the state to which the offender owes allegiance (devotion; loyalty), OR of betraying the state into the hands of a foreign power. In monarchies, the killing of the king, or an attempt to take his life, is **treason**. In England, to imagine or compass (to plot) the death of the king, or of the prince, or of the queen consort, or of the heir apparent of the crown, is high treason; as are many other offenses created by statute.

In the United States, **treason** is confined to the ACTUAL levying of WAR

against the United States, OR in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort.

Deuteronomy 31:24-30, And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. **For I know thy REBELLION, and thy stiff neck:** behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, **ye have been REBELLIOUS against the LORD; and how much more after my death?**

Rebellious defined 4784, to be bitter (state of extreme impiety to God).

Rebellious, disposed (INCLINED {leaning of tendency}) to REBEL (1. renounce, and resist by force, the authority of the ruler OR government to which one OWES obedience. 2. To be disobedient to authority; to assume a HOSTILE or insubordinate [NOT submitting to authority] attitude [MIND]).

Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. **For I know** that **AFTER my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside FROM the way which I have commanded you;** and EVIL will befall you in the latter days; because ye will DO evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel...

Nehemiah 9:2, 7-10, 13-19, And the SEED of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. ... Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; And foundest **his heart faithful before thee,** and **madest a COVENANT with him to GIVE the land** of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and **hast performed thy words; for THOU art RIGHTEOUS: And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt,** and **heardst their cry by the Red sea;** And shewedst SIGNS and WONDERS upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. **So didst thou get thee a NAME (character [reputation]), as it is this day.**

... Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them RIGHT judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: And madest known unto them thy holy Sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: **And gavest them bread from heaven** for their hunger, and **broughtest forth water** for them out of the rock for their thirst, and PROMISEDST them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them. But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened NOT to thy commandments, **And REFUSED to OBEY, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks,** and **in their REBELLION appointed a captain to return to their bondage:** but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them NOT. Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; **Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them NOT in the wilderness:** the pillar of the cloud departed NOT from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light...

Jeremiah 28:1, And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that **Hananiah the**

son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people...

(Septuagint) **Jeremiah 28:1**, And it came to pass in the fourth year of Sedekias king of Juda, in the fifth month, that **Ananias the FALSE prophet, the son of Azor...**

NOTE: in the beginning, etc.] See on Jeremiah 27:1. If, as seems likely, the utterance of Hananiah which follows was on the same day on which **Jeremiah appeared in public, wearing a yoke on his neck** (Jeremiah 27:2), and that the messengers from abroad (ib. 3) had NOT yet departed, we can realize the effect which Hananiah's words of direct contradiction to Jeremiah's forecast (ib. 16) would produce.

Hananiah] one of the prophets of the national party, whose unauthorized predictions of peace and safety were among the severest trials to which Jeremiah had to submit. **For the relation of the false to the true prophets see** Intr. pp. xxxii. f.; Jeremiah 23:9, **Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the WORDS of his holiness**; Jeremiah 29:31-32. Cp. Ezekiel 13.

(Source: <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/cambridge/jeremiah/28.htm>)

Jeremiah 28:10, **Then Hananiah the prophet** took the **YOKE** from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.

(Septuagint) **Jeremiah 28:10**, **Then Ananias** took the **yokeS..**

Jeremiah 28:11-17, And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I BREAK the YOKE of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way. **Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the prophet**, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; **Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.** For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also. **Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet**, **Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath NOT sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught REBELLION against the LORD.** So **Hananiah** the prophet died the SAME year in the seventh month.

(Septuagint) **Jeremiah 28:17**, So **HE** died in the seventh month.

Ezekiel 2:1-10 ...he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. **And the spirit entered (come UPON; enter (into TRANCE) into me when he spake unto me**, and SET me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a **REBELLIOUS nation that hath REBELLED against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent (CRUEL, STUBBORN; SHAMELESS) children and stiffhearted.**

Shameless, 1. destitute (NOT having) of SHAME; brazen-faced (BOLD to excess);
2. done without shame; indicating want of shame; as a shameless denial of truth.
SHAME, a painful sensation excited by a consciousness of guilt, OR of having

done something which injures reputation (good name; favorable regard [view]).

I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. **And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear,** (for they are a **REBELLIOUS** house,) **yet shall KNOW** that **there hath been a prophet among them.** And thou, son of man, be NOT afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be NOT afraid of their words, NOR be dismayed at their looks, though they be a **rebellious house.**

And thou shalt speak my WORDS unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: **for they are most rebellious.** But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; **Be NOT thou rebellious like THAT rebellious house:** open thy mouth, and EAT that I give thee. And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.