

Who Would Jesus Bomb?

Commentary for April 17, 2008 — It's Worse Than You Can Imagine

I recently came across a local Unitarian Church sermon title, "Who Would Jesus Bomb?" The implication is that Jesus loves everyone, and that Jesus would never hurt, harm, or kill anyone. After all, God is love (1 John 4:8, 16).

Unfortunately for those who say and believe such things, they have a shock coming to them in the future, a shock from God Himself. People who believe such things have not read the Bible much, apparently. They should understand that God punishes His human children rather often by killing them off. Remember the flood?

God Kills People

Yes, God kills people as He told Moses:

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand."

• *Deuteronomy 32:39*¹

Hannah, the mother of Samuel understood that God kills people:

"YHWH kills, and makes alive: he brings down to the grave, and brings up."

• *1 Samuel 2:6*

The King of Israel (2 Kings 5:6–8) understood that God kills people:

"And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, 'Am I God, to kill and to make alive,' ..."

• *2 Kings 5:7*

Of course God does love everyone. He loves the unbeliever the same as he loves you and I who are believers. Nevertheless God fought for Israel and killed people by doing so.

"For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelled in their steads until the captivity."

• *1 Chronicles 5:22 KJV*

Most literal translations render that passage similarly. The *Net Bible* translation presents the same verse with a different emphasis in English, but it is still true to the Hebrew. God killed people who were enemies to God's chosen people:

"Because God fought for them, they killed many of the enemy. They dispossessed the Hagrites and lived in their land until the exile."

• *1 Chronicles 5:22, Net Bible*

The answer to the question "who would Jesus bomb?" is this: He shall kill almost everyone on the planet, just as He did at the time of the flood. At some unknown time in the future God, through Christ Jesus when He returns, will literally "bomb" billions of people.

1. YHWH loved Moses yet He once sought to kill him (Exodus 4:24), and later sentenced him to death (Deuteronomy 32:48–52, because of Numbers 20:11–12). He loved King David, yet God proclaimed his death also, in both cases for disobedience (2 Samuel 7:11–12, Psalm 20). See my article "[The Tomb of David and Psalm 30.](#)"

Stones and Hail from Heaven

In science fiction there is a tactic of war involving a weapon called a "mass driver." The idea is to attack an enemy planet by having ships in space hurl asteroids at enemy planets. God thought of this concept first. This is precisely how God will kill great numbers of people at the time of the end just before Jesus Christ returns to this earth. God will attack the people of earth with great masses of rock and hail from space.² Note that the final destruction of the city of Babylon (to be rebuilt in the future) describes exactly the situation where an angel acts as God's agent of judgment upon Babylon in the future:

"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, 'Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.'"

• *Revelation 18:21*

This is not the only instance. Smaller hailstones will strike earlier in Revelation 16:17–21:

"And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent [about 100 pounds]: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

• *Revelation 16:21*

These hundred pound masses of rock and ice kill people. God causes this to happen. These events are similar to a battle that occurred in the time of Joshua when the sun stood still:

"And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that YHWH cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword."

• *Joshua 10:11*

God often fought on behalf of His people by controlling circumstances and using agents (just as He shall do before and at the time of Christ's Second Coming). The point is God directly kills people. Read all of Isaiah chapter 34. Here are examples of God fighting for Israel:

"YHWH shall fight for you [Israel], and you shall hold your peace [do nothing]"

• *Exodus 14:14*

"One man of you shall chase a thousand: for YHWH your Elohim, he [YHWH] it is that fights for you, as he has promised you."

• *Joshua 23:10*

"With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is YHWH our Elohim to help us, and to fight our battles. ..."

• *2 Chronicles 32:8*

"In what place therefore you hear the sound of the trumpet, resort you thither unto us: our God shall fight for us."

• *Nehemiah 4:20*

"Who is this King of glory? YHWH strong and mighty, YHWH mighty in battle."

• *Psalms 24:8*

"Then shall YHWH go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

• *Zechariah 14:3*

2. Some examples of God doing this in the past are: Exodus 9:23; Isaiah 30:30; and Ezekiel 13:11–13. God shall also do so in the future: Ezekiel 38:22 and Revelation 8:7, 11:19.

Christ will destroy the armies of the beast when He returns to earth:

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he does judge and make war. ...

And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ...

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. ...

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

• Revelation 19:11, 15, 17–18, 21

Yes, all human beings are God’s children. God punishes people who do not believe in Him, those who do sin and evil, but God also corrects and even kills those that acknowledge, know, and even love Him as God. In fact God corrects His *ekklesia* quite severely. (Remember, God kills, but He also makes alive (Deuteronomy 32:39, above):

“And I will kill her children [Jezebel’s children who infiltrated the Thyatira *ekklesia*] with death; and all the churches [*ekklesias*] shall know that I am he which searches the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”

• Revelation 2:23

“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”

• 1 Peter 4:17

“For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives.”

• Hebrews 12:6

In the Hebrews 12:6 passage the word “scourges” is the same Greek root word used to indicate Christ’s scourging at the hands of the Roman soldiers before His crucifixion³:

“Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe.”

• John 19:12

God as sovereign kills His children in judgment because He can bring good out of evil. Surprisingly, God’s mercy is shown and actually helps the people He kills by having them die. One reason He does this is for punishment in this life for sins and evils during their lifetime. God also kills people for society’s sake to prevent more sin and evil (Romans 13:1–7).

God has chosen that most people in His world shall learn about God’s presence, God’s love, and God’s redemptive work through His Son Christ Jesus only after their physical resurrection.

Everything God does is for His glory, including His acts of judgment when God kills people. Everything Christ does is for the glory of His Father, including His acts of judgment and punishment and killing when He returns from heaven.

3. See the other instances of the word Greek “scourge” in Matthew 10:17, 20:19, 23:34; Mark 10:34; and Luke 18:33 besides John 19:1 and Hebrews 12:6 cited in the text above.

If you do not think God the Father kills His children, then look at what He did to His only-begotten Son, Jesus, Immanuel, **“God with us”** (Isaiah 7:14, 8:8; Matthew 1:23). He put all the sins of mankind upon Jesus and then God the Father had Him killed. Jesus, the Son of God through whom all creation came, was killed by His Father YHWH.

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal [eonian] life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting [eonian] life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

• *John 3:14–17*

Clearly God loved His only begotten Son. He loves the world. He loves you. Yet God kills people, even His own children that He loves. Why? He does so because he judges those he loves. With God, all judgment is educative and corrective. Even if it takes a physical resurrection, the guilty shall be judged, educated, and corrected. All shall be saved through Christ.

We are to act according to a different standard than God. He can bring good out of evil. We cannot do so. Eventually God shall bring every human being into a state of righteousness like that of His Son Jesus Christ — every human being. Until that time WE are commanded to act properly as stated clearly by the apostle Paul:

“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine: I will repay,’ says the Lord. Therefore if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”

• *Romans 12:17–21*

This seems contradictory doesn't it? Why should we act “better” than God (Deuteronomy 32:35; Psalm 94:1–3; Hebrews 10:30)? The answer is simple. We are not God. Only He is sovereign. Only He is free to do His will completely, and fulfill the purpose of His creation (Ephesians 1:5–11; Philippians 2:13). We are to obey Him and His rules for our conduct.

The affairs of nations are in the hand of God. They are miniscule in His sight and He shall deal justly with the nations of men (Deuteronomy 32:43). We as members of the *ekklesia* of God, members of the Body of Christ, should not be concerned with the affairs of nations with regard to influencing them. They are not our concern in this discussion.

“The nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he takes up the isles as a very little thing. ... All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.”

• *Isaiah 40:15, 17*

Our role is to perfect ourselves and the *ekklesia*, the body of Christ. The nations are God's responsibility. Israel is God's responsibility. Our responsibility is to love God and our neighbor.

So ... “Who would Jesus bomb”? Wait and see. Jesus will bomb millions, and probably billions of people throughout most of the world. Jesus will “bomb” whatever He chooses, whoever He chooses, and whenever He chooses. Only He can bring life from death and good from evil.

When God begins to kill mankind for correction, it shall be far worse than we can imagine. One thing is certain, all shall be done with righteousness to the glory of God the Father.

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