

HADAD'S REVENGE

- 1st Kings 11
- David and Joab decimate the Edomite male population
- Hadad a small child at the time
- Flees to Egypt with his father
- About 40 -50 years after the event, Hadad wants revenge on Israel and on Solomon
- Why?



FEAR-POWER SOCIETIES

- Usually primitive
- Interact daily with spirits
- Life is a constant effort to have peace with spirits or to appease the gods
- Spirits and gods don't act rationally
- Only way to overcome fear is to obtain power
- No right and wrong
- No guilt



FEAR-
POWER



SHAME-
HONOR

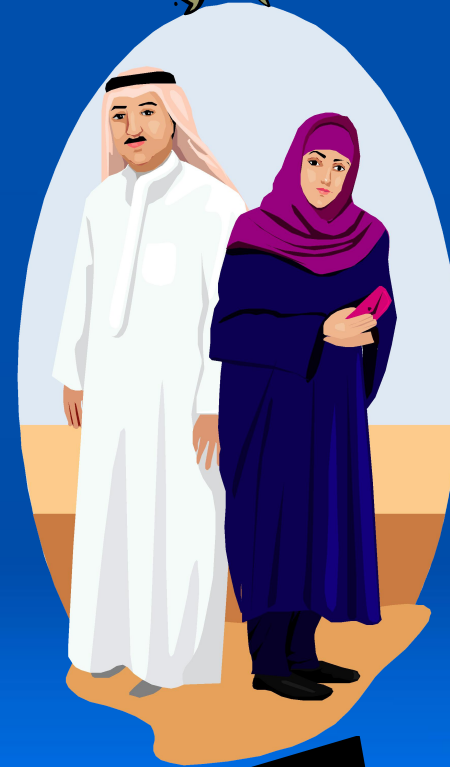


GUILT-
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SHAME-HONOR SOCIETIES



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- Consumed with concern for social status
- Group-thinkers
- Individualism is bad
- Issue is NOT right and wrong, but rather to act honorably or shamefully
- No sense of guilt
- Law is not about right and wrong, but rather about what brings shame or honor
- No absolutes regarding laws or moral code, all is relative

GUILT-INNOCENCE SOCIETIES



FEAR-
POWER

- The Western world
- Society based on firm laws
- Complying = right, innocent
- Not complying = wrong, guilty
- Shame is NOT a societal status, it is an EMOTION caused by guilt for breaking a law or an understood moral code



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UNDERSTANDING IS LIMITED BETWEEN SOCIAL PLATFORMS

- Values are different between the 3 social platforms
- The criteria we use to make decisions and choices is different
- The Bible was written in the cultural context of a shame and honor society, especially before the Law



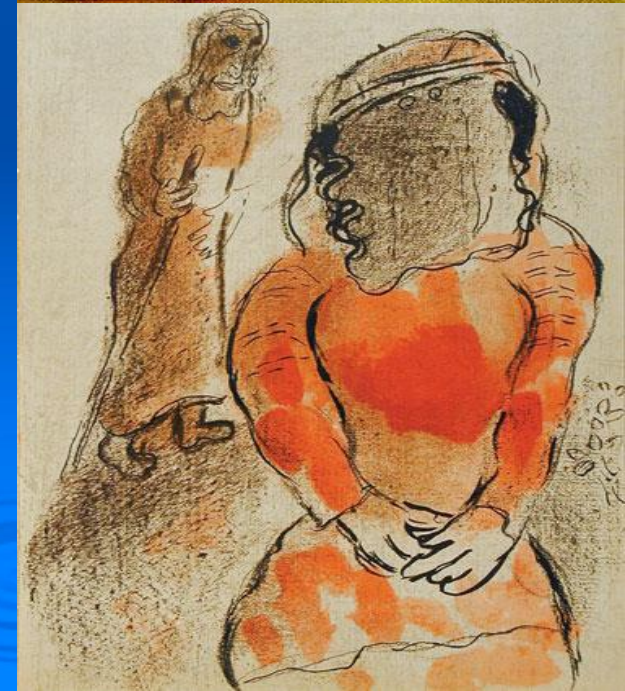
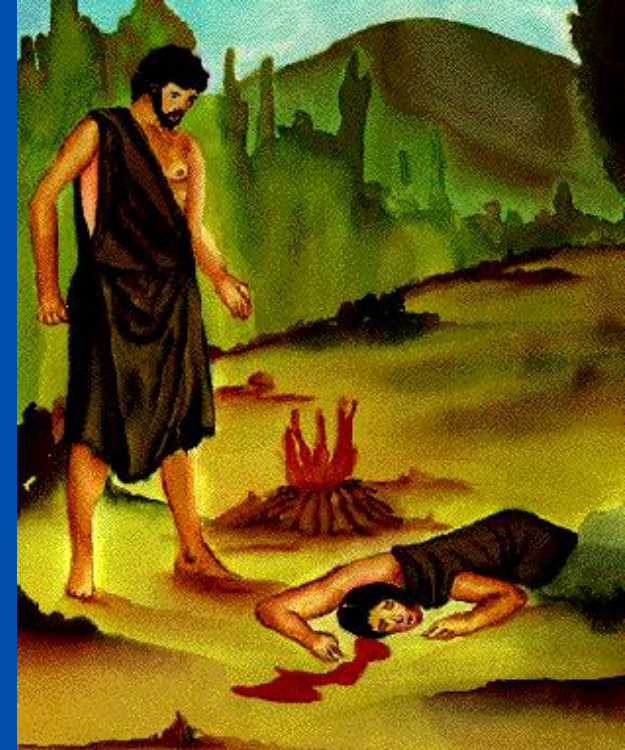
THE FALL BROUGHT GUILT, SHAME AND FEAR INTO THE WORLD



- Genesis 3:6 – 11
- Adam and Eve had a ONE law “Torah”
- Tree of KNOWLEDGE of Good and Evil
- They broke a law, so became guilty
- They became afraid first of God, then of animals, and later of imagined spirits
- They were “naked”
- Naked means shame

SHAME AND HONOR IN THE BIBLE

- Abel killed Cain because God accepted Cain's offering but not Abel's
- Reason was that Abel lost his honor and was shamed
- Revenge was the solution
- Gen. 38 the story of Judah and Tamar
- Hard to find "right and wrong" in this account
- This was a story about shame and honor
- Judah caused Tamar's shame and she devised a cunning way to restore her honor using sex, lies, deceit
- Thus Judah sung her praises



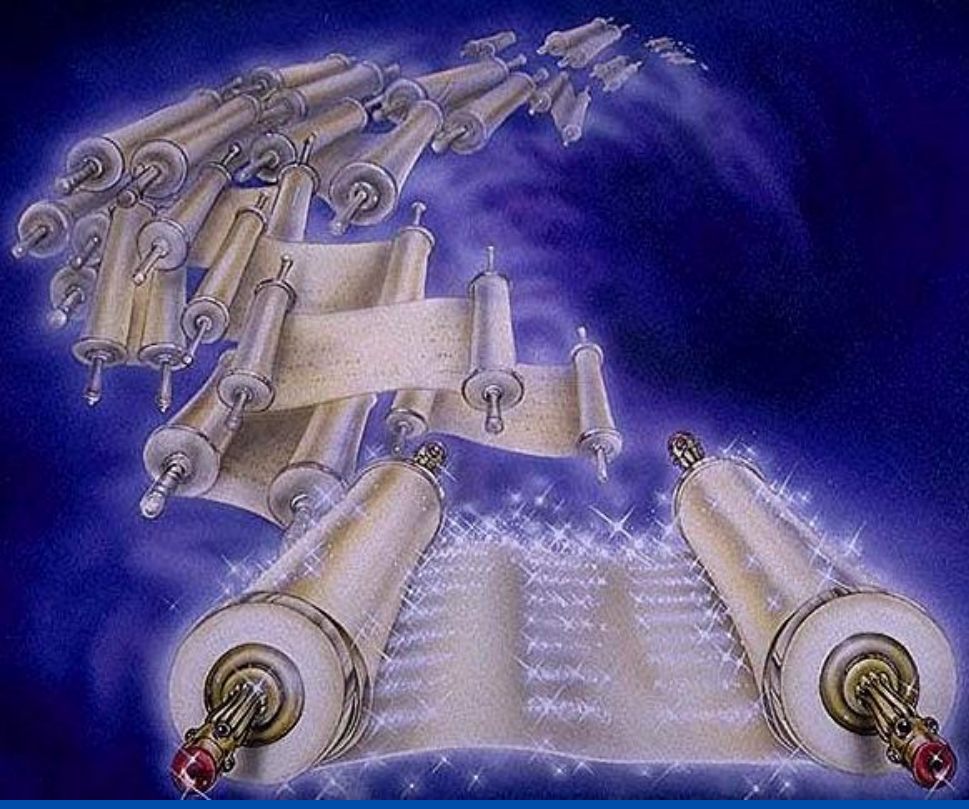
TURN THE OTHER CHEEK

- Matthew 5:39
- Slapping someone on the cheek is today an assault
- In Yeshua's day it was an insult
- It's purpose was to bestow shame
- A man's only response was violent vengeance if he wanted to restore his honor
- Yeshua was explaining that the Torah's proportional justice was not meant to deal with cultural insults
- It was a confrontation between the Law, and shame and honor



THE IMPACT OF “LAW”

- The “Law” disrupted the shame and honor society of the Hebrews
- Without a guilt-innocence societal platform man would not accept absolutes of right and wrong
- Romans 5:12 – 14
- After Adam but before Moses was there no sin because there was no “Law”?
- The Law was in heaven and sin was in the world



WITH THE LAW SIN WAS EXPOSED AS SIN

for the wages
of Sin is
DEATH
romans 6:23

- Men could choose NOT to sin, or if they did sin seek a remedy
- The Western world's conflict with Islam will probably lead to Armageddon
- With knowledge of the 3 societal platforms, coupled with God's promises, prophecies, and commandments, we can view the world through the proper lens