

A man is driving down a country road in Nebraska, when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass doing nothing. The man gets out of the car, walks all the way out to the farmer and asks him, "Excuse me mister, but what are you doing?" The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize." "How?" asks the man.

"Well, I heard they give the Nobel Prize to people who are outstanding in their field, and I've been trying for a year now.



מַתִּיָּתָהוּ Mattityahu

(Matthew) 12:12-14

Redemption Releases Rage

Mtt 12.9-11 Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue. A man there had a shriveled hand.

Causing and Healing shrivelled hands were emblematic of great authority and power in Bible history.

1 K 13.4-7 When the king heard...the man of God denounce the altar in Beit-El, King Yarov'am took his hand away from the altar and said, "Seize him!" But his hand, the one he had stretched out against him, shriveled up; so that he could not draw it back to himself...The king then responded to the man of God. "Ask now the favor of ADONI your God," he said,

1 K 13.4-7 “and pray for me, that my hand will be restored to me.” The man of God prayed to ADONI, and the **king's hand was restored** to him and became as it had been before. The king then said to the man of God, “Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.

Mtt 12.9-11 ...a shriveled hand.

Talmud [not written yet but Oral]

- healing permitted on Shabbat if a life or death issue...so this **not OK**
- Healing permitted on Shabbat if no medicinal prep...so this **was OK**
- Shammai: no prayer for sick on Shabbat
- Hillel: Prayer for sick OK on Shabbat

Mtt 12.9-11 Looking for a reason to
accuse him of something, **they**
asked him, “Is healing permitted on
Shabbat?”

Heavy & light / Kal v'khomer קל וְחִמֵּר
discussion:

But he answered, “If you have a
sheep that falls in a pit on *Shabbat*,
which of you won't take hold of it
and lift it out?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:12

” וְכַמָּה חָשׁוּב הָאָדָם יוֹתֵר מִן
הַכֶּבֶשׂ! לָכֵן מִתֵּר לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַטּוֹב
בְּשַׁבָּת.”

"How **much more** valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore, what is permitted on Shabbat is to do good."

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:13

אָז אָמַר אֶל הָאִישׁ: "הוֹשֵׁט יָדְךָ!"
הוּא הוֹשִׁיט אֶת יָדוֹ וְאִמְנָם שָׁבָה
לְאִתְנָה וְהִתְנָה בְּרִיאָה כְּמוֹ הַשְּׁנִיָּה.

Then to the man he said, "Hold out your hand." As he held it out, it became restored, as sound as the other one.

Craig Keener's Commentary p 357: «He simply ordered the man to stretch forth his hand, **an act that was not considered work by anyone's standard; G-d alone performs work in this.**»

- No medicine
- No hands layed
- No prayer

Response:

The Six Orders of the Mishnah (ששה סדרי משנה)

Zeraim (Seeds)

(זרעים)

Berakhot · Pe'ah · Demai ·
Kil'ayim · Shevi'it · Terumot ·
Ma'aserot · Ma'aser Sheni ·
Hallah · Orlah · Bikkurim

Moed (Festival)

(מועד)

Shabbat · Eruvin · Pesachim ·
Shekalim · Yoma · Sukkah ·
Beitza · Rosh Hashanah ·
Ta'anit · Megillah ·
Mo'ed Katan · Hagigah

Nashim (Women)

(נשים)

Yevamot · Ketubot · Nedarim ·
Nazir · Sotah · Gittin ·
Kiddushin

Nezikin (Damages)

(נזיקין)

Bava Kamma · Bava Metzia ·
Bava Batra · Sanhedrin ·
Makkot · Shevu'ot · Eduyot ·
Avodah Zarah · Avot · Horayot

Kodashim (Holies)

(קדשים)

Zevachim · Menahot · Hullin ·
Bekhorot · Arakhin · Temurah
· Keritot · Me'ilah · Tamid ·
Middot · Kinnim

Tohorot (Purities)

(טהרות)

Keilim · Oholot · Nega'im ·
Parah · Tohorot · Mikva'ot ·
Niddah · Makhshirin · Zavim ·
Tevul Yom · Yadayim · Uktzim

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:14

יָצְאוּ הַפְּרוּשִׁים וְטָפְסוּ עֵצָה לְהַכְחִיד
אֶת יֵשׁוּעַ.

But the P'rushim went out and began plotting how they might do away with Yeshua.

Redemption Releases Rage

Acs 26.11 “I used to think it was **my duty to do all I could to combat the name of Yeshua from Natzeret...** I myself threw many of God’s people in prison; when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. Often I went from one synagogue to another, punishing them and trying to make them blaspheme...**in my wild fury against them**

Rev 12.12,17 The Adversary has come down to you, and **he is very angry**, because he knows that his time is short!” ¹⁷ **The dragon was infuriated** over the woman and went off to fight the rest of her children, those who obey God’s commands and bear witness to Yeshua.

Two objects of the rage:

- The Messiah
- The people to whom the Messiah would come [BCE] and
- The people to whom the Messiah will return.

The channel of his rage is almost always people, wounded people.

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According to an ADL telephone survey [\sim 2014] of 500 people, 23% \pm 4.4% of the adult population in Japan harbor anti-Semitic attitudes. Furthermore, the study reveals that 46% of the population agree with the statement "Jews think they are better than other people", and that almost half of the respondents (49%) think that "Jews are more loyal to Israel than to Japan".

**Jewish population of Japan: one
Jewish person / 127,103 Japanese.
About 1000 in the whole country**

Beresheet/Gen 3.14-15 *ADONAI*, God, said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all livestock and wild animals. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust as long as you live. I will put animosity between you and the woman, and between your descendant and her descendant; he will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel.”

To understand the dynamic, you must grasp the beginning of the current universe.

G-d made a perfect world.

- No evil.
- No corruption.
- No thorns.
- No entropy?

**G-d gave mankind the gift of choice,
so we could know love.**

If we succeeded → bliss.

**If we failed, excruciating atonement
of G-d in Messiah → greater
redeemed bliss.**

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between you and the woman, and
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descendant; **he will crush your
head, and you will crush his heel.”**

The seed will restore everything.

Stop His birth

- **Pharoah**
- **Haman**
- **Jewish apostasy**
- **Antiochus**
- **Herod**

Stop His return to Jerusalem

- Replacement theology
- Crusades
- Holocaust
- Internal strife: David Ben Gurion to Mickey Marcus *Cast a Giant Shadow* starring Kirk Douglas

Sinat Khinam שְׂנֵאת חִיָּם



Steven Spielberg, In Harvard Commencement Speech, Says Anti-Semitism On The Rise, Speaking at Harvard University's commencement on Thurs. 26 May 2016

**Speaking at Harvard University's commencement on Thurs. 26 May 2016, filmmaker Steven Spielberg said he was "wrong" as a kid to think anti-Semitism "was fading."
"As a kid, I was bullied for being Jewish."**

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“This was upsetting, but compared to what my parents and grandparents had faced, it felt tame because we truly believed that anti-Semitism was fading. But we were wrong. Over the last two years, nearly 20,000 Jews have left Europe to find higher ground.

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And earlier this year, I was at the Israeli embassy when President Obama stated the sad truth. He said: 'We must confront the reality that around the world, anti-Semitism is on the rise. We cannot deny it.'"
The 69-year-old creator of award-winning films like "Schindler's List" and "Saving Private Ryan,"

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also spoke about his Shoah Foundation. The foundation has taken video testimonies of over 53,000 Holocaust survivors and witnesses in 63 countries since he founded it in 1994. (J. Post)



<https://www.causematch.com/en/projects/unitedwithisrael/>

**What's the answer to baseless
hatred?**

It's almost always through people.

If people external to the community:

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If it's from human sources we can get close to, such as Yeshua faced in our text.

Islam / Ishmael pre-eminent religion of fatherlessness bitterness



**Ariel and Vered Blumenthal May
2016, in Thailand**

On the third day of our meeting we had a clear sense that God had brought us together "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). As it was with Esther, this time we were led by the women in our midst.

"Egyptian women willingly identified with Hagar and confessed the rejection, envy and resentment she felt when Abraham cast her out of the family as Sarah demanded. (This spirit of rejection has dogged the Arab peoples every generation since. Those who have been set free from it are often magnificent people, but the ethnic type prevails.) Agonized tears were wept by the Egyptians and everyone else as we experienced a measure of those emotions.

They confessed that they had hated and mocked "Isaac" and his offspring. Then an Israeli mother [Vered] stepped forward to plead, "There are two empty places at our family table. Won't you come home? Our family is not complete. Isaac needs his older brother, who was blessed by God first." These words don't begin to express the depth of significance and emotion of the moment. I hope you can imagine a bit of the atmosphere

There was much weeping and rejoicing following this time of sharing. And then, the Egyptians began to sing over us, while our 8 month old boy, Lavi, sat on my shoulders giggling and smiling (as he almost always does). It was as if Hagar and Ishmael were singing and rejoicing over Isaac! (Perhaps that's what we should have named our laughing boy.)

Possibly for the first time in history, descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob came together with the family of Hagar and Ishmael, all of us secure in our eternal inheritance because of our faith in our great, older brother, Abraham's greatest Son, Yeshua (Romans 8:29-30).

Mark 11.24-25 Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, trust that you are receiving it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if **you have anything** against anyone, forgive him; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive your offenses

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