

About the Old Testament

Good Gods Almighty

Genesis 1:26:

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness . . .

Us? Us who? Did God have an angel in his pocket? Was there someone else there with God?

Yes, as a matter of fact, there was. The Jewish God was not God at all, but **gods**. Plural. Jews had several names for them, both male and female. You probably have never been told that, in large part because a great deal of effort has gone into making sure you would never find out about that little detail. Almost all versions of the Old Testament translate all the different names for the Jewish gods as a singular God. The translators knew exactly what they were doing.

According to the hype, Jews were the first monotheists, believing in the one Yahweh, thus making a quantum leap forward in the evolution of mankind. But that is several lies all bundled neatly together. For one thing, Jews were polytheists (becoming monotheists very late in their ancient history). They certainly were not the first monotheists, since their singular God was almost identical to the god of Zoroastrianism, which had been around long before Moses. Nor was monotheism necessarily an advancement, since Jews figured that made them so much better than the polytheists around them that they had the right to take their neighbors' towns, property, and virgin girls. That meant killing a lot of people, but that was okay, because they were, after all, monotheists with a *my-God-is-better-than-your-gods* mentality.

Jericho Kids

You may remember as a child hearing the dramatic story of Jericho and marveling at how God delivered the city by having Joshua's army shout, collapsing the wall, and allowing Joshua's army easy access. You probably remember being impressed at God's power and His curious method.

Joshua 6: 20-21:

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it – men and women, young and old, cattle sheep, and donkeys.

What you probably didn't notice, and weren't encouraged to notice, is that the Christian God of love killed all the children in the city. Why would He do such a thing? Those children were innocent. They never harmed anyone, nor did they understand what was happening or why. So why would God wipe them out so callously? How does that make sense?

It wasn't the first time the Christian God of love killed masses of children. Remember the story of Noah's Ark and the great Flood? God drowned all the children in the world except possibly a few related to Noah. Those children weren't evil. They were innocent. But God had no qualms about wiping out women and children in his holy hissyfit.

Any God who does that is not a God of Love. Christians will tell you He is. Their own Bible proves otherwise. No matter how they may try to rationalize it, excuse it, justify it, or explain it away, the Christian God is not a God of love. He is a vengeful, capricious, spiteful, callous, cruel, and wicked God. The Bible proves it.

Jeremiah or Something

Matthew 27:9:

Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Matthew just loves pointing out how Jesus’ acts fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. And if Jesus’ acts didn’t actually fulfill OT prophecy, Matthew makes Jesus’ acts fulfill OT prophecy anyway. Even if that means changing a few details here and there. Factual accuracy must not be allowed to interfere with the greater Truth, as Matthew sees it.

In this case, Matthew just makes stuff up. Jeremiah made no such prophecy. At least, it’s not recorded in the Bible, and that would be a strange omission, since Matthew makes a big deal out of it. We already know that Matthew does indeed make mistakes.

Kinda messes up that whole Bible infallibility thing, doesn’t it?