

FROM FANTASY TO NIGHTMARE

“go astray/turn aside” = שטה (sotah)

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שטן (Satan)

“A person does not commit a sin unless he has been overcome by a spirit of folly.”

☞ Y. Talmud (Sotah 14:2)

שטה (sotah) in Aramaic = “insanity”

“The woman in this episode is not a paragon of moral behavior, even if she is innocent of adultery. And yet, even for such a person, God is willing to have His Name erased in order to clear hers.”

☞ R' Menachem Schneerson

1 Corinthians 11:28-31

“Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.”

THE SOTAH: A PICTURE OF JUDGMENT DAY

- **We each belong to another, but have we been faithful to the covenant?** (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- **Our God is a jealous God.** (Ex. 34:14)
- **We have been warned** (1 Thess. 5:14)
- **We shall all be brought to the place of judgment.** (2 Cor. 5:10)
- **Our “heads” [thoughts] will be uncovered.** (Heb. 4:12-13)
- **We will agree with the decree.** (Rev. 16:7)
- **Our guilt / innocence will be revealed.** (Luke 12:1-3)