

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 12b

The Pharisees' Progressive Aggression:

- 12:2,7 **Accusation** (condemnation)
- 12:9 **Seeking accusation** (to defend their own judgment)
- 12:14 **Conspiring to destroy Yeshua**
- 12:24-32 **Blaspheming God's spirit** (focused on Yeshua's deeds, their hearts grow darker)
- 12:45 Yeshua proclaims it "**an evil generation**"

Matthew 9:28-34 When he entered the house, the **blind** men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, "See that no one knows about it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was **mute** was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "**He casts out demons by the prince of demons.**"

2 Kings 1:3 But the angel of Adonai said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?'"

Genesis 37:7 Behold, we were **binding** sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.

Romans 14:17-19 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Messiah is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Numbers 33:55 But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let remain shall be as **pins in your eyes** and thorns in your sides, and they shall

trouble you in the land where you dwell.

2 Corinthians 12:7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, **a thorn was given me in the flesh**, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Luke 11:20 But if it is by the **finger of God** that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Exodus 8:19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the **finger of God.**" But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as Adonai had said.

John 15:22-24 "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father."

John 15:25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated Me without a cause.'

Proverbs 6:24 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, to preserve you from the **evil** woman, from the smooth tongue of the **adulteress**.

1 Kings 10:8-9 "Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be Adonai your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because Adonai loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."