

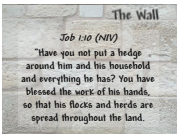
The Wall

Zechariah 2:5 (NKJV) For I,' says the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.' ”

God has a protective wall around the Righteous.

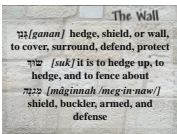
Satan himself acknowledges that God has a wall around the righteous.

When Satan came to tear Job down, He complained to God:



Job 1:10 (NIV) “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.

In the Original Hebrew, a wall or hedge is represented by three words.



גָּנָן *ganan* GawNan is found 8 times; in the English it is hedge, shield, or wall. It means to cover, surround, or defend, protect.

שֹׂךְ *suk* occurs 3 times; it is to “hedge up” once, to “hedge” once, and to “fence about” once.

מִגִּינָה [mâginnah /meg-in-naw/] is found 63 times as “shield”, 48 times as “buckler”, 9 times as “armed”, and 2 times as “defense”

These words are interchangeable.

They refer to the covering of Christ.

Christ is surrounding, and protecting His righteous ones on every side.

God was Job's shield.

He is a covering, canopy, and protection.

Job was untouchable by any enemy.

God's presence surrounded him like a wall.

The word shield is a covenant word.

God told Abraham:

Genesis 15:1 "Do not fear Abraham, I am a shield to you."

God was saying: "I am a hedge and wall about you on all sides."

"You have nothing to fear from any enemy."

Moses spoke of that shield:

Deuteronomy 33:29 "Blessed are you, O Israel; who is like you, a people saved by the Lord. Who is the shield of your help, and the sword of your majesty! So your enemies shall cringe before you, and you shall tread upon their high places"

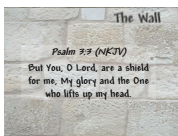
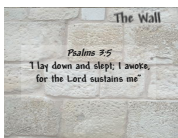
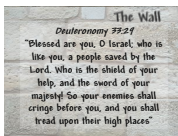
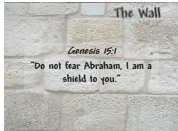
David feared no enemy, devil, demon, and or living soul!

He testified: Psalms 3:5 "I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustains me"

Why could David sleep each night and wake up with renewed strength?

He could sleep in peace because there was a hedge about him.

He Said: Psalm 3:3 (NKJV) But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head



Behind the shield [that protective hedge], David is safe from all enemy attacks.

This was protection against lions, and bears.

Giants could not get through.

King Saul could not destroy what was behind the shield.

Nothing on earth or out of the pits of hell could touch him.

David said: Psalm 3:6-7 (NKJV) I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Tens of thousands that came against him had to flee.

Their teeth were shattered on the wall.

A protective hedge is a covenant right to all who walk blameless before the Lord.

We have an almighty covenant God.

He has placed His shield around those who walk blameless and pure in heart.

This hedge is not just for Job...

It was around Abraham...

It was around Moses

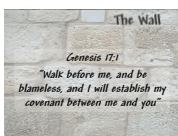
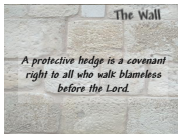
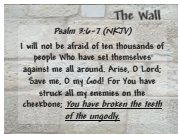
It was around Samuel

It was around David

This hedge is still around those who walk in righteousness and fear God.

In Genesis 17:1 When God was making His covenant with Abraham, He commanded him:

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*****God was telling Abraham *****

If you walk blameless before Me you need never fear again.

God was saying: “I covenant with you to be your Shield and Hedge against your enemies.

Anyone that ever comes against you or your descendants will face Me.

Listen to David.

2 Samuel 22:22-24 (NIV) For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God. All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees. I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.

He Added:

2 Samuel 22:26 (NKJV) “With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless

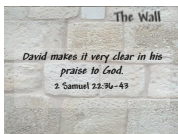
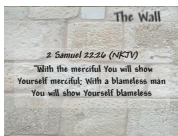
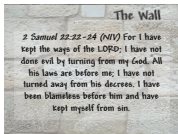
Those who keep their part of the covenant will experience the perfect and blameless shield from all their enemies.

How safe is the man of God who walks in covenant with God with a blameless and pure heart?

What effect does Satan and his powers of darkness have upon the righteous who forsakes their iniquities?

David makes it very clear in his praise to God.

2 Samuel 22:36-43 “Your help makes me great.. I pursued my enemies and destroyed them. And I did not turn back until they were consumed. And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise, and



they fell under my feet. For you have girded me with strength for battle: you have subdued under me those who rose up against me, you have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, and I destroyed those who hated me.. Then I pulverized them as the dust of the earth, I crushed and stamped them as the mire of the street.”

This is the testimony of God's Protection and Victory. ***David could boast:*** "Satan and his evil hordes surrounded me, but GOD'S SHIELD made me invincible.

I PULVERIZED the enemy.
 I trampled him to the ground.
 I sent him running.
 I defeated every foe.
 The powers of darkness hate me.
 They came against me on every side.
 They could not lay a hand on me.

With God's help, I crushed them all....

He said: “The enemy is shattered and I am safe and sound behind the hedge.”

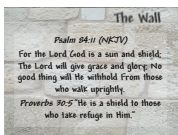
God's hedge is about every child of God who walks in purity and integrity.

Psalm 84:11 (NKJV) For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

Proverbs 30:5 "He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him."

This is great news for those who walk in obedience before God.

There is NO HEDGE about those who live in Sin and Rebellion.



➤ *Those people who claim to be God's children who have a divided heart don't have a shield or hedge.*

➤ *They have broken the covenant with God.*

They are defenseless against the principalities and powers of darkness.

Listen to what God says to the wicked, guilty, ungodly, and morally wrong.

Psalms 50:16-21 But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, Seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you? ...You have been a partaker with adulterers. You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

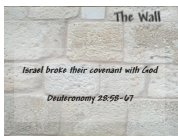
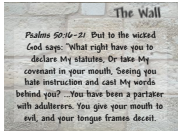
Israel broke their covenant with God.

They were warned it would happen.

God told them what would happen if they forsook Him.

Yet, they disobeyed God.

Deuteronomy 28:58-67 (NKJV) "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, **THE LORD YOUR GOD**, then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses. Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the Lord bring upon you until you are destroyed. You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of



heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God. And it shall be, that just as serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

I stand amazed at their decisions.

Incredibly, Israel chose disobedience.

Psalm 80:5-6 (NKJV) You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure. You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves.

You need to see what happens when anyone breaks covenant with God.

Anything can happen... THE HEDGE IS GONE.

When the hedge is gone, the fruit is devoured.

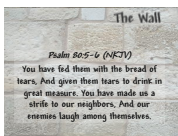
The shield of protection is missing.

Satan can get in to kill, steal, and destroy.

Why such ruin?

The people gave themselves to stubborn and willful disobedience.

They rebelled against God.



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God threatened to remove the hedge from His vineyard and lay it waste.

This is not speculation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Why will this happen?

It is all because of SIN and Rebellion.

God promises that He will do this.

He will break down the hedge

He will single them out.

He will leave them exposed.

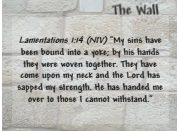
David knew about the protection of the Wall of God.

He saw the result of sin in the heart.

He saw how and trouble comes in.

This is why many cannot stand.

God has removed the hedge.



Jeremiah described it in Lamentations 1:14 (NIV) “My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together. They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength. He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.”

Saul broke covenant with God and the Hedge was removed.

He became a wild man.
His posterity was cut off.
No one was left.

When God removes the Hedge His presence leaves.

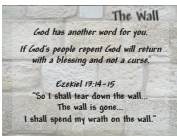
God permitted Satan to destroy Saul when he turned from God.

God has another word for you.



If God's people repent God will return with a blessing and not a curse.

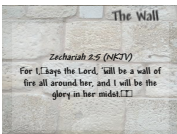
Judgment will come on any people who refuse to hear God's voice, do His will, and live in righteousness.



Ezekiel 13:14-15 "So I shall tear down the wall...The wall is gone...I shall spend my wrath on the wall."

God has a Holy Remnant that is walking in Covenant.

God has hedged them in.



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Those who walk uprightly
Those who walk holy lives

GOD WILL ESTABLISH HIS WALL ABOUT THEM



Isaiah 62:6-9 (NKJV) I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The Lord has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: “Surely I will no longer give your grain as food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored. But those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the Lord; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.”



***God is the Hedge about His righteous people.
There is help and hope for you.***