

Jehovah Taunted by Babylonish Hostility Against Anointed Witnesses

“Be wise, my son, and make my heart rejoice, that I may make a reply to him that is taunting me.”—[Prov. 27:11](#).

1, 2. (a) Who is being taunted, by whom and how? (b) In what way will the parallel experiences of today be demonstrated with those of Job's time?

LIKE the taunting from wicked King Sennacherib of ancient Assyria, so today Satan keeps up his taunting of the true God Jehovah by speaking abusively of His anointed witnesses. ([Isa. 37:21-33](#)) By their faithfully enduring the Babylonish hostility against them, the Job-like anointed ones enable Jehovah, as He says, to “make a reply to him [Satan] that is taunting me.” ([Prov. 27:11](#)) In the meantime, in their championing Jehovah's Sovereign Godship on earth they bear up under much reproach. “With murder against my bones those showing hostility to me have reproached me, while they say to me all day long: ‘Where is your God?’”—[Ps. 42:10](#).

²To demonstrate the full extent of the modern parallel of the experiences of Jehovah's witnesses today with those of ancient Job, we will now highlight cases of Babylonish hostility of the clergy against the anointed witnesses on each of the taunts made against ancient Job by his three Babylonized companions. This will be done by taking each of the speeches of Job's companions in turn and showing how the clergy of Christendom have spoken in the same *siibboleth* fashion as those ancient agents of Satan. ([Judg. 12:6](#)) As this develops it will be observed that the sectarian religious statements have the same ring of hostility as the pronouncements of ancient Eliphaz, Zophar and Bildad. By them the Job-like anointed ones continue to be branded as the world's No. 1 Religious Badmen to be avoided like poison.—[Job 22:5](#).

FALSE CHARGE OF BIAS

3. What false charge of bias has been made, and by whom? How does this parallel Job's day?

³In the frame of thinking of Eliphaz, the clergy claim in effect that it is the religiously unclean, the sinners, the biased ones that bring upon themselves merited reproach and divine punishment. ([Job 4:2-8](#)) A Roman Catholic monsignor writes in a nationwide Catholic newspaper in the United States a harsh condemnation of the Bible Society of Jehovah's witnesses.

“Rejecting the idea of the Holy Trinity, the Bible society translation [the *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures*, 1950] replaces the phrase ‘the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,’ used frequently [once] throughout the King James version with ‘the spirit and the water and the blood.’ ([1 John 5:7](#)) . . . Something of the shallow scholarship in the sect in adopting the word Jehovah as part of its title is shown by the *Catholic Biblical Encyclopedia*'s treatment of this word.”*(Bracketing ours)

4, 5. What defense have the Witnesses made (a) as to biased translation and (b) for their use of the name *Jehovah*? (c) How has this been in accord with [Job 6:10](#)?

“Making a proper defense not only of their own rightness but also of the Sovereign Godship of Jehovah as did ancient Job, the modern Witnesses say: “I have not hidden the sayings of the Holy One.” ([Job 6:10](#)) In an open letter dated October 11, 1950, a printed six-page reply was published by Jehovah’s witnesses in their *Watchtower* magazine of December 1, 1950. (Pp. 469-474) There overwhelming evidences were published proving beyond doubt that Jehovah’s witnesses not only are not biased in their *New World Translation*, but have honestly reproduced the sense and wording of the original-language texts. Note the above *Watchtower* answer to the charge of biased tampering with the Bible.

“*The New World Translation* has rewritten no part of the Greek text, not even [1 John 5:7](#) which is cited in your article as a place where Jehovah’s witnesses clash with the trinitarian doctrine. . . . This is a literal translation of the Greek text by the above-named Augustinus Merk, S.J. . . . it is also a literal translation of the Greek text by the other Roman Catholic scholar, Joseph M. Bover, S.J. . . . Your own precious Vatican Manuscript No. 1209 of the early 4th century does not contain the words, but brands them spurious.”

Thus was crushingly demonstrated the authentic nature of the *New World Translation* and the falsity of the charge against the anointed witnesses.

⁵In addition *The Watchtower* vindicated its use of “Jehovah” this way:

“Why, then, does the *New World Translation* use the name Jehovah 237 times in its main text? Is it due to ‘shallow scholarship,’ as you insinuate? No. . . . In addition to the 19 Hebrew versions, it cites versions of the ‘New Testament’ in 38 languages besides English and Hebrew where the translators use a vernacular form of the Hebrew tetragrammaton [Hebrew occurrence of the divine name].”

Then *The Watchtower* proceeded to identify a long series of Catholic authorities and their usages of the name Jehovah down through the centuries, such as Thomas Cardinal de Vio Cajetan in his *Commentary on the Pentateuch*. Who, then, displays bias—the Catholic clergy or Jehovah’s witnesses? You decide.