A Jealous God

**Genesis 30:1** Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became jealous of her sister...**ENVIY what she had**

**Genesis 37:11** His brothers were jealous of (Joseph)...  **ENVIY of what he had** (Jacob loved him more)

**Compare to: Exodus 34:14** for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

**Deuteronomy 4:24** "For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."

**WHY is jealousy & envy of what another has wrong for us, but OK for a holy God who has everything? How can God be perfect when He is jealous, which is a BAD human trait? Is God actually a petty & envious God = weakness??**

**1 Cor 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous** How then can God be Love??

Jealous when spoken of men = qana H7065 envious, jealous
Jealous when spoken of God = qanna H7067 anger, to avenge
root word for both = very red (in the face)  But this word 7067 for “jealous” occurs ONLY when referencing God.

This JEALOUS does not mean envious or covetous or petty desire, it means anger when wronged or provoked.

**Deu 5:9** ‘You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me...  

**Deu 6:15**  for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

**Deu 32:16** “They made Him jealous(7065) with strange gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.”

God’s JEALOUSY is ALWAYS the anger of one provoked, abused & abandoned by those that were His family.

Adam & Eve = Cursed is the ground because of you! Serpent = cursed are you/on your belly/eat dust
Moses = Deu. 32:51 because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the sons of Israel at the waters of
Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel.  52 "For you shall see the land at a distance, but you shall not go there...
Israel = Psalm 78:7 That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments, 8 And not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not prepare its heart And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

The Jews = Acts 7:51 “You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.”  52 "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;  53 you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it.”

God’s jealousy is the anger of a husband betrayed by a wife who runs to another.

Jeremiah 3:20 "Surely, as a woman treacherously departs from her lover, So you have dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,” declares the LORD.

Ezekiel 16:32 “You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!  Is this petty or envious or weak?  

**Can a God of LOVE also be a JEALOUS God?** A God of Love can ONLY be a Jealous God, because what Love does not care about the betrayal of trust and deceit from the one who is loved?  **No contradiction!!**

**DOES THIS mean we should be afraid of a jealous God Who strikes down entire nations?**

**2 Cor 11:2** For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband. (covenant!!)

**1 Corinthians 10:1** For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;  2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;  3 and all ate the same spiritual food;  4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.  5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.  6 Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved...  

21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.  22 **Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy?**

**1 John 2:15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**A Jealous God is ONLY fearful** to one who says they love God, but runs to the world to fulfill their desires for security & success & acceptance.  **Like any Husband, God will warn... then interfere, ...then put an end to it.**

**A Jealous God is NEVER fearful** to one who respects God’s Word and desires to please Him.  **Like any Husband, God will give them security & success & Peace that has no end to it.**

Does the knowledge of a Jealous God cause you concern? Why should it? Where is your loyalty truly lie?