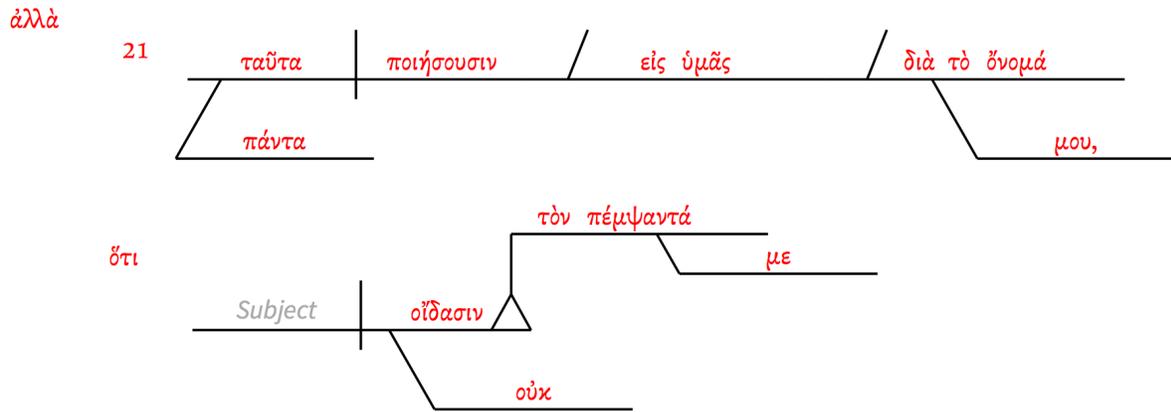


CHAPTER ONE

v.21

Word	Parse	Meaning	Notes
V.21			
ἀλλὰ	Conj contrast	But/rather	
ταῦτα	mplnom	These things	What things?
πάντα	adjective	All things	
ποιήσουσιν	3pl faind	They will make/do	
εἰς	Prep	into	Benefit?
ὑμᾶς	mplacc	You all	
διὰ	Prep	because	causal
τὸ ὄνομά	nsgnom	The name	
μου	msgen	Of me	
ὅτι	causal	because	
οὐκ	Negative	not	
οἶδασιν	3pl paind	They know	
τὸν πέμψαντά	Msacc aaptcple	The one having sent	
με	pronoun	me	Contrast the disciple who were the Father's and were given to Jesus Christ. They know Him and the Father!!!



V.21 "But rather, all these things they will do into you all because of My name,¹ for they do not know the one having sent Me."

"All these things..."

In the context, this is referring to the "things" of persecution.

Common phrase for John: over 100 x's (over 220 x's in the NT).

It is a common reference to either what is being spoken of before or after.

In this case, before.

The "things" of persecution, like their Master experienced, and will experience, is what is being spoken of here.

Antagonism

Plotting for vengeance

Trickery

Hypocrisy

Hatred

Entrapment

Flattery

Anger

Malice

All of these things these men must be prepared to face in the same way Jesus did.

"...For My name's sake..." = διὰ τὸ ὄνομά μου = because of My name.

Why? Why His "name"?

Psalm 30:4

4 Sing praise to the Lord, you His godly ones,
And give thanks to His holy name.

Psalm 97:12

12 Be glad in the Lord, you righteous ones,
And give thanks to His holy name.

Psalm 102:12

12 But You, O Lord, abide forever,
And Your name to all generations.

Psalm 135:13

13 Your name, O Lord, is everlasting,
Your remembrance, O Lord, throughout all generations.

Hosea 12:5

5 Even the Lord, the God of hosts,
The Lord is His name.

What is His name?

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The OT word for the name of God, from the earliest of Moses' writings is: YHWH. Although there significant history concerning the word, whether it was a word that was changed from its original meaning, what period it is from, how it changed over time, etc... , the fact is, the Scripture, which is the final say, uses the word as the "name" of the God who created everything.

First use: Genesis 2:4² making it synonymous or equal with "adonai" from chapter 1. This would indicate, regardless of the pronunciation and usage in secular Jewish writings and pagan uses of any time frame, that the word refers to the God who created all things, ALL THINGS!!

And, the phrase "LORD God" is also referred to when the creation of the man is referred to (Genesis 2:7) as well as the creation of the woman (Genesis 2:22). The plurality of God is seen in that He is spoken of in chapter 1 as "Elohim" and in chapters 2-3 as "Elohim YHWH" indicating unity in plurality.

However, YHWH is His name.

Exodus 3:6, 13ff.³

God's immediately preceding promise to Moses had been, "Certainly I will be with you" (Ex 3:12). So his assertion in verse 14 would seem to be saying, "I am present is what I am." Indeed, the fundamental promise of his testament is, "I will be their God,

and they will be my people" (Ex 6:7, etc.; contrast Hos 1:9); thus "Yahweh," "faithful presence," is God's testamentary nature, or name (Ex 6:2,4; Deut 7:9; Isa 26:4).⁴

Further, His name is YHWH (see Exodus 6:2).

This is His name in the OT starting from creation and continuing through the end of the OT⁵

The point is, Jesus is the same as YHWH.⁶

Paul understood the totality of the OT and the revelation of the NT in that Jesus' name would be LORD, the same LORD as the OT YHWH and the I AM of the NT:

Philippians 2:9–11

- 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
- 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

It is because of this name, as the only true God, that men will seek to persecute the disciples.

Who will?

Reminder: "They"

"They" v.20

"The world" vv. 18,19

Further description:

"...Because they do not know the One who sent Me..."

This is the nature.

"They" = the world, the religious world, and they who do not know God the Father.

This means that the world does not know God.

Romans 1:18-23

Psalm 14:title–5 For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds;
There is no one who does good.
- 2 The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men
To see if there are any who understand,
Who seek after God.
- 3 They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt;
There is no one who does good, not even one.
- 4 Do all the workers of wickedness not know,
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 There they are in great dread,
For God is with the righteous generation.

It is those who most boast of knowing God who are responsible for persecuting the disciples of Jesus Christ, the true God.

But, Jesus narrows the focus of who these people are.

V. 22

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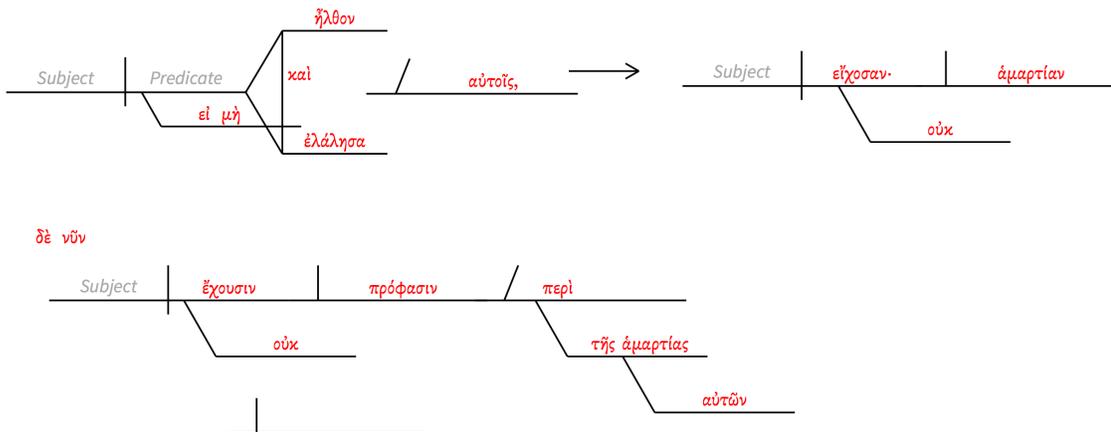
CHAPTER TWO

v. 22

V.22			
εἰ	Conditional	if	
μὴ	negation	not	
ἦλθον	1s aaind	I came	
καὶ	conj	and	
ἐλάλησα	1s aaind	I spoke	
αὐτοῖς	mpldat	To them	
ἁμαρτίαν	msacc	sin	
οὐκ	negation	not	
εἴχοσαν	3pl impfaind	They would have had	Imperfect is a conclusion from their whole lives.
νῦν	adverb	now	

δὲ	conj	but	
πρόφασιν	msacc	Pretext/coverup ⁷	
οὐκ	negation	not	
ἔχουσιν	3pl impfaind	They would have	
περὶ	prep	Concerning/about	
τῆς ἁμαρτίας	fplgen	Of the sins	
αὐτῶν	Mplgen of possession	Of them	

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V.22 "If not (unless) I came and spoke to them, they would not have sin. But now, they do not have an excuse/pretext concerning their sins."

If Jesus would have never come to these people, the world, the haters, and the Pharisees, they would not be guilty of persecuting, hating, and disobeying Jesus.

Now that He has, though, they are guilty.

This means that it would have been better for them had Jesus just stayed in heaven.

His presence costs the world.

Jesus' ministry, therefore, was twofold.

It condemned the world.

Those who by nature were "of the world" were condemned by the fact that they did not believe Him nor follow Him.

John 9:35-41 = those who say they "see" did not see enough to repent and follow Christ.

Therefore, their sin remains upon them.

It saved the world.

Those who were blind and made no pretense that they could see spiritually, know God, are made to see and know God.

Our ministries are the same:

We are an aroma of death to death and life to life.

2 Corinthians 2:15–17

- 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;
- 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?
- 17 For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

We must understand that our ministries make enemies and friends.
The same word incites and humbles; makes angry and rejoices.

This serves to verify the authenticity of the Word of God being preached.

But...

"...Now they do not have a pretext for sins..."
This is important for these men to know.

The world into which Jesus will send them is precisely made up of wolves in sheep clothing.

Matthew 10:16-23 = a year and a half earlier.

Jesus promised to send them out into the world, a world of millions of wolves and they, proportionately, are a single sheep.

The wolves surround and abound.

However, in v. 19, Jesus says, "Don't worry about what to say in these circumstances..."
It is the enduring one who will enter the kingdom (v.20).

What does Jesus mean here?

This: these men got along just fine in the context of the religion they created for their own embellishment and greed.

They created Judaism.

They inherited it.

They demanded it from the people so as to perpetuate what they purported as veracity, true.

Since they created their own reality, their own righteousness, they felt justified in beating people down who did not meet the created standards, standards they themselves did not meet.

Matthew 23:4

4 "They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

When Jesus exposed them, directly and indirectly, He began to cause their city to crumble and men started waking up to their scam.

Up until then, they hid behind their "pretext," their excuse, their pretend world of righteousness.

What did these men do?

They gave to the poor - Matthew 6:2

They prayed - Matthew 6:5

They fasted - Matthew 6:16

They saved their money - Matthew 6:19

They will have prophesied, casted out demons, and performed many miracles in the name of Christ - Matthew 7:22

They were in the seat of Moses - Matthew 23:2

They dress religiously - Matthew 23:5

They love being honored religiously - Matthew 23:6

Overall, outwardly they appear as righteous, but who they are in their hearts are the extreme opposite:

Matthew 23:23-28

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

24 "You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

26 "You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

28 "So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Notice v. 14 "pretense"

See also Mark 12:38-40

38 In His teaching He was saying: "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and like respectful greetings in the market places,
39 and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets,
40 who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation."

These were men who, under the religious system of hypocrisy which they created, they thrived and the followers were bludgeoned.

However, when the truth was known, their hypocritical natures exposed, they were enraged, and that rage will turn to persecution.

Be warned, it is that way in the church today.

Acts 20:28-30

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;
30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

The church will always have those in it who are hypocrites.
They say and do one thing and mean another.

Jesus, here, removes the mask, exposes the heart, and forces them to make their move, which they will in a few hours.

Paul also warned the churches of this reality.

Romans 16:17-18

Galatians 1:6-10

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;
7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

- 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!
- 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!
- 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

Galatians 6:12-14

- 12 Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.
- 13 For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.
- 14 But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

1 Timothy 1:3-7

- 3 As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines,
- 4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.
- 5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
- 6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion,
- 7 wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

- 3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness,
- 4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,
- 5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

Titus 1:9-16

- 9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.
- 10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
- 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.
- 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

- 13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,
- 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.
- 15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.
- 16 **They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.**

2 Peter 2; Jude Etc....

The point is, when the false are held up to the true, they get mad.
But, God's Word will stand.

God sees the sin and when Jesus came and preached to them the truth, it exposed their sin, which they created to be righteousness so that men would pay them homage.

Now, the Pharisees, and even the world, have no "pretense" for their sin.

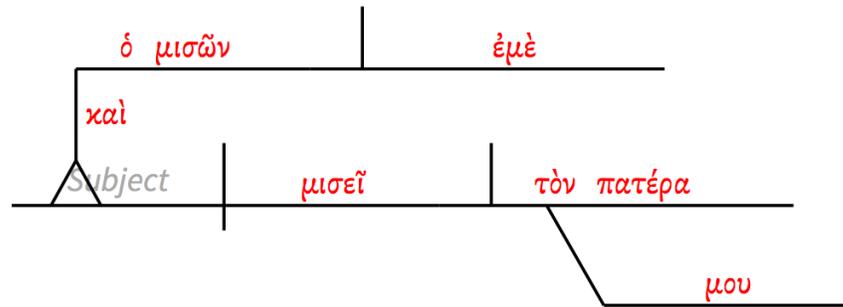
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CHAPTER THREE

v. 23

V.23			
ὁ μισῶν	Msnom paptcple	The one hating	This is a characteristic of someone hating
ἐμὲ	Emphatic pronoun	Me!	
καὶ	Conj	and	
τὸν πατέρα	msacc	The Father	
μου	msgen	Of me	
μισεῖ	3s paind	He hates	

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V.23 "The one hating Me! Even hates My Father."

This little verse is condemnatory in nature.

It puts the blame for the exposure of the sins of the world and the religious squarely upon the world and the religious, not upon the One who exposed them.

Look at this!

They hated Him!

Why?

John 8:39–40

- 39** They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus *said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.
- 40** "But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

Much of this is to prepare these men for the next 72 hours.

From Thursday evening to Friday evening Jesus will be discovered, betrayed, arrested, beaten, whipped, tried some 6 x's, and eventually hung on a cross meant for a murderous insurrectionist, Barrabas.

He will look in the faces of the men doing this, the Romans and the Pharisees, and He will see their hatred of Him.

Matthew 27:11-26

Matthew 27:39–42

- 39** And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads
- 40** and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."
- 41** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,
- 42** "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now

come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him.

See Psalm 22:1-18

And, if they hated the disciples, they hated Christ first (v.18). If they hated Jesus Christ (and we can identify those who hate Jesus Christ because they disobey Him-v. 14), they have hated the Father.

This means that there is no limit as to their hatred, no matter what they suppose or assert.

Conclusion

What do you do in the face of such persecution, hatred, and vile anger?

Nothing.

1 Peter 2:21-25

- 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,
- 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;
- 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;
- 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
- 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.



¹ Matt 10:22; 24:9; Mark 13:13; Luke 21:12, 17; Acts 4:17; 5:41; 9:14; 26:9; 1 Pet 4:14; Rev 2:3

² Genesis 2:4

4 אֱלֹהֵי תוֹלְדוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ בְּהַבְרָאָם בְּיוֹם עֲשׂוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶרֶץ וְשָׁמַיִם:

³ In the LXX: Exodus 3:14

¹⁴ καὶ εἶπεν ὁ θεὸς πρὸς Μωϋσῆν Ἐγὼ εἰμι ὁ ὢν, καὶ εἶπεν Οὕτως ἐρεῖς τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ Ὁ ὢν ἀπέσταλκέν με πρὸς ὑμᾶς. (Emphasis mine)

⁴ J. Barton Payne, "484 הָוָה," ed. R. Laird Harris, Gleason L. Archer Jr., and Bruce K. Waltke, Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament (Chicago: Moody Press, 1999), 212.

⁵ 2 Chronicles 36:23

23 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up!'"

⁶ Used 24x's in John in general and specific ways as a referral to Jesus as YHWH.

⁷ **πρόφασις, εως, ἡ** generally, of what is made to appear to others to hide the true state of things, opposite ἀλήθεια (truth); (1) as what is said pretext, excuse (JN 15.22); (2) as what is done pretense, cover-up (AC 27.30)

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