

The Wild Men From Ishmael

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וְהָיָא יְהִיְה, פְּרָא אָדָם--יָדוּ בְּכָל, וַיַּד כָּל בּוֹ; וְעַל-פְּנֵי כָל-אָחָיו, יִשְׁכֹּן.

1. “And he will be a **wild man**” – *wehu yihyeh pere adam*. The word for **wild** in the Hebrew often did refer to the wild ass that roamed freely throughout the desert. It also denoted the camel or wild oxen, but usually this wild ass. It was of small size, weak, had a wild temperament and was not suitable for domestication and became prey for hunters, who almost hunted it to extinction by 1925 AD.

The Septuagint translates the word **wild** as *ferus*, which is the root word for **feral**. **Feral** denotes existing in a natural state, not domesticated or cultivated; wild. having reverted to the wild state from domestication, such as feral pigs or feral dogs: characteristic of wild animals; ferocious and brutal. Something that is feral, due to its wildness and savagery, is not fit to dwell around civilized areas. Or in the case of people, humans that are feral are not fit to live around civilized people due to their wildness and savagery; they are **only fit to live among their own kind**.

There is that which is wild and there is that which is tame. When it comes to people certain qualities of person and behavior have to be in place if one is going to live in a civilized society. There are and have been many people who inhabit the earth, who are not fit to live around decent civilized people. These people are fit only to live around their own kind and even that out in the wild.

Can we not see the difference between a couple of Cocker Spaniel dogs and a pack of ravaging wolves? Can we not see any difference between a household cat and a mountain lion! The wild animals belong out in the wild; they certainly do not belong in civilized societies and especially among our children! And there are certain men on earth that do not belong around civilized societies and the people who inhabit them and it is the descendants of Ishmael who fit that category because their progenitor was described by God as a Wild Man!

2. “His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him;” - *yado bakol weyad kol bo*.

The word **kol** refers to all or everyone. The word for **hand** is a metaphor of one's actions, so it's saying that his actions will be against everyone on earth; and that everyone will be against him. And the reason for this is because the nature of Ishmael and his descendants is a wild one and one that is the opposite of and hostile toward normal people living in decent societies around the world. Which we are presently witnessing by their descendants today who go around slaughtering innocent people.

Over the centuries they had a rough existence trying to survive in the wilderness, just like the wild ass did, and they, like the Midianites, they were **land pirates** that resorted to stealing and violence just to survive. No one is saying that people, who possess characteristics like this don't have a right to live, it's just that their character and actions are so contrary to the rest of civilized people that they need to live out in the wild, or at least in areas far removed from normal society.

3. “And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.” - *we'al penay kal echay yishkon*. The word *'al* is used as a preposition indicating also the idea that his hand was against even his own kinsmen. His

name is *Ishmael*, actually *Yishmâ 'ê'l*, which meant “**whom God hears**” as a response to Hagar's plight after Sarah harshly treated her when she got pregnant. He was the ancestor of many Arabian tribes and their territory covered everything from Egypt all the way up to Assyria and Babylon.

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Peter describes these types as brute beasts fit only for destruction. “*But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;*” 2 Peter 2:12 **Jude** describes these types the same way. “*But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.*” Jude 1:10 In both cases they are described as **brute beasts, aloga zoa**.

Aloga denotes the idea of being irrational, or unreasonable, while *zoa* does not refer to them as men, or even human beings! It takes away the idea of any dignity that they might have as a human being and simply states that there is a life force in them; they are alive that's all. They have lost all claim to humanity and now they are regarded as something alive on two feet and are **only good for destruction**. And so we have an accurate description of those terrorists who are murdering innocent men, women and children and are being supported by the US government. They are only good for destruction and should be.

Paul referred to the Cretans as evil beasts, “*One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.*” Titus 1:12 The word **liars** is plain enough and they were always liars. The word for **evil** is *kakos* and it spoke of that which is evil in its character and destructive in its effect. And **beasts** is *therion*, which denoted the idea of that which is wild and savage. **Slow bellies** referred to how lazy and slothful they were.