

THE GHOST of ABEL

A Revelation In the Visions of Jehovah

Seen by William Blake

To LORD BYRON in the Wilderness

Can a Poet doubt the Visions of Jehovah? Nature has no Outline: but Imagination has: Nature has no Tune: but Imagination has: Nature has no Supernatural & dissolves: Imagination is Eternity

Scene. A rocky Country. Eve faints over the dead body of Abel which lays near a Grave. Adam kneels by her. Jehovah stands above

Jehovah

Adam!

Adam

I will not hear thee more thou Spiritual Voice

Is this Death?

Jehovah

Adam!

Adam

It is in vain: I will not hear thee

Henceforth 'Is this thy Promise that the Woman's Seed should bruise the Serpent's head: Is this the Serpent? Ah! Seven times O Eve thou hast fainted over the Dead Ah! Ah!

Eve revives

Eve

Is this the Promise of Jehovah? O it is all a vain delusion &

This Death & this Life & this Jehovah

Jehovah

Woman lift thine eyes

A Voice is heard coming on

Voice

O Earth cover not thou my Blood! cover not thou my Blood

Enter the Ghost of Abel

Eve

Thou Visionary Phantasm thou art not the real Abel.

Abel

Among the Elohim a Human Victim I wander. I am their House

Prince of the Air & our dimensions compals Zenith & Nadir

Vain is thy Covenant O Jehovah I am the Accuser & Avenger

Of Blood O Earth Cover not thou the Blood of Abel

Jehovah

What Vengeance dost thou require

Abel

Life for Life! Life for Life!

Jehovah

He who shall take Cains life must also Die O Abel

And who is he: Adam wilt thou, or Eve thou, do this

Adam

It is all a Vain delusion of the all creative Imagination

Eve came away & let us not believe these vain delusions

Abel is dead & Cain slew him. We shall also Die a Death

And then what then? he as poor Abel a Thought; or as

This? O what shall I call thee Form Divine? Father of Mercies

That appearest to my Spiritual Vision: Eve seest thou also

I see him plainly with my Minds Eye. I see also Abel living:

Thou terribly afflicted as We also are. yet Jehovah sees him

Alive & not Dead: were it not better to believe Vision
With all our might & strength tho we are fallen & los!
Adam - Eve thou hast spoken truly let us kneel before his feet.

They Kneel before Jehovah
Abel: Are these the Sacrifices of Eternity O Jehovah a Broken Spirit
And a Contrite Heart. O I cannot forgive! the Accuser hath
Entered into Me as into his House & I loathe thy Tabernacles
As thou hast said so is it come to pass: My desire is unto Cain
And He doth rule over Me: therefore My Soul in fumes of Blood
Cries for Vengeance: Sacrifice an Sacrifice Blood on Blood
Jehovah Lo I have given you a Lamb for an Atonement instead
Of the Transgressor. or no Flesh or Spirit could ever Live
Abel - Compelled I cry O Earth cover not the Blood of Abel

Abel sinks down into the Grave from which arises Satan
Armed in glittering scales with a Crown & a Spear
Satan I will have Human Blood & not the blood of Bulls or Goats
And no Atonement O Jehovah the Elohim live on Sacrifice
Of Men; hence I am God of Men. Thoui Human O Jehovah.
By the Rock & Oak of the Druid creeping Mistletoe & Thorn
Cains City built with Human Blood. not Blood of Bulls & Goats
Thou shalt Thyself be Sacrificed to Me thy God on Calvary
Jehovah Such is My Will: *thunders* that Thou Thyself go to Eternal Death

In Self Annihilation even till Satan Self subdu'd Put off Satan
Into the Bottomless Abyss whose torment arises for ever & ever.
On each side a Chorus of Angels' entering Sing the following

The Elohim of the Heathen Swore Vengeance for Sin. Then Thou stoodst
Forth O Elohim Jehovah: in the midst of the darkness of the Oath! All Clothed
In Thy Covenant of the forgiveness of Sins. Death O Holy! Is this Brotherhood
The Elohim saw their Oath Eternal Fire; they rolled apart trembling over The
Mercy Seat: each in his station fixt in the Firmament by Peace Brotherhood and
Love
The Curtain falls

