2Thess #89

The sacrifice of God’s creation calls up demonic darkness.

We will be doing the Lord’s supper at the of the message so please have your elements prepared.

Open where we left off in Psalms 106.

We noted that Psalms chapter 106 is a confession and a factual set of circumstances laid out about the rebellion of the Nation of Israel.

It began with the Exodus generation against Moses. It continued by not securing the promised land.

Then it went further over hundreds of years of dabbling and intermingling with the offspring of Canaan, as well as accepting the foreign gods and false idols that represented fallen angels and Nephilim, the seeds of Satan.

/[Psa 106:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/35/s_584035) But **they got involved** with the nationsAnd **learned their practices**,

Prior to the reign of King Solomon, some people of the nation of Israel began to dabble in foreign idols, yet it had never overtaken the whole culture.\

This was a slow and methodic attack from Satan to infiltrate the Israelites.

God is long suffering and there were periods of rebellious behavior then repentance.

As was seen in the Exodus generation and even once they settled into the promised land.

The nation of Israel went through a history of Judges for nearly 400 years and then King Saul followed by King David took authority of the land.

/During those 400 years of JUDGES there was consistent turmoil and battles throughout the land. The tribes of Israel were scattered and falling in and out of idol worship and it was a time of establishing the land. Yet they never removed the evil cultures from the original promised land.\

You cannot dabble in and co-mingle with evil and expect to walk away unscathed.

/It became very volatile and confusing for the early establishment of the 12 Tribes, because they never got rid of the seeds of Satan in the land. When GOD makes it clear of HIS plan and what needs to be removed or changed in your life, it is wise to follow through immediately. When we hesitate and wallow in old habits, negativity and cosmic viewpoint we invite misery and confusion into our life. We can even be allowing evil to creep into our periphery.\

 [Psa 106:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/36/s_584036) And served their idols,Which became a snare to them.

Hebrew word for snare is – MOO-KASH, is a trap used for animals or birds and it was a cage with a trip wire.

Once the animal was trapped inside, it was very difficult to get out.

Same can be said for those who dabble on and off with cosmic love affairs and certainly following lust patterns.

/[Psa 106:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/37/s_584037) They even **sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons** (*šēḏ*),

The ancient Assyrian bull-colossus, a winged god with a bull body and head of a man. This may be a version of Moloch; many historians believe it to be an offspring of Moloch.\

SHADE, is one of those ancient words that have Aramaic roots at its core. These were demons – plural, so possibly they are offspring of Moloch.

[Psa 106:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/38/s_584038) And shed innocent blood,The blood of their sons and their daughtersWhom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;And the land was defiled with the blood.

/The nation of Israel kept dabbling with the worship of foreign gods. Over a period of hundreds of years, they began to get more intimate and familiar with the abilities to call dark forces into their life. This led to enflaming the OSN and lust patterns that ran amok which Satan can and will reward in his cosmic system. Satan will give you fleeting power, fleeting pleasure and fleeting wealth. In the end it will be misery and pain.\

 [Psa 106:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/39/s_584039) So they became unclean in their practices,And were unfaithful in their deeds.

This was a very pivotal point in the nation of Israel that they never really recovered from, not fully.

[Psa 106:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/40/s_584040) Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against His people,And He loathed His inheritance.

[/Psa 106:41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/41/s_584041) So **He handed them over to the nations,** And those who hated them ruled over them.

The Assyrians, the Egyptians, the Canaanites and Persians all influenced and dominated the Nation of Israel at different historic points.\

[Psa 106:42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/42/s_584042) Their enemies also oppressed them,And they were subdued under their power.

[/Psa 106:43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/43/s_584043) **Many times He would rescue them;** They, however, **were rebellious in their plan,** And they sank down into their guilt.

During the reign of over 40 kings (both tribes) the Israelites fell in and out of the plan of GOD continuously. \

When you really peel back the history, you can truly see the long suffering and compassion GOD has on HIS people.

[Psa 106:44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/44/s_584044) Nevertheless He looked at their distressWhen He heard their cry;

[Psa 106:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/45/s_584045) And He remembered His covenant for their sake, And relented according to the greatness of His mercy.

/God never gives up on HIS children. He may discipline, HE may step back and allow misery or pain to enter our life because of our own negative volition. Yet HE never blots us out to start over, nor does HE toss us into everlasting fire. The history of Israel is a wonderful lesson on eternal security and GOD’s eternal mercy & grace.\

[Psa 106:46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/46/s_584046) He also made them *objects* of compassionIn the presence of all their captors.

Every time God’s people were put under slavery or oppression at some point, the positive remnant was always given a level of compassion or an avenue for survival by their captors. REPEAT

Jump over to the book of Ezekeil chapter 16 RF.

The repeated trips into the devil’s bedroom did cost the Israelites painful losses and also kept the doorway open to Satanic influence and counterfeits. Which really came to a climax during the Babylonian captivity.

/Isa 57:5 Who **inflame yourselves among the oaks**, Under every luxuriant tree, Who **slaughter the children** in the ravines, Under the clefts of the rocks?

The sexual perversions and blood rituals welcomed a demonic presence into many households. The intermingling of marriage to foreigners also brought forth doorways for Satan.\

Satan and his army always look for an inroad into the life of Bels and to infiltrate the true Christian groups or Christian families.

Remember what the Apostle Paul taught on this subject matter – which has nothing to do with skin color or culture;

/2Cor 6:14 **Do not be mismatched with unbelievers;** for what do righteousness and lawlessness share together, or **what does light have in common with darkness?** 15 Or **what harmony does Christ have with Belial**, or what does a believer share with an unbeliever?\

Belial comes from a Hebrew root word meaning the evil one, a wicked one – many relate this to Satan himself.

The worthless and ungodly one.

As you go to Ezekiel 16 let me show you something from chapter 23;

/Ezk 23:37 “For they **have committed adultery**, and **blood is on their hands**. So they have committed adultery with their idols, and even **made their sons, whom they bore to Me, pass through *the fire* to them as food**.

The babies GOD allows us to have are ultimately HIS, they are HIS creation! They were treated as flesh to be devoured by demonic entities.\

This will be our topic heading into the next lesson, it will be a very delicate subject matter…I’m sure to step on some people’s toes.

/[Eze 23:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/23/38/s_825038) “Again, **they have done this to Me:** they have **defiled My sanctuary** on the same day, and have profaned My Sabbaths. 39“For when **they slaughtered their children for their idols**, they entered My sanctuary on the same day to profane it; and behold, this is what **they did within My house**.\

God says this was done to ME – MY children…in MY house, under MY authority.

We won’t have time to cover much but we will read through quickly as an introduction for next lesson.

Ezekeil began his ministry around 592 BC, during extremely volatile times. King Nebuchadnezzar with the Babylonian military was marching across the landscape.

This is several years after Daniel is already taken captive. Actually, Ezekeil and Jeremiah’s ministries overlap. Ezekeil is charged with the Northern tribes which by the way, at this historical point they are very loosely affiliated and Samaria was becoming the central mixing pot of Jews and Gentiles.

Ezekiel’s ministry carries warnings just as the Babylonian exile begins and also points right into the future prophecy of the 2nd Advent later in this book.

 Ezk 16:13 So you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk, and colorfully woven cloth. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty.

In other words, GOD had blessed the Nation of Israel in the past and now they were falling apart.

Teaching us GOD does not destroy blessings, we do…we damage or destroy temporal blessings, not GOD!

/[Eze 16:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/14/s_818014) “Then your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, for **it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you**,” declares the Lord GOD.

All blessings and grace come from the hand of GOD – we can never take credit for HIS work and HIS power.\

Israel became the first client nation under GOD. Then under King David they became popular and highly respected.

/[Eze 16:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/15/s_818015) “But you trusted in your beauty and became unfaithful because of your fame, and **you poured out your obscene practices on every passer-by** to whom it might be *tempting.*

Israel began to partake of every forbidden ritual outside of its own gates and eventually welcomed them into their homes.\

[Eze 16:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/16/s_818016) “You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors, and committed prostitution on them, *which* should not come about nor happen.

Israel took the very blessings God adorned her with and she used those blessings to adorn the places of pagan idolatry.

/[Eze 16:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/17/s_818017) “You also took your beautiful jewels ***made* of My gold and of My silver**, which **I had given you**, and **made for yourself male images** so that you might commit prostitution with them.

The worship of Osiris and Bacchus (ancient Egyptian deities) involved calling upon the dead and ceremonies of perversion and public sex acts during intoxicated rituals.\

Both of these false gods are to be called back or resurrected from the dead in these ceremonies.

Osiris was killed and chopped into pieces within his legend and one piece went missing. Take a guess…?

Lesson for another day.

[Eze 16:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/18/s_818018) “Then you took your colorfully woven cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them.

[Eze 16:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/19/s_818019) “Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil, and honey with which I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened,” declares the Lord GOD.

It actually continued within Babylonian captivity as well.

/[Eze 16:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/20/s_818020) “Furthermore, you took **your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured**. Were your obscene practices a trivial matter?

The drinking of blood and eating of flesh in many ceremonies was part of calling up the dark powers of the fallen star gods (demons and fallen angels).\

[Eze 16:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/16/21/s_818021) “You slaughtered My children and offered them to idols by making them pass through *the fire.*

As difficult as that is to digest and hard as it may seem to transition into the LORD’s Supper…it is God’s perfect timing in this series.

We will be covering all of this in the next message.

/Christ was born of a virgin, the body of Christ (humanity) speaks to HIS perfect life and the human sacrifice needed to fulfill the grace plan for all of mankind. Jesus Christ became flesh to dwell among us and offer HIMSELF up. The blood of Christ points to HIS atoning work and spiritual death needed to secure eternal life for all of us. Mankind is created in the image of GOD (within the soul – breath of life, consciousness, moral reasoning, a spiritual purpose and energy). Satan has inverted and twisted that in his rituals of dark spirituality.\

Jesus Christ is the bread of life, the energy and food for our souls – Jesus offered up HIS body and blood for all of us. The analogy and only ritual that matters is seen in that last supper.

Satan can never have a true victory against a Christian - he simply has minor or useless wins along the way.

His army and his demonic forces are available to be called up or called upon and cross over a spiritual channel when the invitation is there.

You are currently learning about the dark art and practices that date back to a time just after the fall in the garden – dark practices that we have seen in these scriptures in recent lessons. Truthfully they happen in secret societies and shrouded gatherings to this very day.

Yet I proclaim the unadulterated truth loudly to you today – you are a child of GOD, a bride of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You have been bought with a price and can never be snatched from HIS hand.

Nothing…no nothing… can separate you from HIM, not the spiritual powers of darkness or the wickedness of man.

Your victory is secure in Christ! You have the ability to make the darkest person shiver in fear.

NO weapon formed against you can prosper.

You have the ability to shine a pure, divine light that burns any demonic presence in front of you. In the name and power of Jesus Christ the true SON of God…the Alpha and the Omega, the King over ever king and Lord over all lords - you are HIS chosen people.

The Cross was our victory over sin…the resurrection was our victory over death…the session was our Royal calling.

Take your rightful place Believer.

Satan and his army are your footstool!

On the night our Lord was so bitterly betrayed – HE took the bread and broke it….giving thanks, HE said, this is MY body, take and eat.

In remembrance of TLJC, let us eat the bread.

In the same manner, Jesus lifted the cup and gave thanks. Saying, this is MY blood, this is the cup of a New and everlasting covenant.

Each time you eat the bread and drink the cup, you shall bring ME into remembrance until I RETURN.

Let us drink the cup.

Let us pray…amen.