

PART TWO

Jealousy

[Numbers 12 The Voice](#)

While they were at Hazeroth, Miriam and Aaron chastised Moses for marrying a foreign woman—a Cushite (and it was true that he did indeed marry such an African).

[**Notice anything here**; how about [Isaiah 19:25?](#)]

[Isaiah 19:25](#)

Whom Yah of Hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be **Egypt my people**, and Assyria the work of **my** hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Could Moses or other Israelites, possibly have descendants in Africa/Egypt?

Resuming [Numbers 12 The Voice Translation](#)

Miriam and Aaron: ² Has the Eternal One spoken only through Moses? *No*, the Eternal has also spoken through us.

Now, the Eternal One heard this. ³ For his part, Moses was a *uniquely* humble fellow, more humble than anyone in the entire world. ⁴ All of a sudden, the Eternal called *the three siblings together*.

Eternal One: Come here, you three—Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. *Join Me* at the congregation tent. They did.

⁵ **The Eternal One descended** [*Came down*] **in a cloud-column**, [Pillar 5982]

(Like a Tornado) stood at the tent opening, and summoned *just* Aaron and Miriam. They came forward.

In the [Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible](#) (1) the noun “ammud” usually signifies *something* that stands upright like a “pillar”

Pillar of a cloud by Day

Pillar of cloud by night

[Exodus 13:21](#) King James Bible: And Yah of Hosts went before them **by day** in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and **by night** in a pillar **of fire**, to give them light; to go by day and night:



[Exodus 14:19-20 The Clear Word](#)... Then the Angel of Yah, who had been leading the children of Israel, moved to the rear settling between them and the Egyptian army.

²⁰ The cloud in which the Angel of Yah was enveloped became a wall of darkness to the Egyptians, but a wall of light to the children of Israel.

[[Strong's Exhaustive Concordance \(Hebrew Dictionary\) of the Bible](#) - darkness (2822)] means; from 2821; the dark; hence, literally darkness; figuratively **misery**, **destruction**, **death**, ignorance, **sorrow**, wickedness:-darkness

Resuming [Numbers 12 The Voice Translation](#) verse 6

Eternal One: ⁶ *Listen to Me. When there are prophets in your midst, I, the Eternal One, will show Myself to them in visions, and will sound My voice in their dreams.*

⁷ **It's different with My servant, Moses. I have entrusted him above anyone else in My whole house,** ⁸ and with him I communicate face-to-face.

We speak directly and without riddles. He can even see the very form of the Eternal. **So why aren't you nervous about criticizing My servant, Moses?**

Moses is described as uniquely close to Yah of Hosts. He is singled out as Yah's servant, a distinction reserved for a few in the Old Testament, with David being the most notable. His importance is underscored by Yah's unique communication with Moses.

It is direct, plain, and without trances, visions, or dreams.

[Numbers 12:6](#)

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I Yah of Hosts will make myself known unto him in a **vision**, and will speak unto him in a **dream**.]

Resuming [Numbers 12 The Voice Translation at verse 9](#)

Literally, the communication is right in Yah's face. The idea here is that it is **not veiled** but intimate; there is closeness between (Yah) [Our *God*] and Moses no other person shares.

But in the same way that [The anointed] will be understood only by those who know Him and are known by Him,

What is being said here is there will be an illustration or example of a good shepherd, and bad uncaring shepherds! The Eternal Yah communicates with us sometimes literally, and many times in symbolic wording and experiences!

Not every Hebrew Israelite will understand what is going on; (Why) the reasoning is because of the condition of their hearts/minds-spirits or their (Thought processes.)

The Eternal Yah will have his messenger literally act out what is going to happen in the future to His people; sometimes it is because they didn't heed the warning, and as a result they are told in advance of **what is coming, and what will happen to them and or the people following their wicked example of leadership.**

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Zechariah 11 The Voice

- Eternal One:** Open your gates, O Lebanon;
let the fire in to destroy your cedars!
- ² Wail, O cypress, for the cedars have fallen
and their glory lies smoldering in the dust.
Wail, *stately* oaks of Bashan,
for your thick forest lies on the ground!
- ³ Listen to the shepherds *in the land*,
wailing for their *power and* splendor that lies smoldering in the dust!
Listen to the roar of the lions,
the pride of the Jordan that lies smoldering in the dust!

One of the most beautiful and pervasive images in prophetic poetry and praise psalms is that of the good shepherd. It's an appropriate and recognizable image for **such a pastoral people**.

[The people are being characterized [Shown as being sheep in a pasture]

The Eternal One, the psalm says, is the Shepherd ([Psalm 23](#)). The Anointed King also comes to shepherd His people. But there are wicked shepherds, too; self-appointed and self-interested, **they use and abuse the people**.

⁴ The Eternal (Yah) my God has this to say:

Eternal One: Take care of the flock headed for slaughter. ⁵ The people who buy My sheep kill them without repercussion. Their sellers *mockingly* say, "I'm rich. Praise the Eternal One!" Even their own shepherds have no mercy on them.

⁶ Because of this **I promise that I, the Eternal One**, will no longer show pity to the citizens of this land. Instead, I will hand each one over to his neighbor, each one over to his king. Those power mongers will oppress *them and abuse* the land, and I will do nothing to free the sheep.

⁷ And so I became the shepherd of the sheep headed for slaughter because of the poorest sheep.

I took two staffs in my hand—one I named Favor *of (Yah) God* and the other I named Unity *of the People*. With those I took care of the sheep.

⁸ **In the span of one month**, I expelled **three shepherds** *who cared nothing for the sheep*. I had become tired of the way they have cared for my flock, and they have cared nothing for me.

Zechariah (to the sheep): ⁹ I will watch over you no longer. Those who are meant to die will die. Those who are meant to perish will perish. Whoever is left behind will devour his neighbor!

¹⁰ Then I took my staff named Favor of (Yah) God, and I snapped it in half, dissolving the covenant I had made with all the people. ¹¹ On that very day when the covenant was broken, *the sheep traders*^[a] **watching me knew it was the word of the Eternal One.**

Zechariah (to the sheep traders): ¹² If you think it is right, give me what I have earned. If you don't, then keep it *for yourselves*.

They took **30 pieces of silver**, the price set as my wages, *the price of a slave*.

[[The Living Bible Translation Exodus 21:32](#)]

³² But if the ox gores a slave, whether male or female, the slave's master **shall be given thirty pieces of silver**, and the ox shall be stoned.

Eternal One (to Zechariah): ¹³ Give *My deserved portion* of your fee to the potter.

And I did as He told me. I took the **30 shekels of silver**—the noble price of my valuable service—and gave them to the potter in the Eternal's temple.^[b] ¹⁴ Afterward I broke my other staff, *Unity of the People*, which severed the bond between *the people of Judah* and Israel.

Eternal One (to Zechariah): ¹⁵ Take up once again the tools of a *shepherd*, **this time a foolish shepherd**, ¹⁶ because I am going to raise up in this land a *new breed of shepherd*: **one who does not care for the perishing**, search for the young, heal the injured, or feed the hungry. This new shepherd will feast on the fat from his own flock, tearing their hoofs from their flesh.

¹⁷ Watch out, worthless shepherd who abandons the flock!
You will be made defenseless.
May the sword strike his *right arm*
and *pierce* his right eye!
May his arm hang limp at his side *so he has no strength*,
and may his right eye be forever blinded *so he can't shoot an arrow!*

Footnotes

1. [11:11](#) Hebrew manuscripts read, "poorest sheep."

Resuming [Numbers 12 The Voice Translation verse 8](#)

Yah's communication to Moses is different. It is not a riddle that is hard to understand or easy to confuse.

Yah is seen and heard clearly by His servant and friend, Moses.

⁹ **The Eternal left, quite angry with Miriam and Aaron.**

¹⁰ When the cloud lifted from the congregation tent, you could see that Miriam had been stricken with a disfiguring skin condition. Her skin looked white, like snow. Aaron looked at her, saw this, ¹¹ and immediately turned to Moses.

Aaron: Please, Moses, my lord, don't punish us for this offense that we so stupidly committed. ¹² Don't leave her in this partial death—like a stillborn baby whose flesh is already half-rotted away!

Moses (pleading to Yah of Hosts): ¹³ O, Yah, I ask You to please heal her!

Eternal One (to Moses): ¹⁴ *If her father had been angry with her and made it obvious by, say, spitting in her face, wouldn't she have to bear her shame for a week? Just so, you must ostracize her from the camp for seven days.*

After that, she can rejoin the community.

¹⁵ So Miriam was shut out of the community for **seven days**, which also meant that the whole group didn't travel until Miriam was brought back in, ¹⁶ and they set out again. They journeyed from Hazereth into the Paran Wilderness and set up camp there.

Numbers 11:25-29

²⁵ And Yah of Hosts came down in a cloud, and spoke unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

²⁶ **But there remained two** [*of the 70 Elders that Moses chose to help be judges*] of the men in the camp, the name of the one was **Eldad (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance 419)**, and the name of the other **Medad (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance 4312)**: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

What does this phrase mean→ but went not out unto the tabernacle means: look below

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Meanwhile two men, **Eldad** and **Medad**, had stayed in the camp. They were listed as leaders but they didn't leave camp to go to the Tent. Still, the Spirit also rested on them and they prophesied in the camp.

[Here is the understanding of this verse]; these two men **DID NOT** go into the Tent of Meeting or the Tabernacle Tent which housed Yah's Spirit,

The future's symbolic meaning would be that the two servants who remained with the donkey ([Genesis 22:3](#)) when Abraham went to the TOP of Mount Moriah; as the Mountain symbolized (Yah's thrown in space) these two servants would also symbolize the two Olive Branches spoken in Zachariah 4th Chapter;

Zechariah 4:12 King James

And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two **olive branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

¹¹ Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these **two olive trees** upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

¹³ And he answered me and said, Know you not what these be? And I said, No, (To the Angel).

¹⁴ Then said he, these are the two anointed ones, that stand by the God of the whole earth.

THE VOICE TRANSLATION

Zechariah (*to the heavenly messenger*): ¹¹ What are the two olive trees, the ones on the right and left of the lampstand? *What do these mean?*

¹² (persisting) And the two *fruitful* olive branches *that extend toward the lampstand*, the ones supported by the two gold pipes pouring out their gold oil—*what do these mean?*

Heavenly Messenger: ¹³ Do you not know what they are?

Zechariah: No, *I don't*.

Heavenly Messenger: ¹⁴ **The olive trees are the two men** who have been anointed with fresh oil, **Zerubbabel and Joshua**. [*In the past*] They will rule Jerusalem jointly, one over politics and one over religion, and serve the Master over all the earth.

It is very important to realize that there is a difference between verse 14 above where **Zerubbabel and Joshua were responsible**, one over politics and one over religion when looking through the eye glasses of **Ecclesiastes 1:9**;

⁹ **What has been** will be again,
what has been done will be done again; there is **nothing new** under the sun.

In **the end time** when examining **Psalms 110**, the two offices of King and Priest that were separated after Melchisedech, will once again be vested or assigned to one (1) man in the future as it written in **Psalms 110**;

Genesis 14:18 Good News Translation [Torah]

And Melchizedek, **who was king** of Salem and **also a priest** of the Most High God, brought bread and wine to Abram,

[Note the above scripture happened many years ago **in the past**; but in **Psalms 110** the future Branch/Davidic king with mankind, will occupy both the duties of a King amongst the Israelites,

Psalm 110 Good News Translation

Yah of Hosts and His Chosen King^[a]

Yah said to my [*High ranking official*],

“Sit here at my right side
until I put your enemies under your feet.”

² From Zion Yah of Hosts will extend your royal power.

“Rule over your enemies,” he says.

³ On the day you fight your enemies,
your people will volunteer.

Like the dew of early morning

your young men will come to you on the sacred hills.^[b]

⁴ *Yah of Hosts made **a solemn promise** and will not take it back:
“You will be a priest forever
in the priestly order of Melchizedek.” As he will sit upon the throne of
King David (*2 Samuel 7th Chapter*);*

This man is an offspring of the same King David that killed Goliath, **but** this man **whoever he is** will also be a **Prince or son** under Yah of Hosts; see [Ezekiel 44](#) below↓

[Ezekiel 44 Good News Translation](#)

The Use of the East Gate

The man led me to the outer gate at the east side of the Temple area. The gate was closed, ² and Yah of Hosts said to me, “This gate will stay closed and will never be opened. No human being is allowed to use it, because I, Yah of Hosts God of Israel, have entered through it. It is to remain closed.

³ **The ruling prince**, however, may go there to eat a holy meal in my presence. He is to enter and leave the gateway through the entrance room at the inner end.” (Study about the ruling Prince in [Zechariah 3rd chapter](#))

Let’s take a closer look at two of the men of the seventy Elders

[Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible](#)

Meaning of: Eldad

Eldad (419) God has loved; referenced from (410) short version, from (352) **ayil**; from the same as (193) **to twist the body, be strong**; the basic meaning of **ayil** is **strength**; hence **ayil** means “**ram**” Remember when Abraham was going to sacrifice his son Isaac?, and Abraham was stopped, **and A ram** was caught in the bush by its horns?

[[See Genesis 22:13](#)], specifically, a chief (politically); a ram (from his strength) an oak or other strong tree (*an Israelite*); **ayil**; 352 (6)

In the first instance the word **ayil** represents chiefs in the sense of head political figures,

Also means (despots), mean - a powerful ruler. from **410**; strength, mighty and **1730**;

Strong's Concordance of the Bible meaning of: **Medad** (4312)

From (**3032**) in the sense of loving; affectionate; Medad, an Israelite to throw e.g. lots to revere or worship (with extended hands to bemoan (by wringing the hands):- praise give thanks confess thanks, make confession, thanksgiving

Resuming Numbers 11:27-29

²⁷ And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, **Eldad** and **Medad** do prophesy in the camp.

²⁸ And **Joshua the son of Nun**, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord (*Title for High Ranking Official*) Moses, **forbid them.**

²⁹ And Moses said unto him, **Enviest [Envy] you for my sake?** would Yah that all Yah of Host's people were prophets, and that Yah of Hosts would put his spirit upon them!

****Possibly Being Dislike by Either Brothers or Sisters****

Genesis 37 Living Bible

So Jacob settled again in the land of Canaan, where his father had lived.

² Jacob's son Joseph was now seventeen years old. His job, **along with his half brothers**, the sons of his father's wives **Bilhah and Zilpah**, was to shepherd his father's flocks. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things they were doing.

³ *Now as it happened, **Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other children**, because Joseph was born to him in his old age.*

So one day Jacob gave him a special gift—a brightly colored coat.^[a] ⁴ His brothers of course noticed their father’s partiality, and consequently hated Joseph; they couldn’t say a kind word to him.

⁵ One night Joseph had a dream and promptly reported the details to his brothers, causing even deeper hatred.

⁶ “Listen to this,” he proudly announced. ⁷ “We were out in the field binding sheaves, and my sheaf stood up, and your sheaves all gathered around it and bowed low before it!”

⁸ “So you want to be our king, do you?” his brothers derided. **And they hated him** both for the dream and for his cocky attitude.

⁹ Then *he had another dream and told it to his brothers*. “Listen to my latest dream,” he boasted. “The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!”

¹⁰ *This time he told his father as well as his brothers; **but his father rebuked him**.*

“What is this?” he asked. “Shall I indeed, and your mother and brothers come and bow before you?”

¹¹ His brothers were fit to be tied concerning this affair, but his father gave it quite a bit of thought and wondered what it all meant.

¹² One day Joseph’s brothers took their father’s flocks to Shechem to graze them there.

¹³⁻¹⁴ A few days later Israel called for Joseph, and told him, **“Your brothers are over in Shechem grazing the flocks. Go and see how they are getting along, and how it is with the flocks, and bring me word.”**

“Very good,” Joseph replied. So he traveled to Shechem from his home at Hebron Valley.

¹⁵ A man noticed him wandering in the fields.

“Who are you looking for?” he asked.

¹⁶ “For my brothers and their flocks,” Joseph replied. “Have you seen them?”

¹⁷ “Yes,” the man told him, **“they are no longer here.”** I heard your brothers say they were going to Dothan.” So Joseph followed them to Dothan and found them there.

¹⁸ But when they saw him coming, recognizing him in the distance, they **decided to kill him!**

¹⁹⁻²⁰ “Here comes that master-dreamer,” they exclaimed. “Come on, let’s kill him and toss him into a well and tell Father that a wild animal has eaten him. Then we’ll see what will become of all his dreams!”

²¹⁻²² But Reuben hoped to spare Joseph’s life. “Let’s not kill him,” he said; “we’ll shed no blood—let’s throw him alive into this well here; that way he’ll die without our touching him!” (*Reuben was planning to get him out later and return him to his father.*)

²³ So when Joseph got there, they pulled off his brightly colored robe, ²⁴ and threw him into an empty well—there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down for supper. Suddenly they noticed a string of camels coming towards them in the distance, probably Ishmaelite traders who were taking gum, spices, and herbs from Gilead to Egypt.

²⁶⁻²⁷ “Look there,” Judah said to the others. “Here come some Ishmaelites. **Let’s sell Joseph to them! Why kill him and have a guilty conscience?**

Let’s not be responsible for his death, for, after all, he is our brother!” And his brothers agreed.

²⁸ So when the traders^[b] came by, his brothers pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver, and they took him along to Egypt.

²⁹ Some time later, Reuben (who was away when the traders came by)^[c] returned to get Joseph out of the well. When Joseph wasn't there, he ripped at his clothes in anguish and frustration.

³⁰ “The child is gone; and I, where shall I go now?” he wept to his brothers. ³¹ Then the brothers killed a goat and spattered its **blood** on Joseph's coat, ³² and took the coat to their father and asked him to identify it.

“We found this in the field,” they told him. “Is it Joseph's coat or not?”

³³ Their father recognized it at once.

“Yes,” he sobbed, “it is my son's coat. A wild animal has eaten him. Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces.”

³⁴ Then Israel tore his garments and put on sackcloth and mourned for his son in deepest mourning for many weeks. ³⁵ His family all tried to comfort him, but it was no use.

“I will die in mourning for my son,” he would say, and then break down and cry.

³⁶ Meanwhile, in Egypt, the traders sold Joseph to Potiphar, an officer of the Pharaoh—the king of Egypt. Potiphar was captain of the palace guard, the chief executioner.

Footnotes

1. [Genesis 37:3](#) *a brightly colored coat*, more literally, “an ornamented tunic” or “long-sleeved tunic.”
2. [Genesis 37:28](#) *traders*, literally, “Midianites.”
3. [Genesis 37:29](#) *who was away when the traders came by*, implied.

This is Another Example of Possibly Being Dislike
By Either your Brothers or Sisters

King David

[1 Samuel 17 Good News Translation](#)

Goliath Challenges the Israelites

¹ The Philistines gathered for battle in Socoh, a town in Judah; they camped at a place called Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah. ² Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in Elah Valley, where they got ready to fight the Philistines.

³ The Philistines lined up on one hill and the Israelites on another, with a valley between them.

⁴ A man named Goliath, from the city of Gath, came out from the Philistine camp to challenge the Israelites. He was over nine feet^[a] tall ⁵ and wore bronze armor that weighed about 125 pounds and a bronze helmet.

⁶ His legs were also protected by bronze armor, and he carried a bronze javelin slung over his shoulder. ⁷ His spear was as thick as the bar on a weaver's loom, and its iron head weighed about fifteen pounds.

A soldier walked in front of him carrying his shield. ⁸ Goliath stood and shouted at the Israelites, “What are you doing there, lined up for battle?”

I am a Philistine, you slaves of Saul! Choose one of your men to fight me. ⁹ If he wins and kills me, we will be your slaves; but if I win and kill him, you will be our slaves.

¹⁰ Here and now I challenge the Israelite army. I dare you to pick someone to fight me!” ¹¹ When Saul and his men heard this, they were terrified.

David in Saul's Camp

¹² David was the son of Jesse, who was an Ephrathite from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and at the time Saul was king, he was already a very old man.^[b] ¹³ His three oldest sons had gone with Saul to war.

The oldest was Eliab, the next was Abinadab, and the third was Shammah. ¹⁴ David was the youngest son, and while the three oldest brothers stayed with Saul,

¹⁵ David would go back to Bethlehem from time to time, to take care of his father's sheep.

¹⁶ Goliath challenged the Israelites every morning and evening for **forty days**.

¹⁷ **One day Jesse said to David**, “Take a half-bushel of this roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and hurry with them to your brothers in the camp.

¹⁸ And **take these ten cheeses to the commanding officer. Find out how your brothers are getting along and bring back something to show that you saw them and that they are well.**

[Notice that the older brothers got first crack to kill Goliath; did they also get first crack or opportunity to chosen by Yah of Hosts in replacing King Saul?... all 7 of David’s brothers were assembled when Jesse was told to **BRING ALL 8 OF HIS SONS**]

[Why do you think Yah did it this way?]

¹⁹ King Saul, your brothers, and all the other Israelites are in Elah Valley fighting the Philistines.”

²⁰ David got up early the next morning, **left someone else in charge of the sheep**, [*What does this mean, do you know?*] took the food, and went as Jesse had told him to.

He arrived at the camp just as the Israelites were going out to their battle line, shouting the war cry.

²¹ The Philistine and the Israelite armies took positions for battle, facing each other. ²² David left the food with the officer in charge of the supplies, ran to the battle line, went to his brothers, and asked how they were getting along.

²³ As he was talking with them, Goliath came forward and challenged the Israelites as he had done before. And David heard him. ²⁴ When the Israelites saw Goliath, they ran away in terror.

²⁵ “Look at him!” they said to each other. “Listen to his challenge!

King Saul has promised to give a big reward to the man who kills him; the king will also give him his daughter to marry and will not require his father's family to pay taxes.”^[c]

²⁶ David asked the men who were near him, “What will the man get who kills this Philistine and frees Israel from this disgrace? After all, who is this heathen Philistine to defy the army of the living God?”

²⁷ They told him what would be done for the man who killed Goliath.

²⁸ *Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard David talking to the men. He became angry with David and said, “What are you doing here? Who is taking care of those sheep of yours out there in the wilderness? You smart aleck, you! You just came to watch the fighting!”*

²⁹ “Now what have I done?” **David asked**. “Can't I even ask a question?”

³⁰ He turned to another man and asked him the same question, and every time he asked, he got the same answer.

³¹ Some men heard what David had said, and they told Saul, who sent for him.

³² David said to Saul, “Your Majesty, no one should be afraid of this Philistine! I will go and fight him.”

³³ “No,” answered Saul. “How could you fight him? You're just a boy, and he has been a soldier all his life!”

³⁴ “Your Majesty,” David said, “I take care of my father's sheep. Any time a lion or a bear carries off a lamb, ³⁵ I go after it, attack it, and rescue the lamb. And if the lion or bear turns on me, I grab it by the throat and beat it to death.

³⁶ I have killed lions and bears, and I will do the same to this heathen Philistine, who has defied the army of the living Yah/God.

³⁷ Yah of Hosts has saved me from lions and bears; he will save me from this Philistine.”

“All right,” Saul answered. “Go, and Yah of Hosts be with you.” ³⁸ He gave his own armor to David for him to wear: a bronze helmet, which he put on David's head, and a coat of armor.

³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor and tried to walk, but he couldn't, because he wasn't used to wearing them.

“I can't fight with all this,” he said to Saul. “I'm not used to it.” So he took it all off.
⁴⁰ He took his shepherd's stick and then picked up five smooth stones from the stream and put them in his bag. With his sling ready, he went out to meet Goliath.

David Defeats Goliath

⁴¹ The Philistine started walking toward David, with his shield bearer walking in front of him. He kept coming closer, ⁴² and when he got a good look at David, he was filled with scorn for him because he was just a nice, good-looking boy.

⁴³ He said to David, “What's that stick for? Do you think I'm a dog?” And he called down curses from his god on David. ⁴⁴ “Come on,” he challenged David, “and I will give your body to the birds and animals to eat.”

⁴⁵ David answered, “You are coming against me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of Yah of Hosts Almighty, the God of the Israelite armies, which you have defied.

⁴⁶ This very day Yah of Hosts will put you in my power; I will defeat you and cut off your head.

[Cut off the head of Leviathan, the Serpent, and or the Head of the end day
Babylon...hum mm]

And I will give the bodies of the Philistine soldiers to the birds and animals to eat. Then the whole world will know that Israel has a God, ⁴⁷ and everyone here will see that Yah of Hosts does not need swords or spears to save his people.

He is victorious in battle, and he will put all of you in our power.”

⁴⁸ Goliath started walking toward David again, and David ran quickly toward the Philistine battle line to fight him.

⁴⁹ He reached into his bag and took out a stone, which he slung at Goliath. It hit him on the forehead and broke his skull, and Goliath fell face downward on the ground.

⁵⁰ And so, without a sword, David defeated and killed (disabled) Goliath with a sling and a stone! ⁵¹ He ran to him, stood over him, took Goliath's sword out of its sheath, and cut off his head and killed him. (Note could be worded better)

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they ran away.⁵² The men of Israel and Judah shouted and ran after them, pursuing them all the way to Gath^[d] and to the gates of Ekron.

The Philistines fell wounded all along the road that leads to Shaaraim, as far as Gath and Ekron.⁵³ When the Israelites came back from pursuing the Philistines, they looted their camp.

⁵⁴ David got Goliath's head and took it to Jerusalem, but he kept Goliath's weapons in his own tent.

David Is Presented to Saul

⁵⁵ When Saul saw David going out to fight Goliath, he asked Abner, the commander of his army, “Abner, whose son is he?”

“I have no idea, Your Majesty,” Abner answered.

⁵⁶ “Then go and find out,” Saul ordered.

⁵⁷ So when David returned to camp after killing Goliath, Abner took him to Saul. David was still carrying Goliath's head.⁵⁸ Saul asked him, “Young man, whose son are you?”

“I am the son of your servant Jesse from Bethlehem,” David answered.

Question:

Is it possible that the older brothers of David had their opportunity to kill the giant Goliath but didn't, so could they have been jealous of David because David did it the right way by Honoring Yah?

Footnotes

1. [1 Samuel 17:4](#) Hebrew nine feet; one ancient Hebrew manuscript and one ancient translation seven feet.
2. [1 Samuel 17:12](#) Some ancient translations a very old man; Hebrew unclear.
3. [1 Samuel 17:25](#) to pay taxes; or either to pay taxes or serve him.
4. [1 Samuel 17:52](#) One ancient translation Gath; Hebrew a valley.

WHAT SHOULD WE BE LOOKING FOR IN A TRUE SERVANT OF YAH OF HOSTS?

[Isaiah 42 The Voice](#)

Eternal One: [Look here](#), let Me present My servant;

I have taken hold of him. He is My chosen, and I delight in him.

I have put My Spirit on him; by this he will bring justice to the nations.

This poem is the first of several Servant Songs. Yah's special Servant is described in various ways. In this song ([Isaiah 42:1–9](#)), the Servant is portrayed as one who faithfully establishes justice in the world and serves as a light for the nations.

In the second song ([Isaiah 49:1–13](#)), the Servant is called from the womb and ordained to restore the nation of Israel and take salvation to the ends of the earth.

In the third song ([Isaiah 50:4–9](#)), the Servant is portrayed as a teacher, intimately in touch with Yah [God], yet brutally beaten and disgraced by his enemies.

In the fourth song ([Isaiah 52:13–53:12](#)), the suffering and rejection of Yah's Servant takes priority over his other tasks; yet even in his suffering Yah is working to repair the world from the harm done by sin and evil.

² **Eternal One:** He will not scream or yell,
crying out for all to hear.

³ What is bruised and bent, he will not break;
he will not blow out a smoldering candle.

Rather, he will faithfully turn his attention to doing justice.

[EASY To Read Translation Verse 2](#)

He will not hurt weak people, like someone who breaks a weak reed. **He will not destroy helpless people**, like someone who puts out a **weak flame**. He will be kind to people, and he will judge them in a fair way.

MSG Translation Verse 2

“Take a good look at my servant. I’m backing him to the hilt. He’s the one I chose, and I couldn’t be more pleased with him.

I’ve bathed him with my Spirit, my life. He’ll set everything right among the nations.

He won’t call attention to what he does with loud speeches or gaudy [Means loud and flashy] parades.

He won’t brush aside the bruised and the hurt and he won’t disregard the small and insignificant, but he’ll steadily and firmly set things right.

He won’t tire out and quit. He won’t be stopped until he’s finished his work—to set things right on earth. Far-flung ocean islands wait expectantly for his teaching.”

Resuming Isaiah 42:4 The Voice

⁴ *And though he faces obstacles, resistance, and great pressure, **he will not crack;** he will not give up until things are set right. Even the coastlands wait patiently for his instruction.*

⁵ *Yah, the Eternal One, who made the *starry* skies, stretched them tight *above and around;* Who cast the *shimmering globe* of earth and filled it with life; who gives breath and animates the people; Who walks *and talks* with life-giving spirit has this to say:*

⁶ **Eternal One:** I am the Eternal One. By righteousness I have called you. I will take you by the hand and keep you safe.

You are given as a covenant between Me and the people:

a light for the nations, a shining beacon to the world.

⁷ *You will open blind eyes so they will see again. You will lead prisoners, *blinking*, out from caverns of captivity, from cells *pitch black with despair.**

⁸ **I am** the Eternal One.
I Am is My name.

My beauty is unique, a weighty splendor all My own.
And nothing else—no idols could possibly gain My praise.

⁹ **Look here, what's done is done and gone.**
The now is new, and *there's hope in the not-yet.*
I will tell you what's to come, even before the events are brand-
new.

¹⁰ *So make up a song like none other.* Sing a new song to the Eternal.
And let His praise echo *clear* across the earth.

Let those who go to sea set sail with praise in the air.

Let those who live along the waters' edge *sing His praise.*

¹¹ Let desert places, urban *and rural, wild and settled,* sing!
Let the settlements of Kedar and those in *the craggy cliffs of Sela* join in the
celebration.

The peaks of mountains, too, raise your voices with a *great, glad* cry.

¹² Let them all give glory to the Eternal.

Let them praise the One *who is, was, and will be* heard along the coasts.

¹³ As a hero *throws himself into battle,* the Eternal will take on His enemies;
with passion, shouting out a deafening roar, He will power over them.

¹⁴ **Eternal One:** As a woman fiercely strains to give birth, I will gasp,
pant, and cry out.

I have been quiet for a long time; I have held back in the face of it
all.

Well, **no more.**

¹⁵ ***When My power is loosed,*** I will make level the
heights
and render them bare.

I will dry up the rivers until *bare* islands appear,
and empty the *sweet* water from the pools.

¹⁶ I will escort the blind down roads they do not know,
guide them down paths they've never seen.
I will smooth their passage and light their way.
I will indeed do it—they are abandoned no more.

¹⁷ *Meanwhile*, those who put their stock in worthless images,
who worship things impotent and breakable
And say to idols, “You are our gods,”
will be turned away and mortified (Ashamed).

¹⁸ **Eternal One:** You, deaf *to the world*, hear!
You, blind *in your eyes*, look! And you will see.

¹⁹ *My servant is as blind as any.*

*Who could be more deaf than the one who goes where I direct
and tells what I want told?*

The identity of the Servant is much debated. On the one hand, Isaiah often refers to Yah's people, Israel, as “the servant of the Eternal” (Isaiah [41:8–9](#); Isaiah [42:19](#); Isaiah [45:4](#); especially Isaiah [49:3](#)).

Who is as blind as the one committed to do what the Eternal One wills,
the servant of the Eternal?

²⁰ *The seer-of-much nevertheless doesn't get it;
privy to sound and speech and **tone**, he still doesn't hear.*

²¹ On account of Yah's *goodness*, His right ways and deeds,
the Eternal was pleased to make the instruction grand and glorious.

²² But this people is compromised.
They've been plundered and robbed.
They have lost—things, liberty, place, and name.

They are all trapped in holes and tucked away in prisons.
They've been plundered *and depleted* with none to the rescue.

They've **been stolen away** with none to insist, "Give them back."
²³ *Is there anyone who understands?* Who, out of all of you, will pay attention,
understand, and take note concerning what's to come?

Yah is the one who lies behind these events. He makes it possible for His people to be defeated and taken away.

²⁴ Wasn't it Yah of Hosts, because we turned our backs,
who gave up Jacob's *descendants*, Israel, for robbery and plunder?
We refused to live as Yah would have us live.

We did not heed
the instruction that Yah gave us *through Moses so long ago*.

²⁵ That's why Yah sent all fury against Jacob
in the shape of war, and we were **burned**.

We experienced all this;

Yet we didn't get it. Yah's people did not take it to heart.

Isaiah 11 Easy English Bible **The King who brings peace**

A descendant of Jesse will appear, like a new branch that grows from a tree stump.
The roots of the tree will give new fruit!^[a]

² **The Spirit** of Yah of Hosts will be with him.
The Spirit will make him **wise**,
so that he **understands things**.

The Spirit will **show him what is right**,
and he will have **the power** to do it.

The Spirit will cause him **to know Yah of Hosts**
and **to serve him truly**.

³ To obey Yah of Hosts will make him very happy. He will **not judge people because of what he sees** with his eyes. He will **not judge them because of what he hears** about them with his ears.

⁴ But **he will judge poor people with true justice**. He will **decide to do what is right for all the helpless people**. He will **have authority everywhere in the land**.

The words that he speaks will bring death to wicked people.

⁵ He will wear justice like a belt round his clothes. He will **always be honest and true**.

⁶ **When he is king**, wolves will live beside lambs! Leopards will lie down with young goats! Young cows and lions will feed together, and **a young child will take care of them!**

⁷ **Cows and bears will feed together**. Even their children will lie down side by side. **Lions will eat grass**, as cows do.

⁸ If a **baby plays near the hole where a snake lives**, he will be safe. A young child may even put his hand into the hole of a dangerous snake.

⁹ **Nothing will hurt or destroy anything else anywhere on my holy mountain**. Instead, people will know Yah of Hosts all over the earth, as water fills the whole sea.

¹⁰ **On that day**, King David's **descendant**, the root of Jesse, **will appear**.

He will be like a clear sign to all nations. They will come to him, so that he leads them. The place where he lives as king will be wonderful.

¹¹ **And on that day**, Yah of Hosts God **will bring his people back once again**.

He will lift up his powerful hand to rescue his people who are still alive. He will bring them back from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Babylonia, Hamath and from countries near the sea.

¹² Yah of Hosts will lift up a clear sign for the nations to see. He will bring together Israel's people that their enemies took away. Yes, he will bring back Judah's exiles from all over the earth.

¹³ **Ephraim will no longer be jealous of Judah.** Judah will no longer be Ephraim's enemy. ^[b] ¹⁴ But they will join together to attack the Philistines in the west. They will also attack the nations to the east of Israel. They will take their valuable things for themselves.

They will **win against the people of Edom and Moab.** They will rule over the Ammonites.

¹⁵ Yah of Hosts will make the Sea of Egypt become dry. He will lift up his hand and he will send a strong wind to divide the Euphrates river. The river will become seven small streams. Then people can walk across it easily.

¹⁶ There will be a good road that comes from Assyria. Yah of Host's people who remain will travel back home on it. It will be like the road that Israel's people travelled on when they left Egypt.

Footnotes

1. [11:1](#) Jesse was the father of King David. The stump of a tree is the part that remains in the ground after the tree has been cut down. It still has roots that go into the ground.
2. [11:13](#) Judah was the Israelite kingdom in the south. Ephraim was the Israelite kingdom in the north.

[Ezekiel 37 The Voice](#)

The Eternal had a hold on me, *and I couldn't escape it.* The divine wind of the Eternal One picked me up and set me down in the middle of the valley, but this time it was full of bones. ² Yah led me through the bones. There were piles of bones everywhere in the valley—dry bones *left unburied.*

This oracle may be one of the best known in Ezekiel's prophecy. Yah's promise of a new heart and a new spirit echoes Jeremiah's new covenant prophecy ([Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)).

What Yah's people need more than anything is for Yah of Hosts to do a work of grace within them.

Like other prophets of his day,

Ezekiel is convinced that heaven **must intervene** **in order to fix what is wrong on earth.**

It is not enough for people to try harder and do better.

This work of grace begins with Yah cleansing His people with fresh water. [Numbers 8:7], **idolatry and various sins have made them impure and unclean**, so **before they can be restored**, *they must be made pure by the washing of water.*

[Ezekiel 36:25](#)

Then will I **sprinkle** clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Then, once Yah gives them a new heart,

His people will become **willing covenant** partners; **they will give up** on their rebellious, hurtful ways and embrace Yah's designs for their lives.

*With a new spirit—which seems to be nothing other than Yah's Spirit living in and among them—they **will have the desire and ability to live out** Yah's reasonable demands on them.*

Yah of Hosts insists that all He intends to do to save and redeem His people is not for their good; He is working to restore His good name.

Yah's **Covenant people** have given Him a bad reputation among the nations, so Yah **must act in His own interest** *to make sure His name is given the honor it is due.*

Eternal One (to Ezekiel): ³ Son of man, do you think these bones can live?

Ezekiel: Eternal Yah, *certainly* You know *the answer better than I do.*

Eternal One: ⁴⁻⁵ *Actually, I do.* Prophecy to these bones. Tell them to listen to what the Eternal Yah says to them: **“Dry bones, I will breathe breath into you, and you will come alive.”**

⁶ I will attach muscles and tendons to you, cause flesh to grow over them, and cover you with skin. I will breathe breath into you, and you will come alive.

After this happens, you will know that I am the Eternal.”

Yah is not only the Creator of life, but He is also the Restorer of life.

⁷ So I did what Yah told me to do: I prophesied *to the bones*. As I was speaking, I heard a *loud* noise—a rattling sound—and all the bones began to come together and form complete skeletons.

⁸ I watched and saw muscles and tendons attach to the bones, flesh grow over them, and skin wrap itself around the *reforming* bodies. But there was still no breath in them.

Eternal One: ⁹ Prophecy to the breath. Speak, son of man, and tell them what the Eternal Yah has to say: “O *sweet* breath, come **from the four winds** and **breathe into these who have been killed**. Make these *corpses* come alive.”

¹⁰ So I did what Yah told me to do: I prophesied *to the breath*.

As I was speaking, breath invaded the lifeless.

The bodies came alive and stood on their feet. **I realized then I was looking at a great army**.

Eternal One: ¹¹ Son of man, ***these bones are the entire community of Israel***. They keep saying, “***Our bones are dry now, picked clean by scavengers***. All hope is gone. ***Our nation is lost***.”

¹²⁻¹³ He told me to prophesy and tell them what He said.

Eternal One: Pay attention, My people! I am going to open your graves *and bring you back to life*! I will carry you *straight* back to the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Eternal One.

¹⁴ **I will breathe My Spirit into you**, and **you will be alive once again**.

I will place you back in your own land.

After that you will know I, the Eternal, have done what I said I would do.

So said the Eternal One.

¹⁵ *Again* the word of **the Eternal** came to me.

Eternal One: ¹⁶ Son of man, find a stick and write *these words* on it: “For Judah and the people of Israel associated with him.”

Then go find another stick, and write *these words* on it: “For Joseph—the stick of Ephraim—and the entire community of Israel associated with him.”

¹⁷ **Now take both sticks and join them together in your hand as if they are one.**

¹⁸ When your **compatriots question you *about what you are doing***, asking, “Will you not tell us *plainly* what these actions mean?” ¹⁹ **tell them I say,**

“Watch as I take **Joseph’s stick** (the one held by Ephraim) and **the *ten* Israelite tribes of the North**, your compatriots, and put it *end to end* with **Judah’s stick**. **The two sticks will become one** in My hand.”

²⁰ *Make sure* the people are able to see what you have written on each stick.

²¹ **Then tell them what I say: “Look! I’m gathering the Israelites up from the countries where they’ve been scattered and putting them back in their own land.”**

²² **I will form them into one nation upon Israel’s mountains,** and they will live under the reign of one king. **They will no longer live as two separate peoples, split into two different kingdoms.**

²³ **From then on,** *they will not defile themselves with idols* and abhorrent images and strange perversions.

I will rescue them from all the places where they’ve lived and sinned.

I will make them *pure and clean again!*

They will be My people, and I will be their God.

²⁴ **My beloved servant,** David, will be their king.

They will all live peaceably under one shepherd.

They will live *according to My laws and obey My statutes and do them.*

²⁵ My people will dwell in the same land I gave to Jacob, My servant.

Some people may ask/think “How could David be the king of Israel’s new nation?”

He died 500 years earlier! Certainly Yah does not mean that David comes back from the dead to reign; He means that David is the archetype for the eternal king.

This new king will carry David’s name because He will be a descendant of David. He will rule a united kingdom just as David ruled a united Israel in his day. **He, too, will be a shepherd of Yah’s people.**

These hopes and aspirations will remain in the psyche of Yah’s people for hundreds of years.

When *the Anointed* begins His ministry, His followers will be certain they have found the good shepherd.

Eternal One: It will be the same land where your ancestors dwelled, *but their past wickedness will be forgotten there.* They, their children, and their children’s children will live there forever; and My servant David will be their prince forever.

²⁶ **I will establish a covenant of peace**—an everlasting promise—with them.

I will make them *strong* and numerous in the land *I gave them.* My sanctuary will be at the heart of their community forever.

²⁷ I will make My home with them.

I will be their God, and they will be My people. ^[a]

²⁸ **After all these things** *come to pass and My sanctuary is at the heart of their community forever,* all the nations will know that I, the Eternal, am the One who makes Israel holy.

Ezekiel 37 EasyEnglish Bible

The valley of dry bones^[a]

Yah of Hosts took hold of me with great power. In a vision, Yah of Hosts's Spirit took me to the middle of a valley. Bones covered all the ground there. ² Yah of Hosts made me walk up and down among the bones.

I could see many bones there, on the ground in the valley. They were completely dry.

³ He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones become alive again?’

I said, ‘Almighty YAH, only you know the answer.’

⁴ Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones. Say to them, “Dry bones, listen to Yah of Hosts's message!’

⁵ This is what the Almighty YAH says to you bones: Listen! I will put breath into you and you will become alive. ⁶ I will join you together and I will put meat on you. I will cover you with skin.

I will put breath into you and you will become alive. Then you will know that I am Yah of Hosts.’^[b]

⁷ So I prophesied, as Yah of Hosts had commanded me to do. While I was still speaking, there was a noise. It was the sound of the bones as they knocked against each other when they joined together.

⁸ *While I watched*, I saw meat come and join to the bones. Then skin covered them. But there was no breath in them yet.

⁹ Then Yah of Hosts said to me, ‘Prophecy to the wind, son of man. Speak my message to the wind. Say, “This is what the Almighty YAH says: Blow from all directions and put breath into these dead bodies! Cause them to become alive again.”’

¹⁰ So I spoke the message that Yah of Hosts had commanded me to speak. Breath went into those dead bodies and they became alive. They stood up on their feet. They were as many as a great army.

¹¹ Then Yah of Hosts said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones are a picture of all Israel's people. The Israelites are saying, “Our bones are dead and dry. There are no good things that we can hope for. We have come to an end.”’

¹² So prophesy and say to them, “This is what the Almighty YAH says:

Listen, my people!

I will soon open up your graves. I will bring you out of your graves. I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ When that happens to you, my people, you will know that I am Yah of Hosts.

¹⁴ I will put the breath of my Spirit in you, and you will become alive. I will let you live safely in your own land. Then you will know that I, Yah of Hosts, have spoken. You will know that I have done what I said I would do. That is what Yah of Hosts says.”^[c]

¹⁵ Yah of Hosts gave this message to me: ¹⁶ ‘Son of man, take a stick and write on it, “This stick belongs to Judah and the Israelite tribes that are with him.”

Then take another stick and write on it, “This stick belongs to Joseph's son Ephraim and the Israelite tribes that are with him.”^[d]

¹⁷ **Make the two sticks join together to become one stick in your hand.**

¹⁸ **Your people will ask you,** “Please tell us what this means.”

¹⁹ When they ask that, say to them, “This is what the Almighty YAH says: I will take Joseph's stick that belongs to Ephraim and the Israelite tribes that are with him.

I will cause it to join together with Judah's stick. I will make them become one stick in my hand.”

²⁰ Hold the two sticks that you have written words on. Hold them in your hand for the people to see. ²¹ Say to the people,

“This is what the Almighty YAH says: I will take Israel's people out from among the nations where they have gone. I will bring them back together from all those foreign countries.

I will bring them to their own land. ²² In that land, I will make them become one nation. They will live on Israel's mountains. They will have one king to rule over them all. They will never again become two nations or two separate kingdoms.

²³ They will no longer worship their disgusting idols and make themselves unclean. They will not refuse to obey me. They have turned away from me and done bad things. But I will save them from all their sins. I will make them clean.

They will be my people and I will be their God.

²⁴ My servant David will be their king. There will be one shepherd who takes care of them all. They will carefully obey my rules and my laws.

²⁵ They will live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob. It is the land where your ancestors lived. My people, their children and their grandchildren will live there. They will live there for ever. My servant David will rule over them for ever.^[e]

²⁶ I will make a covenant with them to give them peace. It is a promise to my people that will continue for ever. I will cause them to live safely in their land. I will cause them to grow in number.

I will put my temple among them, to be with them for ever. ²⁷ I will make my home with them. I will be their God and they will be my people.

²⁸ **Then the nations will know that I, Yah of Hosts, have chosen the Israelites as my own people.** The nations will see that I have put my temple among my people for ever.””

Footnotes

1. [37:1](#) Yah gave Ezekiel this vision about the future of Israel.
2. [37:6](#) The Hebrew word that means breath also means wind or spirit.
3. [37:14](#) Yah of Hosts is promising that he will bring his people back from exile in Babylon. As prisoners in Babylon, the Israelites think that they have no hope for good things in the future. They are like bones that are dead and dry. But Yah promises to give them new life.
4. [37:16](#) Judah was the Israelite kingdom in the south. Ephraim was a name for the Israelite kingdom in the north.

[37:25](#) Yah is telling Ezekiel about a future time when *the Anointed One* will be the leader of Yah's people. King David himself died a long time before Ezekiel was alive. The *Anointed One* was a descendant of King David who would rule his people as king for ever. He would take care of them, as a shepherd takes care of his sheep.

You Will Find No Rest for the Soles of our feet

[Deuteronomy 28:65](#) King James

And among these nations shall you **find no ease**, neither shall the sole of your foot have **rest**: but Yahweh shall give you there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

We did not enjoy the Sabbaths in our homeland, and look what it got us!

At best what we are doing, - or trying to do in the lands of slavery is pretty much a token of what we would do IF allowed to make it back to our land!

What does come under the bond of the Covenant mean; [especially since we broke](#) our side of the Covenant?

[Ezekiel 20:37](#) King James

And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

Doesn't this mean to return to Yahweh completely, by resaying, - rejoining our wedding vows (The Covenant?)

Many of us have a deep conviction to return to the righteous way of Yahweh's Law; we must do everything within the scope of our power to Keep the Sabbath and **ALL** of Yahweh's other laws, statutes, and commandments.

Permissible Worship **while under** captivity:

[Psalm 40:6](#)

Sacrifice and offering [*While in captivity*] you did not **desire**; mine ears have you opened: burnt offering and sin offering have you not required.

[Psalm 51:16](#)

For you **desired** not **sacrifice**; else would I give it: you delight not in burnt offering.

[Hosea 6:6](#)

For I **desired** mercy, and not **sacrifice**; and the knowledge of Yah more than burnt offerings.

[Isaiah 58 Good News Translation](#)

True Fasting

Yah of Host says, “Shout as loud as you can! Tell my people Israel about their sins!

² They worship me every day, claiming that they are eager to know my ways and obey my laws. They say they want me to give them just laws and that they take pleasure in worshiping me.”

³ The people ask, “Why should we fast if Yah of Host never notices? Why should we go without food if he pays no attention?”

Yah of Host says to them, “The truth is that at the same time you fast, you pursue your own interests and oppress your workers.

⁴ **Your fasting makes you violent, and you quarrel and fight.**

Do you think this kind of fasting will make me listen to your prayers?

⁵ When you fast, you make yourselves suffer; you bow your heads low like a blade of grass and spread out sackcloth and ashes to lie on.

Is that what you call fasting? Do you think I will be pleased with that?

⁶ **“The kind of fasting I want is this:** Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free.

⁷ **Share your food with the hungry** and **open your homes to the homeless poor.** *Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives.*

⁸ **“Then my favor will shine on you like the morning sun,** and your wounds will **be quickly healed.**

I will always be with you to save you; my presence will protect you on every side.

⁹ **When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond.**

“If you put an end to oppression, to every gesture of contempt, and to every evil word; ¹⁰ if you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon.

¹¹ And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things.

I will keep you strong and well. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry.

¹² **Your people will rebuild what has long been in ruins, building again on the old foundations.**

You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls, who restored the ruined houses.”

The Reward for Keeping the Sabbath

¹³ Yah of Host says, “If you treat the Sabbath as sacred and do not pursue your own interests on that day; if you value my holy day and honor it by not traveling, working, or talking idly on that day,

¹⁴ then you will find the joy that comes from serving me. **I will make you honored all over the world,** and you will **enjoy the land I gave to your ancestor,** Jacob.

I, Yah of Host, have spoken.”

We Are In a Currently in a **Constant State of Uncleanness**

Note: I am providing different translations of Hosea 9th Chapter

Hosea 9 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

Rejoice not, O Israel, with exultation as do the peoples, for you have played the harlot, forsaking your God. You have loved [a harlot’s] hire upon every threshing floor [ascribing the harvest to the Baals instead of to Yah].

God’s Word Translation Hosea 9:1

¹ Israel, don’t rejoice.
Don’t celebrate as other nations do.

You have been unfaithful to your God.

You have sold sex [[Practice sexual religion](#)] on every threshing floor.^[a]

² The threshing floor and the winevat shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail them.

³ They shall not remain in Yah of Host's land, but Ephraim shall return to [[another](#)] Egypt [Slavery] and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria.

⁴ They shall not pour out wine offerings to Yah of Hosts, neither shall they be pleasing to Him.

Their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all who eat of them shall be defiled, for their bread shall be [only] for their appetite [*To keep from starving*]; it shall not come into the house of Yah of Hosts [to be offered first to Him].

⁵ **What will you do on the day of the appointed solemn assembly or festival** and on the day of the feast of Yah of Hosts [[when you are in exile](#)]?

⁶ For behold, they are gone away from devastation *and* destruction; Egypt shall gather them in; Memphis shall bury them. Their precious things of silver shall be in the possession of nettles; thorns shall be [growing] in their tents.

⁷ The days of visitation *and* punishment have come; the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it.

The [prophet is](#) [considered] a crazed fool and the man who is inspired is [treated as if] mad *or* a fanatic, because of the abundance of your iniquity and because the enmity, hostility, *and* persecution are great.

⁸ Ephraim was [intended to be] a watchman with my Yah [*and a prophet to the surrounding nations*]; but he, that prophet, has become a fowler's snare in all his ways. There is *enmity, hostility, and persecution* in the house of his God.

⁹ They have deeply corrupted themselves [as in](#) [Like in] the days of Gibeah. Yah of Hosts will [earnestly] remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

¹⁰ I found Israel [like grapes](#) in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe fruit on the fig tree in its first season,

but they went to Baal-peor and consecrated themselves to that shameful thing [Baal], and they became detestable *and* loathsome like that which they loved.

¹¹ As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird; there shall be no birth, no being with child, and [because of their impurity] no becoming pregnant.

¹² Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them so that not a man shall be left; yes, woe also to them when I look away *and* depart from them!

¹³ Ephraim, as I have seen with Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place, but Ephraim shall bring out his children to the slayer.

¹⁴ Give them [their due], O Yah! [But] what will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

¹⁵ All their wickedness [says Yah of Hosts] is focused in Gilgal, for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their [idolatrous] doings I will drive them out of My house [the Holy Land]; I will love them no more; all their princes are rebels.

¹⁶ Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit. Yes, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even their beloved children.

¹⁷ ***My Yah will cast them away because they did not listen to and obey Him, and they shall be wanderers and fugitives among the nations.***

ANOTHER **VERSION** of **HOSEA 9TH** CHAPTER

[Hosea 9 Easy English Bible Version](#)

The Sadness of Exile

Israel, don't celebrate like the nations do. Don't be happy. You acted like a prostitute and left your God. You committed your sexual sin^[a] on every threshing floor.

² But the grain from those threshing floors will not provide enough food for Israel. There will not be enough wine for Israel.

³ The Israelites will not stay in Yah of Host's land. Ephraim will return to Egypt. In Assyria they will eat food that they should not eat. ⁴ **They will not be able to give offerings of wine to Yah of Hosts. None of their sacrifices will please him.**

What they offer will be like food eaten at a funeral—whoever eats it will become unclean. They can eat that food for their own hunger, but it cannot be taken into Yah of Host’s Temple. [Food and drink is an important part of **Feasts and Sacrifices**]

⁵ They **will not be able to** celebrate Yah of Host’s feasts or festivals. ^[b]

⁶ The people of Israel left because the enemy took everything from them. But Egypt will take the people themselves. Memphis ^[c] will bury them. Weeds will grow over their silver treasures, and thorns will grow where the Israelites lived.

Israel Rejected the True Prophets

⁷ The prophet says, “Israel, learn this: The time of punishment has come.

The time has come for you to pay for the evil things you did.” But the people of Israel say, “The prophet is a fool. This man with Yah’s Spirit is crazy.”

The prophet says, “You will be punished for your terrible sins. You will be punished for your hate.”

⁸ Yah and the prophet are like guards watching over Ephraim, but there are many traps along his way. And people hate the prophet, even in the house of his God.

⁹ The Israelites have gone deep into ruin as in the time of Gibeah. Yah will remember the Israelites’ sins, and he will punish them.

Israel Is Ruined by Its Worship of Idols

¹⁰ “At the time I, Yah of Hosts, found Israel, they were like fresh grapes in the desert. They were like the first figs on a fig tree at the beginning of the season. But when they came to Baal Peor, ^[d] they changed. So I had to cut them off like rotten fruit. ^[e] They became like the terrible things that they loved.

The Israelites Will Have No Children

¹¹ “Like a bird, Ephraim’s glory will fly away. There will be no more pregnancies, no more births, and no more babies.

¹² But even if the Israelites do raise their children, it will not help, because I will take the children away from them. I will leave them, and they will have nothing but troubles.”

¹³ I can see that Ephraim is leading his children into a trap. Ephraim will lead his children out to the killer. ¹⁴ YAH, give them what you will. Give them a womb that loses babies and breasts that cannot give milk.

¹⁵ All their evil is in Gilgal;
I began hating them there.

I will force them to leave my house
because of the evil things they do.
I will not love them anymore.

Their leaders are rebels who turned against me.

¹⁶ Ephraim will be punished.
Their root is dying.
They will not have any more babies.

They might give birth to babies,
but I will kill the precious babies who come from their bodies.

¹⁷ Those people will not listen to my Yah,
so he will refuse to listen to them.

And they will wander among the nations without a home.

Footnotes

1. [Hosea 9:1](#) *You committed your sexual sin* This means the people were not faithful to God. But it also means the people had sexual relations with temple prostitutes. They believed their false gods would give them many children and good crops.
2. [Hosea 9:5](#) Literally, “What will you do for a day of solemn assembly, for Yah of Host’s festival day?”
3. [Hosea 9:6](#) *Memphis* An important city in Egypt.
4. [Hosea 9:10](#) *Baal Peor* This happened when Moses was still leading the Israelites in the desert. Read Num. 25:1-5.
5. [Hosea 9:10](#) *they changed ... rotten fruit* This is a wordplay that can also mean “they dedicated themselves to a shameful idol.”

Hosea 9 Good News Translation

Hosea Announces Punishment for Israel

People of Israel, stop celebrating your festivals like pagans. You have turned away from your God and have been unfaithful to him.

All over the land you have sold yourselves like prostitutes to the god Baal and have loved the grain you thought he paid you with!

² But soon you will not have enough grain and olive oil, and there will be no wine.

³ The people of Israel will not remain in Yah of Host's land, but will have to go back to Egypt and will have to eat forbidden food^[a] in Assyria.

⁴ **In those foreign lands** they **will not be able** to make wine offerings to Yah of Host or bring their sacrifices to him.

Their food will defile everyone who eats it, like food eaten at funerals.

It will be used **only** to satisfy their hunger; none of it will be taken as an offering to Yah of Host's Temple.

⁵ And when the time comes for the appointed festivals in honor of Yah of Host, what will they do then?

⁶ When the disaster comes and the people are scattered, the Egyptians will gather them up—gather them for burial there at Memphis! Their treasures of silver and the places where their homes once stood will be overgrown with weeds and thorn bushes.

⁷ The time for punishment has come, the time when people will get what they deserve. When that happens, Israel will know it! “This prophet,” you say, “is a fool. This inspired man is insane.” You people hate me so much because your sin is so great.

⁸ Yah has sent me as a prophet to warn his people Israel. Yet wherever I go, you try to trap me like a bird. Even in Yah’s Temple the people are the prophet's enemies.

⁹ **They are **hopelessly** evil in what they do**, just as they were at Gibeah.^[b] Yah will remember their sin and punish them for it.

Israel's Sin and Its Consequences

¹⁰ Yah of Host says, “When I first found Israel, it was like finding grapes growing in the desert. When I first saw your ancestors, it was like seeing the first ripe figs of the season.

But when they came to Mount Peor, they began to worship Baal and soon became as disgusting as the gods they loved.

¹¹ Israel's greatness will fly away like a bird, and there will be no more children born to them, no more women pregnant, no more children conceived. ¹² But even if they did bring up children, I would take them away and not leave one alive.

When I abandon these people, terrible things will happen to them.”

¹³ YAH, I can see their children being hunted down^[c] and killed. ¹⁴ What shall I ask you to do to these people? Make their women barren! Make them unable to nurse their babies!

Yah of Host's Judgment on Israel

¹⁵ Yah of Host says, “All their evildoing began in Gilgal.

It was there **that I began to hate them**. And because of the evil they have done, I will drive them out of my land. I will not love them any more; all their leaders have rebelled against me.

¹⁶ The people of Israel are like a plant whose roots have dried up and which bears no fruit. They will have no children, but even if they did, I would kill the children so dear to them.”

The Prophet Speaks about Israel

¹⁷ The God I serve will reject his people, because they have not listened to him. They will become wanderers among the nations.

Footnotes

1. [Hosea 9:3](#) The Law of Moses prohibited the eating of certain foods as being ritually unclean (see [Lv 11](#)).
2. [Hosea 9:9](#) At this city some Israelites of the tribe of Benjamin raped a Levite's concubine; this caused a civil war that almost wiped out the Benjaminites (see [Jg 19–21](#)).

3. [Hosea 9:13](#) Probable text being hunted down; Hebrew unclear.

Hosea 9 GOD'S WORD Translation

Israel, don't rejoice.

Don't celebrate as other nations do.

You have been unfaithful to your God.

You have sold sex on every threshing floor.^[a]

² There won't be enough grain to feed people.

There won't be enough wine to go around.

³ The people of Ephraim won't stay in Yah of Host's land.

They will return to Egypt,

and they will eat unclean^[b] food in Assyria.

⁴ They won't pour wine offerings to Yah of Host,
and their sacrifices won't please him.

Their sacrifices will be like the food that mourners eat.

All who eat this food will be unclean.

Their food will only satisfy their hunger.

It will not be brought _⌋ as an offering _⌋ to Yah of Host's temple.

⁵ What will they do on the day of an appointed festival
or on Yah of Host's festival days?

⁶ Even **if they escape without** being destroyed,
Egypt will capture them
and Memphis will bury them.

Weeds will grow over their silver treasures.

Thorns will grow over their tents.

⁷ The time for them to be punished will come.

The time for them to pay for their sins will come.

_⌋ When this happens, _⌋ Israel will know it.

└ They think that └ prophets are fools
and that spiritual people are crazy.

They have sinned a lot, **and they are very hostile.**

⁸ Prophets are Yah's watchmen over Ephraim.

Yet, traps are set on every prophet's path,
and people are **hostile** in the temple of their God.

⁹ People **have deeply corrupted themselves** **as they once did** at Gibeah.

Yah will remember their wickedness
and punish them because of their sins.

Israel Is Like Rotten [Crushed] Grapes or Rotten [Basket of] Figs

¹⁰ Yah of Host said, "When I found Israel,
it was like finding grapes in the desert.

When I saw your ancestors,
it was like seeing the first figs of the harvest. [A good thing!]

But they went to Baal Peor and worshiped shameful idols.
They **became as disgusting as the things** they worshiped.

¹¹ "Ephraim's glory will fly away like a bird.
There will be no more pregnancies, births, or babies. [*Miscarriages*]

¹² Even if they bring up children,
I will take those children away before they grow up.
Yes, how horrible it will be for them when I leave them.

¹³ I have seen Ephraim, like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place.
But the people of Ephraim will bring out their children
to be killed."

¹⁴ YAH, give them **what they deserve.**

Make the women miscarry,
or else make them unable to nurse their babies.

¹⁵ “All Ephraim’s wickedness began in Gilgal; I hated the people there.

I will force them out of my temple because of their wickedness,
and I won’t love them anymore.
All their officials are rebellious.

¹⁶ “The people of Ephraim are like sick plants.
Their roots are dried up.
They have no fruit.
Even if they were to have children,
I would kill their dear children.”

¹⁷ My Yah will reject them
because they refused to listen to him.

They will wander among the nations.

Footnotes

1. [9:1](#) A *threshing floor* is an outdoor area where grain is separated from its husks.
2. [9:3](#) “Unclean ” refers to anything that Moses’ Teachings say is not presentable to God.

It is my only desire that Yah of Hosts open ALL of OUR Eyes to His truth,
that we may live!

All, Praise be unto Yah of our Fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

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