WE OFFEND NOT (Revised)

In this study guide we are going to compare scriptures from the books of Genesis, Deuteronomy, Malachi, Isaiah, Obadiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Psalms, Daniel, and Zechariah, as well as others; also we will look at

- Information from the Holy Scriptures that identify; "Who is stronger than the Israelites," Especially today!
- The remarkable bond/tie of Nations that hate Israel, and the reason why... as we study that and much more!
- From the beginning of time Yahweh knew that there was going to be a war,a challenge, a struggle between Yahweh and the Serpent, and carried over through time between Esau and Jacob; this would continue until the end of time as we know it.
- The importance of reclaiming your protection under Yah of Hosts the God of the Israelites through the renewed Covenant agreement Stated 18 years ago [2005] found in the; Kingdom of Yah of Hosts Declaration of Sovereignty to The United States, United Nations, and Washington State Secretary of State.
- An Israelite <u>must come back/submit</u> themselves under Yah for His protection *in these last days* via the Transmitting Utility provision in this most important document; it can be found on our website: Kingdom of Yah of Hosts.com, or directly from the Ambassador/Pastor of Covenant House of Yehudah Sanctuary, or any other official of the Kingdom of Yah of Hosts.
- (See Transmitting Utility provision (Page 21 of the Kingdom's Declaration of Sovereignty: declared in 2005-18 years ago)

Zechariah 12:5 KJV

⁵And <u>the governors of Judah shall say in their heart</u>, the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in Yah of hosts their God.

THE Nations of the World always knew who the true Israelite is since being brought out of Ancient Egypt during the Life of Moses!

The Biblical Proof:

WAKE UP Israel:

Isaiah 42:18-25 Expanded Bible

Israel Refused to Listen to Yah of Hosts

¹⁸ "You who are deaf, hear me.

You who are blind, look and see.

- ¹⁹ ·No one [^LWho...?] is more blind than my servant Israel or more deaf than the messenger I send.
- ·No one [^LWho...?] is more blind than ·the person I own [or my covenant people] or more blind than the servant of Yah of Hosts.
- ²⁰ Israel, you have seen much, but you have not \cdot obeyed [kept/guarded them].

·You hear [Your ears are open], but you refuse to listen."

²¹ Yah of Hosts ·made his teachings wonderful [^Lmagnified and made glorious his instruction/law/Torah],

because \cdot he is good [or of his righteousness].

²² These people have been \cdot defeated and robbed [plundered and looted].

They are trapped in pits

or locked up [hidden] in prison. ·Like robbers, enemies have taken them away [^L They have become plunder], and there is no one to .save [rescue] them.

•Enemies carried them off [^L They have become loot], and no one said, "Bring them back."

²³ Will any of you listen to this?

Will you ·listen carefully [pay attention] in the future? ²⁴ Who ·let [gave up; handed over] ·the people of Jacob [^LJacob] ·be carried off [to the looter; for plunder]?

Who let 'robbers [plunderers] take Israel away?

·Yah of Hosts [^LWas it not Yah of Hosts who...?] allowed this to happen, because we sinned against him.

We did not \cdot live the way he wanted us to live [^Lwalk in his ways]

- and did not obey his ·teaching [law; instruction; ^LTorah]. ²⁵ So he ·became very angry with us [^L poured out on him his burning anger; ^C on Jacob/Israel] and brought \cdot terrible wars [the violence/^L power of war] against \cdot us [^Lhim].
- It was as if the people of Israel had fire all around them $\begin{bmatrix} L \\ enveloped \\ him in \\ flame \end{bmatrix}$,

but they didn't ·know what was happening [understand]. It ·was as if they were burning [^L burned him up], but they didn't ·pay any attention [lay/take it to heart].

Esau: Red and hairy

Genesis 25:21 KJV

²¹ And Isaac intreated Yah of Hosts for his wife, <u>because she was barren</u>: and Yah of Hosts was intreated of him, and <u>Rebekah his wife conceived</u>.

²² And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire (Find out) of Yah of Hosts.

²³ And Yah of Hosts said unto her, Two <u>nations</u> are in your womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from your bowels;

and the one people [Esau and the people of Psalms 83] shall be stronger *than the other people*; [Jacob's descendants; the Israelites] and the elder shall serve the younger.

Psalm 35:10

All my bones shall say, Yah of Hosts, <u>who is like unto you</u> which delivers the poor from him that is **too strong** for him, yes, the poor and the needy from him that spoils him?

Zechariah 4:6 KJV

Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of Yah of Hosts unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by **might**, nor by **power**, but by my spirit, saith Yah of Hosts.

<u>EXB</u>

Then he told me, "This is the word of Yah of Hosts to Zerubbabel: '.You will not succeed by your own strength or by your own power [^T Not by might, nor by power], but by my Spirit,' says Yah of Hosts .All-Powerful [Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; ^T of hosts].

<u>GNT</u>

The angel told me to give Zerubbabel this message from Yah of Hosts: "You will succeed, not by military might or **by your own strength**, but by my spirit.

<u>Hosea 1:7</u>

But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by Yah of Hosts their God, and will not save them by **bow**, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

WHY.... BECAUSE Esau and ALL of the Nations mentioned in Psalms 83 are TOO STRONG for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's people!

Psalm 18:17

He delivered me from my **strong** enemy, and from them **<u>which hated me</u>**: for they were **<u>too strong</u>** for me.

<u>EHV</u>

<u>Because they were too strong for me</u>, he rescued me from my powerful enemy, <mark>from those who hate me.</mark>

Genesis 27:41 KJV

And **Esau hated Jacob** because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and **Esau** said in his heart, the days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay (Kill-Murder) my brother Jacob.

A unique comparison about Esau, and Psalms 83, as well as the end-time Babylon

Obadiah Good News Translation

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Isaiah 14:10 [How are you fallen from heaven O Lucifer

All they shall speak and say unto you Are you also become **weak** as we? are you become like unto us?]

Will the end time Nineveh (Center of world commerce/business), who is also the symbolic Egypt, Babylon, and Sodom and Gomorrah all mixed together, become like a third world power (Weak, both financially and militarily?)

Resuming Obadiah 3rd verse

³ Your pride has deceived you.

Ezekiel 28:2

Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith Yah of Hosts God; Because you **heart** is lifted up, and you hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man, and not God, though you set your **heart** as the **heart** of God:

<u>CSB</u>

"Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, 'This is what Yah of Hosts God says: Your heart is proud, and you have said, "I am a god; I sit in the seat of gods in the heart of the sea." Yet you are a man and not a god, though you have regarded your heart as that of a god.

<u>CEB</u>

Human one, say to the prince of Tyre, Yah of Hosts God proclaims: In your arrogance, you say, "I am God, and as God I rule the seas!" Though you claim to have the mind of a god, you are mortal, not divine.

<u>CJB</u>

"Human being, tell the prince of Tzor that *Adonai Elohim* says: 'Because you are so proud and have said, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of Yah, surrounded by the sea"; yet you are a man, not God, even though you think that you think like Yah.

<u>GNT</u>

"Mortal man," he said, "tell the ruler of Tyre what I, the Sovereign Yah, am saying to him: Puffed up with pride, you claim to be a god. You say that like a god you sit on a throne, surrounded by the seas. You may pretend to be a god, but, no, you are mortal, not divine.

Do you remember this about the Covering Cherub?

Ezekiel 28:5

By your great wisdom and by your <u>traffick</u> have you increased your riches, and your **heart** is lifted up because of your riches:

6 Therefore this saith Yah of Hosts God; Because you have set your heart as the heart of Yah;

Ezekiel 28:12-19 Living Bible

"Son of dust, weep for the king of Tyre.^[a] Tell him, 'Yah of Hosts God says: You were the perfection of wisdom and beauty.¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of Yah; your clothing was bejeweled with every precious stone—ruby, topaz, diamond, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald—all in beautiful settings of finest gold. They were given to you on the <u>day vou were created.</u>¹⁴ I appointed you to be the anointed Guardian Angel. You had access to the holy mountain of Yah/God. You walked among **the stones of** <u>fire</u>.^[b]

¹⁵ "You were perfect in all you did from the day you were created until that time when wrong was found in you.

¹⁶ Your great wealth filled you with internal turmoil, and you sinned. Therefore, I cast you out of the mountain of Yah like a common sinner. <u>I destroyed you O Guardian Angel</u>, from the midst of the stones of fire.^{[c] 17} Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.

Therefore, I have cast you down to the ground and exposed you helpless before the curious gaze of kings. ¹⁸ You defiled your holiness with lust for gain;^[d] therefore, I brought forth fire from your own actions and let it burn you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those watching you. ¹⁹ All who know you are appalled at your fate; you are an example of horror; you are destroyed forever."

Ezekiel 28:12-19 Lexham English Bible

"Son of man,^[a] raise a lament over the king of Tyre, and you must say to him, 'thus says AhaYah/Yahweh:

"You were a perfect model of^[b] an example, full of wisdom and perfect of beauty.

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of Yah/God, and every precious stone *was* your adornment: carnelian, topaz and moonstone,^[c] turquoise, onyx and jasper, sapphire,^[d] malachite and emerald. And gold *was* the craftsmanship of your settings and your mountings in you; on the day when you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴ You were *an* anointed guardian cherub, and I placed you on *Yah's holy mountain*;^[e] you walked in the midst of stones of fire.

¹⁵ You *were* blameless in your ways

from the day *when you were created*,^[f]

until wickedness was found in you. [This is what happened between Eve and the Serpent]

[Is this why many Caucasian men want black women?]

¹⁶ In the abundance of your trading,

they filled the midst of you *with* violence, and you sinned; and I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of Yah, and I expelled you *the* guardian^[g] cherub, from the midst of *the* stones of fire.

¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you ruined your wisdom because of your splendor.
I threw you on the ground *before*^[h] kings; I have exposed you *for viewing*.^[i]

¹⁸ From the abundance of your iniquities in the dishonesty of your trading,

I profaned your sanctuaries

and I brought fire from your midst;

it consumed you and I have turned you to ashes on the earth *before the eyes of everyone who sees you.*^[i]

¹⁹ All who know you^[k] among the peoples are appalled over you;
you have become as horrors, and you shall cease to exist forever.""^[1]

Footnotes

1. Ezekiel 28:12 Or "mortal," or "son of humankind"

Ezekiel 28:12-19 Good News Translation

"Mortal man," he said, "grieve for the fate that is waiting for the king of Tyre.

[See the Voice translation for more info on "The King of Tyree"]

Tell him what I, the Sovereign Yah, am saying: You were once an example of perfection. How wise and handsome you were!

¹³ You lived in Eden, the garden of Yah, [Garden of Eden] and wore gems of every kind: rubies and diamonds; topaz, beryl, carnelian, and jasper; sapphires, emeralds, and garnets. You had ornaments of gold. They were made for you^[a] on the day you were created. ¹⁴ I put a terrifying angel there to guard you.^[b]

You lived on my holy mountain and walked among sparkling gems. ¹⁵ Your conduct was perfect from the day you were created until you began to do evil. ¹⁶ You were busy buying and selling, and this led you to violence and sin.

So I forced you to leave my holy mountain, and the angel who guarded you drove you away from the sparkling gems.

¹⁷ You were proud of being handsome, and your fame made you act like a fool. Because of this I hurled you to the ground and left you as a warning to other kings. ¹⁸ You did such evil in buying and selling that your places of worship were corrupted.

So I set fire to the city and burned it to the ground. All who look at you now see you reduced to ashes. ¹⁹ You are gone, gone forever, and all the nations that had come to know you are terrified, afraid that they will share your fate."

Ezekiel 28:12-19 The Voice

Eternal One: Son of man, sing a lament for the prince of Tyre. Tell him this is what I, the **Eternal Yah**, have to say:

You were a paradigm/example of perfection, *human life at its best*. You had *everything a leader needs*: immense wisdom and perfect beauty.

You lived in Eden, Yah's garden.
 You were clothed in *magnificent splendor*, covered in jewels:
 Sardius, topaz, diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper,

lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald.

All the mountings were made of gold,^[a]

prepared for you on the day you were created.

¹⁴ <u>I anointed you the guardian [b] of the garden and stationed you at your post to protect it.</u>

You were on the divine mountain, the holy mount of Yah.

There you walked among the fiery stones.

- ¹⁵ You were entirely pure from the day you were created, until wickedness *crept in and* was found in you!
- ¹⁶ Too much buying and selling—*a greedy obsession!* You became <u>motivated to violence and did wicked things</u>.
 Polluted and disgraced, I drove you off the mountain of God!
 I expelled you O guardian protector, from the <u>fiery stones</u>.
- Your heart swelled with pride because of your beauty *and talents*.
 Your hunger for fame, your thirst for glory corrupted your wisdom.
 This is why I drove you to the ground and made an example out of you before *a company of* kings.
- ¹⁸ You desecrated your sanctuaries by pursuing sin after sin and cheating in business.
 I set a flame inside of you and it devoured you completely. I reduced you to *a pile of* ashes on the ground, a sight for all to see.

Ezekiel prophesies that the prince of Tyre will die violently without the benefit of a proper burial and find no peace in the afterlife.

¹⁹ All the nations who know you are appalled at *what has happened to* you. The end of your story is a horror: you are gone, <u>never</u> to return.

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Isaiah 14:10

They will all respond, they will say to you "You also have become **weak**, as we are; you have become like us."

Your capital is a fortress of solid rock; your home is high in the mountains, and so you say to yourself, 'Who can ever pull me down?'

⁴ Even though you make your home

as high as an eagle's nest,

so that <u>it seems</u> to be among the stars, [Compare Isaiah 14th Chapter] yet I will pull you down.

⁵ "When thieves come at night, they take only what they want.When people gather grapes, they always leave a few.

But your enemies have wiped you out completely.

⁶ Descendants of Esau, your treasures have been looted.

⁷ **Your allies** have deceived you;

they have driven you from your country. Jeremiah 51:9

People who were at peace with you have now conquered you.

Those friends who ate with you have laid a trap for you;

they say of you 'Where is all that cleverness he had?'

Jeremiah 50:24 kjv

I have laid a snare for you and you are also taken, O Babylon, and you was not

aware: you are found, and <u>also caught</u>, (WHY) because you have striven against Yah of Hosts.

Obadiah

⁸ "On the day I punish Edom,

I will destroy their clever men

and wipe out all their wisdom.

⁹ The fighting men of Teman will be terrified, and every soldier in Edom will be killed.

Reasons for Edom's Punishment

¹⁰ "Because you robbed and killed

your relatives,^[a] [Your brother Jacob]the descendants of Jacob, [Meaning that the destruction of Jacob's people continues or is ongoing!]

you will be destroyed and dishonored forever. ¹¹ You stood aside on that day when enemies broke down their gates. You were as bad as those strangers who carried off Jerusalem's wealth and divided it among themselves.

¹² You should not have gloated over the misfortune of your relatives [Your brother Jacob] in Judah.
You should not have been glad on the day of their ruin.
You should not have laughed at them in their distress.

¹³ You should not have entered the city of my people to gloat over their suffering and to seize their riches on the day of their disaster.

¹⁴ <u>You should not</u> have stood at the crossroads to catch those trying to escape.
You should not have handed them over to the enemy on the day of their distress.

Yah Will Judge the Nations

¹⁵ "The day is near when I, Yah of Hosts, will judge all nations.
Edom, what you have done will be done to you. You will get back what you have given.
¹⁶ My people have drunk a bitter cup of punishment on my sacred hill.^[b]
But all the surrounding nations will drink a still more bitter cup of punishment; they will drink it all and vanish away.

The Victory of Israel

¹⁷ "But on Mount Zion some will escape, and it will be a sacred place.

The people of Jacob will possess

 the land that is theirs by right. Jeremiah 15th Chapter
 The people of Jacob and of Joseph will be like fire; they will destroy the people of Esau as fire burns stubble.
 No descendant of Esau will survive.

I, Yah of Hosts, have spoken.

¹⁹ "People from southern Judah will occupy Edom; those from the western foothills will capture Philistia.Israelites will possess the territory of Ephraim and Samaria; the people of Benjamin will take Gilead.

²⁰ The army of exiles from northern Israel will return and conquer Phoenicia as far north as Zarephath.
The exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sardis will capture the towns of southern Judah.

²¹ The victorious men of Jerusalem will attack Edom and rule over it. And Yah of Hosts himself will be king."

Footnotes

- 1. <u>Obadiah 1:10</u> The Israelites were descended from Jacob, who was the brother of Esau, the ancestor of the Edomites.
- 2. <u>Obadiah 1:16</u> Mount Zion (see Zion in Word List).

RESUMING... Genesis 25:24-26

²⁴ And when her (Rebecca) days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, <u>there were</u> <u>twins in her womb.</u>

²⁵ And <u>the first</u> came out <u>red</u>, all over <u>like an hairy</u> garment; and they called his name Esau.

²⁶ And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore (60) years old when she bare them.

Genesis 27:11

And **Jacob** said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a **smooth** man:

There is a **<u>BIG DIFFERENCE</u>** between Esau and Jacob in more than one way!

Malachi 1st King James Version

¹ The burden of the word of Yah of Hosts to Israel by Malachi.

² I have loved you says Yah of Hosts. Yet you say, Wherein have you loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith Yah of Hosts: yet I loved Jacob,

³ And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

⁴ Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith Yah of Hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom Yah of Hosts has indignation for ever.

Another Translation:

Malachi 1 The Voice

The Eternal One burdened His messenger, Malachi, with these words to deliver to Israel.

Eternal One: ² I have loved you *as someone loves his dear family*.

Israelites: How have You loved us?

Eternal One: Was not Esau Jacob's brother? Even still I loved Jacob, ³ <u>but I hated</u> <u>Esau</u>.^[a] *I chose you and I rejected him.* I have made his highlands desolate and his inheritance for *scavenging* jackals in the wilderness.

Edom (vowing): ⁴ We are defeated now, but we will be back. We will return and rebuild out of the destruction.

Eternal One: They can build *again*, but I, the Eternal, Commander of *heavenly* armies, will tear *Esau's descendants* down *again and again* and brand them as a land of wickedness and as a people whom the Eternal will despise forever.

⁵ You will see *what I've done for you* with your own eyes, *Jacob's children*, and you will say, "May the Eternal One be magnified beyond the border of Israel."

⁶ (to the priests who despise the name of the Eternal, Commander of *heavenly* armies) A son respects his father, and a servant fears^[b] his master. If I am your Father, then where is My respect *from you*? And if I am your *glorious* Master, then where is your fear *of Me*? *From your self-centered oblivion* you ask, "How have we despised Your name?"

⁷ As you put polluted grain (Hosea 9th) offerings (Hosea 3:4) on My *clean* altar, you ask, "In what way have we polluted You?" Your actions tell *your fellow priests and the people whose sacrifices you offer* that you all may despise the Eternal One's table.

⁸ When you offer blind *animals* for sacrifice, isn't that evil? And when you present sick and lame *animals*, isn't that evil? <u>Try bringing these useless animals to your foreign governor when</u> you need his favor; will he grant your request and lift up your face to his to dignify you?

Of course not.

So said the Eternal, Commander of *heavenly* armies.

⁹ And now beg before *the face of* Yah and *try to* please Him so He might show you favor. With these offerings you present, will He *lift up your face to His to* show His approval?

Yah demands that they close the temple door; it is better to have no sacrifice than to offer service without full devotion. He wants devoted followers giving their best.

Eternal One: ¹⁰ Who among you would shut the doors that would keep *Me from smelling your sacrifice and* you from wasting time kindling the fire on My altar? I, the Eternal, Commander of *heavenly* armies, don't delight in you. I will not accept any *grain* offering you present, ¹¹ for from the rising of the sun to its descent [Going down], <u>My name is great among the</u> **nations** and in every place smoke <u>of a pure offering</u> rises up to Me. <u>Even those nations</u> *whom I haven't chosen as My own recognize* My name is great_those who don't recognize Me as the Eternal, Commander of *heavenly* armies.

¹² But you *My chosen ones,* are soiling My name when you say, "The table of Yah of Hosts is dirty, and the food on it is despised," ¹³ and when you sigh contemptuously and say, "Don't you see how boring *all these required rituals are*?" You bring stolen or *dirty gifts*—your own lame and sick *animals* or *animals you found torn apart by beasts in the wilderness*—to the offering. Should I accept what you present?

¹⁴*I say,* cursed is the deceiver who promises *to sacrifice* the *finest* male in his flock *if I grant his request* but who sacrifices the imperfect one to Yah of Hosts instead. **I tell you I am a great King.**

My name is feared among the nations who aren't even My own.

So says the Eternal, Commander of *heavenly* armies.

Esau would take rulership of Jacob's people and rule the world UNTIL Yah of Hosts broke ESAU'S world dominion in the latter or end of days/time;

It was always a case of Black and White [Red and hairy] whether we like it or not!

Resuming Genesis 25:27 - 28

²⁷ And the boys grew: and **Esau was a cunning hunter**, a man of the field; and **Jacob was a plain man**, dwelling in tents.

²⁸ And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Jacob: Had different skin;

Jacob's skin was Smooth.

<u>Deuteronomy 28</u> The Voice [The Blessing and the Curse for the Hebrew Israelites]

It is a fearful thing to promise *Yah of Hosts* obedience and break that promise.

Moses: If you listen closely to the voice of the Eternal your God and carefully obey all the commands I'm giving you today, He'll lift you up <u>high above every other nation on earth</u>.² All of the following blessings will be yours—in fact, they'll chase after you—if you'll listen to what He tells you.

Moses now recites the blessings that will come to the people <u>if they</u> keep their covenant with Yah of Hosts and the curses they'll experience if they don't. By making these a part of the treaty itself, Moses is calling on God to use them to enforce the covenant.

The blessings are listed first. This reflects God's primary intention toward us: to bless and not to curse. When Yah of Hosts reveals His glory and character to Moses (Exodus 34:6–7), He declares at length that He's a God of love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness, and only then adds that He will never allow injustice.

Moses: ³ You'll be blessed in the city and blessed in the fields.

- ⁴ You'll be blessed with children and crops and cattle. Your herds will multiply, and your flocks will increase.
- ⁵ Your basket will be blessed; *it will be full at harvest time*, and your kneading bowl *will be blessed; you'll always have plenty of bread*.
- ⁶ You'll be blessed when you go out *of your home* and blessed when you return *to your home*.

⁷ When your enemies attack you the Eternal will defeat them for you. They'll come against you from one direction, but *scatter and* flee *chaotically* from you in seven *different* **directions**. ⁸ He will bless your barns, *and they'll be full of grain;* He'll bless everything you do. You'll be blessed <u>throughout the land He is giving you</u>.

⁹ The Eternal will make you a nation that belongs to Him in a special way, just as He promised He would, <u>if you'll obey the commands</u> of the Eternal your God and live as He wants you to.

¹⁰Every other nation on earth will see the Eternal has called you by His own name, so they'll be in awe of you.

¹¹ The Eternal will give you more than enough of every good thing—children, cattle, and crops as you live on the ground He promised your ancestors He'd give you. ¹² He will open up the reservoirs of water in the sky and make the rainy seasons come each year, so that everything you do will be blessed. *Your produce will be so abundant that* you'll lend to many nations, but you won't have to borrow from any.

¹³ He will make you the head, not the tail; you'll always be on top and never on the bottom—if you'll just listen to the commands I'm giving you today from the Eternal your God, and obey them carefully. ¹⁴ *All these blessings will be yours* if you don't deviate *at all*, neither to the right nor to the left, from any of the things I'm commanding you today, if you don't go and worship other gods!

Moses must now invoke the curses that will come upon the people if they break their covenant with Yah of Hosts and worship other gods. He begins with a series of general curses that reverse the general blessings that have just been promised for obedience and faithfulness.

But the curses quickly become very specific, predicting that things like plague, disease, and war will devastate the land.

These curses will eventually become very personal with skin diseases; *they will also make a person ritually impure and thus unable to participate in the community's worship.*

As long as the diseases are present, even if they are incurable, those who suffer from them are banned from the temple. The punishment for choosing not to worship Yah, in other words, is ultimately not being able to worship Yah.

Moses: ¹⁵ But if you won't listen to the voice of the Eternal your God, if you don't carefully obey the commands and regulations I'm giving you today, then you'll experience all of the following curses—in fact, they'll come after you!

¹⁶ You'll be cursed in the city and cursed in the fields.

- ¹⁷ Your baskets will be cursed, and *your harvests will be small*. Your kneading bowl *will be cursed, and you'll always be short of food*.
- ¹⁸ Your children and your crops will be cursed.Your herds will dwindle, and your flocks will shrink.

¹⁹ You'll be cursed when you return *to your home* and cursed when you go out *from your home*.

Eternal One: ²⁰ I'll oppose everything you try to do! I'll send curses and panic and setbacks until you're destroyed, suddenly and completely, because of the evil things you did when you abandoned Me!

Moses: ²¹⁻²² The Eternal will strike you with plague—consumption and fever and inflammation—in the land where you're going to live, and it will never leave until none of you are left alive there. *He'll afflict your land* with heat and drought; *He'll afflict your crops* with blight and mildew. All of these things will keep coming after you until you're destroyed! ²³ The skies overhead will be like a bronze *shield that no rain can penetrate,* and the land beneath your feet will be like iron *that no seeds can sprout through*.

²⁴ Instead of rainstorms, the Eternal will send dust storms down on your land, and you'll be destroyed. ²⁵ *He will hand you over to your enemies* <u>already</u> <u>defeated</u>. You'll attack them *in an organized unit* from one direction, but you'll *scatter and* flee from them *as scared individuals* in seven *different* directions.

Every kingdom on earth will tremble with fear when they hear what happens to you. ²⁶ Your dead bodies *will lie unburied in the open field*. The wild birds and animals will eat them, and no one will chase the scavengers away.

²⁷ The Eternal will afflict you with *all kinds of incurable skin diseases, such as* the boils *that were a plague* in Egypt; you'll suffer tumors^[a] and scurvy and itch, but you'll never find relief.

- ²⁸ The Eternal will afflict you with madness and blindness and confusion.
- ²⁹ As you try to figure out which way to go in life,

you'll be groping around the way a blind person gropes in the darkness, even in the middle of the day.

You'll never find your way, and you'll never be prosperous. You'll be exploited and robbed all the time, and no one will rescue you.

- You'll get engaged to a woman, but another man will violate her.
 You'll build a house but never live in it.
 You'll plant a vineyard but never enjoy its fruit.
- Your ox will be slaughtered as you look on *helplessly*, and others will eat it.
 Your donkey will be taken away from you and never returned.
 Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and no one will help you get them back.

³² Your sons and your daughters will be given to foreigners *as slaves*.

You'll always be watching for their return, until your eyes grow dim, but there will be nothing you can do *to bring them back*.

³³ Foreigners will eat up all your crops and take everything else you've worked for. You'll be oppressed and abused constantly. ³⁴ You'll be driven mad by what you see!

³⁵ He will afflict you with severe, incurable boils on your knees and legs, and they'll spread *until they cover your whole body*, from the soles of your feet to the top of your head.^[b]

³⁶ The Eternal will send all of you including your chosen king, *into exile*, to a country you've never heard of, not even from your ancestors.

There you'll worship other gods made of wood

[Christianity = cross made out of wood or metals] and stone [Islam = Stone = Black stone of Mecca].

³⁷ Whenever the people who live in the places where the Eternal has sent you want to scare someone or insult someone or teach a lesson, they'll say that what happened to you is going to happen to them. *Your name will be synonymous with disaster!*

³⁸ You'll sow many seeds, but you'll harvest only a few because locusts will devour them *before they produce*. ³⁹ You'll plant vineyards and tend them, but you won't drink any wine or collect any grapes because worms will eat them.

⁴⁰ You'll have olive trees throughout your territory, but you won't anoint yourself with oil because *the trees will be diseased and* the olives will drop off *before they ripen*. ⁴¹ You'll still have children, but they won't stay with you; they'll be taken into captivity. ⁴² Your orchards and crops will be infested with *buzzing* locusts.

⁴³ The foreigners who live in your country will rise higher and higher above you while you sink lower and lower *in every aspect of life*.

⁴⁴ They will lend to you but you won't lend to them; they'll be the head, and you'll be the tail.

⁴⁵ You'll experience all of these curses—they'll chase after you and overtake you and destroy you—because you did not listen to *the voice of* the Eternal and obey the commands and regulations He gave you.

⁴⁶ These curses will *test you and* leave you in awe of His signs and wonders against you and your descendants forever.

This list of futility curses is followed by a grisly description of the horrors of foreign invasion and siege. The people, unfortunately, will experience these very terrors when Assyria invades the Northern Kingdom of Israel, conquering it in 722 B.C. and exiling the population, and when Babylon invades the Southern Kingdom of Judah, destroying Jerusalem in 587 B.C. and carrying the people off into exile.

Moses: ⁴⁷ <u>Because you didn't serve the Eternal your God in joy and gladness when you had</u> <u>an abundance of everything</u>, ⁴⁸ you'll serve the enemies the Eternal sends against you in hunger and thirst and nakedness and destitution. <u>He'll put an iron yoke on your neck</u> [*Chains*] <u>until He's destroyed you.</u>

⁴⁹ The Eternal will bring a nation from far away, from the ends of the earth, and it will swoop down on you like an eagle.

This will be a nation whose language [English] you don't understand, ⁵⁰ a ruthless nation that doesn't respect the old or spare the young.

⁵¹ They'll eat up your young cattle and crops until you have nothing left. They won't leave you any grain or new wine or oil, or young animals in your herds or flocks. And that lack (Going without) will kill you.

⁵² They'll lay siege to all of you and all of your cities throughout the land the Eternal your God is giving you until the high, fortifying walls you feel so safe within have all been knocked down all over your nation.

⁵³ These enemy sieges will cause you so much hardship that you'll resort to cannibalism! You'll eat the flesh of the sons and daughters that the Eternal your God has given you.

⁵⁴ Even the gentlest, most sensitive man among you will turn against his brother and his beloved wife and the rest of his children who haven't been exiled.

⁵⁵He won't even give them anything to eat from the flesh of the children he's devouring <u>because the hardship of the enemy siege</u> will be so severe in every city that he'll have nothing else to eat himself.

⁵⁶ Even the gentlest, most delicate woman among you who wouldn't even let her foot touch the ground because she's so refined, will turn against her beloved husband and against her son and daughter.

⁵⁷ She'll feel no compassion toward any other children she bears and no delicacy about the afterbirth when it comes out. She'll eat her newborns and the afterbirth in secret <u>because the</u> hardship of the enemy siege will be so severe in every city that she'll have nothing else to eat.

⁵⁸ If you don't carefully obey every word of this law that's written in this book, if you don't fear your Yah's glorious and awesome name, "Eternal One," ⁵⁹ then He will strike you and your descendants with extraordinary plagues that will be widespread and long-lasting, with serious, persistent illnesses. ⁶⁰ He'll bring back all the Egyptian diseases you were so afraid of *when you lived there,* and you'll suffer from them continuously.

⁶¹ He will even afflict you with diseases and plagues that aren't written about in this book of the law until you're destroyed.

⁶² Only a few of you will be left, even though there used to be as many of you as there were stars in the sky, because you wouldn't listen to the voice of the Eternal your God.

⁶³ Even though it used to give the Eternal great pleasure to do good things for you and to increase your numbers, He'll delight in killing and destroying you *completely*.

You'll be torn from the land you're going to possess, ⁶⁴ and He will scatter you among all the nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you'll worship other gods, made of wood and stone, that you and your ancestors have never worshiped before.

⁶⁵ Among those nations you'll never be at rest, and you'll never be able to settle down. He will make your hearts tremble, your eyes fail *from crying*, and your soul languish *from despair*.
⁶⁶ Your life will hang by a thread; you'll be terrified day and night, knowing you could die any minute.

⁶⁷ You'll be so terrified, and you'll see such awful things, that in the morning you'll say, "If only evening would come, *and this day would be over!*" And in the evening you'll say, "If only morning would come, *and this night would be over!*"

⁶⁸ The Eternal will bring you back to Egypt in ships, even though I told you you'd never go back there again. You'll offer yourselves to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.

Footnotes

- 1. 28:27 Literally, hemorrhoids
- 2. <u>28:35 Verse 35</u> has been moved forward to aid in comprehension.

Psalm 83 The Voice

A song of Asaph.

 ¹ O True Yah – our God, do not be quiet <i>any longer</i>. Do not stay silent or be still, O Yah. ² Look now, Your enemies are causing a commotion; those who hate You are rising up! ³ They are conniving against Your people, conspiring against those You cherish. ⁴ They say, "Join us. Let's wipe the entire nation off the face of the earth so no one will remember Israel's name." ⁵ They are all in it together, thinking as one, and making a pact against You: ⁶ The people of Edom and Ishmael; the Moabites and the Hagrites; ⁷ Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the residents of Tyre. ⁸ And the <i>powerful</i> Assyrians have joined the alliance to <i>add their strength and</i> support the descendants of Lot: <i>Moab and Ammon</i>.
[pause] ^[a]
 ⁹ Do to these nations what You did to Midian, to Sisera and Jabin at the raging waters of Kishon. ¹⁰ They were destroyed at En-dor; they became like dung, <i>fertilizer</i> for the ground. ¹¹ Make their rulers like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, ¹² Who schemed, "We should own the meadows of the True God, let's take them!"
 ¹³ O my Yah, blow them away like a tumbleweed, <i>scatter them</i> like dust in a whirlwind. ¹⁴ As a wildfire charges through the forest or a flame <i>sprints</i> up the mountainside, ¹⁵ Send Your raging winds to chase them, <i>hunt them down</i>, and terrify them with Your storm. ¹⁶ Redden their faces in shame

so that they will *turn and* seek Your *holy* name, Eternal One.

¹⁷ May they face disappointment and anxiety forever;

- may they be ashamed and die.
- ¹⁸ May they know that *You and* You alone,
 - whose name is the Eternal,

are the Most High, the Supreme Ruler over all the earth.

Footnotes

1. <u>83:8</u> Literally, selah, likely a musical direction from a Hebrew root meaning "to lift up"

Leviticus 18:25 KVJ

And the land is defiled: therefore **<u>I</u>** do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomit out her inhabitants.

Exodus 20:5 KJV

Thou shall not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I Yah of Hosts thy God am a jealous God, **visit**ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the **third** and **fourth** generation of them that hate me;

Exodus 34:7

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; **visit**ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the **third** and to the **fourth** generation.

Numbers 14:18

Yah of Hosts is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, **visit**ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the **third** and **fourth** generation. [300-400 YEARS] HR 1242 U.S. CONGRESS

Affliction

Genesis 15:13

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall **afflict** them four hundred years;

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And [God] said to Abram, Know positively that your descendants will be strangers dwelling as temporary residents in a land that is not theirs [Egypt], and they will be slaves there and will be afflicted *and* oppressed for 400 years. [Fulfilled in Exod. 12:40.]

Exodus 12:40-42

⁴⁰ Now the length of time **the Israelite people lived in Egypt**^[b] **was 430 years.** ⁴¹ At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all Yah of Host's divisions left Egypt. ⁴² Because Yah of Hosts kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor Yah of Hosts for the generations to come.

But Israel sinned again, and this time the prophet Daniel asked Yah of Hosts HOW MUCH LONGER BEFORE THE CAPTIVITY OF ISRAEL WILL FINALLY BE OVER?

Daniel 9 King James Version

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

² In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, <u>whereof the</u> <u>word of Yah of Hosts came to Jeremiah the prophet</u></u>, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

³ And I set my face unto Yah of Hosts God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

⁴ And I prayed unto Yah of Hosts my God, and made my confession, and said, O Yah, the great and dreadful God, <u>keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him</u>, and to them that keep his commandments;

⁵ We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

⁶Neither have we hearkened/listened unto your servants the prophets, which spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

⁷O Yah, righteousness belongs unto you but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against you.

⁸ O Yah, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

⁹ To Yah of Hosts our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

¹⁰ Neither have we obeyed the voice of Yah of Hosts our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

¹¹ Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey your voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of Yah, because we have sinned against him.

¹² And he has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven has not been done as has been done upon Jerusalem.

¹³ As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before Yah of Hosts our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand your truth.

¹⁴ Therefore has Yah of Hosts watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for Yah of Hosts our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

¹⁵ And now, O Yah our God, that hast brought your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have gotten you renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

¹⁶ O Yah, according to all your righteousness, I beseech/beg you let your anger and your fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, your holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

¹⁷Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of your servant, and his supplications, and cause your <u>face to shine upon</u> your sanctuary <u>that is desolate</u>, for Yah of Host's sake.

¹⁸ O my Yah, incline your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by your name: <u>for we do not present our supplications</u> /prayers before you for our righteousnesses, but for your great mercies.

¹⁹ O Yah, hear; O Yah, forgive; O Yah, hearken and do; defer not, for your own sake, O my Yah: for your city and your people are called by your name. [Yah's name is stamped on both the people and city of Jerusalem!]

²⁰ And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yah of Hosts my God for the holy mountain of my God;

²¹ Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even <u>the man</u> Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being <u>caused to fly swiftly</u>, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

²² And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and understanding.

²³ At the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show you; <u>for you are greatly beloved</u>: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

²⁴ <u>Seventy weeks</u> are determined [<u>Sentenced</u>] upon your people <u>and upon your</u> <u>holy city</u>, to *finish the transgression*, and <u>to make an end of sins</u>, and <u>to make</u>

<u>reconciliation for iniquity</u>, and <u>to bring in everlasting righteousness</u>, and <u>to seal up the</u> <u>vision and prophecy</u>, and <u>to anoint the most Holy</u>.

[All of these things stated above in verse 24 MUST be accomplished/or done within the 490 years prophesied in Daniel 9th chapter!]

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going <u>forth of the commandment to restore</u>

and to build Jerusalem [1947-1948] unto the Messiah the Prince [Meaning until the

arrival of the Messiah the Prince] shall be <u>seven</u> weeks, [7 weeks plus <u>threescore</u> or 60 weeks,

and then add <u>2 more weeks</u> totaling <u>69 weeks</u> or <u>483 years</u> leaving one week, or 7 days;

[A day for a year Ezekiel 4:6] and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and

the wall, even in troublous times.

<u>August 2019</u> is also the arrival of the 483rd year of Daniel's 70 weeks, and it also marks the 400 years of captivity in the North Country, better known to this generation as the North American Continent.

This is prophesied in Genesis 15^{th} chapter verse 12, 13 and $14\downarrow$

¹² And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

¹³ And he said unto Abram, Know of a <u>surety</u> [Look up legal/bond meaning of the word Surety] that your seed <u>shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs</u>, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

¹⁴ And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge/punish: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Genesis 15:12-15 Good News Translation

¹² When the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and fear and terror came over him. ¹³ *Yah of Hosts* said to him, "Your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land; they will be slaves there and will be treated cruelly for four hundred years.

¹⁴ But <u>I will punish the nation that enslaves them</u>, and when they leave that foreign land, they will take great wealth with them. ¹⁵ You yourself will live to a ripe old age, die in peace, and be buried.

Please remember:

483 years (August 2019) + 7 = 490 years (August 2026), \rightarrow or seventy sets of 7; Time expires at the 490 year mark.

Daniel 9:26-27

²⁶ And after threescore [A score = 20, - so 3 x's 20 = 60] and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week [In

the middle of the last 7 years] he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for

the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and

that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Yah of Hosts, - (God Almighty) personally comes back to judge/punish the Earth for its sins, and the following events are the signs of Yah of Host's arrival:

- A worldwide earthquake that splits the Mt. of Olives in half
- The Mediterranean Sea flows into the Dead Sea
- At evening time there will be light outside when it is normally nighttime *Zechariah 14:6*

Zechariah 14 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

Behold, a day of Yah of Hosts is coming when the spoil [taken from you] shall be divided [among the victors] in the midst of you.

 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses rifled and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

³ Then shall Yah of Hosts go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle.

⁴ And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which lies before Jerusalem on the east, and <u>the Mount of Olives shall be split in two</u> from the east to the west by a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.

⁵ And you shall flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal, and you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and Yah of Hosts my ^[a]God shall come, and all the holy ones [saints and angels] with *Him*.

⁶ And **it shall come to pass in that day that there shall not be light**; the glorious *and* bright ones [the heavenly bodies] shall be darkened.

⁷ But it shall be one continuous day, known to Yah of Hosts—not day and not night, but at evening time there shall be light.

⁸ And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern [Dead] Sea and half of them to the western [Mediterranean] Sea; in summer and in winter shall it be.

⁹ And Yah of Hosts shall be King over all the earth; in that day Yah of Hosts shall be one [in the recognition and worship of men] and His name one.

¹⁰ All the land shall be turned into a (Flat) plain from Geba to Rimmon, [the Rimmon that is] south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain lifted up on its site and dwell in its place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

¹¹ And it shall be inhabited, for there shall be no more curse *or* ban of utter destruction, but Jerusalem shall dwell securely.

¹² And this shall be the plague wherewith Yah of Hosts will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall rot away while they stand upon their feet and their eyes shall corrode away in their sockets and their tongue shall decay away in their mouth.

¹³ And <u>in that day</u> there shall be a great confusion, discomfiture, *and* panic among them from Yah of Hosts; and they shall seize each his neighbor's hand, and the hand of the one shall be raised against the hand of the other.

¹⁴ And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together—gold and silver and apparel in great abundance.

¹⁵ And as that plague on men, so shall be the plague on the horse, on the mule, on the camel, on the donkey, and on all the livestock *and* beasts that may be in those camps.

¹⁶ And everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, Yah of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles *or* Booths.

¹⁷ And it shall be that whoso of the families of the earth shall not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yah of Hosts, upon them there shall be no rain.

¹⁸ And if the family of Egypt does not go up to Jerusalem and present themselves, upon them there shall be no rain, but there shall be the plague with which Yah of Hosts will smite the nations that go not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

¹⁹ This shall be the consequent punishment of the sin of Egypt and the consequent punishment of the sin of all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

 20 In that day there shall be [written] upon the [little] bells on the horses, HOLY TO YAH OF HOSTS, and the pots in Yah of Host's house shall be holy to Yah of Hosts like the bowls before the altar.

²¹ Yes, every pot in all the houses of Jerusalem and in Judah shall be dedicated *and* holy to Yah of Hosts, and all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil their sacrifices in them [and traders in such wares will no longer be seen at the temple]. And in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite [that is, any godless or unclean person, whether Jew or Gentile] in the house of Yah of Hosts.

** Some Nations have tried to deceive the true Israelite people by saying that **their skin color was** <u>**cursed black**</u> by God;

But the truth has always in the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures, as exampled below;** The Hebrew Israelites are dark skin [pigmented] people.

King Solomon states his skin color, pretty much saying that he is black and beautiful:

Song of Solomon 1:5

I am **black**, but **comely**, [Comely=Good looking] *O you daughters of Jerusalem*, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

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I am so black; but [you are] lovely *and* pleasant [the ladies assured her]. O you daughters of Jerusalem, [I am as dark] as the tents of [the Bedouin tribe] Kedar, like the [beautiful] curtains of Solomon!

Take a look at the picture of a Bedouin tent below \downarrow



Joel 2:6 KJV

Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

Jeremiah 14:2 KJV

<u>Judah mourns</u>, and the gates thereof languish; they are **black** unto the **ground**; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

Nahum 2:10

She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melts, and the knees smite/hit together, and much pain is in all loins/guts/stomach, and the **faces [Faces, - means visage]** of them all **gather** blackness.

Lamentations 4:8 KJV

Their **visage** is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaves/sticks to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

<u>EXB</u>

But now they [^L their faces] are blacker than coal, and no one recognizes them in the streets. Their skin hangs [or shrivels] on their bones; it is as dry as wood.

NOG

Their faces are now blacker than soot. No one recognizes them on the streets. Their skin has shriveled on their bones. It has become as dry as bark.

Jeremiah 14:2 KJV

Judah mourned, and the gates thereof languish; [Suffer-waste away] they are **black** unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

Jeremiah 50:6-7

- ⁶ "My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains.
 They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place.
 ⁷ Whoever found them devoured them; their enemies said, 'We are not guilty,
- for they sinned against Yah of Hosts, their verdant pasture,

Yah of Hosts, the hope of their ancestors.'

Zechariah 1:19-21

The angel who was sent to explain was there, and so I asked, "What do **these** mean?" His answer was, "**These** horns **are** the nations that scattered the **people** of Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem, and took away their freedom." Then Yah of Hosts showed me four blacksmiths, and I asked, "What **are** they going to do?" He replied, "They **are** going to terrify and crush those horns."

Lamentations 4:2

These are Zion's people, worth more than purest gold; yet they are counted worthless like dishes of clay.

Nehemiah 1 King James Version

¹ The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

² That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Hebrews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

³ And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province <u>are in</u> <u>great affliction and reproach</u>: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

⁴ And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

⁵ And said, I beseech you O Yah God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keeps covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

⁶Let your ear now be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may hear the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you now, day and night, for the children of Israel your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against you: both I and my father's house have sinned.

⁷We have dealt very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which you commanded your servant Moses.

⁸ Remember, I beseech You the word that thou commanded your servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

⁹ But if you turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from there, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

¹⁰ Now these are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power, and by your strong hand.

¹¹O Yah, I beseech/beg you let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray you your servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

EDIT BELOW THIS PAGE This is worthy to know and understand; ISRAEL <u>IS WORSE</u> THAN THE HEATHENS

Wherever the 12 Tribes of Israel went when vomited, - kicked out of their land, they behaved worse that the Heathen/Gentile nations no matter where they went as slaves.

Ezekiel 5:7 New Living Translation

"Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Yah of Hosts says:

You people have behaved worse than your neighbors [Meaning the neighboring countries that surrounded the Israelites] and have refused to obey my decrees and regulations.

You have not even lived up to [Meaning = *Followed the Laws of the Nations they were scattered to*] the standards of the nations around you.

New Living Translation

"Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Yah of Hosts says: You people have behaved worse than your neighbors and have refused to obey my decrees and regulations. You have not even lived up to the standards of the nations around you.

American Standard Version

Therefore thus saith Yah of Hosts Jehovah: Because ye are turbulent more than the nations that are round about you and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept mine ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you;

Berean Study Bible

Therefore this is what Yah of Hosts GOD says: 'You have been more insubordinate than the nations around you; you have not walked in My statutes or kept My ordinances, nor have you even conformed to the ordinances of the nations around you.'

Douay-Rheims Bible

Therefore thus saith Yah of Hosts God: Because you have surpassed the Gentiles that are round about you and have not walked in my commandments, and have not kept my judgments, and have not done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you:

English Revised Version

Therefore thus saith Yah of Hosts GOD: Because ye are turbulent more than the nations that are round about you and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you;

King James Bible

Therefore thus saith Yah of Hosts GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that *are* round about you *and* have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* round about you; World English Bible Therefore thus says Yah of Hosts Yahweh: Because you are turbulent more than the nations that are around you and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are around you;

Young's Literal Translation

Therefore, thus said Yah of Hosts: Because of your multiplying above the nations that are around you In My statutes ye have not walked, And My judgments ye have not done, According to the judgments of the nations That are round about you ye have not done.

Jeremiah 2:31-33 Good News Translation

<u>People of Israel</u>, listen to what I am saying. Have I been like a desert to you like a dark and dangerous land? Why, then, do you say that you will do as you please, that you will never come back to me?

³² Does a young woman forget her jewelry, or a bride her wedding dress?

But my people have forgotten me for more days than can be counted.

³³ You certainly know how to chase after lovers [Lovers=false religions and their gods]. Even the worst of women \rightarrow [Nations who practice idolatry] can learn from you.

Israel trades Yah her God for other gods, and Yah questions her about this:

Jeremiah 2:10-11

Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and take a look; send to Kedar and consider carefully; see if there has ever been anything like this:

Has a nation ever changed its gods, though they are no gods at all? Yet My people have exchanged their Glory (Yah of Hosts) for useless idols.

2 Kings 21:9

But the people did not listen and Manasseh led them astray, so that they did greater evil than the nations that Yah of Hosts had destroyed before the Israelites.

Ezekiel 5:11

Wherefore, *as* I live, saith Yah of Hosts GOD; Surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish *You*; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

Berean Standard Bible

Therefore as surely as I live, declares Yah of Hosts, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable idols and abominations, I Myself will withdraw My favor; I will not look upon you with pity, nor will I spare you.

Ezekiel 16:1-3 Good News Translation

Jerusalem the Unfaithful

Yah of Hosts spoke to me again. ² "Mortal man," he said, "point out to Jerusalem what disgusting things she has done. ³ Tell Jerusalem what the Sovereign Yah is saying to her:

"You were born in the land of Canaan. Your father was an Amorite, and your mother was a Hittite.^[a]

Footnotes

1. <u>Ezekiel 16:3</u> The Israelites regarded these people as immoral and idolatrous.

Ezekiel 16:23-27 Lexham English Bible

"And then after all of your evil! Woe, woe, to you!' *declares*^[a] Yah of Hosts Yahweh. ²⁴ 'And *then* you built for yourself a mound, and you made for yourself a high place in every public square.

²⁵ At *the* head of every street you built your high place and you disgraced your beauty and you spread your feet for every passerby, and you increased your whoring. ²⁶ And you prostituted with the *Egyptians*,^[b] your neighbors *who were sexually aroused*,^[c] and you increased your fornication to provoke me.

²⁷ And look! I stretched out my hand against you and I reduced your portion, and I gave you into^[d] the desire of your haters, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed because of your lewd *conduct*.^[g]

Footnotes

- 1. <u>Ezekiel 16:23</u> Literally "declaration of"
- 2. <u>Ezekiel 16:26</u> Literally "sons/children of Egypt"
- 3. <u>Ezekiel 16:26</u> Literally "*those* being great of flesh"
- 4. Ezekiel 16:27 Hebrew "in"
- 5. <u>Ezekiel 16:27</u> Literally "your way *of life*"

Ezekiel 16:44-52 Good News Translation

Like Mother, Like Daughter

Yah of Hosts said, "People will use this proverb about you Jerusalem: 'Like mother, like daughter.' ⁴⁵ You really are your mother's daughter. She detested her husband and her children. You are like your sisters, who hated their husbands and their children. You and your sister cities had a Hittite mother and an Amorite^[a] father.

⁴⁶ "Your older sister, with her villages, is Samaria, in the north. Your younger sister, with her villages, is Sodom, in the south. ⁴⁷ Were you satisfied to follow in their footsteps and copy their disgusting actions? No, in only a little while you were acting worse than they were in everything you did.

⁴⁸ "As surely as I am the living God," the Sovereign Yah says, "your sister Sodom and her villages never did the evil that you and your villages have done. ⁴⁹ She and her daughters were proud because they had plenty to eat and lived in peace and quiet, but they did not take care of the poor and the underprivileged. ⁵⁰ They were proud and stubborn and did the things that I hate, so I destroyed them, as you well know.

⁵¹ "Samaria did not sin half as much as you have. You have acted more disgustingly than she ever did. Your corruption makes your sisters look innocent by comparison.

⁵²<u>And now</u> you will <u>have to endure your disgrace</u>. Your sins are so much worse than those of your sisters that they look innocent beside you. Now blush and bear your shame, because you make your sisters look pure."

Scripture: "Your mother was a Hittite, and your father was an Amorite

Ezekiel 16:3

and say, 'This is what the Sovereign Yah says to Jerusalem: Your ancestry and birth were in the land of the Canaanites; your **father** was an Amorite and your **mother** a **Hittite**.

AMP

and say, 'Thus says Yah of Hosts God to Jerusalem (all of Israel), "Your [spiritual] origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite; your [spiritual] father was an Amorite and your [spiritual] mother a Hittite.

<u>AMPC</u>

And say, Thus says Yah of Hosts God to Jerusalem [representing Israel]: Your [spiritual] origin and your birth are thoroughly Canaanitish; your [spiritual] father was an Amorite and your [spiritual] mother a Hittite.

<u>NLT</u>

Give her this message from the Sovereign Yah of Hosts: You are nothing but a Canaanite! Your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

<u>MSG</u>

Yah's Message came to me: "Son of man, confront Jerusalem with her outrageous violations. Say this: 'The Message of Yah, the Master, to Jerusalem: You were born and bred among Canaanites. Your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

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Brenton's Septuagint Translation

[This tells about what will happen to Yah's people for breaking the Covenant]

The Razor of Judgment

1 And you son of man, take you a sword sharper than a barber's razor; you shall procure/obtain it for yourself, and shall bring it upon your head, and upon your beard: and you shall take a pair of scales, and shall separate the hair. [Illustration about the 1/3 and the 2/3]

2 A **fourth part** you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, at the fulfillment of the days of the siege: and you shall take a fourth part, and burn it up in the midst of it: and a fourth part you shall cut with a sword round about it: and a fourth part you shall scatter to the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

<u>3</u> And you shall take there a few in number, and shall wrap them in the fold of your garment. <u>4</u> And you shall take of these again, **and cast them into the midst of the <u>fire</u>**, and burn them up with fire: from there shall come forth fire; and you shall say to the whole house of Israel,

5 Thus says Yah of Hosts; This is Jerusalem: I have set her and the countries round about her in the midst of the nations. **6** And you shall declare mine ordinances to the lawless one from out of the nations; and my statutes *to the sinful one* of the countries round about her: because they have rejected mine ordinances, and have not walked in my statutes.

<u>7</u> Therefore thus saith Yah of Hosts, Because your occasion *for sin has been taken* from the nations round about you and ye have not walked in my statutes, nor kept mine ordinances, nay, you have not even done according to the ordinances of the nations round about you; therefore thus saith Yah of Hosts;

<u>8</u> Behold, I am against You and I will execute judgement in the midst of You in the sight of the nations. **<u>9</u>** And I will do in You things which I have not done, and the like of which I will not do again, for all thine abominations.

10 Therefore the fathers shall eat *their* children in the midst of you and children shall eat *their* fathers; and I will execute judgements in you and I will scatter all that are left of you to every wind.

Famine, **Sword**, and **Dispersion** [Dispersion=Scattering]

<u>11</u> Therefore, *as* I live, saith Yah of Hosts; surely, **<u>because vou have defiled my holy things</u>** with all your abominations, I also will reject You; mine eye shall not spare, land I will have no mercy.

12 A fourth part of You shall be cut off by pestilence, and a fourth part of You shall be consumed in the midst of You with famine: and *as for another* fourth part of You I will scatter them to every wind; and a fourth part of You shall fall by sword round about You and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 And my wrath and mine anger shall be accomplished upon them: and thou shall know that I Yah of Hosts have spoken in my jealousy, when I have accomplished mine anger upon them.

14 And I will make you desolate, and thy daughters round about you in the sight of every one that passes through.

15 And thou shall be mourned over and miserable among the nations round about You when I have executed judgements in you in the vengeance of my wrath. I Yah of Hosts have spoken. **16** And when I have sent against them shafts of famine, then they shall be consumed, and I will break the strength of thy bread.

17 So I will send forth against you famine and evil beasts, and I will take vengeance upon you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through upon You; and I will bring a sword upon You round about. I Yah of Hosts have spoken.

Ezekiel 5 New Living Translation

A Sign of the Coming Judgment

<u>1</u> "Son of man, take a sharp sword and use it as a razor to shave your head and beard. Use a scale to weigh the hair into three equal parts. <u>2</u> Place a third of it at the center of your map of Jerusalem. After acting out the siege, burn it there. Scatter another third across your map and chop it with a sword.

Scatter the last third to the wind, for I will scatter my people with the sword. $\underline{3}$ Keep just a bit of the hair and tie it up in your robe. $\underline{4}$ Then take some of these hairs out and throw them into the fire, burning them up. A fire will then spread from this remnant and destroy all of Israel.

5 "This is what the Sovereign Yah of Hosts says: This is an illustration of what will happen to Jerusalem. I placed her at the center of the nations, 6 but she has rebelled against my regulations and decrees and has been even more wicked than the surrounding nations. She has refused to obey the regulations and decrees I gave her to follow.

<u>7</u>"Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Yah of Hosts says: You people have behaved worse than your neighbors and have refused to obey my decrees and regulations. You have not even lived up to the standards of the nations around you.

<u>8</u> Therefore, I myself, the Sovereign Yah of Hosts, am now your enemy. I will punish you publicly while all the nations watch. **<u>9</u>** Because of your detestable idols, I will punish you like I have never punished anyone before or ever will again.

10 **Parents will eat their own children**, and children will eat their parents. I will punish you and scatter to the winds the few who survive.

11"As surely as I live, says the Sovereign Yah of Hosts, I will cut you off completely. I will show you no pity at all because you have defiled my Temple with your vile images and detestable sins. 12 A third of your people will die in the city from disease and famine. A third of them will be slaughtered by the enemy outside the city walls. And I will scatter a third to the winds, [Winds=North, South, East, and West] chasing them with my sword.

13 Then at last my anger will be spent, and I will be satisfied. And when my fury against them has subsided, all Israel will know that I, Yah of Hosts, have spoken to them in my jealous anger.

14 "So I will turn you into a ruin, a mockery in the eyes of the surrounding nations and to all who pass by.

15 You will become an object of mockery and taunting and horror. You will be a warning to all the nations around you.

They will see what happens when Yah of Hosts punishes a nation in anger and rebukes it, says Yah of Hosts.

<u>16</u> "I will shower you with the <u>deadly arrows of famine</u> to destroy you. The famine will become more and more severe until every crumb of food is gone.

<u>17</u> And along with the famine, <u>wild animals will attack you and rob you of your children</u>.
 <u>Disease and war</u> will stalk your land, and I will bring the sword of the enemy against you. I, Yah of Hosts, have spoken!"

Wikipedia

Amorite people generally worshipped women goddesses

Hittite gods:

The Anunnaki (Sumerian: * [1] [1] K), also transcribed as Anunaki, Anunaki, Anunna, Ananaki and other variations) are a group of <u>deities</u> of the ancient <u>Sumerians</u>, <u>Akkadians</u>, <u>Assyrians</u> and <u>Babylonians</u>.^[1] In the earliest Sumerian writings about them, which come from the Post-Akkadian period, the Anunnaki are deities in the <u>pantheon</u>, descendants of <u>An</u> and <u>Ki</u>, the goddess of the heavens and the god of earth, and their primary function was to <u>decree the</u> <u>fates of humanity</u>. [Why? if you catch yourself saying anything like this, or even close to this]

2 Kings 21:1-12 Lexham English Bible

Evil Manasseh Reigns after Godly Hezekiah

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. The name of his mother *was* Hephzibah.² He did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, according to the detestable things of the nations that Yahweh had driven out from the presence of the *Israelites*.^[a]

³ He returned and rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed. He erected altars for Baal and made a pole of Asherah worship just as Ahab king of Israel had made, and he bowed down to all of the host of heaven and served them. ⁴ He built altars in the temple of Yahweh *about* which Yahweh had said, "I will put my name in Jerusalem."

⁵ He built an altar to all of the host of heaven in the two courtyards of the temple of Yahweh. ⁶ He made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying and divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists.

He increased the doing of evil in the eyes of Yahweh to provoke him. ⁷ He put the image of the Asherah that he had made in the temple which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this temple and in Jerusalem which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.

⁸ I will not again make the feet of Israel wander from the land which I have given to their ancestors, ^[b] *if they only observe to do according to all that I have commanded them*, as far as the law that Moses my servant commanded them."

⁹ But Manasseh did not listen and tempted them to do evil more than the nations that Yahweh destroyed before the presence of the *Israelites*.^[c]

Yahweh Sends a Rebuke to Manasseh

¹⁰ So Yahweh spoke by the hand of his servants the prophets, saying, ¹¹ "Because Manasseh the king of Judah committed these detestable things *and* did evil more than the Amorites did who

were before him and caused even Judah to sin with his idols, ¹² therefore, thus says Yahweh the God of Israel, 'Look, I am bringing disaster upon Jerusalem and Judah about which the two ears of all who hear it will tingle.

Footnotes

- 1. <u>2 Kings 21:2</u> Literally "sons/children of Israel"
- 2. <u>2 Kings 21:8</u> Or "fathers"
- 3. <u>2 Kings 21:9</u> Literally "sons/children of Israel"

2 Chronicles 33 New International Version

Manasseh King of Judah

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. ² He did evil in the eyes of Yah of Hosts, following the detestable practices of the nations Yah of Hosts had driven out before the Israelites.

³ He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; <u>he also erected altars to the</u> <u>Baals and made Asherah poles [Totem poles of women goddesses]</u>.

He bowed down to all the starry hosts [Worshipped the stars and horoscopes] and worshiped them.

⁴ He built altars in the temple of Yah of Hosts, of which Yah of Hosts had said, "My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever." ⁵ In both courts of the temple of Yah of Hosts, he built altars to all the starry hosts.

⁶He <u>sacrificed his children</u> in <u>the fire</u> in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced divination and witchcraft, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists.

He did much evil in the eyes of Yah of Hosts, arousing his anger.

⁷ He took the image he had made and put it in Yah's temple, of which Yah had said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever.

⁸ I will not again make the feet of the Israelites leave the land I assigned to your ancestors, if only they will be careful to do everything I commanded them concerning all the laws, decrees and regulations given through Moses."

⁹ But Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations [Heathen Gentile Nations] Yah of Hosts had destroyed before the Israelites.

King James verse 9

⁹ So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom Yah of Hosts had destroyed before the children of Israel.

Resuming 2 Chronicles 33 NIV Bible at verse 10

¹⁰Yah of Hosts spoke to [<u>Warned</u>] Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.

¹¹ So Yah of Hosts brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon. ¹² In his distress he sought the favor of Yah of Hosts his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors.

¹³ And when he prayed to him, Yah of Hosts was moved by his entreaty (Appeal) and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yah of Hosts is God.

Amos 2:4 Good News Translation

Judah

⁴ Yah of Hosts says, "The people of Judah have sinned again and again, and for this I will certainly punish them. They have despised my teachings and have not kept my commands. They have been led astray by the same false gods that their ancestors served.

⁵ So I will send fire upon Judah and burn down the fortresses of Jerusalem."

Amos 4 Good News Translation

Listen to this, you women of Samaria, who grow fat like the well-fed cows of Bashan, who mistreat the weak, oppress the poor, and demand that your husbands keep you supplied with liquor! ² As the Sovereign YAH is holy, he has promised, "The days will come when they will drag you away with hooks; every one of you will be like a fish on a hook. ³ You will be dragged to the nearest break in the wall and thrown out."

Israel's Failure to Learn

⁴ The Sovereign Yah says, "People of Israel, go to the holy place in Bethel and sin, if you must! Go to Gilgal and sin with all your might! Go ahead and bring animals to be sacrificed morning after morning, and bring your tithes every third day. ⁵ Go on and offer your bread in thanksgiving to Yah, and brag about the extra offerings you bring! This is the kind of thing you love to do.

⁶ "<u>I was the one who brought famine to all your cities</u>, <u>yet you did not come back to</u> <u>me.</u>

⁷I kept it from raining when your crops needed it most. I sent rain on one city, but not on another. Rain fell on one field, but another field dried up. ⁸Weak with thirst, the people of several cities went to a city where they hoped to find water, but there was not enough to drink.

Still you did not come back to me.

⁹ "I sent a scorching wind to dry up your crops. The locusts ate up all your gardens and vineyards, your fig trees and olive trees. <u>Still you did not come back to me.</u>

¹⁰ "I sent a plague on you like the one I sent on Egypt. <u>I killed your young men in battle and took</u> your horses away. I filled your nostrils with the stink of dead bodies in your camps.

Still <u>you did not come back</u> to me.

¹¹"<u>I destroyed some of you as I destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah</u>.

[Does some of the Israelite's moral behavior of today imitate/copy that of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah?]

Those of you <u>who survived</u> were <u>like a burning stick</u> saved from a fire. (Zechariah 3:2)

Still you did not <u>come back to me</u>," says Yah of Hosts.

In our day and time, other words – very soon, Yah of Hosts will save His people in the end times, like what he has done before!

Zechariah 3:2

But Yahweh said to Satan, "Yahweh rebukes you O Satan! Yahweh who has chosen Jerusalem rebukes you! *Is* this not a **stick** snatched from the fire?"

Resuming Amos 4 verse 12-13 Good News Translation

¹² "So then, people of Israel, I am going to punish you. And because I am going to do this, get ready to face my judgment!"

¹³ Yah is the one who made the mountains and created the winds.

He makes his thoughts known to people;

he changes day into night.

He walks on the heights of the earth.

This is his name: Yah of Hosts God Almighty!

Ezekiel 36:20

And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, **These are** the **people** of Yah of Hosts, and **are** gone forth out of his land.

<u>ERV</u>

But even in those other nations, they ruined my good name. How? Those nations said, 'These are Yah of Host's people, but they left his land.'

<u>EHV</u>

Then when they came to the various nations, they profaned my holy name when people said about them, "These are the people of Yah of Hosts, but they had to leave his land."

<u>ESV</u>

But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, <u>**'These are the people of Yah of Hosts,</u>** and yet they had to go out of his land.'</u>

<u>ESVUK</u>

But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of Yah of Hosts, and yet they had to go out of his land.'

<u>EXB</u>

They dishonored [defiled; profaned; ^Critually] my holy name in the nations where they went. The nations said about them, 'These are the people of Yah of Hosts, but they had to leave the land which he gave them.'

<u>TLB</u>

But when they were scattered out among the nations, then they were a blight (A scar) upon my holy name because the nations said, '<u>These are the people of Yah/God</u> and he couldn't protect them from harm!'

<u>MSG</u>

Yah's Message came to me: "Son of man, when the people of Israel lived in their land, they polluted it by the way they lived. I poured out my anger on them because of the polluted blood they poured out on the ground. And so I got thoroughly angry with them polluting the country with their wanton murders and dirty gods.

I kicked them out, exiled them to other countries. <u>I sentenced</u> <u>them according to how they had lived</u>. Wherever they went, they gave me a bad name.

<u>People said</u>, '<u>These are Yah's people</u>, but they got kicked off his land.' I suffered much pain over my holy reputation, which the people of Israel blackened in every country they entered.

NOG

But wherever they went among the nations, they dishonored my holy name. People said about them, 'These are *Yahweh's* people, yet they had to leave his land.'

<u>NLT</u>

But when they were scattered among the nations, they brought shame on my holy name. For the nations said, 'These are the people of Yah of Hosts, but he couldn't keep them safe in his own land!'

VOICE

Whenever they settled among the nations *of their exile*, they defiled My sacred name.

Everywhere they went people were saying, "These are the Eternal's people, yet they have <u>been forced</u> out of His land." The world had knowledge of the TRUE Israelite's IDENITY;

Deuteronomy 14:2

For you are an holy **people** unto **Yah of Hosts** your God, and **Yah of Hosts** has chosen **you** to be a peculiar **people** unto himself, above all **the nations** that are upon **the** earth.

2 Samuel 7:23

And what one nation in **the** earth is like your **people**, even like Israel, whom Yah went to redeem for a **people** to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for your land, before your **people**, which you redeemed to **you** from Egypt, from **the nations** and **the**ir gods?

1 Chronicles 17:21

And what one nation in **the** earth is like your **people** Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own **people**, to make **You** a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out **nations** from before your **people** whom you hast redeemed out of Egypt?

Deuteronomy 4:6

Keep **the**refore and do **the**m; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in **the** sight of **the nations**, which shall hear all **the**se statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding **people**.

Deuteronomy 4 Good News Translation

Moses Urges Israel to Be Obedient

Then Moses said to the people, "Obey all the laws that I am teaching you and you will live and occupy the land which Yah of Hosts, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add anything to what I command you and do not take anything away. Obey the commands of Yah of Hosts your God that I have given you. ³ You yourselves saw what Yah of Hosts did at Mount Peor. He destroyed everyone who worshiped Baal there, ⁴ but those of you who were faithful to Yah of Hosts your God are still alive today.

⁵ "I have taught you all the laws, as Yah of Hosts my God told me to do. Obey them in the land that you are about to invade and occupy. ⁶ Obey them faithfully, and this will show the people of other nations how wise you are. When they hear of all these laws, they will say, 'What wisdom and understanding this great nation has!'

⁷ "No other nation, no matter how great, has a god who is so near when they need him as Yah of Hosts our God is to us. He answers us whenever we call for help.⁸ No other nation, no matter how great, has laws so just as those that I have taught you today.

⁹ Be on your guard! Make certain that you do not forget, as long as you live, what you have seen with your own eyes. Tell your children and your grandchildren ¹⁰ about the day you stood in the presence of Yah of Hosts your God <u>at Mount Sinai</u>,^[a] when he said to me,

'Assemble the people. I want them to hear what I have to say, so that they will learn to obey me as long as they live and so that they will teach their children to do the same.'

¹¹ "Tell your children how you went and stood at the foot of the mountain which was covered with thick clouds of dark smoke and fire blazing up to the sky. ¹² Tell them how Yah of Hosts spoke to you from the fire, how you heard him speaking but did not see him in any form at all.

¹³ He told you what you must do to keep the covenant he made with you—you must obey the Ten Commandments, which he wrote on two stone tablets. ¹⁴ Yah of Hosts told me to teach you all the laws that you are to obey in the land that you are about to invade and occupy.

Warning against Idolatry

¹⁵ "When Yah of Hosts spoke to you from the fire on Mount Sinai, you did not see any form. For your own good, then, make certain ¹⁶ that you do not sin by making for yourselves an idol in any form at all—whether man or woman, ¹⁷ animal or bird, ¹⁸ reptile or fish. ¹⁹ Do not be tempted to worship and serve what you see in the sky—the sun, the moon, and the stars. Yah of Hosts your God has given these to all other peoples for them to worship. ²⁰ But you are the people he rescued from Egypt, that blazing furnace.

He brought you out to make you his own people, as you are today. ²¹ Because of you Yah of Hosts your God was angry with me and solemnly declared that I would not cross the Jordan River to enter the fertile land which he is giving you. ²² I will die in this land and never cross the river, but you are about to go across and occupy that fertile land.

²³ Be certain that you do not forget the covenant that Yah of Hosts your God made with you. Obey his command not to make yourselves any kind of idol, ²⁴ because Yah of Hosts your God is like a flaming fire; he tolerates no rivals.

²⁵ "Even when you have been in the land a long time and have children and grandchildren, do not sin by making for yourselves an idol in any form at all. This is evil in Yah of Host's sight, and it will make him angry.

²⁶ I call heaven and earth as witnesses **against you today that**, if you disobey me, you will soon disappear from the land. You will not live very long in the land across the Jordan that you are about to occupy.

You will be completely destroyed. ²⁷ <u>Yah of Hosts will scatter you among other nations</u>, where only a few of you will survive. ²⁸ There you will serve gods made by human hands, gods of wood and stone, gods that cannot see or hear, eat or smell.

²⁹There you will look for Yah of Hosts your God, <u>and if you</u> <u>search for him with all your heart</u>, you <u>will find</u> him.

³⁰ When you are in trouble and all those things happen to you then you will finally turn to Yah of Hosts and obey him. ³¹ He is a merciful God. He will not abandon you or destroy you and he will not forget the covenant that he himself made with your ancestors.

³² <u>"Search the past,</u> the *time before you were born*, all the way back to the time when Yah created human beings on the earth. Search the entire earth. Has anything as great as this ever happened before?

Has anyone ever heard of anything like this? ³³ Have any people ever lived after hearing a god speak to them from a fire, as you have?

³⁴Has any god ever dared to go and take a people from another nation and make them his own, as Yah of Hosts your God did for you in Egypt?

Before your very eyes he used his great power and strength; he brought

plagues and war, worked miracles and wonders, and caused terrifying

things to happen. ³⁵ Yah of Hosts has shown you this, to prove to you

that he alone is God and that there is no other.

³⁶He let you hear his voice from heaven so that he could instruct you; and here on earth he let you see his holy fire, and he spoke to you from it.

³⁷ Because he loved your ancestors, he chose you and by his great power he himself brought you out of Egypt.

³⁸ As you advanced, he drove out nations greater and more powerful than you so that he might bring you in and give you their land, the land which still belongs to you. ³⁹ So remember today and never forget: <u>Yah of Hosts is God in heaven</u> and on <u>earth.</u> There is no other god. ⁴⁰ Obey all his laws that I have given you today, and all will go well with you and your descendants. You will continue to live in the land that Yah of Hosts your God is giving you to be yours forever."

The Cities of Refuge East of the Jordan

⁴¹ Then Moses set aside three cities east of the Jordan River ⁴² to which a man could escape and be safe if he had **accidentally killed** someone **who had** <u>not been his enemy</u>. He could escape to one of these cities and not be put to death. ⁴³ For the tribe of Reuben there was the city of Bezer, on the desert plateau; for the tribe of Gad there was Ramoth, <u>in the territory of Gilead</u>; and for the tribe of Manasseh there was Golan, in the territory of Bashan.

Introduction to the Giving of Yah's Law

⁴⁴ Moses gave Yah's laws and teachings to the people of Israel. ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶ <u>It was after they had come</u> <u>out of Egypt and were in the valley east of the Jordan River</u>, opposite the town of Bethpeor, that he gave them these laws. This was in the territory that had belonged to King Sihon of the Amorites, who had ruled in the town of Heshbon. Moses and the people of Israel defeated him when they came out of Egypt.

⁴⁷ They occupied his land and the land of <u>King Og of Bashan</u>, the other Amorite king who lived east of the Jordan. ⁴⁸ This land extended from the town of Aroer, on the edge of the Arnon River, all the way north to Mount Sirion,^[b] that is, Mount Hermon. ⁴⁹ It also included all the region east of the Jordan River as far south as the Dead Sea and east to the foot of Mount Pisgah.

Footnotes

- 1. <u>Deuteronomy 4:10</u> Sinai; or Horeb.
- 2. <u>Deuteronomy 4:48</u> One ancient translation Sirion; Hebrew Sion.

Jeremiah 50 New International Version

A <u>Message</u> about Babylon

This is the word Yah of Hosts spoke through Jeremiah the prophet concerning Babylon and the land of the Babylonians^[a]:

² "Announce and <u>proclaim among the nations</u>,

lift up a banner and proclaim it; keep nothing back, but say, 'Babylon will be captured; Bel will be put to shame, Marduk filled with terror. Her images will be put to shame and her idols filled with terror.' ³ A nation from the north will attack her and lay waste her land. No one will live in it; both people and animals will flee away.

⁴ "<u>In those days, at that time</u>,"

declares Yah of Hosts,
"the people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek Yah of Hosts their God.
⁵ They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it.
They will come and bind themselves to Yah of Hosts in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

⁶ "My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains.

They wandered over mountain and hill

and forgot their own resting place. Psalms 83

⁷ Whoever found them <u>devoured</u> them; their anomies said 'We are not emilty

their enemies said, 'We are not guilty,

for they <u>sinned</u> against Yah of Hosts, their verdant pasture, Yah of Hosts, the hope of their ancestors.'

Jeremiah 50:7 KJV

All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We **offend not**, because they have sinned against Yah of Hosts, the habitation of justice, even Yah of Hosts, the hope of their fathers. <u>CEV</u>

I am your true pastureland, the one who gave hope to your ancestors. But **you abandoned me**, so when your enemies found you they felt no guilt as they gobbled you up.

<u>GW</u> Everyone who finds them eats them. Their enemies say, 'We're not guilty. They have sinned against Yah of Hosts, their true pasture. They have sinned against Yah of Hosts, the hope of their ancestors.' GNT

They are attacked by all who find them. Their enemies say, 'They sinned against Yah of Hosts, <u>and so</u> <u>what we have done is not wrong</u>. Their ancestors trusted in Yah of Hosts, <u>and they themselves</u> <u>should have remained faithful to him</u>.'

Resuming verse 8

⁸ "Flee out of Babylon;

leave the land of the Babylonians,

and be like the goats that lead the flock.

⁹ For I will stir up and bring against Babylon an alliance of great nations from the land of the north. They will take up their positions against her, and *from the north* she will be captured. Their arrows will be like skilled warriors who do not return empty-handed. ¹⁰ So Babylonia^[b] will be plundered; all who plunder her will have their fill," declares Yah of Hosts. ¹¹ "Because you rejoice and are glad, you who pillage my inheritance, because you frolic like a heifer threshing grain and neigh like stallions, ¹² your mother will be greatly ashamed; she who gave you birth will be disgraced. She will be the least of the nations a wilderness, a dry land, a desert. ¹³Because of Yah of Host's anger she will not be inhabited but will be completely desolate. All who pass Babylon will be appalled; they will scoff because of all her wounds. ¹⁴ "Take up your positions around Babylon, all you who draw the bow. Shoot at her! Spare no arrows, for she has sinned against Yah of Hosts. ¹⁵ Shout against her **on every side**! She surrenders, her towers fall, her walls are torn down. Since this is the vengeance of Yah of Hosts, take vengeance on her; do to her as she has done to others. ¹⁶ Cut off from Babylon the sower,

and the reaper with his sickle at harvest. Because of the sword of the oppressor let everyone return to their own people, let everyone flee/run to their own land. ¹⁷ "Israel is a scattered flock that lions have chased away.
The first to devour them was the king of Assyria;
the last to crush their bones was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon."

¹⁸ Therefore this is what Yah of Hosts Almighty, the God of Israel, says:

"I will punish the king of Babylon and his land as I punished the king of Assyria.
¹⁹ But I will bring Israel back to their own pasture, and they will graze on Carmel and Bashan; their appetite will be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and Gilead.
²⁰ In those days, at that time," declares Yah of Hosts,
"search will be made for Israel's guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant I spare. *Ezekiel 9th* chapter

Babylon Will Be Captured

50 Yah of Hosts told me to say:

Announce what will happen and don't leave anything out. ² Raise the signal flags; shout so all nations can hear— Babylon will be captured!

Marduk,^[a] Babylon's god, will be ashamed and terrified, and his idols broken. ³ The attack on the Babylonians will come from the north; they and their animals will run, leaving the land empty.

Israel and Judah Will Return to Their Land

⁴ Yah of Hosts said:

People of Israel and Judah,
when these things happen you will weep, and together
you will return to your land
and worship me,
Yah of Hosts your God.
⁵ You will ask the way to Zion
and then come and join with me
in making an agreement
you won't break or forget.

⁶ My people, you are lost sheep abandoned in the mountains by their shepherds.
You don't even remember your resting place.
⁷ I am your true pastureland, the one who gave hope to your ancestors.
But you abandoned me, so when your enemies found you they felt no guilt as they gobbled you up.

⁸ Escape from Babylonia, my people.
Get out of that country! Don't wait for anyone else.
⁹ In the north I am bringing great nations together.
They will attack Babylon and capture it.
The arrows they shoot are like the best soldiers,^[b] always finding their target.
¹⁰ Babylonia will be conquered, and its enemies will carry off everything they want.

Babylon Will Be Disgraced

Yah of Hosts said:

¹¹ People of Babylonia,you were gladto rob my people.You had a good time,

making more noise than horses and jumping around like calves threshing grain.^[c] ¹² The city of Babylon was like a mother to you. But it will be disgraced and become nothing but a barren desert. ¹³ My anger will destroy Babylon, and no one will live there. Everyone who passes by will be shocked to see what has happened. ¹⁴ Babylon has rebelled against me. Archers, take your places. Shoot all your arrows at Babylon. Attack from every side! Babylon surrenders! The enemy tears down its walls and towers. I am taking my revenge by doing to Babylon what it did to other cities. ¹⁶ There is no one in Babylonia to plant or harvest crops. Even foreigners who lived there have left for their homelands, afraid of the enemy armies. ¹⁷ Israel is a flock of sheep scattered by hungry lions. The king of Assyria^[d] first gobbled Israel up. Then Nebuchadnezzar, [e] king of Babylonia, crunched on Israel's bones. ¹⁸ I, Yah of Hosts All-Powerful, the God of Israel, punished the king of Assyria, and I will also punish the king of Babylonia. ¹⁹But I will bring Israel

back to its own land.

The people will be like sheep eating their fill
on Mount Carmel and in Bashan,
in the hill country of Ephraim and in Gilead.
²⁰ I will rescue a few people from Israel and Judah.
I will forgive them so completely that their sin and guilt will disappear, never to be found.

Yah of Host's Commands to the Enemies of Babylonia

²¹ Yah of Hosts said:

I have told the enemies of Babylonia, "Attack the people of Merathaim and Pekod.^[1] Kill them all!

Destroy their possessions!"

²² Sounds of war and the noise of destruction can be heard.
²³ Babylonia was a hammer pounding every country, but now it lies broken.
What a shock to the nations of the world!

²⁴ Babylonia challenged me, Yah of Hosts God All-Powerful, but that nation doesn't know

it is caught in a trap that I set.

that I set. ²⁵ I've brought out my weapons, and with them I will put a curse on Babylonia. ²⁶ Come from far away, you enemies of Babylon!
Pile up the grain from its storehouses, and destroy it completely, along with everything else.

²⁷ Kill the soldiers of Babylonia, because the time has come for them to be punished.

²⁸ The Babylonian army destroyed my temple, but soon I will take revenge.
Then refugees [<u>Yah's people</u>] from Babylon will tell about it in Zion.

²⁹ Attack Babylon, enemy archers; set up camp around the city, and don't let anyone escape.
It challenged me, the holy God, so do to it what it did to other cities.

Proud Babylon Will Fall

³⁰ People of Babylon,
I, Yah of Hosts, promise
that even your best soldiers
will lie dead in the streets.

³¹ Babylon, you should be named, "<u>The Proud One</u>."
But the time has come when I, Yah of Hosts All-Powerful, will punish you.
³² You are proud, but you will stumble and fall, and no one will help you up. I will set your villages on fire, and everything around you will go up in flames.

³³ You Babylonians were cruel to Israel and Judah.

<u>You took them captive</u> (Slaves), and now you refuse to let them go.

³⁴ But I, Yah of Hosts All-Powerful, will <u>rescue</u> and <u>protect</u> them.

I will bring peace to their land and trouble to yours. ³⁵ I have declared war on you your officials, and advisors. ³⁶ This war will prove that your prophets are liars and fools. And it will frighten your warriors. ³⁷ Then your chariot horses and the foreigners in your army will refuse to go into battle, and the enemy will carry away everything you treasure. ³⁸ Your rivers and canals will dry up.

All of this will happen, because your land is full of idols,

and they have made fools of you.

³⁹ Never again will people live in your land—
only desert animals, jackals,^[g] and unclean birds.
⁴⁰ I destroyed <u>Sodom</u> and <u>Gomorrah</u> and the nearby towns,
and I will destroy Babylon just as completely.
No one will live there again.

Babylonia Is Invaded

Yah of Hosts said:

⁴¹ Far to the north, a nation and its allies

have been **awakened**.

They are powerful and ready for war.

⁴² Bows and arrows and swords are in their hands.
The soldiers are cruel and show no pity.
The hoofbeats of their horses echo like ocean waves crashing against the shore.
The army has lined up for battle and is coming to attack you people of Babylonia!

⁴³ Ever since your king heard about this army,
he has been weak with fear;
he twists and turns in pain like a woman giving birth.
⁴⁴ Babylonia, I will attack you like a lion from the forest, attacking sheep in a meadow along the Jordan.
In a moment the flock runs, and the land is empty.

Who will I choose to attack you? I will do it myself! <u>No one can force me to fight</u> <u>or chase me away.</u>

⁴⁵ Listen to my plans for you people of Babylonia.
Your children will be dragged off, and your country destroyed.
⁴⁶ The sounds of your destruction will be heard among the nations, and the earth will shake.

Footnotes

1. <u>50.2</u> *Marduk:* The Hebrew text has "Bel" and "Marduk," two names for the same god.

- 2. <u>50.9</u> *the best soldiers:* Some Hebrew manuscripts and two ancient translations; most Hebrew manuscripts "soldiers that kill children."
- 3. <u>50.11</u> *threshing grain:* Hebrew; two ancient translations "in a pasture."
- 4. <u>50.17</u> *king of Assyria:* Either Shalmaneser V, who ruled 726–722 b.c., conquered most of the northern kingdom, and surrounded its capital city Samaria; or Sargon II, who ruled 721–705 b.c. and took thousands of prisoners back to Assyria.
- 5. <u>50.17</u> *Nebuchadnezzar:* See the note at 21.2.
- 6. <u>50.21</u> *Merathaim ... Pekod:* Hebrew forms of two Babylonian names that refer to the land of Babylonia. Merathaim probably referred to lagoons near the mouth of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers or to the Persian Gulf, but in Hebrew it means "Twice as Rebellious." Pekod referred to a tribe of southeastern Babylonia, but in Hebrew it means "Punishment."
- 7. <u>50.39</u> *jackals:* See the note at 9.11.