

TZARAAT

The Garden of Eden, and the Age to Come

TZARAAT, GAN EDEN, AND THE AGE TO COME

- In this study, we will be focusing on the issue of *tzaraat* on houses and how this appears to be connected with Gan Eden (the Garden of Eden) and the age to come.
- We know that YHWH has declared the end from the beginning .

Isaiah 46: 10 (ESV)

...declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

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- So, may He graciously open our eyes and reveal to us wondrous things from His Torah

Psalms 119: 18 (ESV)

Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

TORAH BLESSING

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר

a-sher ha-'o-lam me-lekh e-lo-**hey**-nu Adonai at-tah ba-ruk
who the universe king (of) our God Lord are you Blessed

קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְעֲסוֹק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה.

to-rah be-div-**rei** la-'a-sok ve-tsi-**va**-nu be-mits-votav ki-de-**sha**-nu
of in the to engross and in His has sanctified
Torah words ourselves commanded us commandments us

*Blessed art thou, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who
sanctifies us with Thy commandments and commanded us
to engross ourselves in the words of the Torah.*

*Barukh attah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher
kiddeshanu be'mitzvotav, ve'tzivanu la'asok be'divrei Torah.*

THE PROPHETIC LAWS OF TZARAAT

- In the fourteenth chapter of Vayikra/Leviticus, we are given the laws regarding the issue of *tzaraat* on houses. *Tzaraat* is the Hebrew word often translated as “leprosy”, and it is an affliction that can manifest in three areas:



THE PROPHETIC LAWS OF TZARAAT

- While there are many things to explore regarding the various cases of *tzaraat*, we will mainly be focused on *tzaraat* on houses.
- Before we jump into things and begin to make some connections, let's carefully review the passage regarding *tzaraat* on houses:

Vayikra/Leviticus 14:33-45

SO, LET'S RECAP...

- When a homeowner finds a plague of *tzaraat* in his house, he is to report it to the priest. The house gets emptied, the priest will examine the house, and if it is found that there are ingrained greenish and reddish streaks on the walls of the house, the priest is to go out of the house and shut it up for seven days.



SO, LET'S RECAP...



On the seventh day, the
Priest returns

SO, LET'S RECAP...

- It is at that point, that he is to reexamine the house to see if the plague of *tzaraat* has spread. If it has, the priest is to command that the stones containing *tzaraat* are taken away and discarded in an unclean place outside the city. The interior of the house is then scraped, and the dust is to also be poured out in an unclean place outside the city.



SO, LET'S RECAP...

- New stones and mortar are then brought in and subsequent repairs are made. If the **plague** comes back in the future, the entire house is to be torn down and carried to an unclean place outside the city.



PLAGUE / מגפה

- The Hebrew word translated as “plague” is *nehgah*
- and it can also be translated as “mark”.
- Did you know that our Creator has a mark?

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - The Greatest Commandment
 - “Hear, O Israel: Yahweh your Elohim, Yahweh is one. 5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a **sign** on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

- Exodus 13:9, 16 - The Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - 9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of Yahweh may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand Yahweh has brought you out of Egypt.
 - 16 It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand Yahweh brought us out of Egypt.”

THE SABBATH

- Exodus 31:13, 17 - The Sabbath
 - 13 “You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a **sign** between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, Yahweh, sanctify you.
 - 17 It is a **sign** forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’”

3 - HIS SABBATH

PLAGUE / מגפה

- The Hebrew word translated as “plague” is *nehgah*
- and it can mean “mark”
- Remember the MARK OF THE

BEAST!

- Sabbath
- Not surprisingly, HaSatan also has a mark

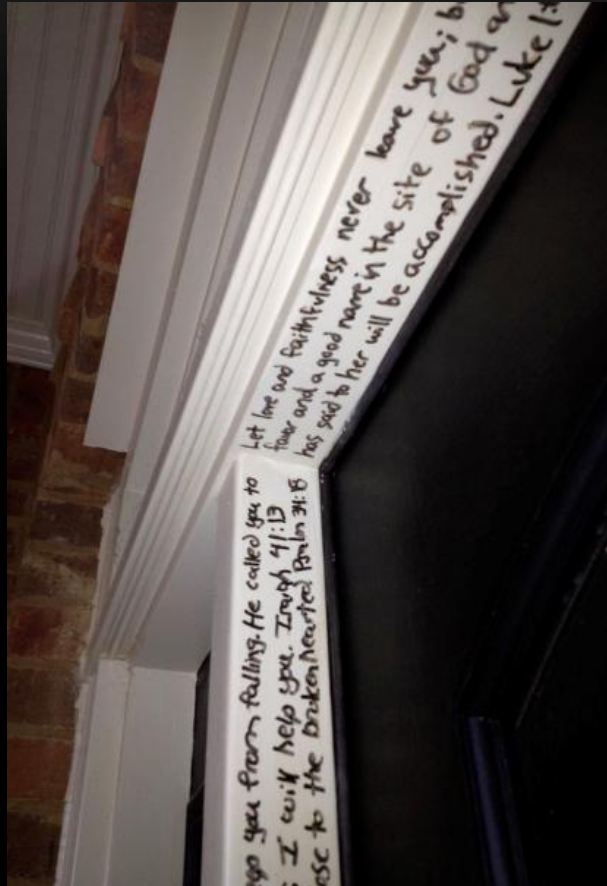
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- Revelation 14:9-11 - The Messages of the Three Angels
 - 9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of Elohim’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the **mark** of its name.”

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- Notice that both marks are located on the hand and forehead, but we are told that YHWH's mark is also to appear on our houses
- Deuteronomy 6:9 (ESV)
 - You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.






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GAN EDEN (THE GARDEN OF EDEN)




- Now that we've laid the foundation, let's explore some possible connections and see if we can also draw some prophetic insight from what we've just learned. Let's go back to the beginning.
- The Garden of Eden
- In B'reisheet/Genesis 1:1, the very first letter that we find is a bet

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Hey	Dalet	Gimmel	Bet	Aleph
ה	ד	ג	ב	א

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- The letter bet is representative of a house

Pictograph	Name	Meaning
	Aleph א	Ox Head Strength First
	Beit ב	House Inside Body/Woman
	Gimmeil ג	Lift Up Camel Carry

GAN EDEN (THE GARDEN OF EDEN)

- Is it mere coincidence that the very first letter in the entirety of Scripture is representative of a house?
- If we continue reading on in the first chapter of Genesis, we are given very important details concerning the creation account.
- Keeping all that we've gone over thus far in mind, let's have a look at Job 38 (pay careful attention to the terminology used)...

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- Job 38:4-10
 - “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or
who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,
when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of
God shouted for joy?
“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the
womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness
its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars
and doors,

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- foundations
- measurements
- stretched the line
- foundations fastened
- laid its cornerstone
- doors
- bars...
- This is none other than house building language.

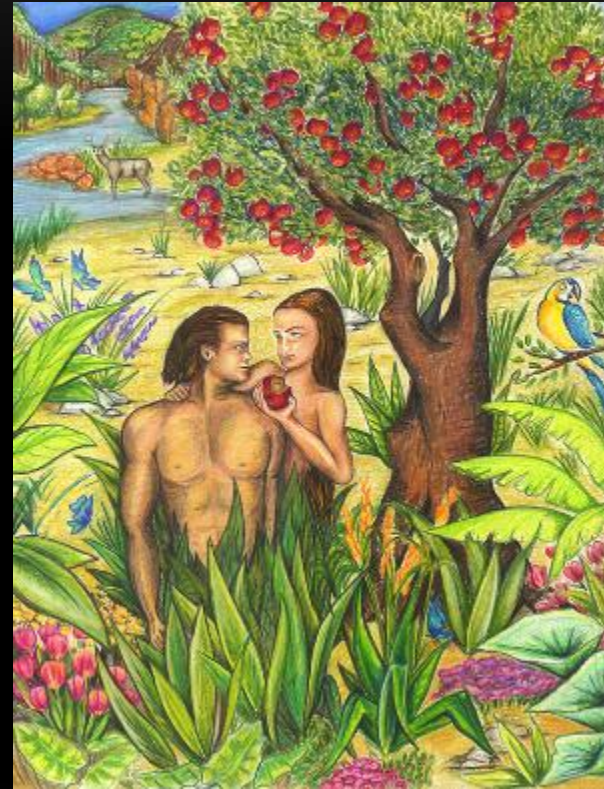


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- As we continue through B'reisheet/Genesis, we come to the third chapter. Up until this point everything on earth (**the House**) was perfect.
 - But serious problems occur when Adam and Eve disobey the simple instructions given to them by YHWH “ **the House Owner** ” and wind up eating that which was prohibited.
 - It is at this point, that sin and death “ **the Plague** ” enter the world “ **the House** ”.
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- The “greenish” or “reddish” plague mentioned in Leviticus could very well be connected with the (green) tree of the knowledge of good and evil (which was *possibly* bearing red fruit).



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- Or it might be tied in to the leaves of a fig tree which were sewn together to cover Adam and Eve after they discovered their nakedness (the fig is a greenish and reddish fruit).



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- Keep in mind that we are also described as the temple (or “house”) of Elohim, so the leaves which covered the skin of Adam and Eve could also be seen as something covering the “walls” of their “house” and be representative of the plague (sin and death) which had just entered the world...
- 2 Corinthians 6:16 (ESV)
 - “And what agreement has the temple of Elohim with idols? For you are the temple of the living Elohim...

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- Additionally, remember that *tzaraat* can also plague garments.
- In the Scriptures, we are told that garments symbolize works of righteousness (Torah obedience), and we do in fact have an instruction which could even be considered a “mark” for our physical garments:
- Psalm 119:172 (ESV)
 - My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.

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- Job 29:14
 - I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban.
 - Isaiah 61:10
 - I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my Elohim, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
 - Revelation 19:8
 - And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
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- Numbers 15:37-40
 - Again, YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of YHWH and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, and that you may remember and do all My commandments and be holy for your Elohim.'

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- But there is yet another connection pointing us back to the Garden. Let's look at the Hebrew word which has been translated as "reddish":
- The word translated as "reddish" is adamdam, and it contains the very name of Adam.



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- So, we have a house that is now afflicted with a plague.
- The next step according to Leviticus 14 is for the owner to notify the priest, who will come and examine the owner's house.
- If YHWH is the Owner of "the House", who would be "the Priest" that comes to examine things?
- Genesis 3:8 (*Targum Onkelos*)
 - And they heard the Voice of the Word of Elohim walking in the garden in the evening of the day;^[21] and Adam and his wife hid themselves from before Yahweh Elohim among the trees of the garden.

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- When they heard the sound of the Memra of Elohim walking in the garden as the day was ending, then Adam and his wife hid from before Yahweh Elohim in the midst of the trees of the garden



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- What is “the Memra”? It is none other than the “Word” of Elohim — the very manifestation of YHWH...
- “‘The Word’, in the sense of the creative or directive word or speech of God manifesting His power in the world of matter or mind...
- In the Targum the Memra figures constantly as the manifestation of the divine power, or as God’s messenger in place of God Himself.
- Like the Shekinah, the Memra is accordingly the manifestation of Elohim. (Jewish Encyclopedia)

A close-up photograph of a human foot, showing the toes and the arch. A semi-transparent red banner is overlaid across the middle of the foot. The text "THE WORD BECAME FLESH" is written in white, serif, all-caps font on the banner. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wooden surface.

THE WORD
BECAME FLESH

A black metal gate with a sign that reads "Garden Closed". The gate is made of dark metal bars, with a central vertical post and two diagonal bars on each side. The sign is a black rectangular plate with a white border, mounted on the central post. Above the sign are two decorative scrollwork ornaments. Below the sign, on the central post, is a decorative scrollwork ornament. The background is a blurred, light-colored wall or fence.

Garden Closed

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- “therefore, YHWH Elohim sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So, He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.” -B’reisheet/Genesis 3:23-24



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- Leviticus 14 then tells us that the house is to be shut up for seven days. With that in mind, consider the following passages...
 - “For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.” -Tehillim/Psalm 90:4
 - “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with Yahweh one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” - 2 Peter 3:8
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- “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.” - Revelation 20:2-3



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- Remember that at the beginning of this study, we briefly touched on the topic of the “Marks” of YHWH and HaSatan? Scripture tells us that YHWH’s mark is His Torah, Festivals, and seventh-day Sabbath, but what about Satan’s mark?



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- Here are a few good clues:
- “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Master will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.” -2 Thessalonians 2:7-8

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- “And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of Elohim and the faith of Yeshua.”

Chazon/Revelation 14:11-12



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- In 2 Thessalonians 2, Paul names the antimessiah as “the lawless one”.
- The word translated as “lawless” is *anomos*, and it is defined as “destitute of Mosaic Law”.
- Remember that in Revelation 14:11, we’re told that those who worship the beast will indeed receive “the mark of his name” and that they will have no rest.
- They chose not to observe YHWH’s Sabbaths. No Sabbath rest for them.

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- Also, note that Paul makes mention of the “mystery of lawlessness” in 2 Thessalonians 2:7. The word translated as “mystery” is the Greek word *mysterion*.
- It can also be translated as “hidden thing” or “secret thing”.
- The mark of Satan is living contrary to our Creator’s Torah, and while the fruit of his mark can certainly be witnessed in the way one lives their life, it is not (at this time) a physical mark that manifests itself on the bodies of those who worship the beast.

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- The mark of Satan is so well “hidden” that there are billions of people who are bearing his mark completely unawares, and in fact, a great many of those who bear his mark even believe that they are servants of YHWH.
- Satan indeed masquerades as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14-15), and he has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9).
- Scripture tells us that while Satan’s mark may remain hidden at this time, that will change in the future when the first bowl of wrath is poured out and those who are carriers of the beast’s mark will be plagued with sores...

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- “So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.” - Revelation 16:2
 - Do you see how all of this is connecting? It is truly remarkable. Here is one more related passage to consider before we move on:
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- “...when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against YHWH...by entering the Temple of YHWH to burn incense... So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of YHWH — valiant men. And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, ‘It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to YHWH, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from YHWH Elohim.’ Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of YHWH...” —

2 Chronicles 26:16-19

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- King Uzziah became proud and transgressed against YHWH's Torah. He desired to do what was right in his own eyes instead of humbly walking in obedience to the commandments of the Creator, and as a result, we see that *tzaraat* broke out on his forehead.
- Once again, we see the strong connection between the mark of the adversary, rebelling against the Torah of YHWH, and *tzaraat*.

NEW BEGINNINGS

- At the end of Yeshua Messiah's 1,000 year reign on earth, Satan will be loosed to stage one final act of rebellion...



NEW BEGINNINGS

- “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohim out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Revelation 20:7-10

NEW BEGINNINGS

- So, we discover that the plague which will be dealt with at the beginning of Yeshua's 1,000-year reign will return, and we must now go back to Leviticus 14 to see what is to take place next:
- “And he shall break down the house, its stones, its timber, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall carry them outside the city to an unclean place.” -Leviticus 14:45
- It is at this point that the plague of *tzaraat* will be dealt with permanently. Satan and death will both be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10, 14) and “the House” will be completely torn down and replaced. There will be a new heaven and a new earth as the “eighth day” (following the seventh 1,000-year period) begins, and we know that the number eight is representative of new beginnings...

NEW BEGINNINGS



Revelation 21:21b (KJV)

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NEW BEGINNINGS

- We are told in Isaiah 46:10 that YHWH declared the end from the beginning. After everything is said and done, in Revelation 22 we find ourselves right back where we started, in Gan Eden with the Tree of Life in our very midst! This time, however, we will forever bear YHWH's mark on our forehead instead of the adversarys, and *tzaraat* will never again plague the house that our Creator built...

NEW BEGINNINGS

- “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the Tree of Life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His Name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for YHWH Elohim gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.” -Revelation 22:1-5

NEW BEGINNINGS

- “He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of Elohim.” -Revelation 19:13
 - I truly hope that you have been blessed by this study, and that you now have an even greater appreciation for the precious Word of our Creator. May He continue to reveal His Truth to all of us as we seek Him diligently with all our heart, soul, and strength.
 - “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” -Jeremiah 29:13
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