

## A Call To Repentance, No Sacrifices' Here in America/Captivity are Accepted

These two study guides will flow one into the other. We will begin by saying that the people of Yah have made mistakes either on purpose, or by poor education in regards to our hard search for our true identity. It is a blessing that in the search for knowledge of ourselves, the spiritual hunger is shaking the bones of Israel.

We must use and exercise caution in our search, while we are beginning to cry and shout with joy about finding ourselves, we must know when and where to apply all of the regulations outlined in the scriptures. This means to know, not guess, when the things that become known to us are to be applied to our daily lives; things such as Holy Days, Festivals, Calendars, Feast Days, and also the past and future significance of even the Passover.

Yah has a plan of redemption for His people and we are to take things day by day, step by step, in righteousness. We are required to know what, where, and how we are to keep the most sacred observances, lest we fall into sin by improperly offering something profane, and repeat the sin of Cain, though we mean good. The following study guide begins to unravel what is looked at by Yah as the most important duty towards him as we wake up and begin to understand our new found identity. We **ALL** must first look at how living amongst foreign nations, and picking up THEIR habits has affected us in all areas of our lives. To be sure,

Yah has prewritten the below scriptures to pull our coats and tell us that something is wrong with our behavior, and **before we can ceremoniously return** to our true customs, we must crawl before we walk in the most simplest terms of what He means, starting with treating each other right, judging according to Yah's laws, and knowing Yah in the true essence of the special Living Creator that He is, so ask yourself WHY does Yah tell us the following scriptures?

### **Isaiah 58:1**

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their **transgression**, and the house of Jacob their sins.

### **Isaiah 43:26**

Put me in remembrance: let us **plead** together: declare you, that you may be justified.

### **Jeremiah 2:9**

Wherefore I will yet **plead** with you, says Yah, and with your children's children will I **plead**.

### **Isaiah 66:16**

For by fire and by his sword will Yah **plead** with all flesh: and the slain of Yah shall be many.

### **Jeremiah 2:35**

Yet you say, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will **plead** with thee, because you say, I have not sinned.

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Many people believe that they lead a pretty clean life, but is it as clean as you think, by whose measuring stick of laws did you judge your own behavior?

### A Call to Repentance

#### (Hosea 6 (New Living Translation))

1 "Come, let us return to Yah. He has torn us to pieces; now he will heal us. He has injured us; **now he will bandage our wounds**. 2 In just a short time he will restore us, (Cleanse us)so that we may live in his presence. 3 **Oh, that we might know Yah!** Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring."

4 "O Israel<sup>[a]</sup> and Judah, what should I do with you?" asks Yah. "For your love vanishes like the morning mist and disappears like dew in the sunlight. 5 I sent my prophets to cut you to pieces—to slaughter you with my words, with judgments as inescapable as light.

6 I want you to show love,<sup>[b]</sup> not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me<sup>[c]</sup> more than I want burnt offerings. 7 But like Adam,<sup>[d]</sup> **you broke my covenant** and betrayed my trust. 8 "Gilead is a city of sinners, tracked with footprints of blood.

(Gilead is the place where Joshua commanded the priest to stand in the Jordan river and the waters parted, but most important is the fact that this is where the people said they would obey Yah, but instead of righteousness, our people COMMIT these things in the following verses;)

9 Priests form bands of robbers, waiting in ambush for their victims. They murder travelers along the road to Shechem and practice every kind of sin. 10 Yes, I have seen something horrible in Ephraim and Israel: My people are defiled by **prostituting themselves** with other Gods!

*(Worshiping in any way but their true Yah given instructions handed down to them through Moses and the Prophets)*

11 "O Judah, a harvest of punishment **is also waiting for you**, though I wanted to restore the fortunes of my people.

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Hosea 6:4](#) Hebrew *Ephraim*, referring to the northern kingdom of Israel.
- b. [Hosea 6:6](#) Greek version reads *to show mercy*.
- c. [Hosea 6:6](#) Hebrew *to know Yah*.
- d. [Hosea 6:7](#) Or *But at Adam*.

## Hosea 7:1-16

### Israel's Love for Wickedness

1 "I want to heal Israel,<sup>[a]</sup> but its sins are too great. Samaria is filled with liars. Thieves are on the inside and bandits on the outside!

When Yah says that he wants to heal Israel, Yah wants to do Israel good, but until we change our behavior, we must not expect to be rewarded for evil low down behavior.

2 Its people don't realize that I am watching them. Their sinful deeds are all around them, and I see them all. 3 "The people entertain the king with their wickedness, and the princes laugh at their lies. 4 They are all adulterers, always aflame with lust. They are like an oven that is kept hot while the baker is kneading the dough. 5 On royal holidays, the princes get drunk with wine, carousing with those who mock them.

6 Their hearts are like an oven blazing with intrigue. Their plot smolders<sup>[b]</sup> through the night, and in the morning it breaks out like a raging fire. 7 Burning like an oven, they consume their leaders. They kill their kings one after another, and no one cries to me for help.

8 "The people of Israel mingle with Godless foreigners, making themselves as worthless as a half-baked cake! 9 Worshiping foreign Gods have sapped their strength, but they don't even know it. **Their hair is gray, but they don't realize they're old and weak.** 10 Their arrogance testifies against them, yet they don't return to Yah their EL or even try to find him. 11 "The people of Israel have become like silly, witless doves, first calling to Egypt, then flying to Assyria for help.

Looking to Egypt could be compared to claiming Egyptian Gods since we have rejected the brainwashing of acceptance of a white God, and even the acceptance of their culture, everything from painting their faces, what we call makeup, to being initiated into secret societies- fraternal orders, to bold outright deviant sexual religious festivals and practices.

12 But as they fly about, I will throw my net over them and bring them down like a bird from the sky. I will punish them for all the evil they do.<sup>[c]</sup> 13 "What sorrow awaits those who have deserted me! Let them die, for they have rebelled against me. I wanted to redeem them, but they have told lies about me. 14 They do not cry out to me with **sincere hearts**. Instead, they sit on their couches and wail. They **cut** themselves,<sup>[d]</sup> begging foreign Gods for grain and new wine, and they turn away from me.

15 I trained them and made them strong, yet now they plot evil against me. 16 They look everywhere except to the Most High. They are as useless as a crooked bow. Their leaders will be killed by their enemies because of their insolence toward me. Then the people of Egypt will laugh at them.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Hosea 7:1](#) Hebrew *Ephraim*, referring to the northern kingdom of Israel; also in 7:8, 11.

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- b. [Hosea 7:6](#) Hebrew *Their baker sleeps*.
- c. [Hosea 7:12](#) Hebrew *I will punish them because of what was reported against them in the assembly*.
- d. [Hosea 7:14](#) As in Greek version; Hebrew reads *They gather together*.

### Hosea 8:1-14

#### Israel Harvests the Whirlwind

1 "Sound the alarm! The enemy descends like an eagle on the people of Yah, for they have **broken my covenant** and revolted **against my law**. 2 Now Israel pleads with me, 'Help us, for you are our God!' 3 But it is too late. The people of Israel have rejected what is good, and now their enemies will chase after them.

4 The people have **appointed kings without my consent, and princes without my knowledge**. By making idols for themselves from their silver and gold, they have brought about their own destruction. 5 "O Samaria, I reject this calf—this idol you have made. My fury burns against you. How long will you be incapable of innocence? 6 This calf you worship, O Israel, was crafted by your own hands! It is not Yah! Therefore, it must be smashed to bits.

7 "**They have planted the wind and will harvest the whirlwind**. The stalks of grain wither and produce nothing to eat. And even if there is any grain, foreigners will eat it. 8 The people of Israel have been swallowed up; they lie among the nations like an old discarded pot. 9 Like a wild donkey looking for a mate, they have gone up to Assyria. The people of Israel<sup>[a]</sup> have sold themselves—sold themselves to many lovers. 10 But though they have sold themselves too many allies, I will now gather them together for judgment. Then they will writhe under the burden of the great king.

11 "Israel has built many altars to take away sin, but these very altars became places for sinning! 12 Even though I gave them all my laws, they act as if those laws don't apply to them. 13 The **people of Israel love their rituals of sacrifice, but to me their sacrifices are all meaningless**. I will hold my people accountable for their sins, and I will punish them. They will return to Egypt. (Slavery) 14 Israel has forgotten its Maker and built great palaces, and Judah has fortified its cities. Therefore, I will send down fire on their cities and will burn up their fortresses."

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Hosea 8:9](#) Hebrew *Ephraim*, referring to the northern kingdom of Israel; also in 8:11.

### Hosea 9:1-17

#### Hosea Announces Israel's Punishment

1 O people of Israel, do not rejoice as other nations do. For you have been unfaithful to your God, hiring yourselves out like prostitutes, worshiping other Gods on every threshing floor.

Threshing floors traditional where located on high elevations. This is an example how they were used; the separation of wheat from the chaff, also these high places was used as monasteries where monks, certain priests, and nuns are said to dedicate their

lives for whatever purpose. While this practice is ok for their people and customs, it was and remains unacceptable to Yah for His people!

2 So now your harvests will be too small to feed you. There will be no grapes for making new wine. 3 You may no longer stay here in Yah's land. Instead, you will return to Egypt, ([Egypt means the land of slavery](#)) and in Assyria you will eat food that is ceremonially unclean. 4 **There you will make no offerings of wine to Yah. None of your sacrifices there will please him. They will be unclean, like food touched by a person in mourning. All who present such sacrifices will be defiled. They may eat this food themselves, but they may not offer it to Yah.** 5 **What then will you do on festival days?** How will you observe Yah's festivals?

6 Even if you escape destruction from Assyria, Egypt will conquer you, and Memphis<sup>[a]</sup> will bury you. Nettles will take over your treasures of silver; thistles will invade your ruined homes. 7 The time of Israel's punishment has come; the day of payment is here. Soon Israel will know this all too well. Because of your great sin and hostility, you say, "The prophets are crazy and the inspired men are fools!"

8 The prophet is a watchman over Israel for my Yah, yet traps are laid for him wherever he goes. **He faces hostility even in the house of Yah.** 9 The things my people do are as depraved as what they did in Gibeah long ago. Yah will not forget. He will surely punish them for their sins. 10 Yah says, "O Israel, when I first found you, it was like finding fresh grapes in the desert. When I saw your ancestors, it was like seeing the first ripe figs of the season. But then they deserted me for Baal-peor, giving themselves to that shameful idol. Soon they became vile, as vile as the God they worshiped.

11 The glory of Israel will fly away like a bird, for your children will not be born or grow in the womb or even be conceived. 12 Even if you do have children who grow up, I will take them from you. It will be a terrible day when I turn away and leave you alone.

13 I have watched Israel become as beautiful as Tyre. But now Israel will bring out her children for slaughter." 14 O Yah, what should I request for your people? I will ask for wombs that don't give birth and breasts that give no milk.

15 Yah says, "**All their wickedness began at Gilgal; there I began to hate them. I will drive them from my land because of their evil actions.** I will love them no more because all their leaders are rebels. 16 The people of Israel are struck down. Their roots are dried up, and they will bear no more fruit. And if they give birth, I will slaughter their beloved children." 17 My Yah will reject the people of Israel because they will not listen or obey. They will be wanderers, homeless among the nations.

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Hosea 9:6](#) Memphis was the capital of northern Egypt.
- b. [Hosea 9:8](#) Hebrew *Ephraim*, referring to the northern kingdom of Israel; also in 9:11, 13, 16.

## Isaiah 1:1-31

**1** These are the visions that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. He saw these visions during the years when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah. <sup>[a]</sup>

### A Message for Rebellious Judah

**2** Listen, O heavens! Pay attention, earth! This is what Yah says: "The children I raised and cared for have rebelled against me. **3** Even an ox knows its owner, and a donkey recognizes its master's care—but Israel doesn't know its master. My people don't recognize my care for them." **4** Oh, what a sinful nation they are—loaded down with a burden of guilt. They are evil people, corrupt children who have rejected Yah. They have despised the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.

**5** Why do you continue to invite punishment? Must you rebel forever? Your head is injured, and your heart is sick. **6** You are battered from head to foot—covered with bruises, welts, and infected wounds—without any soothing ointments or bandages.

**7** Your country lies in ruins, and your towns are burned. Foreigners plunder your fields before your eyes and destroy everything they see. **8** Beautiful Jerusalem<sup>[b]</sup> stands abandoned like a watchman's shelter in a vineyard, like a lean-to in a cucumber field after the harvest, like a helpless city under siege. **9** If Yah of Heaven's Armies had not spared a few of us, <sup>[c]</sup> we would have been wiped out like Sodom, destroyed like Gomorrah.

**10** Listen to Yah, you leaders of "Sodom." Listen to the law of our Yah, people of "Gomorrah." **11** "What makes you think I want all your sacrifices?" says Yah. "I am sick of your burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fattened cattle. I get no pleasure from the **blood** of bulls and lambs and goats.

**12** When you come to worship me, who asked you to parade through my courts with all your ceremony? **13** Stop bringing me your meaningless gifts; the incense of your offerings disgusts me! As for your celebrations of the new moon and the Sabbath and your special days for fasting—they are all sinful and false. I want no more of your pious meetings. **14** I hate your new moon celebrations and your annual festivals. They are a burden to me. I cannot stand them!

**15** When you lift up your hands in prayer, I will not look. Though you offer many prayers, I will not listen, for your hands are covered with the blood of innocent victims. **16** Wash yourselves and be clean! Get your sins out of my sight. Give up your evil ways. **17** Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.

**18** "Come now, let's settle this," says Yah. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool. **19** If you will only obey me, you will have plenty to eat.

**20** But if you turn away and refuse to listen, you will be devoured by the sword of your enemies. I, Yah, have spoken!"

### **Unfaithful Jerusalem**

**21** See how Jerusalem, once so faithful, has become a prostitute. Once the home of justice and righteousness, she is now filled with murderers. **22** Once like pure silver, you have become like worthless slag. Once so pure, you are now like watered-down wine. **23** Your leaders are rebels, the companions of thieves. All of them love bribes and demand payoffs, but they refuse to defend the cause of orphans or fight for the rights of widows.

**24** Therefore, Yah, Yah of Heaven's Armies, the Mighty One of Israel, says, "I will take revenge on my enemies and pay back my foes! **25** I will raise my fist against you. I will melt you down and skim off your slag. I will remove all your impurities. **26** Then I will give you good judges again and wise counselors like you used to have. Then Jerusalem will again be called the Home of Justice and the Faithful City."

**27** Zion will be restored by justice; those who repent will be revived by righteousness. **28** But rebels and sinners will be completely destroyed, and those who desert Yah will be consumed. **29** You will be ashamed of your idol worship in groves of sacred oaks. You will blush because you worshiped in gardens dedicated to idols. **30** You will be like a great tree with withered leaves, like a garden without water. **31** The strongest among you will disappear like straw; their evil deeds will be the spark that sets it on fire. They and their evil works will burn up together, and no one will be able to put out the fire.

### **Footnotes:**

- a. [Isaiah 1:1](#) These kings reigned from 792 to 686 b.c.
- b. [Isaiah 1:8](#) Hebrew *The daughter of Zion*.
- c. [Isaiah 1:9](#) Greek version reads *a few of our children*. Compare Rom 9:29.

### **Conclusion:**

#### **Psalm 82:1-8**

#### **A Plea for Righteous Judgment**

#### **A psalm of Asaph. <sup>(A)</sup>**

**1** Yah has taken His place in the divine assembly; He judges among the Gods: <sup>(B)</sup> <sup>[a]</sup> **2**  
"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? <sup>(C)</sup>  
*Selah*

**3** Provide justice for the needy and the fatherless; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. <sup>(D)</sup> **4** Rescue the poor and needy; save them from the hand of the wicked." <sup>(E)</sup>

**5** They do not know or understand; they wander in darkness. <sup>(E)</sup> All the foundations of the earth are shaken. <sup>(G)</sup> **6** I said, "You are Gods; <sup>(H)</sup> you are all sons of the Most High. <sup>(I)</sup>

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**7** However, you will die like men and fall like any other ruler." <sup>(J)</sup> **8** Rise up, Yah, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to You. <sup>(K)</sup>

### Footnotes:

- a. [Psalm 82:1](#) Either heavenly beings or earthly rulers

### Cross references:

- A. [Psalm 82:1](#) : [1Ch 16:5](#); , [7](#);
- B. [Psalm 82:1](#) : [Jb 21:22](#); [Ps 7:8](#); [58:11](#);
- C. [Psalm 82:2](#) : [Dt 1:17](#); [Pr 18:5](#); [Mal 2:9](#);
- D. [Psalm 82:3](#) : [Dt 24:17](#); [Is 11:4](#); [Jr 22:16](#);
- E. [Psalm 82:4](#) : [Jb 29:12](#); [Pr 24:11](#);
- F. [Psalm 82:5](#) : [Pr 2:13](#); [Is 44:18](#);
- G. [Psalm 82:5](#) : [Ps 11:3](#);
- H. [Psalm 82:6](#) : [Jn 10:34](#);
- I. [Psalm 82:6](#) : [Ps 82:1](#); [Lk 6:35](#);
- J. [Psalm 82:7](#) : [Ps 49:12](#);
- K. [Psalm 82:8](#) : [Ps 58:11](#); [96:13](#);

## Psalm 82

### An Asaph Psalm

**1** Yah calls the judges into his courtroom, he puts all the judges in the dock.

**2-4** "Enough! You've corrupted justice long enough, you've let the wicked get away with murder. You're here to defend the defenseless, to make sure that underdogs get a fair break; Your job is to stand up for the powerless, and prosecute all those who exploit them."

**5** Ignorant judges! Head-in-the-sand judges! They haven't a clue to what's going on. And now everything's falling apart, the world's coming unglued.

**6-7** "I commissioned you judges, each one of you, deputies of the High Yah, But you've betrayed your commission and now you're stripped of your rank, busted." **8** O Yah, give them their just deserts! You've got the whole world in your hands!

### Beauty and Bands

#### Psalms 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter

**1** Yah is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack. **2** He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters. <sup>(A)</sup> **3** He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him--not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.

**4** Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; **Your rod** [to protect] and **Your staff** [to guide], they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with <sup>[a]</sup>oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

**6** Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of Yah [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

## Revelation 12

### The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon (the woman is Israel)

**1** A great sign <sup>[a]</sup> appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head. <sup>(A)</sup> **2** She was pregnant and cried out in labor and agony to give birth. **3** Then another sign <sup>[b]</sup> appeared in heaven: There was a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and 10 horns, <sup>(B)</sup> and on his heads were seven diadems. <sup>[c]</sup> **4** His tail swept away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them to the earth. <sup>(C)</sup> And the dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she did give birth he might devour her child. **5** But she gave birth to a Son—a male who is going to shepherd <sup>[d]</sup> all nations with an iron scepter <sup>(D)</sup> — and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. **6** The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by Yah, <sup>(E)</sup> to be fed there <sup>[e]</sup> for 1,260 days. <sup>(E)</sup>

### The Dragon Thrown Out of Heaven

**7** Then war broke out in heaven: Michael <sup>(G)</sup> and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, **8** but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer. **9** So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, <sup>(H)</sup> who is called the Devil <sup>[f]</sup> and Satan, <sup>(I)</sup> <sup>[g]</sup> the one who deceives the whole world. <sup>(J)</sup> He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

**10** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our Yah and the authority of His Messiah have now come, because the accuser <sup>(K)</sup> of our brothers has been thrown out: the one who accuses them before Yah day and night. **11** They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not love their lives in the face of death. <sup>(L)</sup> **12** Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the earth and the sea, for the Devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows he has a short time.

### The Woman Persecuted

**13** When the dragon saw that he had been thrown to earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male. **14** The woman was given two wings of a great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent's presence to her place in the wilderness, where she was fed for a time, times, and half a time. <sup>(M)</sup> <sup>[h]</sup> **15** From his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away in a torrent. **16** But the earth helped the woman: the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the

dragon had spewed from his mouth. **17** So the dragon was furious with the woman and left to wage war <sup>(N)</sup> against the rest of her offspring <sup>(U)</sup> —those who keep the commandments of Yah and have the testimony about Yah's anointed. <sup>(Q)</sup> **18** He <sup>(U)</sup> stood on the sand of the sea. <sup>(K)</sup>

**Footnotes:**

- a. [Revelation 12:1](#) Or *great symbolic display*; see [Rv 12:3]
- b. [Revelation 12:3](#) Or *another symbolic display*
- c. [Revelation 12:3](#) Or *crowns*
- d. [Revelation 12:5](#) Or *rule*
- e. [Revelation 12:6](#) Lit *God, that they might feed her there*
- f. [Revelation 12:9](#) Gk *diabolos*, meaning slanderer
- g. [Revelation 12:9](#) Hb word meaning adversary
- h. [Revelation 12:14](#) An expression occurring in [Dn 7:25]; [12:7] that means 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> years or 42 months ([Rv 11:2]; [13:5]) or 1,260 days ([Rv 11:3])
- i. [Revelation 12:17](#) Or *seed*
- j. [Revelation 12:18](#) Other mss read *I*. "He" is apparently a reference to the dragon.
- k. [Revelation 12:18](#) Some translations put [Rv 12:18] either in [Rv 12:17] or [Rv 13:1].

**Cross references:**

- A. [Revelation 12:1](#) : [Gn 37:9-10](#);
- B. [Revelation 12:3](#) : [Dn 7:7](#);
- C. [Revelation 12:4](#) : [Dn 8:10](#);
- D. [Revelation 12:5](#) : [Ps 2:7-9](#); [Rv 19:15](#);
- E. [Revelation 12:6](#) : [1Kg 19:3-8](#);
- F. [Revelation 12:6](#) : [Dn 12:11](#); [Rv 11:3](#); [12:14](#); [13:5](#);
- G. [Revelation 12:7](#) : [Dn 10:13](#); [21](#); [12:1](#);
- H. [Revelation 12:9](#) : [Gn 3:1](#);
- I. [Revelation 12:9](#) : [Lk 10:18](#); [Rm 16:20](#); [Rv 2:9](#); [3:9](#); [20:2](#); [7](#);
- J. [Revelation 12:9](#) : [1Tm 5:15](#);
- K. [Revelation 12:10](#) : [Jb 1:9-11](#); [Zch 3:1](#);
- L. [Revelation 12:11](#) : [Jn 12:25](#);
- M. [Revelation 12:14](#) : [Dn 7:25](#); [12:7](#); [Rv 11:2](#); [13:5](#);
- N. [Revelation 12:17](#) : [Rv 11:7](#); [13:7](#);
- O. [Revelation 12:17](#) : [Rv 1:2](#); [9](#); [19:10](#); [20:4](#);

**Zechariah 11**

**1-3** Open your borders to the immigrants, proud Lebanon! Your sentinel trees will burn. Weep, great pine trees! Mourn, you sister cedars! Your towering trees are cordwood. Weep Bashan oak trees! Your thick forest is now a field of stumps. Do you hear the wailing of shepherds? They've lost everything they once owned. Do you hear the outrage of the lions? The mighty jungle of the Jordan is wasted. Make **room for the returning exiles!**

## **Breaking the Beautiful Covenant**

**4-5** God commanded me, "Shepherd the sheep that are soon to be slaughtered. The people who buy them will butcher them for quick and easy money. What's worse, they'll get away with it. The people who sell them will say, 'Lucky me! God's on my side; I've got it made!' They have shepherds who couldn't care less about them."

**6** God's Decree: "I'm washing my hands of the people of this land. From now on they're all on their own. It's dog-eat-dog, survival of the fittest, and the devil take the hindmost. Don't look for help from me."

**7-8** So I took over from the crass, money-grubbing owners, and shepherded the sheep marked for slaughter. I got myself two shepherd staffs. I named one Lovely and the other Harmony. Then I went to work shepherding the sheep. Within a month I got rid of the corrupt shepherds. I got tired of putting up with them—and they couldn't stand me.

**9** And then I got tired of the sheep and said, "I've had it with you—no more shepherding from me. If you die, you die; if you're attacked, you're attacked. Whoever survives can eat what's left."

**10-11** Then I took the staff named Lovely and broke it across my knee, breaking the beautiful covenant I had made with all the peoples. In one stroke, both staff and covenant were broken. The money-hungry owners saw me do it and knew God was behind it.

**12** Then I addressed them: "Pay me what you think I'm worth." They paid me an insulting sum, counting out thirty silver coins.

**13** God told me, "Throw it in the poor box." This stingy wage was all they thought of me and my work! So I took the thirty silver coins and threw them into the poor box in God's Temple.

**14** Then I broke the other staff, Harmony, across my knee, breaking the concord between Judah and Israel.

**15-16** God then said, "Dress up like a stupid shepherd. I'm going to install just such a shepherd in this land—a shepherd indifferent to victims, who ignores the lost, abandons the injured, and disdains decent citizens. He'll only be in it for what he can get out of it, using and abusing any and all.

**17** "Doom to you, useless shepherd, walking off and leaving the sheep! A curse on your arm! A curse on your right eye! Your arm will hang limp and useless. Your right eye will go stone blind."

## **Zechariah 11**

**1** OPEN YOUR doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars! **2**Wail, O fir tree and cypress, for the cedar has fallen, because the glorious and lofty trees are laid waste! Wail, O you oaks of Bashan, for the thick and inaccessible forest [on the steep mountainside] has in flames been felled!

**3** A voice of the wailing of the shepherds, for their glory, the broad pasturage, is laid waste! A voice of the roaring of young lions, for the pride of the Jordan [the jungle or thickets] is ruined! **4**Thus says Yah my God: Shepherd the flock [destined] for slaughter,

**5** Whose buyers or possessors slay them and hold themselves not guilty; and they who sell them say, Blessed be Yah, for I have become rich! And their own shepherds neither pity nor spare them [from the wolves].

**6**For I will no more pity or spare the inhabitants of the land, says Yah; but behold, I will deliver every man into his neighbor's hand and into the hand of his [foreign] king. And [the enemy] shall lay waste the land, and I will not deliver [the people] out of the hand [of the foreign oppressor].

**7** So I [Zechariah] shepherded the flock of slaughter, truly [as the name implies] the most miserable of sheep. And I took two [shepherd's] staffs, the one I called Beauty or Grace and the other I called Bands or Union; and I fed and shepherded the flock.

**8**And I cut off the three shepherds [the civil authorities, the priests, and the prophets] in one month, for I was weary and impatient with them, and they also loathed me. <sup>(A)</sup>

**9**So I [Zechariah] said, I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die, and what is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed; and let the survivors devour one another's flesh.

**10**And I took my staff, Beauty or Grace, and broke it in pieces to show that I was annulling the covenant or agreement which I had made with all the peoples [not to molest them].

**11**So the covenant was annulled on that day, and thus the most wretched of the flock and the traffickers in the sheep who were watching me knew (recognized and understood) that it was truly the word of Yah.

**12**And I said to them, If it seems just and right to you, give me my wages; but if not, withhold them. So they weighed out for my price thirty pieces of silver.

**13**And Yah said to me, Cast it to the potter [as if He said, To the dogs!]-the munificently [miserable] sum at which I [and My shepherd] am priced by them! And I [Zechariah] took the thirty pieces of silver and cast them to the potter in the house of Yah. <sup>(B)</sup>

**14**Then I broke into pieces my other staff, Bands or Union, indicating that I was annulling the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

**15**And Yah said to me, Take up once more the implements [the staff and rod of a shepherd, but this time] of a worthless and wicked shepherd. <sup>(C)</sup>

**16**For behold, I will raise up a false shepherd in the land; the lost and perishing he will not miss or visit, the young and scattered he will not go to seek, the wounded and broken he will not heal, nor will he feed those that are sound and strong; but he will eat the flesh of the fat ones and break off their hoofs [to consume all the flesh].

**17**Woe to the worthless and foolish shepherd who deserts the flock! The sword shall smite his arm and his right eye; his arm shall be utterly withered and his right eye utterly blinded. <sup>(D)</sup>

#### **Cross references:**

- A. [Zechariah 11:8](#) : [Jer 2:8, 26; 18:18](#)
- B. [Zechariah 11:13](#) : [Matt 26:14, 15; 27:3-10](#)
- C. [Zechariah 11:15](#) : [Ezek 34:2-6](#)
- D. [Zechariah 11:17](#) : [Jer 23:1; John 10:12, 13](#)

## **Daniel 7**

### **Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts**

**1** In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream with visions in his mind <sup>(A)</sup> as he was lying in his bed. He wrote down the dream, <sup>(B)</sup> and here is the summary <sup>[a]</sup> of his account. **2** Daniel said, "In my vision at night I was watching, and suddenly the four winds of heaven <sup>(C)</sup> stirred up the great sea. **3** Four huge beasts <sup>(D)</sup> came up from the sea, <sup>(E)</sup> each different from the other.

**4** "The first was like a lion <sup>(E)</sup> but had eagle's wings. I continued watching until its wings were torn off. It was lifted up from the ground, set on its feet like a man, and given a human mind.

**5** "Suddenly, another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. <sup>(G)</sup> It was raised up on one side, with three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up! Gorge yourself on flesh.'

**6** "While I was watching, another beast appeared. It was like a leopard <sup>(H)</sup> with four wings of a bird on its back. It had four heads <sup>(I)</sup> and was given authority to rule.

**7** "While I was watching in the night visions, a fourth beast <sup>(J)</sup> appeared, frightening and dreadful, and incredibly strong, with large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and it trampled with its feet whatever was left. It was different from all the beasts before it, and it had 10 horns. <sup>(K)</sup>

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**8** "While I was considering the horns, suddenly another horn, <sup>(L)</sup> a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. There were eyes in this horn like a man's, and it had a mouth that spoke arrogantly. <sup>(M)</sup>

### The Ancient of Days and the Son of Man

**9** "As I kept watching, thrones were set in place, <sup>(N)</sup> and the Ancient of Days took His seat. His clothing was white like snow, <sup>(O)</sup> and the hair of His head like whitest wool. <sup>(P)</sup> His throne was flaming fire; <sup>(Q)</sup> its wheels were blazing fire. <sup>(R)</sup>

**10** A river of fire was flowing, coming out from His presence. Thousands upon thousands <sup>(S)</sup> served Him; ten thousand times ten thousand <sup>(T)</sup> stood before Him. The court was convened, <sup>(U)</sup> and the books were opened. <sup>(V)</sup>

**11** "I watched, then, because of the sound of the arrogant words the horn was speaking. As I continued watching, the beast was killed and its body destroyed and given over to the burning fire. <sup>(W)</sup> **12** As for the rest of the beasts, their authority to rule was removed, but an extension of life was granted to them for a certain period of time. <sup>(X)</sup> **13** I continued watching in the night visions, and I saw One like a son of man <sup>(Y)</sup> coming with the clouds of heaven. <sup>(Z)</sup> He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before Him.

**14** He was given authority to rule, <sup>(AA)</sup> and glory, and a kingdom; so that those of every people, nation, and language <sup>(AB)</sup> should serve <sup>(AC)</sup> Him. His dominion is an everlasting <sup>(AD)</sup> dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

### Interpretation of the Vision

**15** "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was deeply distressed within me, <sup>[b]</sup> and the visions in my mind terrified me. <sup>(AE)</sup> **16** I approached one of those who were standing by and asked him <sup>(AF)</sup> the true meaning of all this. So he let me know the interpretation of these things: <sup>(AG)</sup> **17** 'These huge beasts, four in number, are four kings who will rise from the earth. **18** But the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess it forever, yes, forever and ever. <sup>(AH)</sup> '

**19** "Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, <sup>(AI)</sup> the one different from all the others, extremely terrifying, with iron teeth and bronze claws, devouring, crushing, and trampling with its feet whatever was left. **20** [I also wanted to know] about the 10 horns <sup>(AJ)</sup> on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three fell—the horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke arrogantly, <sup>(AK)</sup> and that was more visible than the others. **21** As I was watching, this horn made war <sup>(AL)</sup> with the holy ones and was prevailing over them **22** until the Ancient of Days arrived and a judgment <sup>(AM)</sup> was given in favor of the holy ones of the Most High, for the time had come, and the holy ones took possession of the kingdom.

**23** "This is what he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, different from all the other kingdoms. It will devour the whole earth, trample it down, and crush it. **24** The 10 horns <sup>(AN)</sup> are 10 kings who will rise from this kingdom.

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Another, different from the previous ones, will rise after them and subdue three kings. **25** He will speak words against the Most High <sup>(AO)</sup> and oppress <sup>[c]</sup> the holy ones <sup>(AP)</sup> of the Most High. He will intend to change religious festivals <sup>[d]</sup> and laws, <sup>(AQ)</sup> and the holy ones will be handed over to him for a time, times, and half a time. <sup>(AR)</sup> <sup>[e]</sup> **26** But the court will convene, <sup>(AS)</sup> and his dominion will be taken away, to be completely destroyed forever. <sup>(AT)</sup> **27** The kingdom, dominion, and greatness of the kingdoms under all of heaven will be given to the people, the holy ones of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, <sup>(AU)</sup> and all rulers will serve and obey Him.'

**28** "This is the end of the interpretation. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts terrified me greatly, <sup>(AV)</sup> and my face turned pale, <sup>[f]</sup> but I kept the matter to myself." <sup>(AW)</sup>

### Footnotes:

- a. [Daniel 7:1](#) Lit *beginning*
- b. [Daniel 7:15](#) Lit *was distressed in the middle of its sheath*
- c. [Daniel 7:25](#) Lit *wear out*
- d. [Daniel 7:25](#) Lit *change times*
- e. [Daniel 7:25](#) Or *for three and a half years*
- f. [Daniel 7:28](#) Lit *my brightness changed on me; [Dn 5:6], [9-10]*

### Cross references:

- A. [Daniel 7:1](#) : [Jb 33:14-16](#); [Dn 1:17](#); [2:1](#); [4:5-9](#); [Jl 2:28](#);
- B. [Daniel 7:1](#) : [Jr 36:4](#); [32](#);
- C. [Daniel 7:2](#) : [Ezk 37:9](#); [Zch 2:6](#); [Rv 7:1](#);
- D. [Daniel 7:3](#) : [Dn 7:17](#);
- E. [Daniel 7:3](#) : [Rv 13:1](#); [17:8](#);
- F. [Daniel 7:4](#) : [Jr 4:7](#); [25:9](#); [Rv 13:2](#);
- G. [Daniel 7:5](#) : [Rv 13:2](#);
- H. [Daniel 7:6](#) : [Hab 1:8](#); [Rv 13:2](#);
- I. [Daniel 7:6](#) : [Dn 8:22](#);
- J. [Daniel 7:7](#) : [Dn 7:19](#); [23](#);
- K. [Daniel 7:7](#) : [Dn 7:20](#); [24](#); [Rv 12:3](#); [13:1](#);
- L. [Daniel 7:8](#) : [Dn 7:11](#); [20-26](#); [8:9](#);
- M. [Daniel 7:8](#) : [Rv 13:5](#); [6](#);
- N. [Daniel 7:9](#) : [Mt 19:28](#); [Rv 20:4](#);
- O. [Daniel 7:9](#) : [Mk 9:3](#);
- P. [Daniel 7:9](#) : [Is 1:18](#); [Rv 1:14](#);
- Q. [Daniel 7:9](#) : [Ezk 1:13](#); [26](#);
- R. [Daniel 7:9](#) : [Ezk 10:2](#); [6](#);
- S. [Daniel 7:10](#) : [Dt 33:2](#); [1Kg 22:19](#); [Rv 5:11](#);
- T. [Daniel 7:10](#) : [Ps 96:11-13](#); [Rv 9:16](#);
- U. [Daniel 7:10](#) : [Dn 7:26](#);
- V. [Daniel 7:10](#) : [Dn 12:1](#); [Rv 20:11-15](#);
- W. [Daniel 7:11](#) : [Dn 7:26](#); [Rv 19:20](#); [20:10](#);
- X. [Daniel 7:12](#) : [Ps 75:6-7](#); [Dn 2:21](#);
- Y. [Daniel 7:13](#) : [Mt 16:27-28](#); [24:30](#); [Lk 21:27](#); [Ac 7:56](#); [Rv 1:7](#); [13](#); [14:14](#);

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- Z. [Daniel 7:13](#) : [Mt 26:64](#); [Mk 13:26](#); [14:62](#);
- AA. [Daniel 7:14](#) : [Jn 3:35](#); [1Co 15:27](#); [Eph 1:20-22](#); [Php 2:9](#); [Rv 1:6](#); [11:15](#);
- BB. [Daniel 7:14](#) : [Ps 72:11](#); [102:22](#); [Rv 10:11](#);
- CC. [Daniel 7:14](#) : [Dn 3:14](#); [17-18](#); [28](#); [6:17](#); [21](#); [7:27](#);
- DD. [Daniel 7:14](#) : [Heb 12:28](#);
- EE. [Daniel 7:15](#) : [Dn 4:19](#); [7:1](#); [28](#);
- FF. [Daniel 7:16](#) : [Zch 1:9](#); [19](#); [Rv 5:5](#); [7:13-14](#);
- GG. [Daniel 7:16](#) : [Dn 7:3](#);
- HH. [Daniel 7:18](#) : [Ps 149:5-9](#); [Is 60:12-14](#); [Rv 2:26-27](#); [11:15](#); [22:5](#);
- II. [Daniel 7:19](#) : [Dn 7:7-8](#);
- JJ. [Daniel 7:20](#) : [Rv 12:3](#);
- KK. [Daniel 7:20](#) : [Dn 7:8](#); [2Th 2:9-10](#);
- LL. [Daniel 7:21](#) : [Rv 11:7](#); [13:7](#);
- MM. [Daniel 7:22](#) : [Dn 7:10](#); [1Co 6:2-3](#);
- NN. [Daniel 7:24](#) : [Dn 7:7](#); [Rv 17:12](#);
- OO. [Daniel 7:25](#) : [Dn 11:36](#); [Rv 13:1-6](#);
- PP. [Daniel 7:25](#) : [Rv 13:7](#); [18:24](#);
- QQ. [Daniel 7:25](#) : [Dn 2:21](#);
- RR. [Daniel 7:25](#) : [Dn 12:7](#); [Rv 11:2](#); [12:14](#);
- SS. [Daniel 7:26](#) : [Dn 7:10](#);
- TT. [Daniel 7:26](#) : [Rv 17:14](#); [19:20](#);
- UU. [Daniel 7:27](#) : [Ps 145:13](#); [Is 9:7](#); [Lk 1:33](#); [Rv 11:15](#); [22:5](#);
- VV. [Daniel 7:28](#) : [Dn 4:19](#);

[Daniel 7:28](#) : [Lk 2:19](#); [51](#);

### Daniel 7

#### A Vision of Four Animals

**1** In the first year of the reign of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream. What he saw as he slept in his bed terrified him—a real nightmare. Then he wrote out his dream:

**2-3** "In my dream that night I saw the four winds of heaven whipping up a great storm on the sea. Four huge animals, each different from the others, ascended out of the sea.

**4** "The first animal looked like a lion, but it had the wings of an eagle. While I watched, its wings were pulled off. It was then pulled erect so that it was standing on two feet like a man. Then a human heart was placed in it.

**5** "Then I saw a second animal that looked like a bear. It lurched from side to side, holding three ribs in its jaws. It was told, 'Attack! Devour! Fill your belly!'

**6** "Next I saw another animal. This one looked like a panther. It had four birdlike wings on its back. This animal had four heads and was made to rule.

**7** "After that, a fourth animal appeared in my dream. This one was a grisly horror—hideous. It had huge iron teeth. It crunched and swallowed its victims. Anything left over, it trampled into the ground. It was different from the other animals—this one was a real monster. It had ten horns.

**8** "As I was staring at the horns and trying to figure out what they meant, another horn sprouted up, a little horn. Three of the original horns were pulled out to make room for it. There were human eyes in this little horn, and a big mouth speaking arrogantly.

**9-10** "As I was watching all this, "Thrones were set in place and The Ancient of days sat down. His robes were white as snow, his hair was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, its wheels blazing. A river of fire poured out of the throne. Thousands upon thousands served him, tens of thousands attended him. The courtroom was called to order, and the books were opened.

**11-13** "I kept watching. The little horn was speaking arrogantly. Then, as I watched, the monster was killed and its body cremated in a roaring fire. The other animals lived on for a limited time, but they didn't really do anything, had no power to rule. My dream continued.

**13-14**"I saw a human form, a son of man, arriving in a whirl of clouds. He came to The Old One and was presented to him. He was given power to rule—all the glory of royalty. Everyone—race, color, and creed—had to serve him. His rule would be forever, never ending. His kingly rule would never be replaced.

**15-16** "But as for me, Daniel, I was disturbed. All these dream-visions had me agitated. So I went up to one of those standing by and asked him the meaning of all this. And he told me, interpreting the dream for me:

**17-18** "'These four huge animals,' he said, 'mean that four kingdoms will appear on earth. But eventually the holy people of the High God will be given the kingdom and have it ever after—yes, forever and ever.'

**19-22** "But I wanted to know more. I was curious about the fourth animal, the one so different from the others, the hideous monster with the iron teeth and the bronze claws, gulping down what it ripped to pieces and trampling the leftovers into the dirt. And I wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and the other horn that sprouted up while three of the original horns were removed. This new horn had eyes and a big mouth and spoke arrogantly, dominating the other horns. I watched as this horn was making war on God's holy people and getting the best of them. But then The Old One intervened and decided things in favor of the people of the High God. In the end, God's holy people took over the kingdom.

**23-25** "The bystander continued, telling me this: 'The fourth animal is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from the first three kingdoms, a monster kingdom that will chew up everyone in sight and spit them out. The ten horns are ten kings, one after another, that will come from this kingdom. But then another king will arrive. He will be different from the earlier kings. He will begin by toppling

three kings. Then he will blaspheme the High God, persecute the followers of the High God, and try to get rid of sacred worship and moral practice. God's holy people will be persecuted by him for a time, two times, half a time.

**26-27** "But when the court comes to order, the horn will be stripped of its power and totally destroyed. Then the royal rule and the authority and the glory of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the people of the High God. Their royal rule will last forever. All other rulers will serve and obey them.'

**28** "And there it ended. I, Daniel, was in shock. I was like a man who had seen a ghost. But I kept it all to myself."

The people of Israel are purged by the worst events in the history of mankind, this period of purging will last 3 ½ years as we count time. A major development will be the arrival of the chosen servant of Yah who will be the [Prince](#) or Son of Man in the end days. Furious over the fact that this man survives every attempt by evil forces to suffocate the life's work of this chosen man, this man had decided to turn his life around and be an example to the rest of his people to show them that trusting in Yah would be rewarded by them becoming a nation again, this man identity as the adopted son of Yah will not revealed until the appropriate time and place. It is a time of unprecedented trouble on earth;

## Daniel 12

### The Worst Trouble the World Has Ever Seen

**1-2**"That's when Michael, the great angel-prince, champion of your people, will step in. It will be a time of trouble, the worst trouble the world has ever seen. But your people will be saved from the trouble, every last one found written in the Book. Many who have been long dead and buried will wake up, some to eternal life, others to eternal shame.

**3** "Men and women who have lived wisely and well will shine brilliantly, like the cloudless, star-strewn night skies. And those who put others on the right path to life will glow like stars forever.

**4** "This is a confidential report, Daniel, for your eyes and ears only. Keep it secret. Put the book under lock and key until the end. In the interim there is going to be a lot of frantic running around, trying to figure out what's going on.'

**5-6** "As I, Daniel, took all this in, two figures appeared, one standing on this bank of the river and one on the other bank. One of them asked a third man who was dressed in linen and who straddled the river, 'How long is this astonishing story to go on?'

**7** "The man dressed in linen, who straddled the river, raised both hands to the skies. I heard him solemnly swear by the Eternal One that it would be a time, two times, and

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half a time, that when the oppressor of the holy people was brought down the story would be complete.

**8** "I heard all this plainly enough, but I didn't understand it. So I asked, 'Master, can you explain this to me?'

**9-10** "'Go on about your business, Daniel,' he said. 'The message is confidential and under lock and key until the end, until things are about to be wrapped up. The populace will be washed clean and made like new. But the wicked will just keep on being wicked, without a clue about what is happening. Those who live wisely and well will understand what's going on.'

**11** "From the time that the daily worship is banished from the Temple and the obscene desecration is set up in its place, there will be **1,290** days.

**12** "Blessed are those who patiently make it through the **1,335** days. (**45 days** difference)

**13** "And you? Go about your business without fretting or worrying. Relax. When it's all over, you will be on your feet to receive your reward."

This man is no secret to Yah, and Yah announces this mans arrival and nativity or birth through clues;

### [Isaiah 44:2](#)

This is what Yah says— he who made you, who formed you in the **womb**, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have **chosen**.

### **Ezekiel 16:**

**1-3** 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, (**white people**). Your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

This man challenges the evil leadership of Israel;

### **Ezekiel 8**

#### **The Spirit Carried Me in Visions**

**1-4** In the sixth year, in the sixth month and the fifth day, while I was sitting at home **meeting with the leaders of Judah**, it happened that the hand of my Master, God, gripped me. When I looked, I was astonished. What I saw looked like a man—from the waist down like fire and from the waist up like highly burnished bronze. He reached out what looked like a hand and grabbed me by the hair. The Spirit swept me high in the air and carried me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the Temple's inside court where the image of the sex goddess that makes God so angry

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had been set up. Right before me was the Glory of the God of Israel, exactly like the vision I had seen out on the plain.

**5** He said to me, "Son of man, look north." I looked north and saw it: Just north of the entrance loomed the altar of the sex goddess, Asherah, that makes God so angry.

**6** Then he said, "Son of man, do you see what they're doing? Outrageous obscenities! And doing them right here! It's enough to drive me right out of my own Temple. But you're going to see worse yet."

**7** He brought me to the door of the Temple court. I looked and saw a gaping hole in the wall.

**8** He said, "Son of man, dig through the wall." I dug through the wall and came upon a door.

**9** He said, "Now walk through the door and take a look at the obscenities they're engaging in."

**10-11** I entered and looked. I couldn't believe my eyes: Painted all over the walls were pictures of reptiles and animals and monsters—the whole pantheon of Egyptian gods and goddesses—being worshiped by Israel. In the middle of the room were seventy of the leaders of Israel, with Jaazaniah son of Shaphan standing in the middle. Each held his censer with the incense rising in a fragrant cloud.

**12** He said, "Son of man, do you see what the elders are doing here in the dark, each one before his favorite god-picture? They tell themselves, 'God doesn't see us. God has forsaken the country.'"

**13** Then he said, "You're going to see worse yet."

**14-15** He took me to the entrance at the north gate of the Temple of God. I saw women sitting there, weeping for Tammuz, the Babylonian fertility god. He said, "Have you gotten an eyeful, son of man? You're going to see worse yet."

**16** Finally, he took me to the inside court of the Temple of God. There between the porch and the altar were about twenty-five men. Their backs were to God's Temple. They were facing east, bowing in worship to the sun.

**17-18** He said, "Have you seen enough, son of man? Isn't it bad enough that Judah engages in these outrageous obscenities? They fill the country with violence and now provoke me even further with their obscene gestures. That's it. They have an angry God on their hands! From now on, no mercy. They can shout all they want, but I'm not listening."

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The **Prince** is the challenger of the wicked people and leadership of Israel;

**Ezekiel 20: 1** In the seventh year, the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, some of the leaders of Israel came to ask for guidance from God. They sat down before me.

**2-3** Then God's Message came to me: "Son of man, talk with the leaders of Israel. Tell them, 'God, the Master, says, "Have you come to ask me questions? **As sure as I am the living God**, I'll not put up with questions from you. Decree of God, the Master.'"

**4-5** "Son of man, why don't you do it? Yes, go ahead. **Hold them accountable. Confront them** with the outrageous obscenities of their parents. Tell them that God, the Master, says:

### Ezekiel 7

#### Fate Has Caught Up with You

**1-4** Yah's Word came to me, saying, "You, son of man—Yah, the Master, has this Message for the land of Israel: "'Endtime. The end of business as usual for everyone. It's all over. The end is upon you. I've launched my anger against you. I've issued my verdict on the way you live. I'll make you pay for your disgusting obscenities. I won't look the other way; I won't feel sorry for you. I'll make you pay for the way you've lived: Your disgusting obscenities will boomerang on you, and you'll realize that I am Yah.'

**5-9**"I, Yah, the Master, say: 'Disaster after disaster! Look, it comes! Endtime—the end comes. The end is ripe. Watch out, it's coming! This is your fate, you who live in this land. Time's up. It's zero hour. No dragging of feet now, no bargaining for more time. Soon now I'll pour my wrath on you, pay out my anger against you, Render my verdict on the way you've lived, make you pay for your disgusting obscenities. I won't look the other way, I won't feel sorry for you. I'll make you pay for the way you've lived. Your disgusting obscenities will boomerang on you. Then you'll realize that it is I, Yah, who have hit you.

**10-13**"Judgment Day! Fate has caught up with you. The scepter outsized and pretentious, pride bursting all bounds, Violence strutting, brandishing the evil scepter. But there's nothing to them, and nothing will be left of them. Time's up. Countdown: five, four, three, two... **Buyer**, don't crow; **seller**, don't worry: Judgment wrath has turned the world topsy-turvy. The bottom has dropped out of buying and selling. It will never be the same again. But don't fantasize an upturn in the **market**. (stock market) The **country is bankrupt because of its sins**,

(Genesis 15:14\_14And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.) and it's not going to get any better.

**14-16**""The trumpet signals the call to battle: "Present arms!" But no one marches into battle. My wrath has them paralyzed! On the open roads you're killed, or else you go home and die of hunger and disease. Either get murdered out in the country or die of sickness or hunger in town. Survivors run for the hills. They moan like doves in the valleys, Each one moaning for his own sins.

**17-18**""Every hand hangs limp, every knee turns to rubber. They dress in rough burlap—sorry scarecrows, Shifty and shamefaced, with their heads shaved bald.

**19-27**""They throw their money into the gutters. Their hard-earned cash stinks like garbage. They find that it won't buy a thing they either want or need on Judgment Day. They tripped on money and fell into sin. Proud and pretentious with their jewels, they deck out their vile and vulgar no-gods in finery. I'll make those god-obscenities a stench in their nostrils. I'll give away their religious junk—strangers will pick it up for free, the godless spit on it and make jokes. I'll turn my face so I won't have to look as my treasured place and people are violated, As violent strangers walk in and desecrate place and people—A bloody massacre, as crime and violence fill the city. I'll bring in the dregs of humanity to move into their houses. I'll put a stop to the boasting and strutting of the high-and-mighty, And see to it that there'll be nothing holy left in their holy places. Catastrophe descends. They look for peace, but there's no peace to be found—Disaster on the heels of disaster, one rumor after another. They clamor for the prophet to tell them what's up, but nobody knows anything. Priests don't have a clue; the elders don't know what to say. The king holds his head in despair; the prince is devastated. The common people are paralyzed. Gripped by fear, they can't move. I'll deal with them where they are, judge them on their terms. They'll know that I am Yah.""

The Hebrew Israelites have even perverted the judgment of Yah as far as being the peopled being exiled into European countries for punishment, instead of changing to righteousness and returning home, we became and practice the worst customs of the lands we were sent to for punishment despite the warnings given to us to not be like them.

**This Prince must be shaped and molded in a manner reflective to the task at hand, he must have certain essential values of integrity to carry out his assignment by Yah, let us look at how his mind or heart will be shaped as he becomes a man;**

[Psalm 119:30](#) I have **chosen the way of truth**; I have set my heart on your laws.

This man even sets out to change a life of sin with everyone watching, to prove that you can live in the worst of the Gentile nations, but yet change your life to be in honor with Yah, doing so in a way not usually done in the past carries a death sentence when approaching the presence of the Most High Yah;

**Jeremiah 30:21** (The Message Translation) They'll look forward to having children again, to being a community in which I take pride. I'll punish anyone who hurts them, and their prince will come from their own ranks. One of their own people shall be their

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leader. Their ruler will come from their own ranks. I'll grant him free and easy access to me. Would **anyone dare to do that on his own, to enter my presence uninvited?**' God's Decree.

### Jeremiah 30:21 (Amplified Bible)

**21**And their **prince** will be one of them, and their ruler will come from the midst of them (Deut 18:18). I will cause him (**make him curious**) to draw near and he will approach Me, for who is he who would have the **boldness** and would **dare** [on his own initiative] to approach Me? says Yah.

Even this bold attempt on the behalf of the Son of Man is dangerous and he believes once in the presence of Yah that he will die;

### Isaiah 6 Holy, Holy, Holy!

**1-8** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Master sitting on a throne—high, exalted!—and the train of his robes filled the Temple. Angel-seraphs hovered above him, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew. And they called back and forth one to the other, Holy, Holy, Holy is Yah-of-the-Angel-Armies. His bright glory fills the whole earth. The foundations trembled at the sound of the angel voices, and then the whole house filled with smoke. I said, "Doom! It's Doomsday! **I'm as good as dead!** Every word I've ever spoken is tainted—blasphemous even! And the people I live with talk the same way, using words that corrupt and desecrate. And here I've looked Yah in the face! The King! Yah-of-the-Angel-Armies!" Then one of the angel-seraphs flew to me. He held a **live coal** that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with the coal and said,

"Look. This coal has touched your lips. Gone your guilt, your sins wiped out." And then I heard the voice of Yah the Master: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" I spoke up, "I'll go. Send me!"

This man must change his **heart** or mind in order to be able to be taught, shaped and outfitted with righteousness to do the great work that lies ahead, the problem is that he like everyone else had not yet received a pardon, because of that, this is the reason he thought he would die when suddenly in the presence of the Most High! The changing of his heart must be voluntary on his part.

### Psalm 38:10

My **heart** pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes.

### Psalm 39:3

My **heart** grew hot within me, and as I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:

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Seeking the truth about Yah and his people leads to an overwhelming desire to set things right, once to the point of pure knowledge and direction of Yah, then he is released by Yah to Speak;

### **Ezekiel 3:24-27**

**24** Then the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet. He spoke to me and said: "Go, shut yourself inside your house. **25** And you, son of man, they will tie with ropes; you will be bound so that you cannot go out among the people. **26** I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be silent and unable to rebuke them, though they are a rebellious house. **27** **But when I speak to you**, I will open your mouth and you shall say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Yah says.' Whoever will listen let him listen, and whoever will refuse let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

### **Psalm 40:8**

I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my **heart**."

### **Psalm 135:4**

For Yah has **chosen** Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession.

### **Isaiah 41:8**

"But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have **chosen**, you descendants of Abraham my friend,

### **Isaiah 41:9**

I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have **chosen** you and have not rejected you. (**The Gentile nation at the end of the earth**)

### **Isaiah 42:1**

[ *The Servant of Yah* ] "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my **chosen** one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

### **Isaiah 43:10**

"You are my witnesses," declares Yah, "and my servant whom I have **chosen**, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.

### **Isaiah 45:4**

For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my **chosen**, I **summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor**, though you do not acknowledge me. (**This was done before this man knew who he was, a chosen man to do Yah's will**)

### **Isaiah 48:14**

"Come together, all of you, and listen: Which of the idols has foretold these things?

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Yah's **chosen** ally will carry out his purpose against Babylon; his arm will be against the Babylonians.

### Isaiah 49:7

This is what Yah says— the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel— to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, **to the servant (a former slave)** of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of Yah, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has **chosen** you."

The beast is angry that Yah has chosen someone from their ranks- (or people) and seeks to put a major hurting on Yah's people, but those chosen to survive the slaughter, will also be afforded protection at the hands of the two servants;

### Genesis 22:3

Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his **donkey**. He took with him **two of his servants** and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place Yah had told him about.

### Zechariah 4:12

**8** Then the word of Yah came to me: **9** "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that Yah Almighty has sent me to you. **10** "Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

"(These seven are the eyes of Yah, which range throughout the earth.)"

**11** Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" **12** Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?" **13** He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No," I said. **14** So he said, "These are the **two who are anointed** to <sup>[b]</sup> serve the ruler of all the earth."

### **Rev 11:3-6**

**3-6**"Meanwhile, I'll provide **my two Witnesses**. Dressed in sackcloth, they'll prophesy for 1,260. These are the two Olive Trees, the two Lampstands, standing at attention before God on earth. If anyone tries to hurt them, a blast of fire from their mouths will incinerate them—burn them to a crisp just like that. They'll have power to seal the sky so that it doesn't rain for the time of their prophesying, power to turn rivers and springs to blood, power to hit earth with any and every disaster as often as they want.

Zerubbabel is said to be a Governor, meaning a chief ruler of Yahudah who is **born in captivity** in the modern symbolic Babylon.

### Haggai 1:14

So Yah stirred up the spirit of **Zerubbabel** son of Shealtiel, **governor** of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of Yah Almighty, their God,

**Haggai 2:21**

"Tell **Zerubbabel governor** of Judah that I will shake the heavens and the earth.

Yah executes a system wide pardon of His people, all of them who turn back, and those in prisons are not left out despite being sentenced there. One might ask why would Yah free anyone sentenced to prison?

The answer lies in the following scriptures;

**Hosea 4:14 (New International Version)**

14 "I will not punish your daughters when they turn to prostitution, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, because the men themselves consort with harlots and sacrifice with shrine prostitutes—a people without understanding will come to ruin!

Yah is telling us in a simple example given in the scriptures that it wouldn't be fair for a man to bring a charge against his wife or daughter for the sin of adultery, when he himself was doing the same thing. Why punish one side without punishing the other?

Another way to look at this is like this;

Let's say that a government was caught red handed by Yah (God) selling drugs while they also prosecuted the same people they sold the drugs to and the government put the people in prison, while the people in prison is surely guilty, so is the government in the eyes of Yah the Creator. You could even say people in prisons on death row, maybe for murder are said to be able to obtain a pardon by Yah if they turn back to him, someone would say that it was not fair, but maybe the way Yah looks at it is that the same power that sentenced these people to death also had blood on their hands from murders they systematically committed.

Its like passing a law and saying that you can't chastise your children, and the children grow up wild and uncontrollable, and then the authorities want to hold you at fault-

when all the time the laws of the powers that be kept you from chastising your children under threat of going to jail when the child(ren) were in the wrong. The child can simply pick up the phone and call CPS or the authorities and have you placed in jail. I am not talking about bona-fide true cases of child abuse, but when a child lies to escape punishment, or when the child won't submit under parental rule.

Yah has a perfect remedy for both situations; Yah exercises a national pardon and then separates his people according to His laws;

**Psalm 102:18** 18 **Let this be written for a future generation**, that a people not yet created may praise Yah: 19 "Yah looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, 20 to hear the groans of the prisoners and **release those condemned to death.**"

### **Deuteronomy 21:18-21**

#### **A Rebellious Son**

18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him, 19 his father and mother shall take hold of him and **bring him to the elders** (judges) at the gate of his town. 20 They shall say to the elders, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a profligate and a drunkard." 21 Then all the men of his town shall stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid.

These are but a few examples **IF WE WERE IN OUR LAND** how our national law dealt with such matters. Here in **this** land where our people were taken captive, you must follow their law, until Yah redeems us;

**Jeremiah 29:4-7** 4"Thus says Yah of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all who are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon: 5Build ye houses and dwell in them, and plant gardens and eat the fruit of them.

6 Take you wives and beget sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters, that you may be increased there, and not diminished. 7And seek the peace (keep their laws) of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto Yah for it; for in the peace thereof shall you have peace.

Yah is fully aware of what we have been through as His people here under four hundred years of captivity. Now that the time required for a sentence of 400 years are over, we must be ready for the moment and seize it when Yah offers us peace of our minds, body, and souls.

It is a terrible thing that once we are redeemed from the modern day Babylon/Egypt a good number of our people **WILL** turn back to the ways and vices of the land of slavery, and will cause the good Sheppard to break or send away the protection (**the two wings of a great eagle**) of the rebellious Israelites, signified by the term, Beauty and Bands.

**Rev 12:14** And to the woman were given **two wings of a great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time,(3 ½ years) from the face of the serpent. Remember to KEEP THE SABBATH

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AS BEST YOU CAN, in time we will return to the burnt offerings, but in the mean time let us all begin with basic behaviors. Let us treat each other right and do our part and more to make positive change happen, let us begin with stopping the killing, both physical and mental. No more degrading each other man or woman.

We are the greatest people on earth, **and yes it matters** what we do because the world is watching us. I would not doubt that they may have even bet that we will never change and take our rightful position as Kings and Priest unto Yah of Hosts, our Great and terrible King!

I am only one who has engaged his heart to follow the law of our creator, will you step up and join me as you make your presence known, and if you were given freedom right now, what would you do with it?

Do you believe we can change, I know that we can. It is a matter of attitude and desire; you got to want to live!!!!!!!!!!

Let us stop the madness and return to our God, the Holy Creator Yah of Hosts, let us seize the moment, for we may not be offered this special time and place again!

**Are you ready.....you men made in the likeness of the Creator?**

Let us get busy and gather our wives, children, and families as we protect our elderly and provide for the orphaned children, we are men!!!!!!!!!!

Let us start a new saying amongst us; I respect you as I love our Creator Yah who lives eternally.

Shalom,

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