

COMING ONE WAY, BUT NOT GOING BACK THE SAME

1 Kings 13 (Today's New International Version)

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The Man of Yah From Judah

1 By the word of Yah, a man of Yah came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. **2** He cried out against the altar by the word of Yah: "Altar, altar! This is what Yah says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.' " **3** That same day the man of Yah gave a sign: "This is the sign Yah has declared: The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out."

4 When King Jeroboam heard what the man of Yah cried out against the altar at Bethel, he stretched out his hand from the altar and said, "Seize him!" But the hand he stretched out toward the man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back. **5** Also, the altar was split apart and its ashes poured out according to the sign given by the man of Yah by the word of Yah.

6 Then the king said to the man of Yah, "Intercede with Yah your Yah and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of Yah interceded with Yah, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.

7 The king said to the man of Yah, "Come home with me for a meal, and I will give you a gift."

8 But the man of Yah answered the king, "Even if you were to give me half your possessions, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water here. **9** For I was commanded by the word of Yah: 'You must not eat bread or drink water or return by the way you came.' " **10** So he took another road and did not return by the way he had come to Bethel.

11 Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel, whose sons came and told him all that the man of Yah had done there that day. They also told their father what he had said to the king. **12** Their father asked them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him which road the man of Yah from Judah had taken. **13** So he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And when they had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it **14** and rode after the man of Yah. He found him sitting under an oak tree and asked, "Are you

the man of Yah who came from Judah?"

"I am," he replied.

15 So the prophet said to him, "Come home with me and eat."

16 The man of Yah said, "I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. **17** I have been told by the word of Yah: 'You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.' "

18 The old prophet answered, "I too am a prophet, as you are. And an angel said to me by the word of Yah: 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.' (This was a test)" (But he was lying to him.) **19** So the man of Yah returned with him and ate and drank in his house.

20 While they were sitting at the table, the word of Yah came to the old prophet who had brought him back. **21** He cried out to the man of Yah who had come from Judah, "This is what Yah says: 'You have defied the word of Yah and have not kept the command Yah your EL gave you. **22** You came back and ate bread and drank water in the place where he told you not to eat or drink. Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your ancestors.' "

23 When the man of Yah had finished eating and drinking, the prophet who had brought him back saddled his donkey for him. **24** As he went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was left lying on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it. **25** Some people who passed by saw the body lying there, with the lion standing beside the body, and they went and reported it in the city where the old prophet lived.

26 When the prophet who had brought him back from his journey heard of it, he said, "It is the man of Yah who defied the word of Yah. Yah has given him over to the lion, which has mauled him and killed him, as the word of Yah had warned him." (People of Israel defied the word of Yah as in Yah's commandments)

27 The prophet said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they did so. **28** Then he went out and found the body lying on the road, with the donkey and the lion standing beside it. The lion had neither eaten the body nor mauled the donkey.

Question? Why didn't the Lion try to kill the prophet that came to recover the body?

29 So the prophet picked up the body of the man of Yah, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back to his own city to mourn for him and bury him. **30** Then he laid the body in his own tomb, and they mourned over him and said, "Alas, my brother!"

31 After burying him, he said to his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave where the man of Yah is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. **32** For the message he declared by the word of Yah against the altar in Bethel and against all the shrines on the high places in the towns of Samaria will certainly come true."

33 Even after this, Jeroboam did not change his evil ways, but once more appointed priests for the high places from all sorts of people.

Anyone who wanted to become a priest he consecrated for the high places. **34** This was the sin of the house of Jeroboam that led to its downfall and to its destruction from the face of the earth.

1 Kings 13 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Judgment on Jeroboam

1 A man of Yah ^(A) came from Judah to Bethel by a revelation from Yah while Jeroboam was standing beside the altar to burn incense. ^(B) **2** The man of Yah cried out against the altar by a revelation from Yah: "Altar, altar, this is what Yah says, 'A son will be born to the house of David, named Josiah, and he will sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who are burning incense on you. Human bones will be burned on you. ^(C) ' " **3** He gave a sign ^(D) that day. He said, "This is the sign that Yah has spoken: 'The altar will now be ripped apart, and the ashes that are on it will be spilled out. ^(E) ' "

4 When the king heard the word that the man of Yah had cried out against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar and said, "Arrest him!" But the hand he stretched out against him withered, and he could not pull it back to himself. **5** The altar was ripped apart, and the ashes spilled off the altar, according to the sign that the man of Yah had given by the word of Yah.

6 Then the king responded to the man of Yah, "Please plead for the favor of Yah your EL and pray for me ^(E) so that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of Yah pleaded for the favor of Yah, and the king's hand was restored to him and became as it had been at first.

7 Then the king declared to the man of Yah, "Come home with me, refresh yourself, and I'll give you a reward." ^(G)

8 But the man of Yah replied, "If you were to give me half your house, ^(H) I still wouldn't go with you, and I wouldn't eat bread or drink water in this place, **9** for this is what I was commanded by the word of Yah: ^(I) 'You must not eat bread or drink water or go back the way you came.' " **10** So he went another way; he did not go back by the way he had come to Bethel.

The Old Prophet and the Man of Yah

11 Now a certain old prophet was living in Bethel. ^(J) His son ^[a] came and told him all the deeds that the man of Yah had done that day in Bethel. His sons also told their father the words that he had spoken to the king. ^(K) **12** Then their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" His sons had seen ^[b] the way taken by the man of Yah who had come from Judah. **13** Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him, and he got on it. **14** He followed the man of Yah and found him sitting under an oak tree. He asked him, "Are you the man of Yah who came from Judah?"

"I am," he said.

15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16 But he answered, "I cannot go back with you, eat bread, or drink water with you in this place, **17** for a message came to me by the word of Yah: 'You must not eat bread or drink water there ^(L) or go back by the way you came.' "

18 He said to him, "I am also a prophet ^(M) like you. An angel spoke to me by the word of Yah: 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.' " The old prophet deceived him, ^(N) **19** and the man of Yah went back with him, ate bread in his house, and drank water.

20 While they were sitting at the table, the word of Yah came to the prophet who had brought him back, **21** and the prophet cried out to the man of Yah who had come from Judah, "This is what Yah says: 'Because you rebelled against the command of Yah and did not keep the commandment that Yah your Yah commanded you, **22** but you went back and ate bread and drank water in the place that He said to you: Do not eat bread and do not drink water, ^(O) your corpse will never reach the grave of your fathers. ^(P) ' "

23 So after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, the old prophet saddled the donkey for the prophet he had brought back. **24** When he left, ^[c] a lion met him along the way and killed him. ^(Q) His corpse was thrown on the

road, and the donkey was standing beside it; the lion was standing beside the corpse too.

25 There were men passing by who saw the corpse thrown on the road and the lion standing beside it, and they went and spoke [about it] in the city where the old prophet lived. **26** When the prophet who had brought him back from his way heard [about it], he said, "He is the man of Yah who disobeyed the command of Yah. Yah has given him to the lion, and it has mauled him and killed him, according to the word of Yah that He spoke to him."

27 Then the old prophet instructed his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." They saddled it, ^(R) **28** and he went and found the corpse of the man of Yah thrown on the road with the donkey and the lion standing beside the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse or mauled the donkey. **29** So the prophet lifted the corpse of the man of Yah and laid it on the donkey and brought it back. The old prophet came into to the city to mourn and to bury him. **30** Then he laid the corpse in his own grave, ^(S) and they mourned over him: "Oh, my brother!" ^(I)

31 After he had buried him, he said to his sons, "When I die, you must bury me in the grave where the man of Yah is buried; lay my bones beside his bones, **32** for the word that he cried out by a revelation from Yah against the altar in Bethel ^(U) and against all the shrines of the high places ^(V) in the cities of Samaria ^(W) is certain to happen." ^(X)

33 After all this ^(Y) Jeroboam did not repent ^(Z) of his evil way but again set up priests from every class of people for the high places. ^(AA) Whoever so desired it, he ordained, and they became priests of the high places. ^(AB) **34** For the house of Jeroboam, this was the sin that caused it to be wiped out and annihilated from the face of the earth. ^(AC)

Footnotes:

- a. [1 Kings 13:11](#) Some Hb mss, LXX, Syr, Vg read *sons*
- b. [1 Kings 13:12](#) LXX, Syr, Tg, Vg read *sons showed him*
- c. [1 Kings 13:24](#) LXX reads *donkey, and he turned*²⁴ *and left, and*

Cross references:

- A. [1 Kings 13:1](#) : [1Kg 12:22](#); [2Kg 23:17](#);
- B. [1 Kings 13:1](#) : [1Kg 12:32-33](#);
- C. [1 Kings 13:2](#) : [2Kg 23:15-16](#);
- D. [1 Kings 13:3](#) : [Is 7:14](#);
- E. [1 Kings 13:3](#) : [Jn 2:11](#); , [18](#);

- F. [1 Kings 13:6](#) : [Jms 5:16](#);
- G. [1 Kings 13:7](#) : [1Sm 9:7](#); [2Kg 5:15](#);
- H. [1 Kings 13:8](#) : [Num 22:18](#); [Est 5:3](#); [Mk 6:23](#);
- I. [1 Kings 13:9](#) : [1Kg 13:1](#);
- J. [1 Kings 13:11](#) : [1Kg 12:32](#); [13:1](#);
- K. [1 Kings 13:11](#) : [1Kg 13:2-6](#);
- L. [1 Kings 13:17](#) : [1Kg 13:8-9](#);
- M. [1 Kings 13:18](#) : [1Jn 4:1](#);
- N. [1 Kings 13:18](#) : [Dt 13:1-3](#);
- O. [1 Kings 13:22](#) : [1Kg 13:8-9](#);
- P. [1 Kings 13:22](#) : [1Kg 13:30](#);
- Q. [1 Kings 13:24](#) : [1Kg 20:36](#);
- R. [1 Kings 13:27](#) : [1Kg 13:13](#);
- S. [1 Kings 13:30](#) : [1Kg 13:22](#); , [24](#);
- T. [1 Kings 13:30](#) : [Jr 22:18](#);
- U. [1 Kings 13:32](#) : [1Kg 13:1-3](#);
- V. [1 Kings 13:32](#) : [1Kg 12:31-32](#); [2Kg 17:29](#);
- W. [1 Kings 13:32](#) : [1Kg 16:28-29](#); , [32](#);
- X. [1 Kings 13:32](#) : [2Kg 23:16](#);
- Y. [1 Kings 13:33](#) : [1Kg 13:1-6](#); , [24](#);
- Z. [1 Kings 13:33](#) : [1Kg 12:28-33](#); [13:1](#); [Ac 26:20](#);
- AA. [1 Kings 13:33](#) : [1Kg 12:31](#);
- BB. [1 Kings 13:33](#) : [Jdg 17:5](#); [2Ch 13:9](#);
- CC. [1 Kings 13:34](#) : [1Kg 12:28-33](#); [2Kg 17:21-23](#);

QUESTION; WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE ALTAR TO BE SPLIT APART?

Isaiah 8:8 (Today's New International Version)

8 and sweep on into Judah, swirling over it, passing through it and reaching up to the neck. Its outspread wings will cover the breadth of your land, **Immanuel** ^[a]!" (This reference relates to **Zechariah 14:8** And it shall be in that day, that **living waters** shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.)

Footnotes:

a. [Isaiah 8:8](#) *Immanuel* means *Yah with us*.

Zechariah 14 (Today's New International Version)

Yah Comes and Reigns

1 A day of Yah is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls.

2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women ravished. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. **3** Then Yah will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. **4** On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. **5** You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake ^[a] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then Yah my Yah will come, and all the holy ones with him.

6 On that day there will be no sunlight, no cold, frosty darkness. **7** It will be a unique day—a day known only to Yah—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.

9 Yah will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one God, and his name the only name.

10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up high from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses, and will remain in its place. **11** It will be inhabited; never again will it be destroyed. Jerusalem will be secure.

12 This is the plague with which Yah will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. **13** On that day people will be stricken by Yah with great panic. They will seize each other by the hand and attack one another. **14** Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected—great quantities of gold and silver and clothing. **15** A similar plague will strike the horses and mules, the camels and donkeys, and all the animals in those camps.

16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, Yah Almighty, and to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. **17** If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yah Almighty, they will have no rain. **18** If the

Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. Yah ^[b] will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. **19** This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles.

20 On that day HOLY TO YAH will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in Yah's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar. **21** Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to Yah Almighty, and all who come to sacrifice will take some of the pots and cook in them. And on that day there will no longer be a Canaanite ^[c] in the house of Yah Almighty.

Footnotes:

- a. [Zechariah 14:5](#) Or ⁵*My mountain valley will be blocked and will extend to Azel. It will be blocked as it was blocked because of the earthquake*
- b. [Zechariah 14:18](#) Or *part, then Yah*
- c. [Zechariah 14:21](#) Or *merchant*

Son of Man risks life to approach Yah

Jeremiah 30

Restoration from Captivity

1 [This is] the word that came to Jeremiah from Yah. **2** This is what Yah, the God of Israel, says: "Write down on a scroll all the words that I have spoken to you, ^(A) **3** for the days are certainly coming"—[this is] Yah's declaration—"when I will restore the fortunes ^[a] of My people Israel and Judah" ^(B) —Yah's declaration. "I will restore them to the land I gave to their ancestors and they will possess it."

4 These are the words Yah spoke to Israel and Judah. **5** Yes, this is what Yah says: We have heard a cry of terror, of dread—there is no peace.

6 Ask and see whether a male can give birth. Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor and every face turned pale?

7 How awful that day will be! ^(C) There will be none like it! ^(D) It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be delivered out of it.

8 "On that day"—[this is] the declaration of Yah of Hosts—"I will break his yoke from your neck ^(E) and snap your fetters ^(E) so strangers will never again

enslave him. ^(G) **9** They will serve Yah their God and I will raise up David their king for them." ^(H)

10 As for you, My servant Jacob, ^(I) do not be afraid— [this is] Yah's declaration— and do not be dismayed, Israel, for I will without fail save you from far away, your descendants, from the land of their captivity! Jacob will return and have calm and quiet with no one to frighten him. ^(J)

11 For I will be with you—[this is] Yah's declaration—to save you! ^(K) I will bring destruction on all the nations where I have scattered you; however, I will not bring destruction on you. I will discipline you justly, but I will by no means leave you unpunished. ^(L)

Healing Zion's Wounds

12 For this is what Yah says: Your injury is incurable; your wound most severe. ^(M)

13 No one takes up the case for your sores. ^(N) You have nothing that can heal you.

14 All your lovers have forgotten you; they no longer look for you, for I have struck you like an enemy would, with the discipline ^(O) of someone cruel, ^(P) because of your enormous guilt and your innumerable sins.

15 Why do you cry out about your injury? Your pain has no cure! I have done these things to you because of your enormous guilt and your innumerable sins.

16 Nevertheless, all who devoured you will be devoured, ^(Q) and all your adversaries—all of them—will go off into exile. Your despoilers will become spoil, and all who plunder you will be plundered.

17 But I will bring you health ^(R) and will heal you of your wounds—[this is] Yah's declaration—for they call you The Outcast, that Zion no one cares about.

Restoration of the Land

18 This is what Yah says: I will certainly restore the fortunes ^(b) of Jacob's tents ^(S) and show compassion on his dwellings. Every city will be rebuilt on its mound; every citadel will stand on its proper site.

19 Thanksgiving will come out of them, a sound of celebration. I will multiply them, and they will not decrease; ^(T) I will honor them, and they will not be insignificant.

20 His children will be as in past days; his congregation will be established in My presence. I will punish all his oppressors. ^(U)

21 Jacob's leader will be one of them; his ruler will issue from him. I will invite him to Me, and he will approach Me, ^(V) for who would otherwise risk his life to approach Me? [This is] Yah's declaration.

22 You will be My people, and I will be your God. ^(W)

The Wrath of God

23 Look, a storm from Yah! ^(X) Wrath has gone forth. A churning storm, it will whirl about the head of the wicked.

24 Yah's burning anger will not turn back until He has completely fulfilled the purposes of His heart. In time to come you will understand it. ^(Y)

Footnotes:

- a. [Jeremiah 30:3](#) Or *will end the captivity*
- b. [Jeremiah 30:18](#) Or *certainly end the captivity*

Cross references:

- A. [Jeremiah 30:2](#) : [Hab 2:2](#);
- B. [Jeremiah 30:3](#) : [Ezk 37:15-23](#);
- C. [Jeremiah 30:7](#) : [Jl 2:11](#); [Zph 1:14](#);
- D. [Jeremiah 30:7](#) : [Dn 12:1](#);
- E. [Jeremiah 30:8](#) : [Jr 2:20](#);
- F. [Jeremiah 30:8](#) : [Jr 27:2](#);
- G. [Jeremiah 30:8](#) : [Ezk 34:27](#);
- H. [Jeremiah 30:9](#) : [Is 55:3-5](#); [Ezk 34:23-24](#); [37:24-25](#); [Hs 3:5](#); [Lk 1:69](#); [Ac 13:23](#); [34](#);
- I. [Jeremiah 30:10](#) : [Is 41:8](#); [44:2](#); [45:4](#);
- J. [Jeremiah 30:10](#) : [Jr 46:27](#); [Ezk 39:26](#);
- K. [Jeremiah 30:11](#) : [2Kg 19:34](#); [Is 37:35](#); [Jr 15:20](#);
- L. [Jeremiah 30:11](#) : [Jr 46:27-28](#);
- M. [Jeremiah 30:12](#) : [Jr 10:19](#); [15:18](#); [17:9](#);
- N. [Jeremiah 30:13](#) : [Hs 5:13](#);
- O. [Jeremiah 30:14](#) : [Jr 2:30](#); [5:3](#); [7:28](#);

P. [Jeremiah 30:14](#) : [Is 13:9](#);
Q. [Jeremiah 30:16](#) : [Jr 10:25](#);
R. [Jeremiah 30:17](#) : [Is 58:8](#); [Jr 8:22](#); [33:6](#);
S. [Jeremiah 30:18](#) : [Jr 30:3](#);
T. [Jeremiah 30:19](#) : [Jr 29:6](#);
U. [Jeremiah 30:20](#) : [Jdg 10:12](#); [Is 19:20-25](#);
V. [Jeremiah 30:21](#) : [Num 16:5](#);
W. [Jeremiah 30:22](#) : [Jr 11:4](#); [24:7](#); [31:33](#);
X. [Jeremiah 30:23](#) : [Ps 83:15](#); [Is 29:6](#); [Zch 9:14](#);
Y. [Jeremiah 30:24](#) : [Jr 23:19-20](#);

Leviticus 18 (New International Reader's Version)

Do Not Commit Sexual Sins

1 Yah spoke to Moses. He said, **2** "Speak to the people of Israel. Tell them, 'I am Yah your God. **3** You must not do what the people of Egypt do. You used to live there. And you must not do what the people of Canaan do. I am bringing you into their land. Do not follow their practices.

4 " 'You must obey my laws. You must be careful to follow my rules. I am Yah your God. **5** Keep my rules and laws. The one who obeys them will live by them. I am Yah.

6 " 'Do not have sex with any of your close relatives. I am Yah.

7 " 'Do not bring shame on your father by having sex with your mother. Do not have sex with her. She is your mother.

8 " 'Do not have sex with any other wife of your father. That would bring shame on your father.

9 " 'Do not have sex with your sister. It does not matter whether she is your father's daughter or your mother's daughter. It does not matter whether she was born in the same home as you were or somewhere else.

10 " 'Do not have sex with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter. That would bring shame on you.

11 " 'Do not have sex with the daughter of your father's wife. She was born to your father. She is your sister.

12 " 'Do not have sex with your father's sister. She is a close relative on your father's side.

13 " 'Do not have sex with your mother's sister. She is a close relative on your mother's side.

14 " 'Do not bring shame on your father's brother by having sex with his wife. She is your aunt.

15 " 'Do not have sex with your daughter-in-law. She is your son's wife. Do not have sex with her.

16 " 'Do not have sex with your brother's wife. That would bring shame on your brother.

17 " 'Do not have sex with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sex with either her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter. They are close relatives on her side. Having sex with them is an evil thing.

18 " 'Do not take your wife's sister as another wife and have sex with her. Do not do it while your wife is still living.

19 " 'Do not make love to a woman during her monthly period. She is not "clean" at that time.

20 " 'Do not have sex with your neighbor's wife. That would make you "unclean."

21 " 'Do not hand over any of your children to be sacrificed to the god Molech. That would be treating my name as if it were not holy. I am Yah your God.

22 " 'Do not have sex with a man as you would have sex with a woman. I hate that.

23 " 'Do not have sex with an animal. Do not make yourself "unclean" by doing that. A woman must not offer herself to an animal to have sex with it. That is a twisted use of sex.

24 " 'Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because **this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled.** **25** Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. **26** But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the foreigners residing among you must not do any of these detestable things, **27** for **all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you,** and the land became defiled. **28** And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

29 " 'Everyone who does any of these detestable things—such persons must be cut off from their people. **30** Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and do not defile yourselves with them. I am Yah your God.' "

30 " 'Do exactly what I require. When you arrive in Canaan, do not follow any of the practices of its people. **I hate the things they do.** Do not make yourselves "unclean" by doing them. I am Yah your God.' "

When we came into the lands of captivity we were already guilty of committing these great grievous sins, but it is like we shifted in to high gear and sin with all of our might. We sinned so bad that Yah compared us to our acts; Sodom and Gomorrah;

Jeremiah 23:

14 I have also seen something horrible among Jerusalem's prophets. They are not faithful to me. They are not living by the truth. They strengthen the hands of those who do evil. So the people do not turn from their sinful ways. All of them are like the people of Sodom to me. They are just like the people of Gomorrah."

Isaiah 3

8 Jerusalem is about to fall. And so is Judah. They say and do things against Yah. They dare to disobey him to his very face. **9** The look on their faces is a witness against them. They show off their sin, just as the people of **Sodom** did. They don't even try to hide it. How terrible it will be for them! They have brought trouble on themselves.

10 Tell those who do what is right that things will go well with them. They will enjoy the results of the good things they've done.

11 But how terrible it will be for those who do what is evil! Trouble is about to fall on them. They will be paid back for the evil things they've done.

Imagine being given over 400 plus years to change your behavior, and turn to righteousness, instead we got worse and was wasting that time, so this angered Yah to the point of coming with rage and fury to rebuke and chastise our people for their grievous replica of Gentiles' sins we did willingly.

Whose words will stand Yah's or yours?

Ezekiel 20: 30 Yah said to me, "Speak to the people of Israel. Tell them, 'Yah and King says, "Are you going to pollute yourselves the way your people did? Do you long to see the statues of their evil gods? **31** You pollute yourselves by offering sacrifices to other gods. You even sacrifice your children in the fire (being baptized). You continue to do those things to this very day. People of Israel, should I let you ask me for advice? I will not let you do that," announces Yah and King. "And that is just as sure as I am alive.

32 " ' "You say, 'We want to be like the other nations. We want to be like all of the other people in the world. They serve gods that are made out of wood and stone.' But what you have in mind will never happen. **33** I will rule over you by reaching out my mighty hand and powerful arm. I will pour my burning anger out on you," announces Yah and King. "And that is just as sure as I am alive.

34 " ' "I will bring you back from the nations. I will gather you together from the countries where you have been scattered. I will reach out my mighty hand and powerful arm. I will pour my burning anger out on you. **35** I will send you among the nations. There I will judge you face to face. It will be as if I were judging you in the desert again. **36** Long ago, I judged your people in the desert of Egypt. In the same way, I will judge you," announces Yah and King.