

*Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 21; Psalm 108, 109; Isaiah 48; Revelation 18.*

## *June 16 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Deuteronomy 21**

YHWH was equipping the next generation by Moses continuing to give His instructions. It is one thing to be taught how to administer right rulings; but it is another thing to carry them out in various circumstances. Moses had gained much understanding in both areas over his lifetime. They wouldn't have Moses to run to; however, they would have Joshua; and of course, YHWH would be with them.

If we recall, Joshua was with Moses up on Mt. Sinai when Aaron and the people sinned with the golden calf. Without leaders taking a stand for YHWH, the people are let loose. Some may maintain their own social standards; but eventually social and moral standards are moved lower and lower until they disappear. True believers must build on YHWH's perfect will.

Our present reality reflects a decline. At times we may see glimmers of social and moral standards according to His Word; but mostly, we see a 'falling away' and extremely low standards. Good is called evil; and evil is called good.

We see this with those faithfully using YHWH's Word to guide their lives; only to be called into question by the world as 'hate speech.' False accusers stand ready to declare a stance of 'being offended.' The party accused of such an offense, such as with the Babylonian Talmudic Noahide Laws, could possibly face death or imprisonment by only one false witness.

The wilderness generation didn't have the media and technological exchange of information that we have; nor the bio-medical experimentation; and images to corrupt their minds. Their debauchery moved at a slower pace, but it still moved and was ever present in man's fallen nature.

### **Atonement for Unsolved Murders**

**Deu 21:1** "When anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to possess, and it is not known who struck him,

**Deu 21:2** then your elders and your judges shall go out, and they shall measure the

distance from the slain man to the cities round about.

**Deu 21:3** “And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain man shall take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not pulled with a yoke,

**Deu 21:4** and the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a wadi with flowing water, which is neither ploughed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer’s neck there in the wadi.

**Deu 21:5** “And the priests, the sons of Lěwi, shall come near, for **יהוה** your Elohim has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the Name of **יהוה**, and by their mouth every strife and every stroke is *tried*.

**Deu 21:6** “And let all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the wadi.

**Deu 21:7** “And they shall answer and say, ‘Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.

**Deu 21:8** **ו יהוה**, forgive Your people Yisra’ěl, whom You have ransomed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Yisra’ěl.’ And the blood-guilt shall be pardoned to them.

**Deu 21:9** “Thus you purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst when you do what is right in the eyes of **יהוה**.

#### Atonement for Unsolved Murders

Shedding of innocent blood has never been taken lightly by YHWH. Moses reviews what should take place if a dead body is found out in the field without witnesses as to what occurred.

- The elders and your judges were to go out and measure the distance from the slain man to the cities round about.
- Then the elders of the city nearest to the slain man were to take a heifer which had not been worked and which had not pulled with a yoke,
- They would then bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which was neither ploughed nor sown, and break the heifer’s neck there in the valley.
- Then the priests, the sons of Lěwi, were to come near, for **יהוה** your Elohim had chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the Name of **יהוה**, and by their mouth every strife and every stroke would be *tried*.
- Then all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man were to wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the wadi.
- Then they would answer and say, ‘Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it. They would repentantly say,

...**ו יהוה**, forgive Your people Yisra’ěl, whom You have ransomed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Yisra’ěl.’ And the **blood-guilt** shall be pardoned to them.

This was the procedure to purge the guilt of innocent blood from their midst by doing what was right in the eyes of **יהוה**.

Application: Only through the atoning sacrifice of Yahusha can blood-guilt be purged.

### **Marrying Female Captives**

**Deu 21:10** “When you go out to fight against your enemies, and **יהוה** your Elohim shall give them into your hand, and you shall take them captive,

**Deu 21:11** and shall see among the captives a woman fair of form, and shall delight in her and take her for your wife,

**Deu 21:12** then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails,

**Deu 21:13** and put aside the mantle of her captivity, and shall dwell in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a month of days. And after that you shall go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

**Deu 21:14** “And it shall be, if you are not pleased with her, then you shall let her go at her desire, but you do not sell her at all for silver. Do not treat her harshly, since you have humbled her.

#### Marrying Female Captives

Moses then reviewed the procedure for marrying female captives outside the clans. The woman was to shave her head; trim her nails; lay aside her mantle of captivity; be given one month to mourn for her parents; then the marriage could be consummated.

It would appear the shaving of her head, trimming of her nails, and laying aside her mantle [garment] would demonstrate laying aside her past ways and associations; and submitting to her husband and his ways. This showed a transfer of position and authority.

If the union was not pleasing; then she could be released at her desire, but she was not to be treated harshly or sold.

Application: 1Pe 3:7 In the same way, husbands, live understandingly together, giving respect to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the favour of life, so that your prayers are not hindered.

### **Inheritance Rights of the Firstborn**

**Deu 21:15** “When a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and the first-born son is of her who is unloved,

**Deu 21:16** then it shall be, on the day he makes his sons to inherit his possessions, he is not allowed to treat the son of the beloved wife as first-born in the face of the son of

the unloved, who is *truly* the first-born.

**Deu 21:17** “But he is to acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the first-born by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength – the right of the first-born is his.

### Inheritance Rights of the Firstborn

If a man had two wives; one unloved and one loved; if the first-born son came from the unloved wife; then he was to receive the inheritance as the first-born son.

Deu 21:17 “But he is to acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the first-born by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength – the right of the first-born is his.

### Circumstances could affect this right of inheritance:

1Ch 5:1 As for the sons of Re’uḇēn the first-born of Yisra’ēl – he was the first-born, but because he profaned his father’s bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Yosēph, son of Yisra’ēl, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright,

1Ch 5:2 for Yehudāh prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Yosēph’s –

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 Gen 25:34 Ya’aqoḇ then gave Ėsaw bread and stew of lentils. And he ate and drank, and rose up and left. Thus Ėsaw despised his birthright.

### Application:

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit **that we are children of Elohim**, 17 and if children, also heirs – truly heirs of Elohim, and co-heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him, in order that we also be exalted together.

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 Rom 8:29 Because those whom He knew beforehand, He also ordained beforehand to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, for Him to be the first-born among many brothers. 30 And whom He ordained beforehand, these He also called, and whom He called, these He also declared right. And whom He declared right, these He also esteemed.

## **A Rebellious Son**

**Deu 21:18** “When a man has a wayward and rebellious son who is not listening to the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have disciplined him, does not listen to them,

**Deu 21:19** then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city,

**Deu 21:20** and shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is wayward and rebellious. He is not listening to our voice, he is a glutton and a drunkard.’

**Deu 21:21** “Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst. And let all Yisra’ël hear, and fear.

### A Rebellious Son

Persistent rebellion of a son to his parents was not tolerated. When a son would not listen to his parent’s voice of discipline, the parents were to bring the son to the elders and...

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**Application:** We should not rebel against YHWH. Rebellion is as witchcraft.

Isa 1:2 **Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth!** For יהוה has spoken, “I have reared and brought up children, but they have transgressed against Me.

Isa 1:3 An ox knows its owner and a donkey its master’s crib – Yisra’ël does not know, My people have not understood.”

Pro 30:11 There is a generation that curses its father, And does not bless its mother –

**A Man Hanged on a Tree Is Cursed** This was the punishment that Yahusha took in our place. He who was sinless; yet, took our sins and punishment upon Himself and made full atonement.

**Deu 21:22** “And when a man has committed **a sin worthy of death**, then he shall be put to death and you shall hang him on a tree.

**Deu 21:23** “Let his body not remain overnight on the tree, for you shall certainly bury him the same day – for he who is hanged is accursed of Elohim – so that you do not defile the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance.

**TSK Cross-reference: ‘worthy of death’:** The Hebrews understand this not of putting to death by hanging, but of hanging a man up after he was stoned to death; which was done more ignominiously of some heinous malefactors.

This commentary by TSK Cross-reference, was interesting because some have shared that there was a strong possibility that Yahusha may have been stoned prior to His crucifixion.

Paul had once said the following. Paul had suffered by stripes and stoning.

**Gal 6:17** From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the scars of the Master יהושע.

## Psalm 108 & 109

Start praising Him in the morning and all day long!

**Psa 108:1** O Elohim, my heart is steadfast; I sing and give praise – even my esteem.

**Psa 108:2** Awake, harp and lyre! I awake the dawn.

**Psa 108:3** I praise You, O יהוה, among peoples, And I sing praises to You among the nations.

**Psa 108:4** For Your loving-commitment is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.

**Psa 108:5** Exalt Yourself above the heavens, O Elohim, And Your esteem above all the earth;

**Psa 108:6** In order that those You love Might be delivered. Save with Your right hand, And answer me.

**Psa 108:7** Elohim has spoken in His set-apartness, “I exult, I portion out Shekem, And I measure out the Valley of Sukkoth.

**Psa 108:8** “Gil’ad is Mine, Menashsheh is Mine, And **Ephrayim is My chief defence, Yehudah is My inscriber.**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Gen 49:10](#) and [Psa 60:7](#).

**Psa 108:9** **“Mo’ab is My wash-pot, Over Edom I cast My shoe,** Over Philistia I raise a shout.”

**Psa 108:10** Who would bring me into the strong city? Who shall lead me to Edom?

**Psa 108:11** Have You not rejected us, O Elohim? And You do not go out with our armies, O Elohim!

**Psa 108:12** Give us help from distress, For the help of man is naught.

**Psa 108:13** **In Elohim we do mightily, For it is He who treads down our adversaries.**

## Psalm 109

The Psalmist doesn’t hold back from requesting YHWH to provide justice to those wrongly and falsely coming against him.

**TSK Cross-reference: Psalms 109:1** am 2942, B.C. 1062 (Title), It is generally supposed that this Psalm was composed by David, when persecuted by Saul, who was rendered more implacable by the base and malicious calumnies of Doeg and others; though some are of opinion, that it was written when David fled from Absalom, and that Ahithophel, rather than Doeg, is the typical person against whom it is principally directed.

**Psa 109:1** Do not be silent, O Elohim of my praise!

Psa 109:2 For the mouth of the wrong And the mouth of the deceiver Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a false tongue.

Psa 109:3 **They have surrounded me with words of hatred, And they attack me without a cause.**

Psa 109:4 In return for my love they accuse me, While I am *in* prayer.

Psa 109:5 And they repay me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

Psa 109:6 Appoint over him one who is wrong, And let an accuser stand at his right hand.

Psa 109:7 When he is judged, let him be found wrong, And let his prayer become sin.

Psa 109:8 Let his days be few, Let another take his office.

Psa 109:9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

Psa 109:10 And let his children always wander and beg, And seek *food* out of their ruins.

Psa 109:11 Let the creditor lay a snare for all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labour.

Psa 109:12 Let him have no one to extend loving-commitment, Nor any to show favour to his fatherless children.

Psa 109:13 Let his descendants be cut off, Their name be blotted out in the next generation.

Psa 109:14 Let the crookedness of his fathers Be remembered before יהוה, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Psa 109:15 Let them always be before יהוה, And let Him cut off their remembrance from the earth;

Psa 109:16 **Because he did not remember to show loving-commitment, But persecuted the poor and needy man; And the broken-hearted, to put to death.**

Psa 109:17 He also loved cursing, so let it come to him; And he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

Psa 109:18 And he put cursing on as with his garment, So let it enter his inward parts like water, Into his bones and like oil.

Psa 109:19 Let it be to him like a cloak he wraps around him, And as a girdle that he always girds on.

Psa 109:20 **This is the reward of my accusers from יהוה, And to those speaking evil against my being.**

Psa 109:21 But You, O יהוה, Master, Deal with me for Your Name's sake; Because Your loving-commitment is good, deliver me.

Psa 109:22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is pierced within me.

Psa 109:23 I have gone like a lengthening shadow, I have been driven away like a locust.

Psa 109:24 My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh grows lean from fatness.

Psa 109:25 And I, I have become a reproach to them; They see me, they shake their

heads.

**Psa 109:26** Help me, O יהוה my Elohim! **Save me according to Your loving-commitment,**

**Psa 109:27** And let them know that this is Your hand. You, יהוה, You have done it!

**Psa 109:28** Let them curse, but You bless. They shall arise, but be ashamed, And let Your servant rejoice.

**Psa 109:29** **Let my accusers put on shame, And be wrapped in their own confusion as in a cloak.**

**Psa 109:30** I greatly thank יהוה with my mouth, And I praise Him in the midst of the throng.

**Psa 109:31** **For He stands at the right hand of the poor, To save from those judging his being.**

## Isaiah 48

Israel Refined for YHWH's Glory

**Isa 48:1** “Hear this, O house of Ya'aqob, who are called by the name of Yisra'ël, and have come from the waters of Yehuḏah, who swear by the Name of יהוה, and profess the Elohim of Yisra'ël – **though not in truth or in righteousness** –

**Isa 48:2** for they call themselves after the set-apart city, and lean on the Elohim of Yisra'ël – יהוה of hosts is His Name:

**Isa 48:3** “I have declared the former *events* from the beginning, and they went forth from My mouth, and I made you hear them. Suddenly I acted, and they came to be.

**Isa 48:4** “Because I knew that you were hard, and your neck was an iron sinew, and your forehead bronze,

**Isa 48:5** **therefore I declared it to you long ago.** Before it came I made you hear, lest you should say, ‘My idol has done them, and my carved image and my molded image commanded them.’

**Isa 48:6** “You have heard, look at them all. And do you not declare it? **From now on I shall make you hear new ones, even hidden ones, which you have not known.**

**Isa 48:7** “Now they shall be created and not long ago. And before this day you have not heard them, lest you should say, ‘Look, I knew them.’

**Isa 48:8** “No, you have not heard; no, you have not known; no, from of old your ear has not been open. Because I knew that you are indeed treacherous, and are called **’a transgressor from the womb.’**

**Isa 48:9** **“For My Name’s sake I postponed My displeasure, and for My praise I held it back from you, so as not to cut you off.**

**Isa 48:10** “See, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Deu 8:2-16](#).

**Isa 48:11** “For My own sake, for My own sake, I do it. For how is it profaned? And My esteem I do not give to another.



**Remember!**

Deu 8:2 “**And you shall remember** that יהוה your Elohim led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, prove you, to know what is in your heart, whether you guard His commands or not.

Deu 8:3 “And He humbled you, and let you suffer hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, to make you know that man does not live by bread alone, **but by every Word that comes from the mouth of יהוה.**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also Mat 4:4 and in Luk 4:4.

Deu 8:4 “Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

Deu 8:5 “Thus you shall know in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so יהוה your Elohim disciplines you,

Deu 8:6 **therefore you shall guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.**

Deu 8:7 “For יהוה your Elohim is bringing you into a good land, a land of streams of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills,

Deu 8:8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,

Deu 8:9 a land in which you eat bread without scarcity, in which you do not lack at all, a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you dig copper.

Deu 8:10 “And you shall eat and be satisfied, and shall bless יהוה your Elohim for the good land which He has given you.

Deu 8:11 “**Be on guard, lest you forget יהוה your Elohim by not guarding His commands, and His right-rulings, and His laws which I command you today,**

Deu 8:12 **lest you eat and shall be satisfied, and build lovely houses and shall dwell in them,**

Deu 8:13 **and your herds and your flocks increase, and your silver and your gold are increased, and all that you have is increased,**

Deu 8:14 **that your heart then becomes lifted up, and you forget יהוה your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage,**

Deu 8:15 **who led you through that great and awesome wilderness – fiery serpents and scorpions and thirst – where there was no water, who brought water for you out of the flinty rock,**

Deu 8:16 **who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, in order to humble you and to try you, to do you good in the end,**

YHWH’s Call to Israel – Blessed are those that hear Him and know Him! Many do not. Many are majoring on the minor things in life; and have not sought the One that formed them in their mother’s womb. They have not focused on the One who loves them.

Don’t let the distractions and noise of this world, prevent you from hearing Him. Then, never forget what He has done for us.

**Isa 48:12 “Listen to Me, O Ya’aqob, and Yisra’ël, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.**

**Isa 48:13 “Also, My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens. I call to them, let them stand together.**

**Isa 48:14** “**All of you, gather yourselves, and hear!** Who among them has declared these? יהוה has loved him. Let him do His pleasure on Babel, and His arm be on the Kasdim.

**Isa 48:15** “I, I have spoken, I have also called him, I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

**Isa 48:16** “**Come near to Me, hear this:** I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there. **And now the Master יהוה has sent Me, and His Spirit.**”

**Isa 48:17** Thus said יהוה, your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Yisra'el, “**I am יהוה your Elohim, teaching you what is best, leading you by the way you should go.**”

**Isa 48:18** “**If only you had listened to My commands!** Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

**Isa 48:19** “And your seed would have been like the sand, and the offspring of your inward parts like the grains of sand. His name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.

**Isa 48:20** “**Come out of Babel! Flee from the Kasdim!** Declare this with a voice of singing, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth! Say, ‘יהוה has redeemed His servant Ya'aqob!’ ”

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from the heaven saying, “**Come out of her, my people,** lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

**Isa 48:21** And **they did not thirst when He led them through the deserts; He caused waters from a rock to flow for them; He split the rock, and waters gushed out.**

**Isa 48:22** “**There is no peace for the wrong,**” said יהוה.”

## Revelation 18

### The Fall of Babylon

**Rev 18:1** And after this I saw another messenger coming down from the heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lightened from his esteem.

**Rev 18:2** And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, “**Babel the great is fallen, is fallen,** [Isa 21:9](#) and has become a dwelling place of demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, and a haunt for every unclean and hated bird,

What has been will be again. Mystery Babylon with its global cabal is declared fallen.

Isa 21:9 “And see this, a chariot of men coming with a pair of horsemen!”  
And he spoke up and said, “Babel is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her mighty ones He has broken to the ground.”

Mystery Babylon is a conglomerate of nations which probably has its main headquarters in the defiled Jerusalem being led by the Anti-messiah and False Prophet. It is the hub of the ‘New World Order’, the global cabal weaving its web. This web is meant to entrap others; but, will become their own snare. **We are to separate ourselves lest we also receive her plagues.**

**Rev 18:3** because all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her whoring, and the sovereigns of the earth have committed whoring with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her riotous living.”

**Rev 18:4** And I heard another voice from the heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."<sup>a</sup> Footnote:

<sup>a</sup> Jer 51:6, Jer 51:9, Jer 51:45. Also see Jer 50:8, Jer 50:13, Jer 50:28.

Come Out! Warning after warning! Take heed!

Jer 51:6 **Flee from the midst of Babel**, and let each one save his life! **Do not be cut off in her crookedness**, for this is the time of the vengeance of יהוה, the recompense He is repaying her.

Jer 51:9 We would have healed Babel, but she is not healed. **Let us leave her and each go to his own land, for her judgment reaches to the heavens and is lifted up to the clouds.**

Jer 51:45 **"Come out of her midst, My people!** And let everyone deliver his being from the burning displeasure of יהוה.

Jer 50:8 **"Flee** from the midst of Babel, **come out** of the land of the Kasdim. And be as rams before a flock.

Jer 50:13 “Because of the wrath of יהוה she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be deserted – all of it. Everyone passing by Babel shall be astonished and whistle at all her plagues.

Jer 50:28 Listen! **They flee and escape from the land of Babel**, to declare in Tsiyon the vengeance of יהוה our Elohim, the vengeance of His Hēḵal.

**Rev 18:5** “Because her sins have piled up to reach the heaven, and **Elohim has remembered her unrighteousnesses.**

We will know the end from the beginning, as in the days of Jared and Noah! When the cup of iniquity is full; it must be addressed.

Gen 18:20 And יהוה said, “Because the outcry against Sedom and Amarah is great, and because their sin is very heavy,

Gen 18:21 “I am going down now to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me, and if not, I know.”

Rev 18:6 “Render to her as she indeed did render, and **repay her double according to her works. In the cup which she has mixed, mix for her double.**

Isa 40:2 “Speak to the heart of Yerushalayim, and cry out to her, that her hard service is completed, that her crookedness is pardoned, that she has received from the hand of יהוה double for all her sins.”

Rev 18:7 “As much as she esteemed herself and lived riotously, **so much torture and grief give to her**, because in her heart she says, **‘I sit as sovereignty, and I am not a widow, and I do not see mourning at all.’**

2Th 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because the falling away is to come first, and the man of lawlessness<sup>a</sup> **is to be revealed, the son of destruction**, Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Dan 11:36-39.

2Th 2:4 **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.**

2Th 2:5 Do you not remember that I told you this while I was still with you?

2Th 2:6 And now you know what restrains, for him to be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the secret of lawlessness is already at work – only until he who now restrains comes out of the midst.

2Th 2:8 And then the lawless one shall be revealed, whom the Master **shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth** Isa 11:4 and bring to naught with the manifestation of His coming.

2Th 2:9 **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan**, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood,

**2Th 2:10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved.**

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Eze 28:2 “Son of man, say to the prince of Tsor, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה, “Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, ‘I am Ēl, I sit in the seat of Elohim, in the heart of the seas,’ whereas you are a man, and not Ēl, though you set your heart as the heart of Elohim!’

Eze 28:3 “Look, are you wiser than Dani’ël? Has no secret been hidden from you?”

Eze 28:4 “By your wisdom and your understanding you have made riches for yourself, and gathered gold and silver into your treasuries.”

Eze 28:5 “By your great wisdom, by your trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches.”

Eze 28:6 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה, “Because you have set your heart as the heart of Elohim,

Eze 28:7 therefore see, I am bringing against you strangers, the ruthless ones of the nations. And they shall draw their swords against the loveliness of your wisdom, and they shall profane your splendor.

Eze 28:8 “Down into the pit they shall bring you, and you shall die the death of the slain in the heart of the seas.”

Eze 28:9 “Would you still say before him who slays you, ‘I am Elohim’, whereas you are man, and not Ēl, in the hand of him who kills you?”

Eze 28:10 “The death of the uncircumcised you shall die, by the hand of foreigners.

For I have spoken,” declares the Master יהוה.’ ”

Rev 18:8 “**Because of this her plagues shall come in one day:** death and mourning and scarcity of food. And she shall be burned up with fire, because יהוה Elohim who judges her is mighty.

1Co 10:22 Do we provoke the Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

Rev 18:9 “And the sovereigns of the earth who committed whoring and lived riotously with her shall weep and mourn over her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

Isa 34:9 And its streams shall be turned into tar, and its dust into sulphur, and its land shall become burning tar,

Isa 34:10 that is not quenched night or day, its smoke going up forever. From generation to generation it lies waste, no one passes through it forever and ever,

Rev 18:10 standing at a distance for fear of her torture, saying, ‘**Woe! Woe, the great city Babel, the mighty city, because your judgment has come in one hour!**’

The strongest scripture identifying ‘the great city’ as Jerusalem [albeit defiled Jerusalem] is Revelation 11:8 – This scripture speaks to where the two witnesses will be slain and spiritually refers to Jerusalem as Sodom and Egypt. The clearest identifier is the statement, **‘where also our Master was impaled.’**

Rev 11:7 And when they have ended their witness, the beast coming up out of the pit of the deep shall fight against them, and overcome them, and kill them,

Rev 11:8 and their dead bodies lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Mitsrayim, where also our Master was impaled.

Rev 16:19 And the great city became divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babel was remembered before Elohim, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

### Jerusalem Will Be Destroyed

Eze 5:1 “And you, son of man, take a sharp sword, take it as a barber’s razor, and you shall pass it over your head and your beard. And you shall take scales to weigh and divide the hair.

Eze 5:2 “Burn with fire one-third in the midst of the city when the days of the siege are completed. And you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and scatter one-third in the wind. And I shall draw out a sword after them.

Eze 5:3 “And you shall take a few *hairs* from there and bind them in the edge of your garment.

Eze 5:4 “And take again some of them, and throw them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From it a fire shall spread unto all the house of Yisra’el.

Eze 5:5 “Thus said the Master יהוה, This is Yerushalayim which I have set in the midst of the nations, with the other lands all around her.

Eze 16:2 “Son of man, make known to Yerushalayim her abominations,

Eze 16:3 and say, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה to Yerushalayim, “Your origin and your birth are from the land of Kena’an. Your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

Though the present-day Jerusalem is heavily romanticized knowing Yahusha walked its streets; we must remember that it was also the city that impaled our Savior. His precious blood soaked into its soil. The same Sanhedrin court system that accused him of blasphemy worthy of death; was re-established in 2004. Jerusalem was also the city that blasphemed Him as Beelzebub.

Today it is has not improved. Today, the majority still do not believe in Yahusha HaMashiach. It is not acceptable to proclaim His Name there. Like in Yahusha’s day, there are many that say they are Jews and are not but are of the ‘Synagogue of Satan.’ I will not belabor this point, but spiritually, it is easy to see the present-day Jerusalem as ‘Egypt’ or ‘Sodom’; and as ‘Mystery Babylon.’

June 6, 2019 Over 10,000 march in Jerusalem Pride Parade under heavy security  
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Act 7:43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.



The following verse is speaking of the New Jerusalem but still refers to it as the 'great city.'

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the **great city, the set-apart Yerushalayim**, descending out of the heaven from Elohim,

Rev 18:11 "And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their merchandise any more –

Rev 18:12 merchandise of gold and silver, and precious stone and pearls, and fine linen and purple, and silk and scarlet, and all citron wood, and every object of ivory, and every object of most precious wood and bronze and iron and marble,

Rev 18:13 and cinnamon and incense, and fragrant oil and frankincense, and wine and oil, and fine flour and wheat, and cattle and sheep, and horses and carriages, and bodies and lives of men.

Rev 18:14 "And the fruit that your being longed for has gone from you. And all your riches and splendor are lost to you, and you shall find them no more, not at all.

Rev 18:15 "The merchants of these, those who became rich by her, shall stand at a distance for fear of her torture, weeping and mourning,

Rev 18:16 and saying, 'Woe! Woe, the great city that was dressed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

We previously discussed the purple and scarlet colors. This verse is why some want to locate the 'great city' to Vatican City in Rome. However, we are reading the times when the Anti-messiah and False prophet would be 'conquering' from the man-made third temple in Jerusalem. It is very possible that the False prophet would usher in the 'colors' commonly associated with the Vatican; the '**garment change**' would reflect Jerusalem making unholy alliances with another 'ruling power.'

Rev 18:17 For **in one hour** such great riches was laid waste.' And every shipmaster, and every passenger, and sailors, and as many as work the sea *for their living*, stood at a distance,

Rev 18:18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What is like this great city?’

Zep 1:14 Near is the great day of *יהוה*, near and hurrying greatly, the noise of the day of *יהוה*. Let the mighty man then bitterly cry out!

Zep 1:15 **That day is a day of wrath**, a day of distress and trouble, a day of waste and ruin, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Zep 1:16 a day of a shophar and sounding – against the walled cities and against the corner towers.

Zep 1:17 “And I shall bring distress on men, and they shall walk like blind men – because they have sinned against *יהוה*, and their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.”

Zep 1:18 **Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of *יהוה*. And by the fire of His jealousy all the earth shall be consumed, for He makes a sudden end of all those who dwell in the earth.**

Rev 18:19 “And they threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, and saying, ‘Woe! Woe, the great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she was laid waste.’

Rev 18:20 “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you set-apart emissaries and prophets, for Elohim has completely avenged you on her!”

Throwing dust on one’s head is more strongly associated with the eastern countries.

[Joshua 7:6](#). Dust or ashes put upon the head was a sign of mourning; sitting in the dust, a sign of affliction, La 3:29 [Isaiah 47:1](#). "Dust" is also put for the grave, [Genesis 3:19 Job 7:21](#). It signifies a multitude, [Genesis 13:16](#), and a low and mean condition, [1 Samuel 2:8](#). We have two remarkable instances of casting dust recorded in Scripture, and they seem to illustrate a practice common in Asia: those who demanded justice against a criminal were accustomed to throw dust upon him, signifying that he deserved to be cast into the grave. Shimei cast dust upon David when he fled from Jerusalem, [2 Samuel 16:13](#). The Jews treated the apostle Paul in a similar manner in the same city: "They cried out, 'Away with such a fellow from the earth; for it is not fit that he should live.- And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air, the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle,'" [Acts 22:22-24](#).

**[Bible Hub Excerpt]**

Rev 18:21 And one mighty messenger picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “**With such a rush the great city Babel shall be thrown down, and shall not be found any more at all.**

Rev 18:22 “And the sound of harpists, and musicians, and flautists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you any more at all. And no craftsman of any trade shall be found in you any more at all. And the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you



any more at all.

**Rev 18:23** “And the light of a lamp shall not shine in you any more at all. And the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you any more at all. **For your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your drug sorcery all the nations were led astray.**

**Rev 18:24** **“And in her was found the blood of prophets and set-apart ones, and of all who were slain on the earth.”**

The Anti-messiah and False prophet will heavily persecute the believers, and there will be much bloodshed. In this great city was the blood of prophets and set-apart ones. Set-apart ones have been martyred ever since the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Believers have been persecuted all around the world. The end of days will encompass the worldly beast system of the global cabal, inclusive of all countries. However, it seems to be that the ‘war room’ would be managed from the defiled Jerusalem; the whore of Mystery Babylon; possibly **with her Babylonian Talmud in hand; her Noahide Laws; and other leavened oral texts and doctrines of men.**

Luk 17:2 “It would be better for him if a millstone is put around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.

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