

*Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 20; 1Thes. 3; Daniel 2; Psalm 106.*

## *October 17 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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**1Kings 20** 1Kings 20 records the account of the threat posed by Ben-Hadad and 32 sovereigns against Ahab of Israel. YHWH proves Himself faithful to Israel, despite Ahab.

### **Ahab's Wars with Syria**

**1Ki 20:1** And **Ben-Hadad the sovereign of Aram** gathered all his army, and there were **thirty-two sovereigns with him**, with horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Shomeron, and fought against it.

**1Ki 20:2** And he sent messengers into the city to Ahab sovereign of Yisra'el, and said to him, "Thus said Ben-Hadad,

- ❖ **1Ki 20:3** Your silver and your gold are mine,
- ❖ and your wives and children, the best, are mine.' "

**1Ki 20:4** And the sovereign of Yisra'el answered and said, "As you say, my master, O sovereign, I am yours, and all that I have."

**1Ki 20:5** And the messengers came back and said,

- ❖ "Thus speaks Ben-Hadad, saying, 'Indeed I have sent to you, saying, "Give me your silver and your gold, your wives and your children,"
- ❖ **1Ki 20:6** but about this time tomorrow I shall send my servants to you, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants. And it shall be, that whatever is pleasing in your eyes they shall lay hold of and take it.' "

**1Ki 20:7** And the sovereign of Yisra'el called all the elders of the land, and said,

- "Please know and see the evil this one is seeking,
- for he sent to me for my wives,
- and for my children,
- and for my silver,
- and for my gold, and I did not refuse him."

**1Ki 20:8** And all the elders and all the people said to him, **"Do not listen nor agree."**

**1Ki 20:9** So he said to the messengers of Ben-Hadad, "Say to my master the sovereign,

- 'All that you sent for to your servant the first time I shall do,
- but this I am unable to do.' ” And the messengers went and brought back word to him.

1Ki 20:10 And Ben-Hadad sent to him and said,

- ❖ “The mighty ones do so to me, and more also, if enough dust is left of Shomeron for a handful for each of the people who follow me.”

1Ki 20:11 And the sovereign of Yisra'el answered and said,

- ❖ “Speak, ‘Him who girds on *his armor* should not boast like him who lays it down.’”

1Ki 20:12 And it came to be when this word was heard, as he and the sovereigns were drinking in the booths, that he said to his servants, “Set yourselves.” So they set themselves against the city.

### Ahab Defeats Ben-hadad

1Ki 20:13 And see, a prophet came near to Ahab sovereign of Yisra'el, saying, “**Thus said יהוה**,

- ✚ ‘Have you seen all this great company?
- ✚ See, I am giving it into your hand today,
- ✚ and you shall know that I am יהוה.’ ”

1Ki 20:14 And Ahab said, “By whom?”

- ✚ And he said, “**Thus said יהוה**, ‘By the young rulers of the provinces.’ ”
- ✚ And he said, “**Who opens the attack?**”
- ✚ Then he answered, “You.”

Ahab musters 232 young rulers of the provinces in addition to mustering all the people and children of Israel [7,000].

- 1Ki 20:15 And he mustered **the** young rulers of the provinces, and there were two hundred and thirty-two. And after them he mustered all the people, all the children of Yisra'el, seven thousand.
- 1Ki 20:16 And **they went out at noon**, while Ben-Hadad and the thirty-two sovereigns helping him were getting drunk in the booths.
- 1Ki 20:17 And the young rulers of the provinces went out first.
- And Ben-Hadad sent out, and they reported to him, saying, “Men have come out of Shomeron!”
  - 1Ki 20:18 Then he said, “If they have come out **for peace, seize them alive.**
  - And if they have come out **for battle, seize them alive.**”

1Ki 20:19 So these young rulers of the provinces went out of the city with the army which followed them.

1Ki 20:20 **And each struck his man, so the Arameans fled, and Yisra'ël pursued them.** And **Ben-Hadađ** the sovereign of Aram escaped on a horse with the horsemen.

1Ki 20:21 And the sovereign of Yisra'ël went out and struck the horses and chariots, and struck the Arameans, a great smiting.

1Ki 20:22 And the prophet came to the sovereign of Yisra'ël and said to him,

- ❖ “Go, strengthen yourself. And know and see what you should do,
- ❖ for at the turn of the year the sovereign of Aram is coming up against you.”

1Ki 20:23 **And the servants of the sovereign of Aram said to him,**

- ❖ “Their mighty ones are mighty ones of the hills. That is why they were stronger than we.
- ❖ But let us fight against them in the plain – are we not stronger than they?”

1Ki 20:24 “Now do this:

- ❖ Take away the sovereigns, each from his position, and put officers in their places,
- ❖ 1Ki 20:25 and number an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot, **and let us fight against them in the plain – are we not stronger than they?”** And he listened to their voice and did so.

### Ahab Defeats Ben-Hadad Again

1Ki 20:26 **And it came to be, at the turn of the year, that Ben-Hadađ mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphěq to fight against Yisra'ël.**

1Ki 20:27 And the children of Yisra'ël were mustered and were fed, and they went against them. And the children of Yisra'ël encamped before them like two little flocks of goats, while the Arameans filled the land.

1Ki 20:28 And there came near **a man of Elohim** and spoke to the sovereign of Yisra'ël, and said, “Thus said **יהוה**,

- ❖ ‘Because the Arameans have said, “**יהוה** is Elohim of the hills, but He is not Elohim of the valleys,”
- ❖ therefore I shall give all this great company into your hand, and you shall know that I am **יהוה**.’ ”
- ❖ 1Ki 20:29 And they encamped opposite each other for seven days.
- ❖ And it came to be that on the seventh day the battle was joined. **And the children of Yisra'ël struck one hundred thousand foot soldiers of the Arameans in one day.**

1Ki 20:30 And those that were left fled to Aphěq, into the city, and **a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand of the men who were left.** And **Ben-Hadađ** fled and went into

the city, into an inner room.

Ahab makes a covenant with Ben-Hadad and sets him free.

**1Ki 20:31** And his servants said to him, “See now, we have heard that the sovereigns of the house of Yisra’el are lovingly-committed sovereigns. Please, let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads, and go out to the sovereign of Yisra’el. It could be that he spares your life.”

**1Ki 20:32** So they girded sackcloth on their loins and put ropes around their heads, and came to the sovereign of Yisra’el and said, “Your servant Ben-Hadad said, ‘Please let me live.’ ” And he said, “Is he still alive? He is my brother.”

**1Ki 20:33** And the men divined and they quickly grasped it and said, “Your brother Ben-Hadad.” And he said, “Go, bring him.” So Ben-Hadad came out to him, and he let him come up on the chariot.

**1Ki 20:34** And Ben-Hadad said to him, “The cities which my father took from your father I return. And set up market-places for yourself in Dammeseq, as my father did in Shomeron.” And Ahab said, “I send you away with this covenant.” And he made a covenant with him and sent him away.

### A Prophet Condemns Ben-Hadad's Release

**1Ki 20:35** And **a certain man of the sons of the prophets** said to his neighbor by the word of יהוה, “Strike me, please.” But the man refused to strike him.

**1Ki 20:36** Then he said to him,

- ❖ “Because you have not obeyed the voice of יהוה, see, as soon as you leave me a lion shall strike you.”
- ❖ And when he left him, a lion found him and struck him.

**1Ki 20:37** And he found another man, and said,

- ❖ “Strike me, please.”
- ❖ So the man struck him, striking and wounding.
- ❖ **1Ki 20:38** Then the prophet went and waited for the sovereign by the way, and disguised himself with a bandage on his eyes.

**1Ki 20:39** And as the sovereign passed by, he cried out to the sovereign and said,

- ❖ “Your servant went out into the midst of the battle. And see, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said, ‘Guard this man. If he should in any way be missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.’”
- ❖ **1Ki 20:40** “And it came to be, while your servant was busy here and there, he was gone.” And the sovereign of Yisra’el said to him, “Your judgment is right, you yourself have decided it.”
- ❖ **1Ki 20:41** Then he quickly removed the bandage from his eyes. **And the sovereign of Yisra’el recognized him as one of the prophets.**

1Ki 20:42 And he said to him, “Thus said הוה, ‘Because you have let slip out of your hand a man whom I put under the ban, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.’ ”

1Ki 20:43 And the sovereign of Yisra’el went to his house embittered and displeased, and came to Shomeron.

### 1Thes. 3

We all know the cliché that “opposites attract”. The same can hold true between good and evil. The enemy is not ‘attracted’ to lukewarm believers; they are not a threat. The enemy is attracted to the flock of healthy faithful believers. Satan doesn’t throw stones at dead birds.

We know the bible defines the enemy this way: **1Peter 5:8** Be sober, watch, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Paul was fully acquainted with the ways of the wicked. Because of this, he sends Timothy back to Thessalonica to check on the new congregation; while he remained in Athens. Paul was a loving shepherd; one who truly cared for the sheep at the cost of imprisonment; beatings; and even death.

**1Th 3:1** So, when we could no longer stand it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone,

**1Th 3:2** and sent Timotiyos, our brother and servant of Elohim, and our fellow worker in the Good News of Messiah, to establish you and encourage you concerning your belief,

**1Th 3:3** that no one should be unsettled by these pressures, for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.

**1Th 3:4** For indeed, we did inform you beforehand, when we were with you, **that we would suffer pressure, and so it came to be, as you know.**

**1Th 3:5** Because of this, when I could no longer stand it, I sent to find out about your belief, lest **the trying one might have tried you**, and our labor should be in vain.

Paul rejoiced to hear the glowing report Timothy brought back to them! The Thessalonians stood strong and they had wonderful memories of their visit with Paul and Silas and longed to see them again!

### Timothy's Encouraging Report

**1Th 3:6** But now that Timotiyos has come to us from you, and having brought us good news of your belief and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, longing to see us, as we also *to see you,*

1Th 3:7 therefore, brothers, in all our pressure and distress we were encouraged concerning you by your belief.

1Th 3:8 Because we now live, if you stand fast in the Master.

1Th 3:9 For what thanks are we able to return to Elohim for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake in the presence of our Elohim,

1Th 3:10 night and day praying exceedingly, to see your face and make complete what is lacking in your belief?

1Th 3:11 And our Elohim and Father Himself, and our Master יהושע Messiah, direct our way to you!

1Th 3:12 And the Master make you increase and overflow in love to each other and to all, as we also do to you,

1Th 3:13 to establish your hearts blameless in set-apartness before our Elohim and Father at the coming of our Master יהושע Messiah with all His set-apart ones!

## Daniel 2

### Nebuchadnezzar's Dream [Dan 2:1-19 used KJV]

**Dan 2:1** And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Dan 2:2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

Dan 2:3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

Dan 2:4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live forever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

Dan 2:5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. [KJV]

**Brenton Septuagint:** Dan 2:5 The king answered the Chaldeans, The thing has departed from me: if ye do not make known to me the dream and the interpretation, ye shall be destroyed, and your houses shall be spoiled.

**TS2009:** Dan 2:5 The sovereign answered and said to the Kasdim, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream and its interpretation to me, your limbs shall be taken from you, and your houses made dunghills.

Dan 2:6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

Dan 2:7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and

we will shew the interpretation of it.

**Dan 2:8** The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye **see the thing is gone from me**.

**Dan 2:9** But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

**Dan 2:10** The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

**Dan 2:11** And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, **except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh**.

**Dan 2:12** For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

**Dan 2:13** **And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.**

**Dan 2:14** Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon:

**Dan 2:15** He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

**Dan 2:16** **Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.**

Did Nebuchadnezzar [remember the dream](#) and he wanted his 'wise' men to tell him the dream and the interpretation? **—or—** Was it that Nebuchadnezzar [couldn't remember the dream](#), therefore he needed the 'wise' men to not only tell him the dream but also the interpretation? It seems to be the latter based on the phrasing of other translations.

We all know how quickly a dream can flee from our memory until we see something that reminds us of that dream; unless we have promptly written it down. Whatever the case, Nebuchadnezzar knew it was a disturbing and a significant dream and he desired insight. Nebuchadnezzar was angry because he wanted answers and his so-called 'wise' men couldn't give him those answers. His 'wise' men were correct in saying that the answer could only come from **one not dwelling in the flesh**. Of course, we know that is the ONE true living Elohim, YHWH!

Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, goes to round up all the Babylonian wise men to be slayed. Daniel inquires about the details for such a rash decision. Daniel was YHWH's preeminent wise man among all the Babylonian wise men. In addition, YHWH had given wisdom and knowledge to Ḥananyah, Misha'ël, and Azaryah. YHWH's wise men knew that all wisdom, knowledge, and interpretation of dreams and visions came from YHWH their Elohim. For that reason, Daniel seeks out his companions to petition YHWH for revelation concerning Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

Daniel, Ḥananyah, Misha'ël, and Azaryah had great impact on the Babylonian wise men, the magi. The 'wise' men or magi were positionally close to them and therefore reaped many benefits from YHWH's blessings upon the four as well as from Daniel's prophecies. It is even believed by some, that the 'wise' men or magi, that sought the young child that had been born 'King of the Yehudim'; had been taught by Daniel to watch for the heavenly sign that would come with the child's birth. This would also make sense because of the extravagant gifts they brought of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Mat 2:2 saying, "Where is He who has been born Sovereign of the Yehudim? For we saw His star in the East and have come to do reverence to Him."

### Elohim Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Dan 2:17 Then Dani'ël went to his house, and made the decision known to Ḥananyah, Misha'ël, and Azaryah, his companions,

Dan 2:18 to seek compassion from the Elah of the heavens concerning this secret, so that Dani'ël and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise ones of Babel.

Dan 2:19 Then the secret was revealed to Dani'ël in a night vision, and **Dani'ël blessed the Elah of the heavens.**

Dan 2:20 Dani'ël responded and said, "Blessed be the Name of Elah forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His.

Dan 2:21 "And He changes the times and the seasons. He removes sovereigns and raises up sovereigns. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who possess understanding.

Dan 2:22 "He reveals deep and secret matters. He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.

Dan 2:23 **"I thank You and praise You, O Elah of my fathers. You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the sovereign's matter."**

Dan 2:24 So Dani'ël went to Aryok, whom the sovereign had appointed to destroy the wise ones of Babel. He went and said this to him, "Do not destroy the wise ones of Babel. Bring me in before the sovereign, and I shall show the interpretation to the sovereign."

Dan 2:25 **Then Aryok brought Dani'el in a hurry before the sovereign, and said thus to him, "I have found a man among the sons of the exile of Yehudah, who does make known to the sovereign the interpretation."**

Dan 2:26 The sovereign answered and said to Dani'el, whose name was Bēlteshatstsar, **"Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"**

Dan 2:27 Dani'el answered before the sovereign, and said, **"The secret which the sovereign is asking – the wise ones, the astrologers, the magicians, and the diviners are unable to show it to the sovereign."**

Dan 2:28 **"But there is an Elah in the heavens who reveals secrets, and He has made known to Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar what is to be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:**

Dan 2:29 "As for you, O sovereign, on your bed your thoughts came up: What is going to take place after this. And He who reveals secrets has made known to you what shall be *after this*.

Dan 2:30 "As for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the sovereign, and that you should know the thoughts of your heart.

### Daniel Interprets the Dream

Dan 2:31 "You, O sovereign, were looking on, and **saw a great image!** This great image, and its brightness excellent, was standing before you, and its form was awesome.

- ❖ Dan 2:32 **"This image's head was of fine gold,**
- ❖ its **chest and arms of silver,**
- ❖ its **belly and thighs of bronze,**
- ❖ Dan 2:33 **its legs of iron,**
- ❖ its **feet partly of iron and partly of clay.**

Dan 2:34 "You were looking on, until **a stone was cut out without hands,** and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Dan 2:35 **"Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing-floors. And the wind took them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled all the earth."**

Dan 2:36 **"This is the dream, and its interpretation we declare before the sovereign."**

- ❖ Dan 2:37 "You, O sovereign, are a sovereign of sovereigns. For the Elah of the heavens has given you a reign, power, and strength, and preciousness,
  - Dan 2:38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are the head of gold.
- ❖ Dan 2:39 "And after you rises up another reign lower than yours,

- ❖ and another third reign of bronze that rules over all the earth.
- ❖ **Dan 2:40** “And the fourth reign is as strong as iron, because iron crushes and shatters all. So, like iron that breaks in pieces, it crushes and breaks all these.
- ❖ **Dan 2:41** “Yet, as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the reign is to be divided. But some of the strength of the iron is to be in it, because you saw the iron mixed with muddy clay.
- ❖ **Dan 2:42** “And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the reign is partly strong and partly brittle.
- ❖ **Dan 2:43** “And as you saw iron mixed with muddy clay, they are mixing themselves with the seed of men, but they are not clinging to each other, even as iron does not mix with clay.

**Dan 2:44** “And in the days of these sovereigns the Elah of the heavens shall set up a reign which shall never be destroyed, nor the reign pass on to other people – it crushes and puts to an end all these reigns, and it shall stand forever.” <sup>b</sup>Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Dan 7:1-28](#), [Psa 22:28](#), [Jer 30:11](#), [Joe 3:16](#), [Oba 1:15-17](#), [Hab 3:12-13](#), [Zep 3:8](#), [Hag 2:22](#), [Rev 11:15](#).

**Dan 2:45** “Because you saw that **the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands**, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great Elah has made known to the sovereign what shall be after this. And the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

### Daniel Is Promoted

**Dan 2:46** Then Sovereign Neḅuḱadnetšar fell on his face, and did obeisance before Dani’ēl, and gave orders to present to him an offering and incense.

**Dan 2:47** The sovereign answered Dani’ēl, and said, **“Truly your Elah is the Elah of elahin, the Master of sovereigns, and a revealer of secrets, since you were able to reveal this secret.”**

**Dan 2:48** Then **the sovereign made Dani’ēl great and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over all the province of Babel, and chief of the nobles, over all the wise ones of Babel.**

**Dan 2:49** **And Dani’ēl asked of the sovereign, and he set Shadrak, Mēyshak, and Abēd-Neḅō over the work of the province of Babel, and Dani’ēl in the gate of the sovereign.**

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BIBLE QUIZ  
**DANIEL**

Match the question with the  
answer on the right.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
___ Which king laid siege to Jerusalem?	1. Interpret his dreams
___ What was Daniel's new name in Babylon?	2. Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
___ In Babylon, how many years did Daniel study?	3. Pulses and water
___ What did Daniel do for King Nebuchadnezzar?	4. Nebuchadnezzar
___ Who refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's golden image?	5. Beasts
___ What did Daniel eat instead of the king's meat and drink?	6. Three years
___ Who was the fourth person in the fiery furnace along with Daniel's friends?	7. Belshazzar
___ Daniel had a dream about which four things?	8. The Angel of God
___ What happened to Daniel after he gave thanks to Yah by his open window?	9. An angel shut the lion's mouths
___ How was Daniel protected from the lions in the den?	10. Thrown into the lions' den

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## Psalm 106

Be holy for He is Holy; stay in Covenant; guard right-ruling; Do righteousness; It matters greatly and has eternal consequences!

### Give Thanks to YHWH, for He Is Good

**Psa 106:1** Praise Yah! Oh, give thanks to יהוה, For He is good! For His loving-commitment is everlasting.

**Psa 106:2** Who does relate the mighty acts of יהוה? Or declare all His praise?

**Psa 106:3** Blessed are those who guard right-ruling, Who do righteousness at all times!

**Psa 106:4** Remember me, O יהוה, in the acceptance of Your people; Visit me with Your deliverance,

**Psa 106:5** To see the good of Your chosen ones, To rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, To make my boast with Your inheritance.

Sadly, we have sinned the same sins of our fathers; we have acted perversely; we presently live in a 'type of Egyptian slavery' having been scattered among the nations. Yet, He has given us an opportunity to repent and be saved from the hand of the hater; trust YHWH! Yet once more, He will gather us!

**Psa 106:6** We have sinned with our fathers, We have acted perversely, We have done wrong.

**Psa 106:7** Our fathers in Mitsrayim did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your many loving-commitments, But rebelled by the sea, the Sea of Reeds.

**Psa 106:8** But He saved them for His Name's sake, To make known His might.

**Psa 106:9** And He rebuked the Sea of Reeds, and it dried up; And He led them through the depths, Through a wilderness.

**Psa 106:10** And He saved them from the hand of the hater, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

**Psa 106:11** And waters covered their adversaries; Not one of them was left.

**Psa 106:12** Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.

**Psa 106:13** They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

**Psa 106:14** But greedily lusted in the wilderness, And tried Ėl in the desert.

**Psa 106:15** And He gave them their request, But sent leanness within their being.

Rebellion recounted against Moses and Aaron

**Psa 106:16** And they were jealous of Mosheh in the camp, Of Aharon, the set-apart one of יהוה,

**Psa 106:17** Then the earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, And covered the

company of Aḅiram.

**Psa 106:18** And a fire burned in their company; A flame consumed the wrong.

With the sin of the golden calf; they changed His esteem into the form of an ox that eats grass.

**Psa 106:19** They made a calf in Ḥorēḅ, And bowed down to a moulded image.

**Psa 106:20** Thus they changed My esteem Into the form of an ox that eats grass.

**Psa 106:21** They forgot Ēl their Saviour, The Doer of great *deeds* in Mitsrayim,

**Psa 106:22** Of wonders in the land of Ḥam, Of awesome *deeds* by the Sea of Reeds.

**Psa 106:23** Then He said that He would destroy them, Had not Mosheh His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath from destroying *them*.

They despised the Promise Land; Rebelled; Whored with Ba'al Pe'or; and thankfully Phineas stands up.

**Psa 106:24** They then despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word,

**Psa 106:25** And they grumbled in their tents, They did not listen to the voice of יהוה.

**Psa 106:26** So He lifted up His hand *in an oath* against them, To make them fall in the wilderness,

**Psa 106:27** And to make their seed fall among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands.

**Psa 106:28** And they joined themselves to Ba'al Pe'or, And ate slaughterings made to the dead.

**Psa 106:29** Thus they provoked Him with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them.

**Psa 106:30** Then Pineḥas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped.

**Psa 106:31** And that was reckoned to him for righteousness To all generations forever.

Provoked Moses to wrath at the waters of Meribah; consequently, Moses doesn't enter the Promise Land.

**Psa 106:32** And they provoked wrath at the waters of Meribah, And Mosheh suffered on account of them;

**Psa 106:33** Because they embittered his spirit, And he spoke rashly with his lips.

**Psa 106:34** They did not destroy the peoples, As יהוה had commanded them,

Presently we are back in slavery of the 'earthly beast system'; and like they, we cry out Psalm 106:47-48.

Psa 106:35 But mixed with the nations And learned their works,

Psa 106:36 And served their idols, And they became a snare to them.

Psa 106:37 And they slaughtered their sons And their daughters to demons,

Psa 106:38 And they shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they slaughtered to the idols of Kena'an; And the land was defiled with blood.

Psa 106:39 So they became unclean by their own works, And went whoring by their own deeds.

Psa 106:40 And the wrath of יהוה burned against His people, And He loathed His own inheritance.

Psa 106:41 Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them.

Psa 106:42 And their enemies oppressed them, And they were humbled under their hand.

Psa 106:43 Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their plans, So they were brought low for their crookedness.

Psa 106:44 But He would look on their distress, When He heard their cry,

Psa 106:45 And remember His covenant for their sake, And relent according to the greatness of His loving-commitment.

Psa 106:46 And He would let them find compassion, Before all those holding them captive.

Psa 106:47 Save us, O יהוה our Elohim, And gather us from among the nations, To give thanks to Your set-apart Name, To exult in Your praise.

Psa 106:48 Blessed be יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el From everlasting to everlasting! And all the people shall say, "Aměn!" Praise Yah!

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