

*Greetings, today our manna is from Num. 29; Psalm 73; Isaiah 21; 2Peter 2.*

## *May 20 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Numbers 29**

#### **Offerings for the Feast of Trumpets**

**Num 29:1** ‘And in the seventh new moon, on the first day of the new moon, you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work, it is **Yom Teru'ah<sup>a</sup>** for you. **Footnote:**  
<sup>a</sup>Day of Soundings or Noisings.

**Num 29:2** And **you shall prepare an ascending offering as a sweet fragrance to יהוה**: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:3** and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an *ēphah* for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

**Num 29:4** and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,

**Num 29:5** and one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you,

**Num 29:6** besides the ascending offering with its grain offering for the New *moon*, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their right-ruling, as a sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to **יהוה**.

Prepare an ascending offering, an offering made with fire, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- 1 young bull + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ēphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for the one bull**; with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for the bull.
- 1 ram + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ēphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for the one ram**; with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old, perfect ones + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ēphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb** with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to **יהוה**
- Besides the ascending offering with its grain offering for the New *moon*[month]
- Besides the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their right-ruling, as a sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to יהוה.

#### **Offerings for the Day of Atonement**

**Num 29:7** And on the tenth day of this seventh new moon you have a set-apart gathering, and you shall afflict your beings, you do no work.

**Num 29:8** And you shall **bring near an ascending offering to יהוה**, a sweet fragrance: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, perfect ones they are for you,

**Num 29:9** and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of an ĕphah* for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

**Num 29:10** one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,

**Num 29:11** one male goat as a sin offering, besides the sin offering for atonement, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

Prepare an ascending offering, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- 1 young bull + 3/10<sup>th</sup> *of an ĕphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for the one bull**; with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for the bull.
- 1 ram + 2/10<sup>th</sup> *of an ĕphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for the one ram**; with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old, perfect ones + 1/10<sup>th</sup> *of an ĕphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb** an offering made by fire to YHWH; with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the sin offering for atonement, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

### Offerings for the Feast of Booths

**Num 29:12** And on **the fifteenth day of the seventh new moon** you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work. And you shall celebrate a festival to יהוה seven days,

**Num 29:13** and **you shall bring near an ascending offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to יהוה**: thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones they are,

**Num 29:14** and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of an ĕphah* for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams,

**Num 29:15** and one-tenth for each of the fourteen lambs,

**Num 29:16** and one male goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**Num 29:17** Then on the second day: twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:18** and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

**Num 29:19** and one male goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

**Num 29:20** And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:21** and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

**Num 29:22** and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**Num 29:23** Then on the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:24** and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

**Num 29:25** and one male goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**Num 29:26** Then on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:27** and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

**Num 29:28** and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**Num 29:29** Then on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:30** and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

**Num 29:31** and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**Num 29:32** Then on the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:33** and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

**Num 29:34** and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**Num 29:35** On the eighth day you have an assembly, you do no servile work,

**Num 29:36** and you shall bring near an ascending offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to יהוה: one bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, perfect ones,

**Num 29:37** their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

**Num 29:38** and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Prepare an ascending offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- **13 young bull** +  $3/10^{\text{th}}$  of an *ēphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull**; with its drink offering of  $1/2$  hin of wine for each bull.
- **2 rams** +  $2/10^{\text{th}}$  of an *ēphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram**; with its drink offering of  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  hin of wine for each ram.
- **14 lambs a year old** +  $1/10^{\text{th}}$  of an *ēphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb**; with its drink offering of  $1/4^{\text{th}}$  hin of wine per lamb.
- **1 male goat** as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day**

- **12 young bull** + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day**

- **11 young bull** + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**On the 4<sup>th</sup> Day**

- **10 young bull** + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> Day**

- **9 young bull** + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

**On the 6<sup>th</sup> Day**

- **8 young bull** + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for each ram.

- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb; with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

#### On the 7<sup>th</sup> Day

- **7 young bull** + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil for each bull; with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each ram; with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb; with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:35 **On the eighth day** you have an assembly, you do no servile work,

Prepare an ascending offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- 1 young bull + 3/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil for the one bull; with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for the bull.
- 1 ram + 2/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; with its drink offering of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old, perfect ones + 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb an offering made by fire to YHWH; with its drink offering of 1/4<sup>th</sup> hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the sin offering for atonement, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

**Num 29:39** These you prepare to יהוה at your appointed times, besides your vowed offerings and your voluntary offerings, as your ascending offerings and your grain offerings, as your drink offerings and your peace offerings.’ ”

**Num 29:40** And Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra’el according to all יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

After seeing how in each day of the ‘Feasts of Booths or Sukkot’, the bull offerings were ‘counted down by one’ for each of the 7 days, I can’t help but wonder about that silly song, ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas.’ Knowing what we know now, the enemy mocks in several different ways. ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’, in my opinion, was one of those mocking’s.

## Psalm 73

Sometimes we all observe the wrong doers and ponder how they seem not to have a care in this world. They speak loftily, mock, boast, and speak against the things of heaven, yet seem to prosper richly. Even worse, some use the auspices of religion to catapult themselves to esteem and not YHWH.

However, it is not difficult to see how the wrong doers prosper. They network. They join their secret societies. They raise their children in junior secret societies. Not that they are so much ‘secret’; but **the enemy holds a ‘secret’ against them**. The enemy promises them the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life; and they take the bait. The enemy promises them the esteem of man; like Balak did to Balaam. It may all seem wonderful at first; popular and cool! But the real secret is that it all ends in death and destruction.

The penalty for sin is death. **The things of this world are Satan’s snare**. It is the biggest Ponzi scheme ever! A person devotes their lives to meaningless things or sells their souls for ‘eye candy’ in exchange for utter darkness and destruction! The enemy only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. It is like crawling into bed with a lion. How would that work out? For those in this snare, wake up! Are you ‘investing’ your time in Him or ‘wasting’ your time in Satan’s world?

We all at one time lived in the things of the world. We were born into this worldly slavery system. Some of us took longer than others to wake up or **‘connect the dots of deception’**, until we found the Door that leads to life; Yahusha HaMashiach [Jesus the Messiah]. Our treasures are not on this earth but are stored in heaven. The illusion is that worldly men ‘think’ they are prosperous; while they are utterly poor and destitute.

### Elohim Is My Strength and Portion Forever

**Psa 73:1** Elohim is truly good to Yisra’ël, To those whose heart is clean.

**Psa 73:2** But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, My steps had nearly slipped.

**Psa 73:3** For I was envious of the boasters, **When I saw the peace of the wrong-doers.**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Job 21:7](#), [Jer 12:1-2](#), [Psa 73:17](#) and [Psa 92:6-7](#).

**Psa 73:4** For death has no pangs for them, And their strength is firm.

**Psa 73:5** They are not in trouble as other men, And they are not plagued like other men.

**Psa 73:6** So pride is their necklace, The garment of violence covers them.

**Psa 73:7** Their eyes bulge from fatness; Their heart overflows with imaginations.

**Psa 73:8** They mock and speak in the evil of oppression; They speak loftily.

**Psa 73:9** They have set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth, *saying*:

**Psa 73:10** “Therefore His people return here, And waters of a filled *cup* are drained by them!”

**Psa 73:11** And they have said, “How could Ėl know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?”

**Psa 73:12** See, these are the wrong, And always at ease, They have amassed wealth!

**Psa 73:13** Indeed, in vain have I cleansed my heart, And washed my hands in innocence.

**Psa 73:14** For I am plagued all day long, And my reproof is every morning.

**Psa 73:15** If I had said, “Let me speak thus,” See, I would have deceived A generation of Your children.

**Psa 73:16** Yet, when I tried to understand this, It was labor to my eyes –

**Psa 73:17** *Until* I went into the set-apart place of Ėl; Then I perceived their end.

**Psa 73:18** Indeed, You set them in slippery places; You make them fall to ruins.

**Psa 73:19** How suddenly they are ruined! Completely swept away through destructions.

**Psa 73:20** יהוה, when You awake You despise their image, As one does a dream after waking.

**Psa 73:21** For my heart was in a ferment, And I was pierced in my kidneys.

**Psa 73:22** I was stupid and ignorant, I was like a beast toward You.

**Psa 73:23** Yet I am always with You, You took hold of my right hand.

**Psa 73:24** You lead me by Your counsel, And afterward receive me unto esteem.

**Psa 73:25** Whom do I have in the heavens? And I have desired no one besides You on earth.

**Psa 73:26** My flesh and my heart shall waste away, *But* Elohim is the rock of my heart And my portion forever.

**Psa 73:27** For look, those who are far from You perish; You shall cut off all those Who go whoring away from You.

**Psa 73:28** But as for me, it is good to be near Elohim. I have made my refuge in the Master יהוה, To declare all Your works.

## Isaiah 21

### Fallen, Fallen Is Babylon

**Isa 21:1** The message concerning the Wilderness of the Sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep on, so it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land.

**Isa 21:2** A distressing vision is revealed to me: the treacherous betrays, and the ravager ravages. Go up, O Ėylam! Besiege, O Media! All the groaning I bring to an end.

**Isa 21:3** Therefore my loins are filled with anguish; pangs have seized me, like the

pangs of a woman in labour. I was distressed when I heard it; I was troubled when I saw it.

**Isa 21:4** My heart reeled, horror overwhelmed me; the night for which I longed He turned into fear for me.

**Isa 21:5** Prepare the table, spread the mat, eat and drink. Arise, you princes, anoint the shield!

**Isa 21:6** For **יהוה** has said this to me, “Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees.”

**Isa 21:7** And he saw a chariot with a pair of horsemen, a chariot of donkeys, and a chariot of camels, and he listened attentively, very attentively.

**Isa 21:8** Then he cried, “A lion, O **יהוה**! I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and I have sat at my post every night.

**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.”

**Isa 21:10** Oh, my threshing and the grain of my floor! That which I have heard from **יהוה** of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’el, I have declared to you.

**Isa 21:11** The message concerning Dumah. He calls to me out of Sē’ir, “Watchman, how much of the night is passed? Watchman, how much of the night has passed?”

**Isa 21:12** The watchman said, “Morning came, and also the night. If you inquire, inquire. Come again!”

**Isa 21:13** The message concerning Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you stay, O you travelling companies of Deḡanites.

**Isa 21:14** You who dwell in the land of Tēma, bring water to him who is thirsty, meet the fugitive with bread.

**Isa 21:15** For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the stress of battle.

A distressing night vision is given to Isaiah in which he longed for rest, instead the night turns into fear and horror. He sees whirlwinds coming from the wilderness, from an awesome land. The vision and message concerns Babylon, the Wilderness of the Sea. The Wilderness of the Sea is associated by the surrounding lands that would get flooded by the Euphrates and Tigris rivers overflowing, rendering it marsh lands.

He sees the urgency to prepare for war by stating; get up eat, drink, and anoint the shields. The watchman sees chariots with donkeys; camels; and men. Though the passages are obscure, the donkeys and camels are believed to represent Darius and Cyrus. The watchman sees a chariot of men and a pair of horsemen with a message. **“Babel is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her mighty ones He has broken to the ground.”**

Isaiah conveys what he heard from YHWH of hosts and equates the war to threshing of grain. Grain goes through a crushing process by using a farm instrument called a tribulum. Tribulum therefore equates to a time of tribulation. Babylon is fallen!

In the last seven verses, the battles seem to spill over into the lands of the Ishmaelites and Edomites. The people are fleeing from the sword and the bent bow; and would need bread and water if anyone would be able to offer such. The outcome is prophesied as follows.

**Isa 21:16** For thus יהוה has said to me, **“Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the esteem of Qēḏar shall come to an end,**

**Isa 21:17** and the rest of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Qēḏar, shall be few. For יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el has spoken.”

Remember, prophecy has multiple fulfillments. Yet, once more, Mystery Babylon will fall.

### The Messages of the Three Angels

Rev 14:6 And I saw another messenger flying in mid-heaven, holding the everlasting Good News to announce to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and tongue and people,

Rev 14:7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear Elohim and give esteem to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and sea, and fountains of water.”

Rev 14:8 And another messenger followed, saying, **“Babel is fallen, is fallen,**<sup>b</sup> Isa 21:9 that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her whoring.”

Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Also see Jer 51:8.

Rev 14:9 And a third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, **“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark upon his forehead or upon his hand,**

Rev 14:10 **he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tortured with fire and sulphur before the set-apart messengers and before the Lamb.**

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Rev 16:17 And the seventh messenger poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the Dwelling Place of the heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!”

Rev 16:18 And there came to be noises and thunders and lightnings. And there came to be a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not come to be since men were on the earth.

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.

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 16:21 And great hail from the heaven fell upon men, every hailstone about the weight of a talent. And men blasphemed Elohim for the plague of the hail, because that plague was exceedingly great.

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Rev 17:1 And one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, "Come, I shall show you the judgment of the great whore sitting on many waters,"<sup>a</sup>  
Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Rev 17:15](#).

Rev 17:2 with whom the sovereigns of the earth committed whoring, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her whoring."<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Jer 51:7](#).

Rev 17:3 **And he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness.** And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast covered with names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Rev 17:4 And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup filled with abominations and the filthiness of her whoring,<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Jer 51:7](#).

Rev 17:5 **and upon her forehead a name written, a secret: BABEL THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE WHORES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

Rev 17:6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the set-apart ones, and with the blood of the witnesses of **יהושע**. And having seen her, I marvelled – greatly marvelled!

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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,

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](#).

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

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.

### Excerpt from paper by Joy Mathews:

The phrase "Babylon the great" (Greek: Babulon a megala) occurs five times in Revelation (14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:2, and 18:21). Light is shed on its meaning when one notices that Babylon is referred to as "the great city" seven times in the book (16:19, 17:18, 18:10, 16, 18, 19, 21). Other than these, **there is only one reference to "the great city."** That passage is 11:8, which states that the bodies of God's two witnesses "will lie in the street of the great city, which is allegorically called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified."

"The great city" is symbolically called Sodom, a reference to Jerusalem, symbolically called "Sodom" in the Old Testament (cf. Is. 1:10; Ezek. 16:1–3, 46–56). We also know Jerusalem is the "the great city" of Revelation 11:8 because the verse says it was "where [the] Lord was crucified."

## 2Peter 2

The evil doers surface again in 2Peter 2; with the added focus on false prophets that sneak in and feasts with the brethren. These false prophets, with malice and forethought, SECRETLY bring in destructive heresies! They come in with FABRICATED words, meaning their words are well planned with just enough lies mixed in with truth to detour and devour the sheep! Their day will come!

## False Prophets and Teachers

**2Pe 2:1** But there also came to be false prophets<sup>a</sup> among the people, as also among you there shall be false teachers, who shall secretly bring in destructive heresies, and deny the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [2Pe 2:7-8](#), [2Pe 2:21](#) and [Mat 7:15-23](#).

Peter warns us that there shall be false teachers among us who shall secretly bring in destructive heresies and deny Yahusha.

These are those that add their lies to His Word and are wolves in sheep's clothing.

**2Pe 2:2** And many shall follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of,

**2Pe 2:3** and in greed, with fabricated words, they shall use you for gain. From of old their judgment does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber.

**2Pe 2:4** For if Elohim did not spare the messengers who sinned, but sent them to Tartaros,<sup>b</sup> and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be kept for judgment,

Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Possibly from Hebrew: Taḥti - See Explanatory notes - She'ol.

**2Pe 2:5** and did not spare the world of old, but preserved Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, and seven others, bringing in the flood on the world of the wicked,

**2Pe 2:6** and having reduced to ashes the cities of Sodom and Amorah condemned them to destruction – having made them an example to those who afterward would live wickedly,

**2Pe 2:7** and rescued righteous Lot, who was oppressed with the indecent behavior of the lawless<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>The Greek word here, and in [2Pe 3:17](#), is *athesmos* (not the usual one, *anomos*) but it also means “lawless.”

**2Pe 2:8** (for day after day that righteous man, dwelling among them, tortured his righteous being by seeing and hearing their lawless works),

**2Pe 2:9** then יהוה knows how to rescue the reverent ones from trial and to keep the unrighteous unto the day of judgment, to be punished,

**2Pe 2:10** and most of all those walking after the flesh in filthy lust and despising authority – bold, headstrong, speaking evil of esteemed ones,

**2Pe 2:11** whereas messengers who are greater in strength and power do not bring a slanderous accusation against them before the Master.

**2Pe 2:12** But these, like natural unreasoning beasts, having been born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheme that which they do not know, shall be destroyed in their destruction,

**2Pe 2:13** being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, deeming indulgence in the day of pleasure, spots and blemishes, reveling in their own deceptions while they

**feast with you,**

2Pe 2:14 having eyes filled with an adulteress, and unable to cease from sin, enticing unstable beings, having a heart trained in greed, children of a curse,

2Pe 2:15 **having left the right way they went astray, having followed the way of Bil'am the son of Be'or, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,**<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup> 2Pe 2:11-15, compare with Eze 7:1-11:25.

2Pe 2:16 but he was rebuked for his transgression: a dumb donkey speaking with the voice of a man restrained the madness of the prophet.

2Pe 2:17 **These are fountains without water**, clouds driven by a storm, to whom the blackest darkness is kept forever.

2Pe 2:18 For speaking arrogant nonsense, **they entice** – through the lusts of the flesh, through indecencies – the ones who have indeed escaped from those living in delusion,

2Pe 2:19 **promising them freedom**, though themselves being slaves of corruption – for one is a slave to whatever overcomes him.

2Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Master and Savior **יהושע** Messiah, **they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the first.**

2Pe 2:21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the set-apart **command**<sup>e</sup> delivered unto them. Footnote: <sup>e</sup>The singular “command” often means “commands” – see 1Ti 6:14, Deu 17:20, Psa 19:8.

2Pe 2:22 For them the proverb has proved true, **“A dog returns to his own vomit,”** Pro 26:11 and, “A washed sow *returns* to her rolling in the mud.”

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