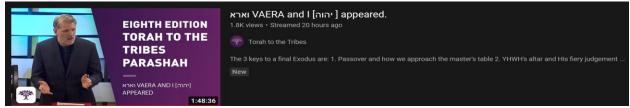
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Today's Torah portion is Va'era which is Hebrew for 'I appeared.' This study covers Exodus 6 – Exodus 9:35. As I have stated many times before, YHWH has appeared in our atmosphere...

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This Torah portion focuses on the plagues coming upon Egypt. YHWH sends messages through Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh, 'To let His people go.' Today we find ourselves in the same predicament whether some would admit it or not. We are in Egypt. The signs are all around us from pagan holiday celebrations to the erected obelisk in almost every town and nation. The worldly system and laws are encroaching on our daily freedoms. The only way out is to find the narrow path that leads to life ~ Yahusha HaMashiach. He came to set the captives free.

The key to our deliverance is the Passover. Each must come to the foot of the crucifixion tree with a sincere repentant heart desiring to receive Yahusha HaMashiach as their Savior. By doing so, we accept his proposal and enter His New Covenant ratified by His blood; and partake of the bread and wine of the covenant confirming meal. This is our betrothal. We are immediately <u>justified</u>, 'just-as-if' we had never sinned. We then mature as His bride following Covenant Torah, our marriage ketubah (covenant contract). Our life evolves around being set-apart to Him as we go through the <u>sanctification</u> process. Then, on the last day, we will receive our <u>glorification</u> with our bodily resurrection.

Only by the blood of the Passover Lamb, can we partake in the greater exodus. The Passover was observed in Exodus 12 with their loins girded; their sandals on the feet; their staff in their hand; and they ate in haste. The Passover is the 'feast of fleeing' and the 'night of watches' then and now. This is the feast of the exodus!

We will know the end from the beginning, therefore, the lessons we learn from the exodus out of Egypt will play out once again with the 'greater' exodus. In the Book of Exodus, we will see three sets of three plagues that culminate in the final devastating last judgment. In the greater exodus, we too will face plagues. The plagues are foretold in the Book of Revelation and they will come in sets of seven.

Isa 46:9 "Remember the former *events* of old, for I am ĚI, and there is no one else – Elohim, and there is no one like Me,

Isa 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from of old that which has not yet been done, saying, 'My counsel does stand, and all My delight I do,'

Exodus 6

YHWH reassures Moses.

YHWH Promises Deliverance

Exo 6:1 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Now see what I do to Pharaoh, for with a strong hand he is going to let them go, and with a strong hand he is going to drive them out of his land."

Exo 6:2 And Elohim spoke to Mosheh and said to him, "I am יהוה.

Exo 6:3 "And <u>I appeared to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, as Ěl Shaddai</u>.

And by My Name, יהוה, was I not known to them?

Exo 6:4 "And I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Kena'an, the land of their sojournings, in which they have sojourned.

Exo 6:5 "And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Yisra'ěl whom the Mitsrites are enslaving, and I have remembered My covenant.

Exodus 6:6-8 reviews the seven 'I will' or 'I shall' of YHWH. These connect to the promises with Passover as follows.

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1<sup>st</sup> – Sanctification – 'I shall bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites.'
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Exo 6:6 "Say, therefore, to the children of Yisra'ěl, 'l am יהוה, and <u>l shall bring you</u> out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites, and shall deliver you from their enslaving, and shall redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments, Exo 6:7 and shall take you as My people, and <u>l shall be your Elohim</u>. And you shall know that I am יהוה your Elohim who is bringing you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites.

Exo 6:8 'And <u>I shall bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, to give it to you as an inheritance. I am יהוה.'</u>

Moses goes to the people and shares the above, but we then read in the Scriptures:

Exo 6:9 And Mosheh spoke thus to the children of Yisra'ěl, but they did not listen to Mosheh, because of shortness of spirit, and from hard slavery.

Exo 6:10 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 6:11 "Go in, speak to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, to let the children of Yisra'ěl go out of his land."

Exo 6:12 And Mosheh spoke before יהוה, saying, "The children of Yisra'ěl have not listened to me, and why would Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?"

Exo 6:13 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, and gave them a command for the children of Yisra'ěl and for Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim, to bring the children of Yisra'ěl out of the land of Mitsrayim.

YHWH goes on to say he has heard the groaning of the enslaved Israelites in Egypt and He has <u>remembered His Covenant</u>. In summary, YHWH goes on to tell Moses to say to the children of Israel:

^{2&}lt;sup>nd</sup> – Deliverance – 'shall deliver you'

^{3&}lt;sup>rd</sup> – Redemption through Yahusha – 'shall redeem you'

^{4&}lt;sup>th</sup> – Praise – Taking His people into His Kingdom as His bride.

- ♣ Lam YHWH.
- **↓** I shall bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- ♣ I shall deliver you from their enslaving.
- ♣ I shall redeem you with my outstretched arm and, with great judgements.
- ♣ I shall take you as My people.
- **↓** I shall be your Elohim.
- ♣ You shall know that I am YHWH, your Elohim, that brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- I shall bring you into the land I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to give it to you as an inheritance. I am YHWH.

There are times in life when the pain is so great and the spirit so broken, that YHWH listens to the groanings of the heart. This appears to be one of those times.

Because the people didn't listen, Moses questioned YHWH as to how Pharaoh would listen. All doubts aside, Moses and Aaron are given the command to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

YHWH wants us to flee from idolatry which is all around us! One might ask, well if it is all around us, where do we flee? To Him! He is our ark of mercy, grace, and salvation! He is our refuge and our strength. Walk in His footsteps; stay in His Word!

Psa 46:1 Elohim is our refuge and strength, A help in distress, soon found.

Psa 46:2 Therefore we do not fear, Though the earth reels And mountains topple into the heart of the seas.

Psa 46:3 Let its waters rage, foam; Let mountains shake with its swelling. Selah.

Psa 46:4 A river whose streams Make glad the city of Elohim, The set-apart dwelling of the Most High.

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved ones, flee from idolatry.

1Co 10:15 I speak as to wise men, judge for yourselves what I say.

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah?

1Co 10:17 Because <u>there is one bread</u>, we, who are many, <u>are one body</u>, for we all partake of the **one bread**.

1Co 10:18 <u>Look at Yisra'ěl after the flesh</u>: Are not those who eat of the slaughterings sharers in the slaughter-place?

1Co 10:19 What then do I say? That an idol is of any *value*? Or that which is slaughtered to idols is of any *value*?

1Co 10:20 No, but what the nations slaughter they slaughter to demons^a and not to Elohim, and

<u>I do not wish you to become sharers with demons</u>. Footnote: ^aSee <u>Lev_17:7</u>, <u>Deu_32:17</u>.

1Co 10:21 You are not able to drink the cup of the Master and the cup of demons, you are not able to partake of the table of the Master and of the table of demons.

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

The Cup of Redemption is drunk once a year and not weekly. The weekly observance of 'communion' is not biblical but mirrors the cult observances of Dionysus. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dionysus

1Co 11:24 and having given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1Co 11:25 In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the renewed covenant in My blood. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me."

How <u>do we know</u> partaking of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him was supposed to be observed once a year?

- 1. Partaking of <u>the covenant</u> elements of bread and wine <u>in remembrance of Him</u>, are directly connected to Passover.
- 2. Only under certain conditions did YHWH grant permission to observe Passover at any other time; that day was identified to be in the 2nd month, on the fourteenth day, between evenings. [Num. 9:11]

Num 9:6 But there were men who were defiled for a being of a man, so that they were not able to perform the Pěsaḥ on that day. So they came before Mosheh and Aharon that day,

Num 9:7 and those men said to him, "We are defiled for the being of a man. Why are we withheld from bringing near the offering of יהוה at its appointed time among the children of Yisra'ěl?"

Num 9:8 And Mosheh said to them, "Wait, let me hear what יהוה commands concerning you."

Num 9:9 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 9:10 "Speak to the children of Yisra'ěl, saying, 'When any male of you or your generations is unclean for a being, or is far away on a journey, he shall still perform the Pěsaḥ of יהוה.

Num 9:11 On the fourteenth day of the second new *moon*, between the evenings, they perform it — with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they eat it.

We must rid ourselves of doublemindedness. We are not to partake of the table of the Master and the table of demons. The altar is greater than the gift [Matthew 23:19]. The altar sanctifies the gift. Believers go before the altar outside the gate; the set-apart altar of the One true Elohim, the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Mat 23:19 "Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the slaughter-place that sets the gift apart?

Levitical altars do not sanctify the blood of the New Covenant; <u>only the altars of Abraham</u> <u>sanctify the New Covenant.</u>

Heb 13:10 We have a slaughter-place from which those serving the Tent have no authority to eat.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the Set-apart Place by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Heb 13:12 And so יהושע also suffered outside the gate, to set apart the people with His own blood.

Heb 13:13 Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Heb 13:14 For we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one coming.

The rest of Exodus 6 records the genealogy of Moses and Aaron. In Ex. 6:23, we will see a merging of the kingly line of Judah and the priestly line of Aaron when Aaron takes Elisheba as his wife.

The Genealogy of Moses and Aaron

Exo 6:14 These are the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Re'uben, the first-born of Yisra'el: Ḥanok and Pallu, Ḥetsron and Karmi. These are the clans of Re'uben.

Exo 6:15 And the sons of Shim'on: Yemu'ěl, and Yamin, and Ohad, and Yakin, and Tsohar, and Sha'ul the son of a Kena'anite woman. These are the clans of Shim'on.

Exo 6:16 These are the names of the sons of Lewi according to their generations: Gershon, and Qehath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Lewi were one hundred and thirty-seven.

Exo 6:17 The sons of Gěrshon: Libni and Shim'i according to their clans.

Exo 6:18 And the sons of Qehath: Amram, and Yitshar, and Ḥeḇron, and Uzzi'el. And the years of the life of Qehath were one hundred and thirty-three.

Exo 6:19 And the sons of Merari: Maḥli and Mushi. These are the clans of Lěwi according to their generations.

Exo 6:20 And Amram took for himself Yokebed, his father's sister, as wife. And she bore him Aharon and Mosheh. And the years of the life of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven.

Exo 6:21 And the sons of Yitshar: Qoraḥ, and Nepheḡ, and Zik̞ri.

Exo 6:22 And the sons of Uzzi'ěl: Misha'ěl, and Eltsaphan, and Sithri.

Exo 6:23 Aharon took to himself Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naḥshon, as wife. And she bore him Nadab, and Abihu, El'azar, and Ithamar.

Adam Clarke's Commentary states: Elisheba... She was of the royal tribe of Judah, and was sister to Nahshon, one of the princes; see Num_2:3.

As we continue in Exodus, it will not be long before the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood will be formed to implement the Book of the Law after the sin of the golden calf [Ex. 32]. Prior to that point, Aaron was very much a part of the Melchizedek Priesthood led by Moses. Therefore, due to this prior union between the tribe of Levi and the tribe of Judah, there was a link established to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and the royal line of Judah. This developed from Aaron [tribe of Levi] taking Elisheba [tribe of Judah] as his wife. Matthew 1 records this connection to the righteous seed line in the genealogy of Yahusha HaMashiach, our Prophet, King, and Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Genealogy of Yahusha HaMashiach

Mat 1:4 And Ram brought forth Amminadab, and Amminadab brought forth Naḥshon, and Naḥshon brought forth Salmon.

Mat 1:5 And Salmon brought forth Boʻaz by Raḥaḇ, and Boʻaz brought forth Oḇěḏ by Ruth, and Oḇěǵ brought forth Yishai.

Mat 1:6 And Yishai brought forth Dawid the sovereign, and Dawid the sovereign brought forth Shelomoh by Uriyah's wife.

Exo 6:24 And the sons of Qorah: Assir, Elqanah, and Abiyasaph. These are the clans of the Qorhites.

Exo 6:25 And El'azar, Aharon's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Puti'ěl as wife. And she bore him Pineḥas. These are the heads of the fathers of the Lewites according to their clans.

Exo 6:26 This is Aharon, and Mosheh, to whom יהוה said, "Bring out the children of Yisra'ěl from the land of Mitsrayim according to their divisions."

Exo 6:27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, to bring out the children of Yisra'ěl from Mitsrayim. This is Mosheh, and Aharon.

Exo 6:28 And it came to be, on the day when יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the land of Mitsrayim,

Exo 6:29 that יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, "I am יהוה. Speak to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim all that I say to you."

Exo 6:30 And Mosheh said before יהוה, "See, I am of uncircumcised lips, and why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

Exodus 7

YHWH is sending Pharaoh a clear message to 'Let My People Go'. YHWH shows favor to Moses by making him 'like an <u>elohim</u> (god)' to Pharaoh and Aaron, as his <u>prophet</u>. They would soon be coming up against magicians [magi] and sorcerers; practitioners of witchcraft, such as Jannes and Jambres. YHWH would work mighty wonders before Pharaoh, the magicians, their gods, and the people to show no one is greater than He. As many of us know, these miraculous signs and wonders of devasting plagues, were to send a message and an awakening to acknowledge that YHWH is the one true living Elohim and should be heeded. The Creator of the heavens and earth would rise <u>above all counterfeits</u> and His power would supersede Pharaoh.

Though the clear historical background of Jannes and Jambres may be sketchy, the main take away is that their 'opposing' witchcraft / sorcery spirits they performed under, are still in existence and their powers practiced today. Similar occult powers are seen through the adulterous seducing spirits of Jezebel and Delilah; and the 'slow-kill cat and mouse' restrict and release spirit of Puthon [Python]. These spirits are dubbed by prominent analogous names that describe their main evil bewitching technique.

2Ti 3:8 And as Yoḥane and Mamrě opposed Mosheh, so do these also oppose the truth – men of corrupt minds, found worthless concerning the belief;

Excerpt on Jannes and Jambres from Bible Hub: International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

JANNES AND JAMBRES jan'-ez, jam'-brez (lannes kai lambres, 2 Timothy 3:8):

the names occur in the New Testament, and they are not mentioned in the Old Testament at all. In 1. Egyptian Magicians:

These are the names of two magicians in ancient Egypt, who withstood Moses before Pharaoh. This is the only place where Exodus 7:11, 22 Egyptian magicians are spoken of, who were called upon by Pharaoh to oppose Moses and Aaron: "Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers: and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did in like manner with their enchantments." Jannes and Jambres were evidently two of the persons referred to in this passage. It should be observed that the word translated here "magicians" occurs also in Genesis 41:8 in connection with Pharaoh's dreams: Pharaoh "sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof." the Revised Version margin reads for "magicians" "or sacred scribes." The Hebrew word is charTummim, and means sacred scribes who were skilled in the sacred writing, that is in the hieroglyphics; they were a variety of Egyptian priests. Jannes and Jambres were doubtless members of one or other of the various classes spoken of in the passages in Exodus and Genesis, the wise men, the sorcerers, and the magicians or sacred scribes.

2. Mentioned by Pliny and Others:

Jannes and Jambres, one or both, are also mentioned by Pliny (23-79 A.D.), by Apuleius (circa 130 A.D.), both of whom speak of Moses and Jannes as famous magicians of antiquity. The Pythagorean philosopher Numenius (2nd century A.D.) speaks of Jannes and Jambres as Egyptian hierogrammateis, or sacred scribes.

3. Traditions:

There are many curious Jewish traditions regarding Jannes and Jambres. These traditions, which are found in the Targum and elsewhere, are full of contradictions and impossibilities and anachronisms. They are to the effect that Jannes and Jambres were sons of Balaam, the soothsayer of Pethor. Notwithstanding this impossibility in the matter of date, they were said to have withstood Moses 40 years previously at the court of Pharaoh, to whom it was also said, they so interpreted a dream of that king, as to foretell the birth of Moses and cause the oppression of the Israelites. They are also said to have become proselytes, and it is added that they left Egypt at the Exodus, among the mixed multitude. They are reported to have instigated Aaron to make the golden calf. The traditions of their death are also given in a varying fashion. They were said to have been drowned in the Red Sea, or to have been put to death after the making of the golden calf, or during the slaughter connected with the name of Phinehas.

4. Origen's Statement:

According to Origen (Comm. on <u>Matthew 27:8</u>) there was an apocryphal book-not yet rediscovered-called "The Book of Jannes and Jambres." Origen's statement is that in <u>2 Timothy 3:8</u> Paul is quoting from that book.

5. Derivation:

In the Targumic literature "Mambres" occurs as a variant reading instead of "Jambres." It is thought that Jambres is derived from an Aramaic root, meaning "to oppose," the participle of which would be Mambres. The meaning of either form is "he who opposes." Jannes is perhaps a corruption of loannes or lohannes (John).

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Moses and Aaron Before Pharaoh

Exo 7:1 So יהוה said to Mosheh, "See, I have made you an elohim^a to Pharaoh, and Aharon your brother is your prophet. Footnote: ^aOr *mighty one* – see footnote at Exo_4:16.

Exo 7:2 "You shall speak all that I command you, and Aharon your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, to let the children of Yisra'ěl go out of his land.

Exo 7:3 "But I am going to harden the heart of Pharaoh, and shall increase My signs and My wonders in the land of Mitsrayim.

Exo 7:4 "And Pharaoh is not going to listen to you, and I shall lay My hand on Mitsrayim, and **bring My divisions and My people**, the children of Yisra'ěl, out of the land of Mitsrayim by great judgments.

Exo 7:5 "And the Mitsrites shall know that I am יהוה, when I stretch out My hand on Mitsrayim. And I shall bring the children of Yisra'ěl out from among them."

Notice the <u>military language</u> when YHWH states: ..., "and <u>bring My divisions and My people</u>, the children of Yisra'ěl, out of the land of Mitsrayim by great judgments."

Exo. 7:4 in the KJV it reads 'mine armies':

Exo 7:4 But Pharaoh^{H6547} shall not^{H3808} hearken^{H8085} unto^{H413} you, that I may lay^{H5414} (H853) my hand^{H3027} upon Egypt, H4714 and bring forth^{H3318} (H853) mine armies, H6635 and (H853) my people H5971 the children H1121 of Israel, H3478 out of the land H4480 H776 of Egypt H4714 by great H1419 judgments. H8201

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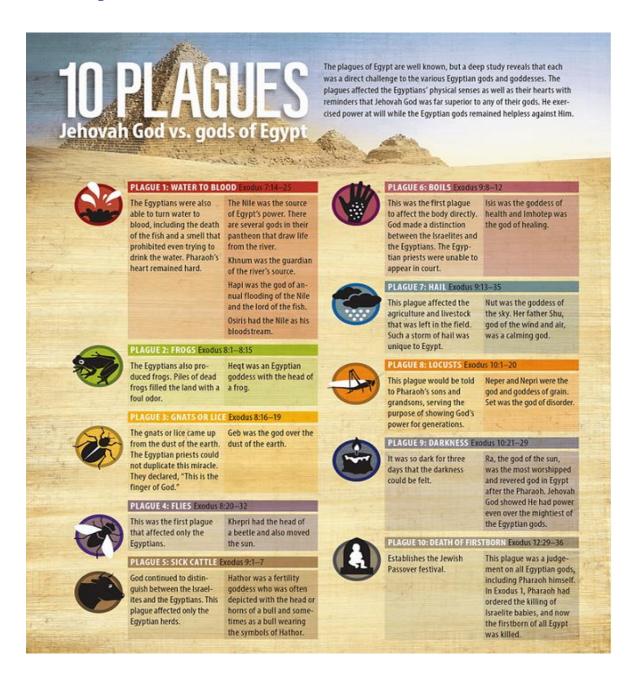
From H6633; a *mass* of persons (or figurative things), especially regularly organized for war (an *army*); by implication a *campaign*, literally or figuratively (specifically *hardship*, *worship*): - appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (-fare).

Moses and Aaron follow through as directed by YHWH to cast their rod down before Pharaoh and his servants; with the rod then becoming a serpent. Pharaoh unphased by such, call his magicians to do the same; however, Aaron's rod swallows up the magician's rods through the power of YHWH.

- Exo 7:6 And Mosheh and Aharon did as יהוה commanded them, so they did.
- Exo 7:7 Now Mosheh was eighty years old and Aharon eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.
- Exo 7:8 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,
- Exo 7:9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aharon, 'Take your rod and throw it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.' "
- Exo 7:10 So Mosheh and Aharon went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, as יהוה commanded. And Aharon threw his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.
- Exo 7:11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the practisers of witchcraft. And they, the magicians of Mitsrayim, also did so with their magic.
- Exo 7:12 And they, each one, threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But the rod of Aharon swallowed up their rods.
- Exo 7:13 And Pharaoh's heart was strengthened, and he did not listen to them, as יהוה had said.

Next, we will see the beginning of the 10 plagues. The Egyptians worshipped numerous gods and YHWH would leave the Egyptians with no doubt that He alone was the One true living Eloah. The following chart gives a list of <u>possible</u> associated 'gods' that YHWH defeated in <u>the spiritual realm</u>; and we will clearly see His victory in <u>the physical realm</u>.

See 10 Plague Chart:



The First Plague: Water Turned to Blood

- Exo 7:14 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "The heart of Pharaoh is hard, he refuses to let the people go.
- Exo 7:15 "Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him. And take in your hand the rod which was turned into a serpent.
- Exo 7:16 "And you shall say to him, 'הוה' the Elohim of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, so that they serve Me in the wilderness," but see, until now you have not listened!
- Exo 7:17 'Thus said יהוה, "By this you know that I am יהוה. See, I am striking the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.
- Exo 7:18 and the fish in the river shall die. And the river shall stink, and the Mitsrites shall find it impossible to drink the water of the river." '
- Exo 7:19 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Mitsrayim, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they become blood. And there shall be blood in all the land of Mitsrayim, both in wooden and in stone *containers*.' "
- Exo 7:20 And Mosheh and Aharon did so, as יהוה commanded. And he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.
- Exo 7:21 And the fish that were in the river died, and the river stank, and the Mitsrites were unable to drink the water of the river. And the blood was in all the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 7:22 And the magicians of Mitsrayim did the same with their magic. And the heart of Pharaoh was strengthened, and he did not listen to them, as יהוה had said.
- Exo 7:23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and his heart was not moved by this either.
- Exo 7:24 And all the Mitsrites dug all around the river for water to drink, for they were unable to drink the water of the river.
- Exo 7:25 And seven days were completed after יהוה had struck the river.

We will see three sets of three plagues followed by the final judgement plague, the death of the first born. The three sets of three plagues follow a pattern.

- There is a 'warning' of the plague by the water.
- There is a 'warning' of the plague by the palace location.
- There is no warning given.

The warning of the first plague by the water of turning the river into blood was mimicked by the magicians. YHWH made this plague last <u>seven days</u> and all the fish died causing a great stench and there was no fresh water. Though some may speculate the redness

could have been caused by red earth or a type of algae, the Scriptures define it as 'dam', blood; or figuratively could be defined as wine. Fish can survive dirty water and even many kinds of algae but in this case, the Scriptures says blood.

The Nile River was very important to the Egyptians especially the fish in the Nile. Some of those fish were also considered 'sacred' to the Egyptians.

Comparison NIV Chart between the plagues in Exodus and Revelation:

PARALLELS BETWEEN BOWLS, TRUMPETS, AND EXODUS PLAGUES

BOWLS	TRUMPETS	EXODUS PLAGUES
1st Bowl (16:2): on land (Greek $g\bar{e}$); festering sores	1st Trumpet (8:7): on earth (Greek $g\bar{e}$); third of land burned up	6th Plague (Exod 9:8 – 12): dust over land; festering boils
2nd Bowl (16:3): on sea; sea to blood; all sea creatures die	2nd Trumpet (8:8-9): on sea; sea to blood; third of sea creatures die	1st Plague (Exod 7:20 – 21): Nile to blood; fish die
3rd Bowl (16:4): on rivers and springs; blood	3rd Trumpet (8:10 – 11): on rivers and springs; turn bitter	1st Plague (Exod 7:20 – 21): Nile to blood
4th Bowl (16:8-9): on sun; people scorched	4th Trumpet (8:12): on sun, moon, and stars; third of sun, moon, and stars turn dark	9th Plague (Exod 10:21 – 23): darkness
5th Bowl (16:10 – 11): on the throne of the beast; darkness; people in <i>agony</i>	5th Trumpet (9:1 – 11): the Abyss opened; darkness; locusts torment people	8th and 9th Plagues (Exod 10:12-15,21-23): locusts; darkness
6th Bowl (16:12–14): on Euphrates; river dried up; deceptive demonic spirits like frogs	6th Trumpet (9:13-21): four angels released at the Euphrates; third of people killed	2nd Plague (Exod 8:2-7): frogs from the Nile River; magicians' secret arts
7th Bowl (16:17–21): into the air; lightning, rumblings, thunder, severe earthquake, huge hailstones	7th Trumpet (11:15 – 19): lightning, rumblings, thunder, earthquake, severe hailstorm	7th Plague (Exod 9:22 – 25): thunder, hail, lightning ZONDERVAN STUDY BIBLE

Exodus 8

The Second Plague of Frogs – YHWH tells Moses to go to Pharaoh and warn him that if he does not let His People go; he would smite all the Egyptian borders with frogs. This is the 2nd of the 1st set of three plagues. Moses goes to the palace to give Pharaoh the warning.

YHWH is going to send frogs. Keep in mind these <u>frogs know</u> to invade and smite **the exact borders of Egypt**. YHWH is Elohim of all. The warning is very detailed. The frogs will not be a 'respecter' of Egyptian hierarchy. The warning says <u>the frogs shall even</u> **come up on** Pharaoh, his people, and all his servants!

The Second Plague: Frogs

- Exo 8:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה, "Let My people go, so that they serve Me.
- Exo 8:2 "But if you refuse to let them go, see, I am smiting all your border with frogs.
- Exo 8:3 "And the <u>river shall swarm with frogs</u>, which shall go up and shall <u>come into your house</u>, and <u>into your bedroom</u>, and <u>on your bed</u>, and <u>into the houses of your servants</u>, and <u>on your people</u>, and <u>into your ovens</u>, and <u>into your kneading bowls</u>, Exo 8:4 and the frogs <u>shall come up on you</u> and <u>on your people</u> and <u>on all your servants.""</u>
- Exo 8:5 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Mitsrayim.' "
- Exo 8:6 So Aharon stretched out his hand over the waters of Mitsrayim, and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 8:7 And the magicians did so with their magic, and brought up frogs on the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 8:8 Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon, and said, "Pray to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I shall let the people go to slaughter to ."
- Exo 8:9 And Mosheh said to Pharaoh, "Explain yourself to me: When am I to pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, and remain only in the river?"
- Exo 8:10 So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "Let it be according to your word, so that you know that there is no one like יהוה our Elohim.
- Exo 8:11 "And the frogs shall turn aside from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people they shall remain in the river only."

Exo 8:12 And Mosheh and Aharon went out from Pharaoh. And Mosheh cried out to concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh.

Exo 8:13 And יהוה did according to the word of Mosheh. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields.

Exo 8:14 And they gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.

Exo 8:15 And when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as יהוה had said.

Moses instructed Aaron to stretch out his hand with his rod over all the waters of Egypt and the frogs covered the land. The magicians also bring frogs upon the land of Egypt. That wasn't the wisest thing to do, but if the magicians were truly powerful, why wouldn't Pharaoh ask his magicians to rid the land of the frogs?

Pharaoh humbles himself <u>for a moment</u> and <u>calls Moses and Aaron to pray to YHWH</u> to take away the frogs from himself and the people and he would let the people go to slaughter to YHWH.

For Pharaoh to know the power of YHWH, Moses asks Pharaoh for the specifics of exactly where he would like the frogs maintained and when he would want them to pray. Pharaoh confirms to have them only in the river and for them to pray 'tomorrow'. So, YHWH in perfect timing, turned aside the frogs and they died out and they remained only in the river. The messy, stinky, clean-up followed. Having relief from the frogs, Pharaoh hardens his heart and does not listen to Moses and Aaron.

The Third Plague: Gnats

Exo 8:16 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it becomes gnats in all the land of Mitsrayim.' "

Exo 8:17 And they did so, and Aharon stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the land became gnats in all the land of Mitsrayim.

Exo 8:18 And the magicians did similarly with their magic to bring forth gnats, but they were unable. And there were gnats on man and beast.

Exo 8:19 The magicians then said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of Elohim!" But the heart of Pharaoh was strengthened, and he did not listen to them, as יהוה had said.

With the third plague, comes <u>NO warning</u>. YHWH instructs Moses to tell Aaron to stretch out his rod and strike the dust of the land and the **dust becomes gnats** on all the land, on man and beast! The magicians **cannot duplicate this sign** and they tell Pharaoh that "This is the finger of Elohim!" But Pharaoh doesn't listen. <u>This concludes the first set of three</u> plagues: water to blood; frogs; and gnats.

The Fourth Plague: Flies

- Exo 8:20 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה, "Let My people go, so that they serve Me.
- Exo 8:21 "Or else, if you do not let My people go, see, I am sending swarms of flies on you and your servants, and on your people and into your houses. And the houses of the Mitsrites shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand.
- Exo 8:22 "And in that day I shall separate the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, so that you know that I am יהוה in the midst of the land.
- Exo 8:23 "And I shall put a ransom between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be." ' "
- Exo 8:24 And יהוה did so, and thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Mitsrayim, and the land was ruined because of the swarms of flies.
- Exo 8:25 Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon, and said, "Go, slaughter to your Elohim in the land."
- Exo 8:26 And Mosheh said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be slaughtering the abomination of the Mitsrites to יהוה our Elohim. See, if we slaughter the abomination of the Mitsrites before their eyes, would they not stone us?
- Exo 8:27 "Let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, then we shall slaughter to יהוה our Elohim, as He commands us."
- Exo 8:28 And Pharaoh said, "I am letting you go, then you shall slaughter to יהוה your Elohim in the wilderness. Only, do not go very far away! Pray for me."
- Exo 8:29 And Mosheh said, "See, when I leave you I shall pray to יהוה, and tomorrow the swarms of flies shall depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But do not let Pharaoh again deceive, not to let the people go to slaughter to יהוה."
- Exo 8:30 And Mosheh went out from Pharaoh and prayed to יהוה.
- Exo 8:31 And יהוה did according to the word of Mosheh and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained.
- Exo 8:32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time too, and did not let the people go.

Now the second <u>set</u> of three plagues begin – <u>flies!</u> YHWH tells Moses to meet Pharaoh as he <u>comes down to the water</u> to give him warning. There would be swarms of flies that would cover the whole land of Egypt <u>EXCEPT for Goshen</u> where His people were; so that Pharaoh, would KNOW that YHWH was in the midst of the land. The swarms of flies come; again, <u>Pharaoh calls Moses and Aaron to pray to YHWH to take the flies away;</u> Pharaoh tells Moses that they can slaughter <u>'in the land'</u> but Moses tells Pharaoh that would not work. Moses again tells Pharaoh that they must go a <u>three-day journey</u> into the wilderness to slaughter. Pharaoh agrees at first; the flies are sent away at the time of Moses' prayer to YHWH; then Pharaoh again hardens his heart.

Keep in mind, though we are reading about these plagues <u>with the first exodus</u>; we know the Book of Revelation tells us that similar plagues <u>will happen in the end of days</u>. The plagues that come in the Book of Revelation will not come in sets of three but in sets of seven.

Exodus 9

It is difficult to understand the degree of hard-heartedness Pharaoh demonstrates. To 'thumb one's nose' at YHWH is ultimate foolishness. When man believes he can stand against the Almighty, the Omnipotent, the One True Elohim; that is utterly ridiculous!

You would think such behavior would be a rare occurrence, but sadly that is not the case. Throughout history, man has turned their backs against YHWH to their own shame and demise. From the sin of the golden calf to the sinful pink lighting of the minaret of the 'One World Trade Center' glorifying infanticide laws; both were public displays of depraved 'Molechian' worship.

We see in Exodus 9; YHWH <u>sends Moses to the palace</u> to tell Pharaoh the 5th plague that will strike the Egyptian **livestock**; but the <u>plague will not strike the livestock of Israel</u>. The plague takes place because Pharaoh's heart is hardened. Yet, Pharaoh <u>sends to see</u> if the Israelite's livestock suffered; and it is confirmed that <u>they did **not**</u>. Now, Pharaoh must know without a doubt; Eloah is even in the midst of the land of Egypt!

The Fifth Plague: Egyptian Livestock Die

Exo 9:1 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go in to Pharaoh and speak to him, 'Thus said יהוה Elohim of the Hebrews, "Let My people go, so that they serve Me.

Exo 9:2 "For if you refuse to let them go, and are still holding them,

Exo 9:3 see, the hand of יהוה is on your livestock in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the cattle, and on the sheep – a very grievous pestilence.

Exo 9:4 "And יהוה shall separate between the livestock of Yisra'ěl and the livestock of Mitsrayim, and let no matter die of all that belongs to the children of Yisra'ěl." '

Exo 9:5 And יהוה set an appointed time, saying, "Tomorrow יהוה is going to do this word in the land."

Exo 9:6 And יהוה did this word on the next day, and all the livestock of Mitsrayim died, but of the livestock of the children of Yisra'ěl, not one died.

Exo 9:7 Then Pharaoh sent, and see, not even one of the livestock of Yisra'ěl was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

The 6th plague, the last of the 2nd <u>set</u> of three plagues, is the **boils**. This plague comes <u>without warning</u> and YHWH instructs Moses and Aaron to gather ashes from the furnace. Moses is to throw the ashes toward heaven in front of Pharaoh. It is done as instructed and grievous boils break out on man and beast, which also causes the magicians not to be able to stand against them. Matter of fact, we haven't seen anything from the magicians since their inability to turn the dust to gnats! This plague completes the 2nd set of three plagues: **gnats**; **livestock**; **boils**.

The Sixth Plague: Boils

Exo 9:8 And יהוה said to Mosheh and Aharon, "Fill your hands with ashes from a furnace and let Mosheh scatter it toward the heavens before the eyes of Pharaoh.

Exo 9:9 "And it shall become fine dust in all the land of Mitsrayim, and it shall cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast in all the land of Mitsrayim."

Exo 9:10 So they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Mosheh scattered them toward the heavens. And they caused boils, breaking out in sores on man and beast.

Exo 9:11 And the magicians were unable to stand before Mosheh because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Mitsrites.

Exo 9:12 But יהוה strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as had said to Mosheh.

With the continuance of the final plagues, we will see the 'why' given by YHWH in Exo. 9:16. YHWH has Moses warn and meet Pharaoh and tell him:

Exo 9:16 "And for this reason I have raised you up, in order to show you My power, and in order to declare My Name in all the earth.

YHWH would now send hail like never seen before in Egypt. Moses instructs Pharaoh that his servants and livestock <u>should take shelter</u> or <u>else face death</u>. Some people fear and heed the warning, and some do not. If shelter is not heeded; human life would be taken as well.

Exo 9:20 Those among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of יהוה made their servants and livestock flee to the houses.

Exo 9:21 But those who did not set their heart on the word of יהוה left their servants and livestock in the field.

Only the land of Goshen where the Israelites dwelt was not affected. The rest of the land of Egypt was devasted, including man, beast, plants, trees. The barley and the flax were also struck but the wheat and spelt were not, for they were late crops, which provides us with calendar language as to the time of year.

Pharaoh shows some signs of relenting by admitting his sin and wrongness along with his people; yet again, he hardens his heart after Moses prays and YHWH stops the hail. **The hail** was the first of the last <u>set</u> of three plagues.

One would think YHWH's people would be strengthened by seeing this powerful display by YHWH. You would think, they would never even think of doing anything against Him! For a season, for a time we will see the Israelites are obedient, but it will be short-lived.

The Seventh Plague: Hail

Exo 9:13 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה Elohim of the Hebrews, "Let My people go, so that they serve Me,

Exo 9:14 for at this time I am sending all My plagues unto your heart, and on your servants and on your people, so that you know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.

Exo 9:15 "Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth.

Exo 9:16 "And for this reason I have raised you up, in order to show you My power, and in order to declare My Name in all the earth.

Exo 9:17 "You still exalt yourself against My people in that you do not let them go!

Exo 9:18 "See, tomorrow about this time I am causing very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Mitsrayim, from the day of its founding until now.

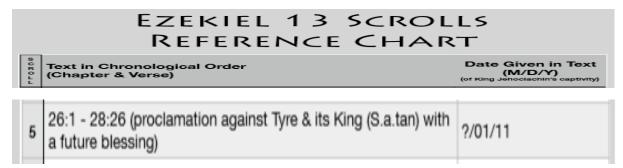
Exo 9:19 "And now send, bring your livestock to safety, and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every beast which is found in the

field and is not brought home, and they shall die." ' "

- Exo 9:20 Those among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of יהוה made their servants and livestock flee to the houses.
- Exo 9:21 But those who did not set their heart on the word of יהוה left their servants and livestock in the field.
- Exo 9:22 Then יהוה said to Mosheh, "Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, and let there be hail in all the land of Mitsrayim on man, and on beast, and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Mitsrayim."
- Exo 9:23 Then Mosheh stretched out his rod toward the heavens. And יהוה sent thunder and hail, and fire came down to the earth. And יהוה rained hail on the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 9:24 Thus there came to be hail, and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy, such as had not been in all the land of Mitsrayim since it became a nation.
- Exo 9:25 And the hail struck in all the land of Mitsrayim all that was in the field, both man and beast. And the hail struck every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field
- Exo 9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Yisra'ěl were, there was no hail.
- Exo 9:27 Pharaoh then sent and called for Mosheh and for Aharon, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. יהוה is righteous, and my people and I are wrong.
- Exo 9:28 "Pray to יהוה, for there has been enough of the thunder and hail of Elohim. And I am letting you go, so that you stay no longer."
- Exo 9:29 And Mosheh said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, let me spread out my hands to יהוה, let the thunder cease and the hail be no more, so that you know that the earth belongs to יהוה.
- Exo 9:30 "But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear before יהוה Elohim."
- Exo 9:31 And the flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was in the head and the flax was in bud.
- Exo 9:32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they were late crops.
- Exo 9:33 And Mosheh went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to and the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth.
- Exo 9:34 And Pharaoh saw that the rain, and the hail, and the thunder had ceased, yet he sinned again and he hardened his heart, he and his servants.
- Exo 9:35 And the heart of Pharaoh was strengthened, and he did not let the children of Yisra'ěl go, as יהוה had said through Mosheh.

Ezekiel 28 in its entirety is below but Torah portion is: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21

Ezekiel 28 wraps up the 5th Scroll.



Prophecy Against the Prince of Tyre

Eze 28:1 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

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 ĚI,
 - I sit in the seat of Elohim, in the heart of the seas,' whereas you are a man, and not El, though you set your heart as the heart of Elohim!
- Eze 28:3 "Look, are you wiser than Dani'el?
- 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,
- lacktriangle 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 ĚI, in the hand of him who kills vou?
- ❖ Eze 28:10 "The death of the uncircumcised you shall die, by the hand of foreigners. For I have spoken," declares the Master .' "

A Lament over the King of Tyre

Eze 28:11 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 28:12 <mark>"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the sovereign of Tsor, and you shall say to him,</mark> 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

- ♣ Eze 28:13 "You were in Eden, the garden of Elohim.
- Every precious stone was your covering:
 - o the ruby,
 - o topaz,
 - o and diamond,
 - o beryl,
 - o shoham,
 - o and jasper,
 - o sapphire,
 - o turquoise,
 - o and emerald and gold.
 - The workmanship of your settings and mountings was prepared for you on the day you were created.
- **♣** Eze 28:14 "You were the anointed kerub that covered.
- And I placed you, you were on the set-apart mountain of Elohim.
- ♣ You walked up and down in the midst of stones of fire.
- ≠ Eze 28:15 "You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created,
- until unrighteousness was found in you.
- ♣ Eze 28:16 "By the greatness of your trade you became filled with violence within, and you sinned.
- So I thrust you from the mountain of Elohim,
- and I destroyed you,
- ♣ O covering kerub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- ♣ Eze 28:17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your loveliness,
- you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.
- I threw you to the earth,
- ♣ I laid you before sovereigns, to look at you.
- ♣ Eze 28:18 "You profaned your set-apart places by your many crookednesses, by the unrighteousness of your trading.
- ♣ Therefore I brought forth fire from your midst. It has devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth before the eyes of all who see you.
- ♣ Eze 28:19 "All who knew you among the peoples were astonished at you.

Waste you shall be, and cease to be, forever." "

A concise summation follows:

Question: "Is the king of Tyre prophecy in Ezekiel 28 referring to Satan?"

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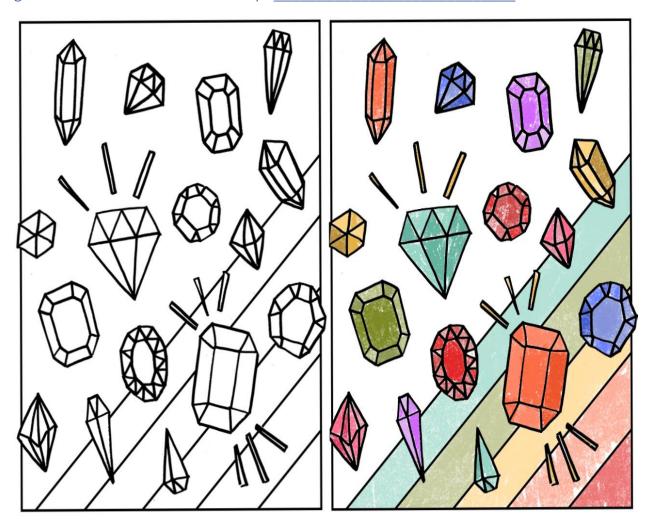
Answer: At first glance, the prophecy in Ezekiel 28:11–19 seems to refer to a human king. The city of Tyre was the recipient of some of the strongest prophetic condemnations in the Bible (Isaiah 23:1–18; Jeremiah 25:22; 27:1–11; Ezekiel 26:1–28:19; Joel 3:4–8; Amos 1:9, 10). Tyre was known for building its wealth by exploiting its neighbors. Ancient writers referred to Tyre as a city filled with unscrupulous merchants. Tyre was a center of religious idolatry and sexual immorality. The biblical prophets rebuked Tyre for its pride brought on by its great wealth and strategic location. Ezekiel 28:11–19 seems to be a particularly strong indictment against the king of Tyre in the prophet Ezekiel's day, rebuking the king for his insatiable pride and greed.

However, some of the descriptions in <u>Ezekiel 28:11-19</u> go beyond any mere human king. In no sense could an earthly king claim to be "in Eden" or to be "the anointed cherub who covers" or to be "on the holy mountain of God." Therefore, most Bible interpreters believe that <u>Ezekiel 28:11-19</u> is a dual prophecy, comparing the pride of the king of Tyre to the pride of Satan. Some propose that the king of Tyre was actually possessed by Satan, making the link between the two even more powerful and applicable.

Before his fall, Satan was indeed a beautiful creature (<u>Ezekiel 28:12–13</u>). He was perhaps the most beautiful and powerful of all the angels. The phrase "guardian cherub" possibly indicates that Satan was the angel who "guarded" God's presence. Pride led to Satan's fall. Rather than give God the glory for creating him so beautifully, Satan took pride in himself, thinking that he himself was responsible for his exalted status. Satan's rebellion resulted in God casting Satan from His presence and will, eventually, result in God condemning Satan to the lake of fire for all eternity (<u>Revelation 20:10</u>).

Like Satan, the human king of Tyre was prideful. Rather than recognize God's sovereignty, the king of Tyre attributed Tyre's riches to his own wisdom and strength. Not satisfied with his extravagant position, the king of Tyre sought more and more, resulting in Tyre taking advantage of other nations, expanding its own wealth at the expense of others. But just as Satan's pride led to his fall and will eventually lead to his eternal destruction, so will the city of Tyre lose its wealth, power, and status. Ezekiel's prophecy of Tyre's total destruction was fulfilled partially by Nebuchadnezzar (Ezekiel 29:17–21) and ultimately by Alexander the Great.

<u>Activity Sheet:</u> Color the following jewels. We read verses today that talk about gemstones. What verses were they?



Here are more verses that speak of gemstones:

Exo 28:15 "And you shall make a breastplate of right-ruling, a work of a skilled workman, like the work of the shoulder garment. Make it of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine woven linen.

Exo 28:16 "It is square, doubled, a span its length, and a span its width.

Exo 28:17 "And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The first row is a ruby, a topaz, and an emerald;

Exo 28:18 and the second row is a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond;

Exo 28:19 and the third row is a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

Exo 28:20 and the fourth row is a beryl, and a shoham, and a jasper. They are set in gold settings.

Exo 28:21 "And the stones are according to the names of the sons of Yisra'ěl, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name, for the twelve tribes.

Read Rev. 21:18-21; Isaiah 54:11-12 - Can you find more?

Prophecy Against Sidon

- Eze 28:20 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,
- Eze 28:21 "Son of man, set your face toward Tsigon, and prophesy against her,
- Eze 28:22 and you shall say, 'Thus said the Master יהוה',
 - "See, I am against you, O Tsidon, and I shall be esteemed in your midst.
 - ❖ And they shall know that I am יהוה, when I execute judgments in her.
 - And I shall be set-apart in her.
 - ❖ Eze 28:23 "And I shall send pestilence upon her.
 - and blood in her streets.
 - ❖ And the slain shall fall in her midst by the sword against her, from all sides.
 - ❖ And they shall know that I am יהוה.
 - ❖ Eze 28:24 "And there shall no longer be a pricking brier or a paining thorn for the house of Yisra'ĕl from among all who are around them, who despise them.
 - ♣ And they shall know that I am the Master יהוה."

Israel Gathered in Security

Eze 28:25 Thus said the Master יהוה,

- "When I have gathered the house of Yisra'el from the peoples among whom they are scattered,
- I shall be set-apart in them before the eyes of the nations.
- 4 And they shall dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Ya'agob.
- ♣ Eze 28:26 "And they shall dwell safely, and build houses, and plant vineyards, and dwell safely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. And they shall know that I am יהוה their Elohim."

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Ezekiel 29 Ezekiel 29:1-16 makes up Scroll 4 in its entirety. There is a 17-year gap between Ezekiel 29:16 and Ezekiel 29:17. Then the rest of Ezekiel 29, starting with verse 17, begins Scroll 12 as indicated below.



Prophecy Against Egypt – Egypt will be laid waste for 40 years as a desert; will be scattered; then will be gathered afterwards to only exist as a lowly reign.

Eze 29:1 In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, on the twelfth of the new *moon*, the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 29:2 "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh the sovereign of Mitsrayim, and prophesy against him, and against Mitsrayim, all of it.

Eze 29:3 "Speak, and you shall say, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

- "See, I am against you, O Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim,
- ❖ O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, 'My River is my own, and I, I have made it for myself.'

Isa 11:15 And יהוה shall put under the ban the tongue of the Sea of Mitsrayim, and He shall wave His hand over the River with the might of His Spirit, and shall strike it in the seven streams, and shall cause *men* to tread it in sandals.

Isa 11:16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Ashshur, as it was for Yisra'ěl in the day when he came up from the land of Mitsrayim.

- ❖ Eze 29:4 "And I shall put hooks in your jaws,
- ❖ and I shall make the fish of your rivers cling to your scales.
- And I shall bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, and all the fish in your rivers cling to your scales.
- ❖ Eze 29:5 "And I shall leave you in the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers.
- ❖ On the face of the field you shall fall, and you shall not be picked up or gathered.
- ❖ I shall give you as food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the heavens.
- ♣ Eze 29:6 "And all the inhabitants of Mitsrayim shall know that I am יהוה, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Yisra'ěl.
- ❖ Eze 29:7 "When they grasped you with the hand, you broke and tore all their shoulders.
- ❖ When they leaned on you, you broke and made all their loins shake."

Eze 29:8 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה,

- "See, I am bringing a sword upon you and shall cut off from you man and beast.
- ❖ Eze 29:9 "And the land of Mitsrayim shall become a desert and a waste.
- ♣ And they shall know that I am יהוה, because he said, 'The River is mine, and I have made it.'

Eze 29:10 "Therefore see,

- I am against you and against your rivers,
- and shall make the land of Mitsrayim an utter waste and a desert, from <u>Migdol to Sewěněh</u>, as far as the border of Kush.
- ❖ Eze 29:11 "No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited for forty years.
- ❖ Eze 29:12 "And I shall make the land of Mitsrayim a desert in the midst of the lands that are waste.
- And among the cities that are ruined, her cities shall be a waste forty years.
- ❖ And I shall scatter the Mitsrites among the nations, and I shall disperse them throughout the lands."

Eze 29:13 For thus said the Master יהוה,

- * "At the end of forty years I shall gather the Mitsrites from the peoples among whom they were scattered.
- Eze 29:14 "And I shall turn back the captivity of Mitsrayim and I shall bring them back to the land of Pathros, to the land of their birth, and there they shall be a lowly reign,
 - Eze 29:15 being the lowliest of reigns, and never again exalt itself above the nations. And I shall make them few so as not to rule over the nations.
- Eze 29:16
 "And no longer is it to be the refuge of the house of Yisra'ĕI, bringing to remembrance their crookedness when they turned to follow them. And they shall know that I am the Master יהוה." "

Now we begin the 12th Scroll to see if this is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Scroll 4. Tomorrow's devotional will reveal and conclude our findings in the 12th Scroll.

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Eze 29:17 And it came to be in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, on the first of the new *moon*, that the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

- ❖ Eze 29:18 "Son of man, Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel made his army to serve a great service against Tsor, every head was made bald and every shoulder worn bare. But he and his army received no reward from Tsor, for the service he served against it.
- ♣ Eze 29:19 "Therefore thus said the Master יהוה.
- 'See, I am giving the land of Mitsrayim to Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel. And he shall take away her wealth, take her spoil, and remove her pillage. And it shall be a reward for his army.

Eze 29:20 I have given him the land of Mitsrayim as a reward for his labor, because they worked for Me,' declares the Master יהוה.

Eze 29:21 In that day I shall make the horn of the house of Yisra'ěl to spring forth, while I open your mouth to speak in their midst. And they shall know that I am יהוה.' "

Luke 11:14-23

Yahusha and Beelzebul

Luk 11:14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was dumb. And it came to be, when the demon had gone out, that the dumb spoke. And the crowds marveled.

Luk 11:15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Be'elzebul, the ruler of the demons,"

Luk 11:16 and others, trying *Him*, were seeking from Him a sign from heaven.

Luk 11:17 And He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every reign divided against itself is laid waste, and a house *divided* against a house falls.

Luk 11:18 "So if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his reign stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Be'elzebul.

Luk 11:19 "Now if I cast out demons by Be'elzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Because of this they shall be your judges.

Luk 11:20 "But if I cast out demons by the finger of Elohim, then the reign of Elohim has come upon you. Footnote: aSee Exo_31:18.

Luk 11:21 "When a strong man, having been well armed, watches over his own court, his possessions are in peace.

Luk 11:22 "But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his booty.

Luk 11:23 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

Those that gathered blasphemously accuse Yahusha of casting out the demons by Be'elzebul. This ultimately leads to the destruction of Jerusalem approximately 40 years later for the rejection of the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit. Similarly, the refusal of entering Kadesh-Barnea by faith led to 40 years wondering in the desert. We too, in the nation of America, have had 7 presidents since 1978 sign the 'USA Education Day' resolution which cloaks the Babylonian Talmudic Noahide Laws that are of the Antimessiah spirit and those laws vehemently oppose Yahusha HaMashiach.

Since 1978 seven U.S. Presidents to date, that have held the highest office in this nation, signed this document [knowingly or unknowingly] declaring 'man-made laws' higher than the authority of Yahusha HaMashiach. The 'USA Education Day' resolution became U.S. Public Law 102-14 in 1991 signed off by then President George H. W. Bush. March 2018 marked the 40th year anniversary of signing this resolution that became law.

It is also the 40th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution and the fallen takeover of this United States government – see the following T4 video.

IRAN, why NOW - the end of 40-year probationary period - video link https://youtu.be/3ZTSv8WAssg

Additional Bonus Scriptures

Isaiah 37

Hezekiah is in a difficult and humbling position. His three representatives had returned from speaking to the Rabshaqeh, and Hezekiah, likewise, tears his garments. He sends representatives to Isaiah with a message.

Isa 37:1 And it came to be, when Sovereign Ḥizqiyahu heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the House of יהוה,

Isa 37:2 and sent **Elyaqim**, who was over the household, and **Shebnah** the scribe, and the **elders of the priests**, covering themselves with sackcloth, to Yeshayahu the prophet, the son of Amots.

Hezekiah's Message to Isaiah:

Isa 37:3 And they said to him, "Thus said Ḥizqiyahu, 'This day is a day of distress and rebuke and scorn, for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring forth.

Isa 37:4 It could be that יהוה your Elohim does hear the words of the Raḇshaqěh, whom his master the sovereign of Ashshur has sent to reproach the living Elohim, and shall rebuke the words which יהוה your Elohim has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'

Isaiah Sends Back the Answer from YHWH to Hezekiah:

Isa 37:6 and Yeshayahu said to them, "Say this to your master, 'Thus said יהוה, "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the sovereign of Ashshur have reviled Me.

Isa 37:7 "See, I am putting a spirit in him, and he shall hear a report and return to his own land. And I shall cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." "

Sennacherib of King of Assyria (Ashshur) continued to be on a war rampage, as the Rabshaqeh hears he was now fighting against Libnah. Apparently while that was taking place, the King of Assyria hears that Tirhaqah, King/prince of Cush (Ethiopia), over Egyptian troops, was coming out to wage war against him.

The King of Assyria in turn, sends another demoralizing message to King of Hezekiah of Jerusalem to instill doubt, fear, and submission. Sennacherib, King of Assyria, has such a hyperinflated view of himself, he believes he is unstoppable; and he may even think he is a god!

Isa 37:10 "Speak to Ḥizqiyahu the sovereign of Yehudah, saying, 'Do not let your Elohim in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Yerushalayim is not given into the hand of the sovereign of Ashshur."

Isa 37:11 See, you have heard what the sovereigns of Ashshur have done to all lands by putting them under the ban. And are you going to be delivered?

Isa 37:12 Have the mighty ones of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Ḥaran and Retseph, and the sons of Ěden who were in Telassar?

Isa 37:13 Where is the sovereign of Ḥamath, and the sovereign of Arpad, and the sovereign of

Isa 37:13 Where is the sovereign of Ḥamath, and the sovereign of Arpad, and the sovereign of the city of Sepharwayim, Hěna, and Iwwah?'"

King Hezekiah of Jerusalem makes a wise move. He ceases from fighting in his own wisdom and strength; he goes to the house of YHWH; he lays the letter from Sennacherib before Him; and he prays.

Isa 37:16 "O יהוה of hosts, Elohim of Yisra'ěl, the One who dwells between the keruḇim, You are Elohim, You alone, of all the reigns of the earth. You have made the heavens and earth. Isa 37:17 "Incline Your ear, O יהוה, and hear. Open Your eyes, O יהוה, and see. And hear all the words of Sanḥĕriḇ, who has sent to reproach the living Elohim.

Isa 37:18 "Truly, יהוה, the sovereigns of Ashshur have laid waste all the lands, and their land, Isa 37:19 and have put their mighty ones into the fire, for they were not mighty ones, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. And they destroyed them.

Isa 37:20 "And now, O יהוה our Elohim, save us from his hand, so that all the reigns of the earth know that You are יהוה, You alone."

Isaiah returns to Hezekiah with YHWH's reply. Because Hezekiah humbled himself and turned to YHWH, YHWH sends him the wording of the message being sent to Sennacherib foretelling his defeat and demise. It is powerfully stated, and one can almost envision Sennacherib's face growing pale. His rampage is about to come to a screeching halt. YHWH quotes Sennacherib's own words, of 'I have's; I cut; I enter.' It reminds us of the prideful 'I will's' that Satan spoke.

... "The **maiden, the daughter of Tsiyon**, has despised you, mocked you; the daughter of Yerushalavim has shaken her head behind you!

Isa 37:23 "Whom have you reproached and reviled? And against whom have you raised your voice, and lifted up your eyes in pride? Against the Set-apart One of Yisra'ěl!

lsa 37:24 <u>"By the hand of your servants you have reproached יהוה, and said,</u> "With my many chariots <u>I have</u> come up to the height of the mountains, to the limits of Lebanon. And <u>I cut down</u> its tall cedars and its choice cypress trees. And <u>I enter</u> its farthest height, its thickest forest.

Isa 37:25 <u>I have</u> dug and drunk water, and with the soles of my feet <u>I have</u> dried up all the streams of defence.'

Isa 37:26 "Have you not heard long ago how I made it, from days of old, that I formed it? Now I have brought it about, that you should be for crushing walled cities into heaps of ruins.

Isa 37:27 "And their inhabitants were powerless, they were overthrown and put to shame. They were as the grass of the field and as the green plant, as the grass on the house-tops and as grain blighted before it is grown.

lsa 37:28 "But I know your sitting down, and your going out and your coming in, and your rage against Me.

Isa 37:29 "Because your rage against Me and your pride have come up to My ears, I shall put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips, and I shall turn you back by the way which you came.

Isa 37:30 "And this shall be the sign for you: This year you eat such as grows of itself, and the second year what springs from that, and in the third year sow and reap, plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Isa 37:31 "And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Yehudah shall again take root downward, and be fruitful upward.

lsa 37:32 "For out of Yerushalayim comes forth a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Tsiyon – the ardour of יהוה of hosts does this.

Isa 37:33 "Therefore thus said יהוה concerning the sovereign of Ashshur, 'He does not come into this city, nor does he shoot an arrow there, nor does he come before it with shield, nor does he build a siege mound against it.

Isa 37:34 By the way that he came, by the same he turns back. And into this city he does not come,' declares יהוה.

Isa 37:35 And I shall defend this city, to save it for My own sake and for the sake of My servant Dawig.' "

The Outcome and Demise of Sennacherib:

lsa 37:36 And a messenger of יהוה went out, and struck in the camp of Ashshur one hundred and eighty-five thousand. And they arose early in the morning, and saw all of them, dead bodies.

Isa 37:37 And Sanḥĕriḇ the sovereign of Ashshur broke camp and went away, and turned back, and remained at Ninewěh.

Isa 37:38 And it came to be, as he was bowing himself in the house of Nisrok his mighty one, that his sons Adrammelek and Shar'etser struck him with the sword, and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And his son Esarhaddon reigned in his place.

Isaiah 38

Hezekiah becomes ill. He has been under tremendous pressure with Jerusalem being under attack by King Sennacherib of Assyria. Even Isaiah, informs Hezekiah that YHWH says to get his house in order, for he was <u>not</u> going to live but die.

With those words, Hezekiah turns his face to the wall and prays to YHWH. He asks YHWH to remember that he had been a king that walked in the ways of YHWH. Hezekiah was grieved in his heart; and wept bitterly. This had to have felt like the final straw. Grief was being added to grief.

Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery

Isa 38:1 In those days Ḥizqiyahu was sick and near death. And Yeshayahu the prophet, the son of Amots, came to him, and said to him, "Thus said יהוה, 'Command your house, for you are going to die and not live.' "

lsa 38:2 And Ḥizqiyahu turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to יהוה,

Isa 38:3 and said, "I pray, O יהוה, please remember how I have walked before You in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done what is good in Your eyes." And Ḥizqiyahu wept bitterly.

YHWH hears Hezekiah's prayer and sends Isaiah with a reply:

Isa 38:4 And the word of יהוה came to Yeshayahu, saying,

Isa 38:5 "Go and say to Ḥizqiyahu, 'Thus said יהוה, the Elohim of Dawid your father, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears. See, I am adding fifteen years to your days. Isa 38:6 "And out of the hand of the sovereign of Ashshur I shall deliver you and this city, and protect this city."

Prayer does matter! Prayers avail much! Now, Hezekiah would not die immediately, but would have an **added 15 years to his life**. Not only that, Hezekiah and the city would be delivered from Assyria; and YHWH would protect Jerusalem.

YHWH even goes as far as giving Hezekiah additional assurance. He gives Hezekiah a sign to affirm His spoken word.

lsa 38:7 "And this is the sign to you from יהוה, that יהוה does this word which He has spoken:

Isa 38:8 "See, I am bringing the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Aḥaz, ten degrees backward." And the sun returned ten degrees on the dial by which it had gone down.

This was not an actual sundial as we would envision today; but it was the sun's shadow moving back on 10 steps of stairs structured in a specific way.

TSK Cross-reference to 38:8 records: the sun dial: Heb. the degrees by, or, with the sun, Or, as the Hebrew might be rendered, "the steps of Ahaz." The researches of curious travellers in Hindostan, observes Bp. Stock, have lately discovered in that country, three observatories of similar form, the most remarkable of which is to be seen within four miles of Delhi, the ancient capital of the Mogul empire. A rectangled triangle, whose hypotenuse is a staircase (apparently parallel to the axis of the earth), bisects a zone, or coping of a wall, which wall connects the two terminating towers at right and left. The coping itself is of a circular form, and accurately graduated, to mark, by the gnomon above, the sun's progress before and after noon.

The rest of Isaiah 38 records how <u>Hezekiah journaled</u> his grieved heart and His pleas to YHWH. It is good to record the blessings, comforts, and help provided by YHWH; during difficult times in our lives or even in joyous times. YHWH keeps a 'Book of Remembrance' and so should we.

Mal 3:16 Then shall those who fear יהוה speak to one another, and יהוה listens and hears, and abook of remembrance be written before Him, of those who fear יהוה, and those who think upon His Name.

Then, we can remember all of His blessings. Otherwise, it is easy to forget. Words in our journals bring encouragement to ourselves and can also be an encouragement to others.

Read Hezekiah's 'journal entry' and be encouraged. I'm sure Hezekiah read it several times in the 15 extra years he was given by YHWH.

lsa 38:9 This is the writing of Ḥizqiyahu sovereign of Yehudah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:

Isa 38:10 I said, "Am I to go into the gates of She'ol in the prime of my life? Shall I be deprived of the rest of my years?"

Isa 38:11 I said, "I shall not see Yah – Yah in the land of the living! I shall no longer look on man with the inhabitants of the world!

Isa 38:12 "My dwelling is plucked up, taken from me like a shepherd's tent. I have cut off my life like a weaver; He cuts me off from the loom. From day to night You make an

end of me.

Isa 38:13 "I soothed myself until morning. Like a lion, so He shatters all my bones. From day to night You make an end of me.

Isa 38:14 "Like a swallow or a thrush, so I chattered; I moaned like a dove; my eyes look weakly on high. O הוה, I am oppressed, undertake for me!

Isa 38:15 "What do I say? For He has spoken to me, and He Himself has acted. Softly I go, all my years, because of the bitterness of my being.

lsa 38:16 "O יהוה, by these do *men* live, and my spirit finds life in all of them. Restore me and make me live.

Isa 38:17 "See, for peace I had what was bitter, bitter. But You have lovingly delivered my being from the pit of corruption, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

Isa 38:18 "For She'ol does not thank You, nor death praise You; those who go down to the pit do not watch for Your truth.

Isa 38:19 "The living, the living – he is praising You, as I do this day. A father makes known Your truth to his children.

Isa 38:20 "Come יהוה, to save me! And let us sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life in the House of יהוה."

Isa 38:21 For Yeshayahu had said, "Let them take a cake of figs, and apply it on the boil, so that he lives."

Isa 38:22 And Hizqiyahu asked, "What is the sign that I go up to the House of יהוה?"

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