

Bible Study – Ezekiel 8

Alrighty, Shabbat shalom and Shabbat shalom to everybody who is here with us tonight. Another week that's gone and another Sabbath Bible study. Let us start and prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before Your throne with all praise and honor and glory and we thank You, Father, for revealing Your name to us. We thank You for revealing Your word to us and we thank You for allowing Your Spirit to open up our minds to understand Your word. We pray Father in these end times we're living in as the clock ticks to midnight and Your Kingdom is about to approach us that You would help us to understand where we need to change in our lives and where we could better honor and serve You. We thank You for all You do. We pray Your Kingdom to the earth as is in heaven and we give You praise. All these things in the name and by the authority of Your Son, our savior, Yahshua Messiah, we pray. HalleluYah.

Alrighty, so before we get into Ezekiel, we're going into Ezekiel 8 tonight. I will just go into a couple of articles that are here, because a lot of the world news that has come is pretty much a lot of things we've been talking about already.

~ World News Update ~

I'm not going to go over a lot of the same things, but I do want to start you up with one article that says, **Climate change is causing droughts everywhere.**

Climate change is causing droughts everywhere and it says, *Much of the Northern Hemisphere is struggling with drought or the threat of drought, as Europe experiences an unusually warm, precipitation-free winter and swaths of the American West remain mired in an epic megadrought. But it's not just those pockets feeling the pain in the U.S. Most of the Western United States is in some form of drought, with areas of extreme drought concentrated in the Great Plains and Texas. A 23-year megadrought has left the Southwest at the driest it is estimated to have ever been in 1,200 years.*

Wow, so that's almost four times or five times of the data of the whole country. *That's very bad news for Texas cotton farmers. The New York Times recently reported that "2022 was a disaster for upland cotton in Texas," leading to short supplies and high prices of tampons and cloth diapers, among other products. "In the biggest loss on record, Texas farmers abandoned 74 percent of their planted crops — nearly six million acres — because of heat and parched soil, hallmarks of a megadrought made worse by climate change," ... which we know that's not true. Even recent heavy storms in California haven't brought the state out of drought, because the precipitation deficit was so big.*

So, we're looking at that across the United States. I mean now they're having even a gigantic snowstorm in California where you hardly really gets snow anyway down there. But you have a lot of things that are going on and America that was the bread basket of the world for food supplies and reserves, we're seeing a drought that you wouldn't see in 1200 years. So, one of the reasons why we're also seeing the prices go up with food. It could even be worse right now and it's not, because at least a lot of the grain in the fall was allowed out of Ukraine, out of there.

But the next article is going to say maybe it would have been better if we had higher prices and the grain didn't get out because the next article says, **Soils of war: The toxic legacy for Ukraine's breadbasket.**

When Ukraine recaptured Kherson in November, Andrii Povod returned to find his grain farm in ruins. Two tractors were missing, most of the wheat was gone and all 11 buildings used to store crops and machinery had been bombed and burned. The farm bears the scars of Russian shelling and unexploded ordnance riddles the fields but it's the less visible damage to Ukraine's famously fertile soil after a year of war that could be the hardest to repair.

Scientists looking at soil samples taken from the recaptured Kharkiv region in northeastern Ukraine found that high concentrations of toxins such as mercury and arsenic from munitions and fuel are polluting the ground. Using the samples and satellite imagery, scientists at Ukraine's Institute for Soil Science and Agrochemistry Research estimated that the war has degraded at least 10.5 million hectares of agricultural land across Ukraine so far, according to the research shared with Reuters. That's a quarter of the agricultural land, including territory still occupied by Russian forces, in a country described as the breadbasket of Europe.

"For our region, it's a very big problem. This good soil, we cannot reproduce it," ... Two dozen experts who spoke with

Reuters, including soil scientists, farmers, grain companies and analysts, said it would take decades to fix the damage to Europe's breadbasket – including contamination, mines and destroyed infrastructure – and that global food supplies could suffer for years to come.

Shelling has also upset the delicate ecosystems of microorganisms that turn soil materials into crop nutrients such as nitrogen while tanks have compressed the earth, making it harder for roots to flourish, the scientists say. Some areas are so mined and physically transformed by craters and trenches that, like some World War One battlefields, they may never return to farm production, some experts say.

So, this is a big problem. About 25% of the grain, the different things are coming from that area over there and I don't have any articles here talking about what happened in Ohio, but in Palestine Ohio they're ... the big ... couple weeks ago, the trains [referring to a derailment of 38 rail tank cars carrying hazardous chemicals] ... also chemicals that are coming near, people getting sick and they're saying that the toxins that are in the soil are contaminating all the areas there. So many many things relating with the food chain.

So again, we are seeing inflation. Nobody likes inflation, especially when prices start to get where they are but it could be much worse. It could be much worse and it may be getting much worse but we'll have to see on that but these are some of the articles showing to be looking. I know it's the Shmita year and we can't buy a lot of grains and things but when you can get things that are not ... that are Shmita kosher, let's say, that are older than last September, you might think about buying and storing some of these things if possible.

The last article I want to go in here is again on **Israel and Iran edge closer to war**. *A top Pentagon official testified earlier this week that Tehran has made 'remarkable' progress in enriching uranium that could be used for a nuclear weapon.*

We talked about this, they're already at 84% all you have to do is get to 90% and Israel is threatening and as I read this you'll see why.

Escalating tensions between Iran and Israel have brought the two countries to the verge of war. While experts disagree on the probability of military conflict between the Jewish state and the Islamic Republic, they agree that the present moment is rife with potential pitfalls. Iran could be approaching the capacity to manufacture a nuclear weapon; a top Pentagon official testified earlier this week that Tehran has made "remarkable" progress and could be within 12 days of enriching sufficient uranium for a nuclear weapon. And this was just out yesterday, so make that 11 days.

In response, Israel is preparing for military intervention to stop what it and many Western nations believe could be a disastrous development that should be prevented at all costs. But war could be disastrous, too. "This is a very, very dangerous situation," said Bernard Avishai, a professor of government at Dartmouth, who has written extensively on Israel. The question being asked in Washington and other world capitals is whether the danger today is truly greater than it has been in recent years, or whether the threat of war is being overstated for political ends.

So, we will see, but there is a delegation from Israel that is supposed to be showing up in America today and that is what they will be getting permission. I know in the war in 2006, the war with Hezbollah, they could not even shoot their guns they needed to get permission for every bullet that was shot from Israel by the US administration.

So, we will see and look out in the next two weeks to see if ... what Israel is going to be doing here but that is something to really, really look at, because Israel is about as big as New Jersey and it would only take one major bomb in Tel Aviv and about half of the people in the country would be destroyed and the nuclear fallout could go in every direction. So, that is not a good situation being so small it would be going everywhere, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and other places. So, something to look at.

~ Bible Study ~

Okay, I will stop there with the world news right now and I want to get into chapter 8, because we have been progressing here in Ezekiel and we are now getting into some of the punishments that are coming on the Israelites in diaspora. And like I said, I never really heard anybody else preach about this this way but if you believe in the Ephraimite theology from scripture and you study where the Ephraimites travel to, you will see that many of the first world countries such as America and UK and these other areas, not only the UK but all of Europe and many of these areas are Israelites primarily.

So, when we are looking at these scriptures here, some of it is talking to our brother Judah. This is at the time Ezekiel is writing, like we said, at the time that Judah was going into captivity in Babylon, but most of this is talking about ... to the nations where the Israelites are living. Which is another interesting thing which are mostly Christian nations.

So, I want to say that up front here, because as we talk about this I am going to mention more and more that because we are believers, Messianic believers and we have come out of Christianity, which is basically a pagan religion. We don't talk about it much except for the paganism in the religion in certain points. But on the other end when we are looking at these Israelite countries and most of them being Christian countries. What I am going to read tonight should really hit home, because a lot of what is being talked about in Ezekiel the 8th chapter, is about paganism.

So, who is the paganism to? The paganism is to a lot of the Christians out there which a lot of times they say, "Oh, what is the big deal? What does it really matter?" Well, I am going to tell you tonight that it actually matters quite a bit, because YAHWEH is not happy with the paganism from all of these different things that these people are doing. So, let's start in verse 1.

Ezekiel 8:1 *And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth of the month, I was sitting in my house. And the elders of Judah were sitting before me. And the hand of Adonai YAHWEH fell on me there.*

So, like it says, this is the second of thirteen dates that are mentioned in Ezekiel and is fourteen months from his calling. So, remember when we were going over ... now it seems like many moons ago but a few chapters back, when Ezekiel was told to lay on his side and do this, but now look what happens.

It is in the sixth year in the sixth month on the fifth of the month and he is sitting in his house. So, this is past that time, he is not laying on his side anymore. So, the judgment has already went out but he was doing to the people but now he is actually coming and now the judgment is ready to begin. So, he is no longer laying on his side, but he is sitting in the house ...

Ezekiel 8:1c *And the elders of Judah were sitting before me. And the hand of Adonai YAHWEH fell on me there.*

So again, we said probably more than any book in the Bible, I think Ezekiel has more dates as far as naming the dates, as it is going and I think that is also prophetic in nature and that happens, but we see... So, let's go to verse 2 now.

Ezekiel 8:2 *And I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire, from the appearance of His loins and downward, like fire, and from His loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, like the color of polished copper.*

So, the hand of Adonai YAHWEH fell on him in verse 1 and this Being comes and who was this Being? We have seen this before. *Daniel 10, verse 5 and 6.*

Daniel 10:5-6 *And I lifted up my eyes and looked: And behold! A certain man was clothed in linen, whose loins were wrapped in fine gold from Uphaz. His body was also like the beryl, and His face looked like lightning. And His eyes were like torches of fire; and His arms and His feet in color like polished copper; and the sound of His words were as the sound of a multitude.*

So again, we see the same terminology that we see in Ezekiel 8 and who is this? *Revelation 1, 12 through 15.* Revelation the first chapter. He is no other than Yahshua. *Revelation 1, 12 through 15*

Revelation 1:12-15 *And I turned to see the voice which spoke with me. And having turned, I saw seven golden menorahs, and in the midst of the seven menorahs One like the Son of Man, wearing a garment down to the feet, and having His breasts girded with a golden girdle. And the hairs of His head were white as white wool, as snow, and His eyes as a flame of fire; and His feet like burnished brass having been fired in a furnace; and His voice as a sound of many waters;*

So, as we put these scriptures together, I think we see there is no doubt this is Yahshua. *Ezekiel 1 in verse 27.* We went over this in the beginning when we were going over the first chapters in Ezekiel. Chapter 1 in verse 27. It says,

Ezekiel 1:27 *And I saw Him, like the color of polished copper, looking like fire within it all around. From the appearance of His loins and upward, and from the appearance of His loins and downward, I saw Him looking like fire; and brightness to it all around.*

So, very clearly in the mouth of two or three witnesses let everything be confirmed [Deut 19:15; Mat 18:16]. We see that this is definitely talking about Yahshua. The other thing that's interesting here, is where it talks about *the appearance of brightness like the color of polished copper*. When you look this up, it actually is copper mixed with gold. So, it's like an amber type color from copper mixed with gold and a brightness that is on there. Verse 3,

Ezekiel 8:3 *And He put forth the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens and brought me to Jerusalem (in the visions of Elohim), to the opening of the inner gate facing north, where there was a seat of the image of jealousy, which causes jealousy.*

So, this is where it starts. This is where the idolatry is going to start. This is where the paganism and the idolatry is going to start and really this whole chapter is filled with it and that's why I say, we have to remember where the Israelites are. They're in these Christian nations. As we're going to see many of these idolatries are being done by Christians, that YAHWEH is there. And where is he? He's in the visions, *to the opening of the inner gate* which is actually, if we go to verse 14, we see the same thing.

Ezekiel 8:14 *And He brought me to the opening of the gate of the house of YAHWEH, toward the north. And, behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.*

I'll get into that when we get down to that. But this is actually where the opening of the gate is, is actually at the outer court. So, we have the outer court and then we have the inner court and then we have the Holy of Holies. And I went over this many times but I can't show you a picture, because it's just on audio here.

But if you could think of the way that the sanctuary of YAHWEH was and you have the outer court, which is what? It's the court of Israelites. And then the inner court was the temple itself. Where you come in the door of the temple, that was to the inner court. Where the priests were. They were in the inner court. And then the Holy of Holies is where the Shekinah glory was. Where YAHWEH dwelt between the cherubs.

So, when we're looking at this ... I've done a sermon, 'Called, chosen and faithful'. The ministry, the outer court are called, the inner court are chosen, the Holy of Holies is the faithful. And the outer court is water baptism, the inner court is spiritual baptism and the Holy of Holies is fire baptism. So, you see all these threes in scripture and they all come together. You know the outer court being Passover, the inner court being Shavuot, only priests serve in Shavuot and then the Holy of Holies being Sukkot, being the millennium.

So, when you're looking at this, I've said this many times, the Christians are in the outer court. The Christians have Passover, they have the blood of Yahshua but they never get to be priests, because why? Because priests have to keep the Torah. We know that that's the job of the priests, in *Malachi* [2:7], is to keep them to the Torah and the Christians don't. They say the Torah is nailed to a torture stake.

So, when we're looking at this, we're seeing this is where the problem is starting. The problem is starting at the outer court but the problem is also in the inner court with priests, as we're going to see too. But this is what we have to realize, that the ... it's like I said, the Christians are at the outer court. The true believers, who are priests of YAHWEH, are in the inner court. But if you want to get to the Holy of Holies, you have to sanctify your life, you have to purify yourself from every evil thing or you will not see the presence of YAHWEH.

Ezekiel 11 in verse 24. Another thing is this is only a vision. We want to make sure we don't forget that, that he's not actually there but seeing this.

Ezekiel 11:24 *And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into Chaldea, to the exiles, in a vision by the Spirit of Elohim. And the vision that I had seen went up from me.*

So again, the same thing here. He's saying that he is seeing this in the visions of Elohim. He's not actually there at the temple but he's seeing it. And ...

Ezekiel 8:3d *where there was a seat of the image of jealousy ... Or envy, that's another word that that means in the Hebrew ... which causes jealousy.*

So, why is it causing jealousy there? Because of this image. It's either an image of Baal or an image of Tammuz, one or the other, that's being there. *2nd Kings 21 in verse 7.*

2nd Kings 21:7 *And he set a graven image of the Asherah that he had made in the house of which YAHWEH had said to David and to his son Solomon, In this house, and in Jerusalem, that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.*

So, it could also be an Asherah. It's one of them. As we're going to see, Tammuz is one of the things there. But Baal, Ishtar, Ashtar, is connected with Tammuz also. But we're seeing one or the other. Deuteronomy 32:21. But it's some kind of pagan false image, that's there. Deuteronomy 32 in verse 21 says:

Deuteronomy 32:21 *They made Me jealous with a not-El; they made Me angry by their vanities; and I shall make them jealous by a not-a-people; by a foolish nation I shall make them angry.*

So, we see today in Christianity whether it's Catholicism, even many forms of Protestantism, the Orthodox, whether it's Russian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, they all have paganism with the pictures and everything. The Catholicism with many of the statues.

But we're seeing that YAHWEH is saying He's jealous of this. Why? Because a picture or a statue or any kind of idolatrous, whatever it may be, is not YAHWEH. It has nothing to do with YAHWEH. It is such an insult to the Eternal Creator of the universe, that is not made of matter, that has no beginning and has no end and is all knowing and created every last thing that you see on the earth He created.

And for mankind to create false religion and then make some kind of false statue or picture or whatever and try to claim that that's the deity of the universe that created everything is about the biggest insult in the world. And YAHWEH says, He says He's jealous and it causes jealousy by them doing these things. And I'll get into it a little bit as we go down here, because when we start to see some of these things are directly connected with Christians saying what Christians believe. But YAHWEH is not happy with it. So verse 4,

Ezekiel 8:4 *And, behold! The glory of the Elohim of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.*

So, the glory, the Shekinah, the Spirit of YAH is there. It's there, it's powerful, it's shining. And the glory of YAHWEH is there and is going to be revealing His truth of how YAHWEH feels about this. Verse 5,

Ezekiel 8:5 *And He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now to the way of the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way of the north, and, behold, from the north, at the gate of the altar, was this image of jealousy at the entrance.*

So, Deuteronomy 4:24. We go to Deuteronomy 4:24, we see again, it's an image that's there and is causing jealousy of YAHWEH because it's a false image. Deuteronomy 4:24 says,

Deuteronomy 4:24 *For YAHWEH your Elohim is a consuming fire; He is a jealous El.*

He's a consuming fire. And when the time comes when He will burn up the whole earth, He'll consume the whole earth, because then He's going to bring a new earth and a new heaven. But He doesn't like it. He doesn't like all of the paganism and like I said, the Mary statues and the false IE-Zeus statues that they have and statues of supposedly of Him. He is jealous of it and He can't stand it. And He's saying it's the spirit of jealousy. Verse 6,

Ezekiel 8:6 *And He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But you turn back and you shall see greater abominations than these.*

So, He's saying, "This is nothing." You might be seeing these kind of abominations that are going on here but this is nothing compared to what He's going to show them of the abominations that are going on today. Because remember, these chapters here are about what's going to happen to modern nations today. What's going to happen to America? What's going to happen to Europe and Australia and all of these nations that are filled with Israelites?

Because they rejected YAHWEH and they rejected His Torah and they're following the ways of their pagan forefathers. So He says, *you'll see greater abominations*. Verse 7,

Ezekiel 8:7 *And He brought me to the opening of the court. And I looked, and, behold, a single hole in the wall.*

So it's like, I don't know if you've ever tried to look through a hole that might be something you're trying to figure out, if the place is open or not. You can't hear anything. You're looking through the hole. You're knocking on the door and nobody's answering but that's what He's saying here. It's just a little *single hole in the wall*. And verse 8,

Ezekiel 8:8-9 *And He said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall. And I dug in the wall; and, behold, an opening! ... So, he's digging a hole through the wall ... And He said to me, Go in and see the evil abominations that they are doing here.*

So, it shows you, it's kind of ... they're trying to ... it's like they're doing it in secret but they're not doing it in secret. It's like ... it's closed off to people and that's the way churches are. They're doing it in secret. They're in these churches, the doors are closed and they're doing all this evil, abominable stuff. But yet, the next rate, it's not really in secret, because everybody knows where the church is. It's just nobody knows what's going on in there. Until you go and you see what on earth is going on in these places.

Ezekiel 8:9-10 *He said to me, Go in and see the evil abominations that they are doing here ... And literally it's disgusting idolatries, is that word for abominations ... And I went in and looked ... verse 10 ... And, behold, every form of creeping thing, and hateful beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel were carved on the wall all around.*

So, these are the Egyptian false gods that are carved on the wall, because that's what they believed in. All of these creeping things and insects even, and animals that the Egyptians all worshipped and prayed to. And this is what the Israelites were doing. They learned it from them and they're carving them and writing them on the walls there all around. And verse 11.

Ezekiel 8:11 *And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah, the son of Shaphan, were standing among them. These were standing among them, and each man with his censer in his hand, and the odor of the cloud of incense rising.*

So, it's kind of interesting. Now who's there? Is it the average people? Is it the participants of the pagan religion that are doing this? Well, they follow of course, but that's not what's going on here. Over here we're seeing these are the men with the sensor in their hand. These are the priests. These are the leaders of it, seventy men. *2nd Kings 22 in verse 10 through 14.*

2nd Kings 22:10-12 *And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has given a book to me; and Shaphan read it before the king. And it happened when the king heard the Words of the Book of the Torah, he tore his garments. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah the king's servant, saying,*

2nd Kings 22:13-14 *Go, inquire of YAHWEH for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, as to the Words of this Book that has been found; for great is the wrath of YAHWEH that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the Words of this Book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us. And Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah the prophetess the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the wardrobe (and she lived in Jerusalem, in the second quarter). And they spoke with her.*

So, this is what we see here, the same interesting ... when it says, *Jaazaniah, the son of Shaphan*. And we see this here, the same person who they're talking about. And we're seeing 70 men there. Why is it 70 men? Let's go back and take a look from *Numbers 11, 11 through 17*. Let's go back to when Moses was anointing the other elders with him for the work. *Numbers 11 in verse 11 through 17.*

Numbers 11:11-15 *And Moses said to YAHWEH, Why have You done evil to Your servant; and why have I not found grace in Your eyes to put the burden of all this people on me? I, have I conceived all this people? I, have I begotten it, that You say to me, Carry it in your bosom as the foster father bears the suckling, to the land which You have sworn to its fathers? Where shall I get flesh to give to all this people? For they weep to me, saying, Give to us flesh that we may eat. I am not*

able, I alone, to bear all this people, for it is too heavy for me; and if You deal thus with me, please quickly kill me, if I have found grace in Your eyes, and let me not look on my evil.

Numbers 11:16-17 *And YAHWEH said to Moses, Assemble to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you have known that they are elders of the people, and its officers. And you shall take them to the tent of the congregation; and they shall line up themselves there with you. And I shall come down and speak with you there; and I will take of the spirit which is upon you, and will put it on them; and they will bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.*

So, this is where the number 70 comes from. Because who are these 70 men here in Ezekiel 8? They are the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin were 35 Pharisees, 35 Sadducees, and then of course the High Priest. But there were 70 men in the Sanhedrin, and those 70 men came from that story I just read to you about in Moses. That's where the story comes from.

It's a biblical number, and it's interesting enough, even if we go to the Brit Chadashah, the New Testament, and *Luke 10*. What do we see? Verse 1 we see...

Luke 10:1 *And after these things, Yahshua also appointed seventy others from His disciples, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and region, where He was about to go.*

So, Yahshua even appointed 70 people. That's where that number comes from. It comes from YAHWEH appointing 70 elders and 70 being an important number in Scripture. It's like a lifetime number. We see because that's like a lifespan number, and it shows that when people are appointed by YAHWEH as priests, they're priests for life. It's not a job you're doing, but it's a calling that you have.

Here it is, we see this, that there's 70 men that are there, and they're standing ... So, like I said, this isn't just regular people that are there, but these are the priests that are there. We're going to see these priests are ... *each man with his censer in his hand, and the odor of the cloud* [Ezek 8:11], meaning, they're burning incense to this false deity. Verse 12,

Ezekiel 8:12 *And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing ... These are the elders. These are the main people, the leaders ... are doing in the dark, each man in the rooms of his image? For they are saying, YAHWEH does not see us, YAHWEH has forsaken the earth.*

Wow. So, He's saying, look in the house of Israel, what are they doing in the dark, *each man in the rooms of his image? For they are saying, YAHWEH does not see us, YAHWEH has forsaken the earth.* And when you're looking ... let's maybe go first to *Psalms 10, 11 through 13*.

Psalms 10:11-13 *He has said in his heart, El has forgotten; He hides His face; He will not see forever. Arise, O YAHWEH! O El, lift up your hand; do not forget the lowly ones. Why does the wicked one despise Elohim? He has said in his heart, You will not require it.*

So here it is, it's these people that are saying, YAHWEH doesn't see us. Some of them are saying, YAHWEH doesn't even exist, but they're doing these evil things in the darkness of the rooms. And they're saying, nobody sees them. *Psalms 50* in verse 21, you see the same thing.

Psalms 50:21 *You have done these things, and I have kept silence; you thought that surely I would be like you; but I will rebuke you and set in order before your eyes.*

So, YAHWEH is rebuking, because of the evil that they're doing. And they're thinking YAHWEH doesn't see me. *Psalms 94, 7 through 9*.

Psalms 94:7-11 *Yet they say, YAHWEH shall not see, nor shall the Elohim of Jacob observe. Understand you beastly ones among the people; yea, you fools, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? He who chastises the nations, shall He not punish, He who teaches man knowledge? YAHWEH knows the thoughts of man, that they are vain.*

So, here it is, people think they're getting away with something and they're really not. One page over, *Ezekiel 9:9* says the same thing.

Ezekiel 9:9 *And He said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and of Judah is very great, and the land is filled with blood, and the city is full of perversity. For they say, YAHWEH has forsaken the land; and, YAHWEH does not see.*

So, people think YAHWEH doesn't see, but YAHWEH does see. And here we're talking about idolatry. We're talking about in the churches... like I said, when they close the doors, they may think YAHWEH is not seeing the Mary statues and the IE-Zeus statues and all the idols and the pictures and the Orthodox churches and all the evil idolatries that's going on. But YAHWEH does see, and like I said, this is for modern times today and where it says, the people going in the darkness of their rooms and the images that they're watching and they're saying YAHWEH doesn't see us, but YAHWEH does see.

So, it's the same with the internet, as people on all kinds of bad things, dating sites, pornography, and even, like I call spiritual pornography, people going on all kinds of bad sites that they could be officially prophecy sites or religious sites, but actually they have nothing but falsity. They have false doctrine, the false name, they have false teaching, they have false prophecies and people want people, though that are tickling the ear... And some brethren go on some of these sites and I call it spiritual pornography.

So, the key is here, as YAHWEH is getting ready to judge the people, He's saying, He's calling them fools and saying, you think I don't see, but I see everything. So don't think you're getting away with something and at the end, the people are only hurting themselves anyway, because whatever we put in our mind, and like I say, your body is a printout of your thoughts. So, whatever you're looking at, whether you're reading a book or you're looking at it online or you're watching it on TV, that's becoming part of you. That literally is becoming part of you and your body is a printout of your thoughts.

So, we want to make sure that the things we're putting in our mind and putting in our body, that they're things of YAHWEH, they're things that are edifying and uplifting. Not that everything has to be religious in nature, but it should be something that's uplifting in nature. There should be a good moral to it. There should be something that we're learning from everything we're doing. Then verse 13.

Ezekiel 8:13 *And He said to me, You turn back again, and you shall see **greater** abominations which they are doing.*

So this is bad enough. This is bad enough that all the evil things they're doing, like it says, they're doing in the dark. Maybe one more scripture, I wanted to go into that. And people that do things that way and they think YAHWEH doesn't see them. But then *John 3 in verse 18*, like I said, a lot of times even trying to say YAHWEH doesn't even exist. *John 3 in verse 18* says,

John 3:18-21 *The one believing into Him is not condemned; but the one not believing has already been condemned, for he has not believed into the name of the only begotten Son of YAHWEH, Yahshua. And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness more than the Light, for their works were evil. For everyone practicing wickedness hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, that his works may not be exposed. But the one doing the truth comes to the Light, that his works may be revealed, that they exist, having been worked in Elohim.*

So, you know something? We're all sinners, we all make mistakes, we all have to rely on YAHWEH's mercy in our life. But as long as we're living our life in the light and when we make a mistake, we repent and go on, then YAHWEH is going to forgive us. But if we're living our life like it says here, like the house of Israel is doing it in the end time, that they're living their life in the dark. And each one is in the rooms of his image in the dark doing all this evil stuff.

And like it says, people could come to the light, they could still repent, they could still change. But like it says there in John, the people love darkness more than light. And that's the sad part, we're living in a dark world. And sometimes people say, "If Elohim really exists, how could things be that bad? How could all these things happen?"

Well, because mankind chose that way. Mankind was in the garden of Eden and had it perfect. There wasn't a weed to the garden, there wasn't a rotten fruit on the tree, everything was perfect in the garden. And man chose, mankind chose to leave his position in the garden of Eden and abdicate it over to Satan, the devil and to his society. And for 6,000 years almost, we've been paying the penalties of that.

But every human being, except for Yahshua Messiah Himself, has followed in those footsteps. Everyone has chosen darkness over light. And that's why YAHWEH calls us, not out of light into His light, He calls us out of darkness into His light [1Pet 2:9]. Because we all went from darkness to light. That's why a baby even is born in darkness and comes into light. And this world, everything starts in darkness, because it's Satan society.

So, if you want to look why things are so bad, look no further than in the mirror, because it's each one of us that made those decisions. But now we can repent, we can change, we can come to the light. We have Passover here, it's only a month away. So wow, it's a time where we should really be reflecting, especially now during the Shmita. And not 20 minutes before the Passover ceremony, just reading the scripture really quick about when Yahshua was crucified. You should be starting now.

You should be looking, not at just all the things that Yahshua went through, that's a part of it, but looking in your own life where we need to change, where we need to grow and where we need to not get this judgment that YAHWEH is giving these people. And verse 13,

Ezekiel 8:13-14 *And He said to me ... Ezekiel 8 ... You turn back again, and you shall see greater abominations which they are doing ... Can it get much worse? And He says, "Oh yeah, it can get much worse." ... And He brought me to the opening of the gate of the house of YAHWEH ... Again, the outer court ... toward the north. And, behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.*

What on earth is He talking about? Well, let's read our note first and then I'll go into a few other things. [Note #2, HRB2021] *The beloved of the goddess Istar, and the supposed deity of agriculture, who was said to have resurrected...*

So, when people are worshiping little baby IE-Zeus in the little crib there at Christmas time, which isn't when Yahshua was born, but it's the time of Tammuz. They're worshiping Tammuz. It has nothing to do with Yahshua. Yahshua wasn't born under a Christmas tree, that is a phallic symbol. Yahshua wasn't born in the middle of the winter after the December winter solstice. Yahshua wasn't born at the Saturnalia, which is December 24th and the 25th. And Yahshua has nothing to do with these evil things.

So, when these people are worshiping, who are they worshiping? They're worshiping Tammuz, who supposedly he did die, he was attacked or something by a wild boar. And supposedly they say they believe that he was resurrected, which he wasn't. They believe he was resurrected at the winter solstice. That's why they do it.

[Note #2, HRB2021, continue] *... This is the origin of the pagan holiday Christmas, which was never celebrated by early believers in Yahshua ... Wasn't celebrated till the 4th century, 300 years later, by apostate Christians ... As the pagans started to join the early congregation they mixed and blended much of their pagan customs until it separated into two distinct religions under Constantine in the 4th century.*

So, here it says, *Tammuz was either the Adonis of the Grecians, or so the Vulgate Latin version renders it Adonis, who was a young man beloved by Venus and was killed by a boar. His death was lamented by her. And in respect to the goddess and anniversary of Solemnity, was kept by many women lamenting his death, especially women.*

And he says, *I've seen in Biblus a large temple of Venus where they performed the rites onto Adonis, and it was a spectator to them. So, they are relating the death by Adonis by the boar that destroyed them in the memory. And then they beat themselves and men over sacrifices and great mourning goes on through the whole country. And when they beat themselves in mourning, they sacrificed to Adonus' dead. But the day following, they pretend he's alive and they shave their heads as the Egyptians do at the death of Apis.*

So again, Satan is a great counterfeiter and he counterfeits absolutely everything. So, everything that YAHWEH does, YAHWEH's whole plan of salvation is being counterfeited by Satan. And that's what he's doing here. And again, it says, *some people think Tammuz is Osiris of the Egyptians, which even fits better. The same with Egypt, the first king of Egypt who being slain in battle. His wife has ordered that she should be worshiped as a god and a yearly lamentation made for him. And indeed Osiris and Adonus seem to be one and the same, only in different nations called by different names.*

So, we know that, that these false deities that start in one, the same as Ishtar, is the same as Diana in the Greek. It doesn't make a difference. It's the same false mother worship goddess. They turn their faces toward the east and

worship the sun. I'll get into that one next. So, we see here that it's nothing but false paganism.

And who is YAHWEH talking to? He's talking to the churches that do this stuff. He's talking to the churches that ... and a lot of them even know it. In World Wide... Can you imagine that worldwide, all over the world, all of these, even people that are religious, they follow this paganism. And all of this, this phony baloney stuff and now they mixed it in even more paganism, Santa Claus, the demon and the elves that are demons and they bring all this evil, evil stuff into it.

And people say, "Well, yeah, we know it was wrong before, but now we're doing it toward Jesus." We're like... "No." Maybe you're doing it toward IE-Zeus, the son of Zeus, but you're not doing it toward Yahshua. YAHWEH doesn't accept that. YAHWEH does not accept false worship. And then try to say that false worship is good for him.

Jeremiah 10, verse 1 through 4. And judgment is coming on this. All these religions, all of these false worshipers, YAHWEH said mercy and grace, but there's a point like we see in the end time, in the book of Daniel, where the grace is going to be taken away for about three and a half years. *Jeremiah 10, verse 1 through 4.*

Jeremiah 10:1-5a *Hear the Word which YAHWEH speaks to you, O house of Israel. So says YAHWEH, Do not learn the way of the nations; and do not be terrified at the signs of the heavens; for the nations were terrified at them. For the customs of the people are vanity. For one cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the craftsman. They adorn it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers, so that it will not wobble. They are upright as the palm tree, and they cannot speak; carrying they must be carried, because they cannot walk.*

Why? Because it sounds a lot like the Christmas tree. It comes from paganism and YAHWEH abhors it, He can't stand it. And like it says, He has a spirit of jealousy [Exo 20:5]. That when you take things that are supposed to be toward worship of the only true Creator of the universe that made every ion, every atom, every molecule, every table, every chair, every tree, every flower, every hair in your head. YAHWEH made everything and you give credit to some piece of stone or some picture or piece of wood and you are doing all this pagan stuff and saying it is toward YAHWEH, He does not accept it.

He simply does not accept it and He shows you how much of an abomination it is. He says it is disgusting idolatry and how mad He is, that He is coming to do justice and He is coming to wipe these people out, because He gave them thousands of years to repent. And you know what? He can give them a million more, they are not going to change. They are not going to change. We go to people all the time and some few do, but most of them they want to stay in their idolatry, they want to stay in the things they are doing wrong. So, let's move on here.

Ezekiel 8:15-16 *And He said to me, Have you seen, son of man? ... verse 15 ... You turn again and you shall see **greater** abominations than these ... Wow, can you get greater abominations than what we just read here? ... And he brought me into the **inner** court ... Now he is in the inner court, the court of the priest ... of the house of YAHWEH. And, behold, at the opening of the sanctuary of YAHWEH, between the porch and the altar ... What's between the porch and the altar? That's where the sacrifices are done. There ... were about twenty five men with their backs to the sanctuary of YAHWEH, and their faces eastward. And they bowed themselves eastward to the sun.*

Wow, it reminds me a lot of the western wall, right? They are doing the same thing, they are bowing to the east and bowing to the wall. But this is even worse, because here when YAHWEH's sanctuary is up, they are literally giving YAHWEH their back. They are turning their back on YAHWEH, because you want to know something? Christians were given the truth, Christians do have the Brit Chadashah, Christians do have the New Testament, Christians have everything that they need not to follow all these pagan things and yet, 99% of them still do.

And that's why YAHWEH says it's their thumbing their noses at Him, turning their back on Him. And what are they turning their backs for? For the sun, sun worship. Constantine, when he came in, Catholicism is all sun worship. He said everything that was being done on Sabbath, he will turn toward the venerable day of the sun. He switched the Sabbath day. He brought in Christmas. He brought in the Trinity.

He brought in all the paganism and anybody could have left and said, "Hey, we are not following this, this isn't the example Yahshua and the Apostle's set and some of them did. In my book, The Gates of Hell, that's what it's about. But most of these people went and they followed and the paganism.

And it says, *They turned their faces toward the east and worshiped the sun, the rising sun. This was an ancient instant of idolatry. It's mentioned in Job 31:26, I'm not going to go there. And had been generally practiced among the nations, some worshiping the sun under one name, others under another. These priests finding it had antiquity in general consent and usage on its side, the two pleas were which the papacy, the pope and the Vatican, uses this day in defense of their superstitious rites and particularly this of worshiping toward the east. They practiced it in the court of the temple thinking it was no mission, that it was not inserted in their ritual.*

Wow, see the folly of the idolaters of worshiping that of a god and calling it Ba'al, the Lord. Ba'al means Lord for such is the sun and his name, the name for sun is 'shemesh' in Hebrews. So again, who are they worshiping? They are worshiping Ba'al. They are worshiping the sun god which had many different names but it certainly is not YAHWEH. They turn their back on the YAHWEH when they do this.

You see that and it's who we're doing it, it's the priests. It's interesting that it says 25 men and when the priests were serving in the sanctuary of YAHWEH, there were 24 orders. So, there's actually 24 men serving and the high priest would be 25. So, that's who is doing it. The actual priests that are serving in the high priest together into all the idolatry that they're forming. Verse 17,

Ezekiel 8:17 *And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah from doing the abominations which they do here? For they have filled the land with violence and have returned to provoke Me to anger.*

They have filled the land with violence and that word there again is Hamas [in Hebrew]. So, we see the same thing today with our brother Judah. You know, they've been back in the land more than 75 years. Have they changed? No. Are they doing the same abominations that were being done here in Ezekiel? Absolutely. The same as the Christians. It's a religious spirit, a Babylonian religious spirit that's in all religion.

Religion is not of YAHWEH, like I tell people when I meet them, you have to decide whether you want religion or relationship, you can't have both. Because religion you don't see from Genesis to Revelation, that word is not there once. Religion is a man-made thing to keep people away from YAHWEH, not to bring them closer to YAHWEH.

Judaism is just as bad as Christianity with their paganism and all the pagan things that they have and they're doing there. From the kippa, the pagan kippa and all the pagan things they're doing and the Talmud and the Mishnah and the witchcraft that they have in these different books that they use, the Kabbalah, which is really a book of witchcraft. The Christians are doing it with statues and incense and all the same things from the ancient mystic mystery religion of Babylon is where all this stuff came from starting in Egypt actually. Verse 17,

Ezekiel 8:17 *And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah from doing the abominations which they do here? For they have filled the land with violence and have returned to provoke Me to anger. And, behold, they are putting the branch to their nose!*

And this is a ceremonial gesture related to nature worship. And a lot of this stuff has to deal with nature worship. And we see today, right, all this green stuff going on in the world, and I don't mean just the color green. I mean, all these movements, the green movement, where everything is worshiping nature and not allowed to use a car. If a cow passes wind, that's too much CO in the air, CO2 and all the other things. And so all this nonsense that goes on, but this is what he's talking to. *They're putting the branch to the nose.* It's dealing with nature worship, which was here 2,500 years ago, and we still see it here today.

Ezekiel 8:18 *And I also will deal with fury. My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity. And though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.*

So, this is the scary point. We're living this. We're seeing this now. And this is what YAHWEH's saying. He's saying, enough is enough. That grace is going to be suspended. His judgment is coming on the world, because nobody's listening. And unless He brings that judgment, there won't be proper justice and nobody will listen. If we look at *Ezekiel 5 in verse 11*, you see the same thing.

Ezekiel 5:11 *Therefore, as I live, says Adonai YAHWEH, surely because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your idolatries and with all your abominations, so I also will withdraw. And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity.*

And this is why they'll curse YAHWEH in that day because these judgments come and it gets more horrible and there's nuclear war and all of these things that are going to come down. And YAHWEH is not going to hear it in that day except for His remnant, because these people are not listening. They're not listening. They're not repenting and they're only getting worse. *Jeremiah 14 in verse 12*. He says:

Jeremiah 14:12 *I will not listen to their cry when they fast; and when they offer burnt offering and food offering I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, and by famine, and by the plague.*

That's what we read over here in Ezekiel. How are they going to be consumed? By the sword, by the famine and by the plague. Those three. Last scripture, *Micah 3:4*.

Micah 3:4 *Then they shall cry out to YAHWEH, but He will not answer them. He will even hide His face from them in that time, as they have done evil in their doings.*

And this is why the message that I'm giving not just today, this is an important message but the message in general. The work that we're doing, YAHWEH's end time work of restoring the original word from Jerusalem to the nations is so important, because people still have a little time left. It might only be days, it might be weeks, it might be a few months or it might even be a year or two. Who knows?

But that judgment is coming soon and people still can go from death to life. People can change. All they have to do is repent, stop doing these abominations that YAHWEH says they're doing, just stop it. You can worship Him and He will bless you and start to be obedient to His commandments and follow them and it will be the greatest change anybody can have in their life, because YAHWEH doesn't want to bring judgment. He wants relationship with every human being He ever created. But unfortunately the time for judgment is now.

So, the clock is ticking very fast. They changed the doomsday clock a few weeks ago to only 90 minutes to midnight and YAHWEH's clock is about at the same. So this is our last call and this is why our elders out there and our brethren, we should be trying to reach as many people as possible and sharing with them these kind of messages, because YAHWEH is merciful and He will forgive them.

The time is coming very soon where that mercy is going to be put on hold and people are going to go through the judgments because they'll only be crying for mercy at that time for their selfish reasons because they're being judged not because they're really repenting.

So if they really want to repent now is the time to do it and to stop worshiping all of this idolatrous garbage that is so silly and means nothing anyway and to come out of it. Like YAHWEH says, come out of it in the end time and come to His truth, His holy days, His plan of salvation and all these other things.

So, that is our Bible study for tonight. I want to thank everybody for being with us. Have a safe trip going back home. Be careful. The road's out there ... and we will have a new message up tomorrow and until, YAHWEH willing, next Erev Shabbat.

YAHWEH bless
Shabbat Shalom