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## **Numbers Chapter 31c**

### **Ritual Purity And The Son of God**

Last week as we dove deeply into the study of Numbers chapter 31, we spoke about the fact that what we are seeing here in Numbers chapter 31 is a holy war.

This holy war against the Midianites here in Numbers chapter 31 is indeed a holy war because it was sanctioned and ordained by the one true Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Midianites had infiltrated the house of Israel with their women, and they had caused the house of Israel to commit sexual immorality and to fornicate themselves with the pagan god Baal of Peor. And it was for this very reason that the wrath of God was executed upon the Midianites.

And during last week's study, we spoke about the dangers of worshiping other gods in some detail. And we made mention of the very first commandment of God being that we shall have no other gods before him. And we went into some detail speaking about even though the house of Israel had forsaken the God of Israel and had gone off to worship the pagan god Baal of Peor... God still once again saved a remnant of the house of Israel for himself.

And we talked about the vow that God had made to the house of Israel concerning the fact that he would in the end... bring all of the house of Israel into the promised land that he had originally promised Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob. And we talked about the vow that God had made to not only Abraham but the descendants of Abraham. And we talked in detail about why it is that Yehovah God is indeed going to bring his remnant people back into the land that he had promised his servant Abraham thousands of years ago. And we talked about the fact that Yehovah is not going to bring his people into the land that he promised because they are righteous people, or because they are even a good people. The reason that Yehovah is going to bring his remnant people back into the land that he had promised Abraham is because this was indeed a vow that Yehovah had made to his faithful servant Abraham. Yehovah had made a vow to both Abraham and to David.

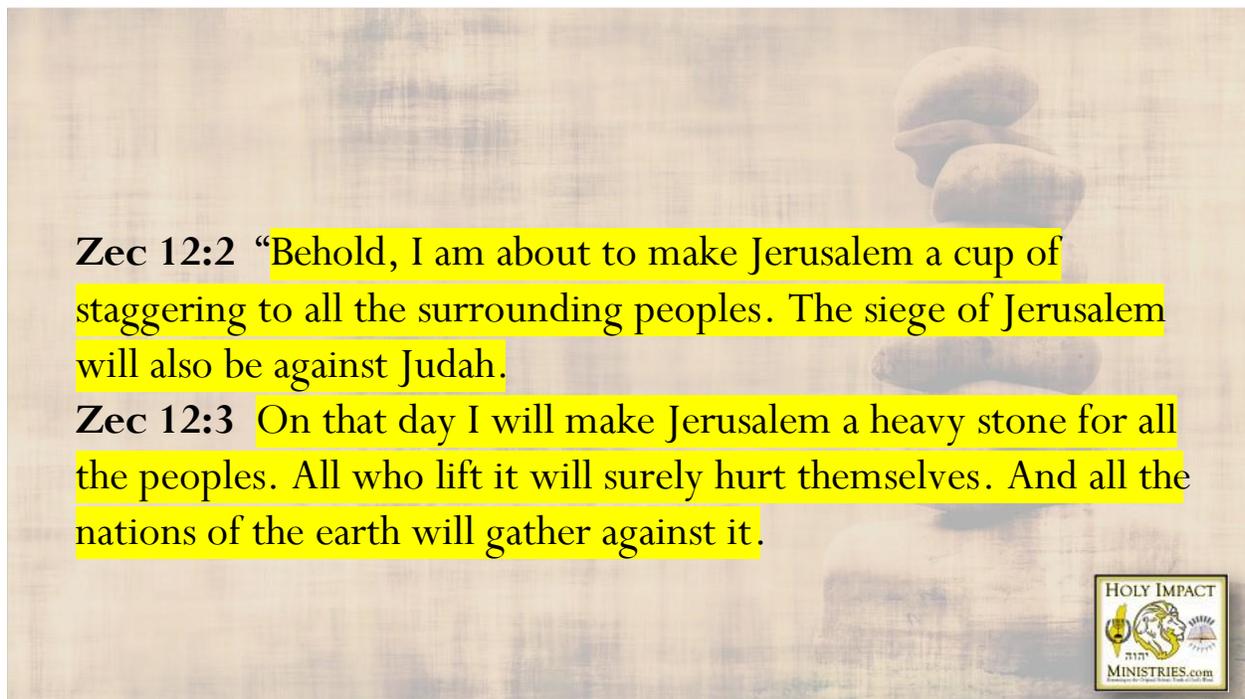
And it was because of the vow that Yehovah himself had made to both Abraham and David, that his good name is on the line. As we have said many times before, when the Elohim of Israel vows something, when he makes a covenant, or when he takes an oath, he will indeed do what his mouth speaks. One way or the other... it will be done and must be done for his namesake. And just as we read in Ezekiel chapter 36 verse 31 last week, the reason that he is going to do this is so that we will remember our evil ways. The very reason that he is going to do this is so that we will remember our evil deeds and so that we will loathe ourselves because of our iniquities and because of our abominations. The point in all of this is that we should be ashamed and confounded by our fleshly ways so that we don't return to them.

And we made mention of the fact that the land of Israel was originally desolate and sitting in ashes and sackcloth according to those who passed through the land of Israel before the land of Israel became a nation in 1948.

And we spoke in some detail about the prophecy of Ezekiel chapter 36 and how Yehovah had promised that he would cleanse his people from their iniquities and that he would cause the cities to be inhabited and the waste places to be rebuilt. And we spoke in great detail about how after the arrival of the Son of David, the Son of Abraham Yehovah God did

this exact thing through the rebirth of the nation of Israel back in 1948.

Yehovah God sent his only begotten Son the descendent of David into the world to write his law on the hearts of his people so that... he could forgive them of their transgressions. And once again, even though his people rebelled against him and the prophet that he sent... Yehovah God has given us a shadow picture of the fulfillment of Ezekiel chapter 36 in the rebirth of the nation of Israel that he himself performed right before the eyes of the world. **(scrn 1 show)**



It is written in Zechariah chapter 12 verse three that Yehovah God had already prophesied that he would make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the people all who lifted shall surely hurt themselves and that all the nations of the earth would indeed gather against it. And if this exact thing had not happened upon the earth... then someone might be able to say that the God of Israel does not exist.

But because this very thing has happened upon the earth today in our time... no one can say that the God of Israel does not exist. No politician

no king no queen no president no prime minister no movie star no one can say that the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob does not exist. Once again... they are without excuse.

The point that needs to be made here is that God does not say things that do not come true. Yehovah does not make vows that he does not keep even though... man oftentimes does. But there is an even bigger picture to be seen here in Numbers chapter 31 and this sanctified holy war against the Midianites. And that bigger picture has everything to do with the worshiping of other gods other than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

It is often a misconception perceived by modern-day Christians today that the worship of other gods requires you to go out into the woods with devil worshipers and to sacrifice animals to the devil.

This is oftentimes how Christians today define the worshiping of other gods. In the mind of a modern-day Christian, they often see the worship of another god as being a Buddhist or Hindu or even a Muslim. Christians today because of Hollywood have been taught that in order to be guilty of worshiping another god they must get down on their knees and make animal sacrifices to that other god. But I would submit to you that the worshiping of other gods can be much more subtle than joining a group of devil worshipers and walking out into the woods and sacrificing animals. **(scrn 2 show)**

**Deu 4:2** You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

**Deu 12:32** “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it



In the book of Deuteronomy chapter 4 and again in chapter 12 we are warned against adding to God’s word and taking away from God’s word. Because when we add to God’s word and when we take away from God’s word, we are essentially creating for ourselves... another god.

We are literally creating a god who has not said what the God of Israel has said. We are literally creating a god who has said more than what the God of Israel has said. When we do these things, we are literally creating for ourselves our own law. And we are literally following after the make-believe god that we ourselves have created within our own minds much like the golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai. Why was God so angry with the house of Israel for creating a golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai?

I would like us to open our books this evening to Exodus chapter 32 so that we can refresh our memories concerning what took place at the foot of Mount Sinai with the golden calf that the house of Israel had created to represent Yehovah. Let’s turn this evening to **Exodus chapter 32 verses one through nine E1**

## The Golden Calf

**Exo 32:1** When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

**Exo 32:2** So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."

**Exo 32:3** So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.

**Exo 32:4** And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

**Exo 32:5** When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD."

**Exo 32:6** And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

**Exo 32:7** And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

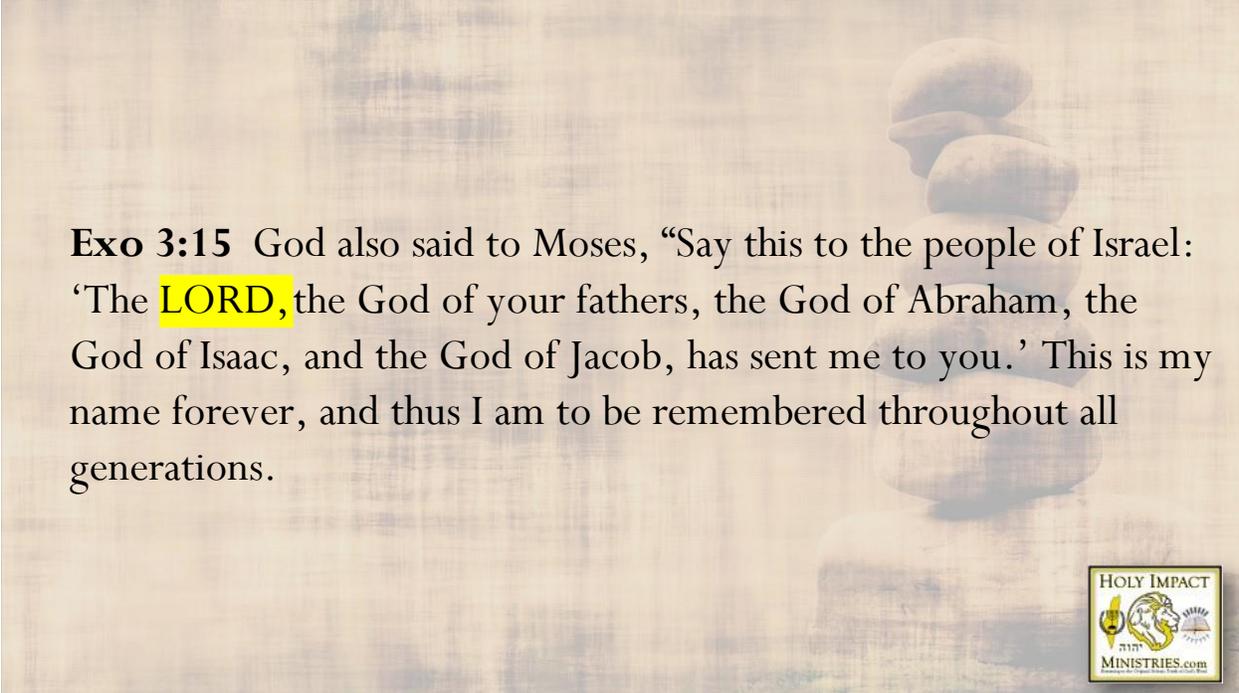
**Exo 32:8** They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

**Exo 32:9** And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.

Something very important for us to understand here in Exodus chapter 32 is exactly what this golden calf represented. According to Exodus chapter 32 verse one and verse four... the people of Israel wanted a God that would go before them. They wanted a God that was going to protect them. And what did they call this golden calf according to Exodus chapter 32 verse five?

According to Exodus chapter 32 verse five, Aaron had built an altar before this golden calf and Aaron had said and I quote, "tomorrow shall be a feast to Yehovah!

Now, what's important to understand is that Aaron actually uses the name of God here in Exodus chapter 32 verse five. That word "LORD" that you see in verse five is actually a blooper in your Bible. It is an error in translation. If we look at the actual word "LORD" in the Old Testament when it is capitalized in most translations including the King James version of the Bible, we find that the word "LORD" is actually covering up the very name of God that God said was to be known throughout all of our generations. **(scrn 3 show)**



**Exo 3:15** God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The **LORD**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.



God tells Moses in Exodus chapter 3 verse 15 and I quote, "say this to the people of Israel; the Lord, the God of your fathers the God of Abraham the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob has sent me to you. This is my name forever and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations." The problem is that there is no name given here in your English translated Bibles. But the name is given in the original Hebrew manuscripts that your English translated Bible was translated from. This is actually what the original Hebrew manuscript spoken by God says **(scrn 4)**

**Exo 3:15** God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘**Yehovah**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.



God’s name is not “Lord”. Our God is not a 16<sup>th</sup>-century British land barren. Our God has a name and his name is Yehovah and according to Yehovah, this is his name forever and thus he is to be remembered throughout all of our generations. Not says I, but says the creator of the heavens and the earth whose name is indeed... Yehovah. (**scrn 5**)

**LORD = H3068**

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LORD = Yehôvâh

**BDB Definition:**

Jehovah = “the existing One”

1) the proper name of the one true God

1a) unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of H136

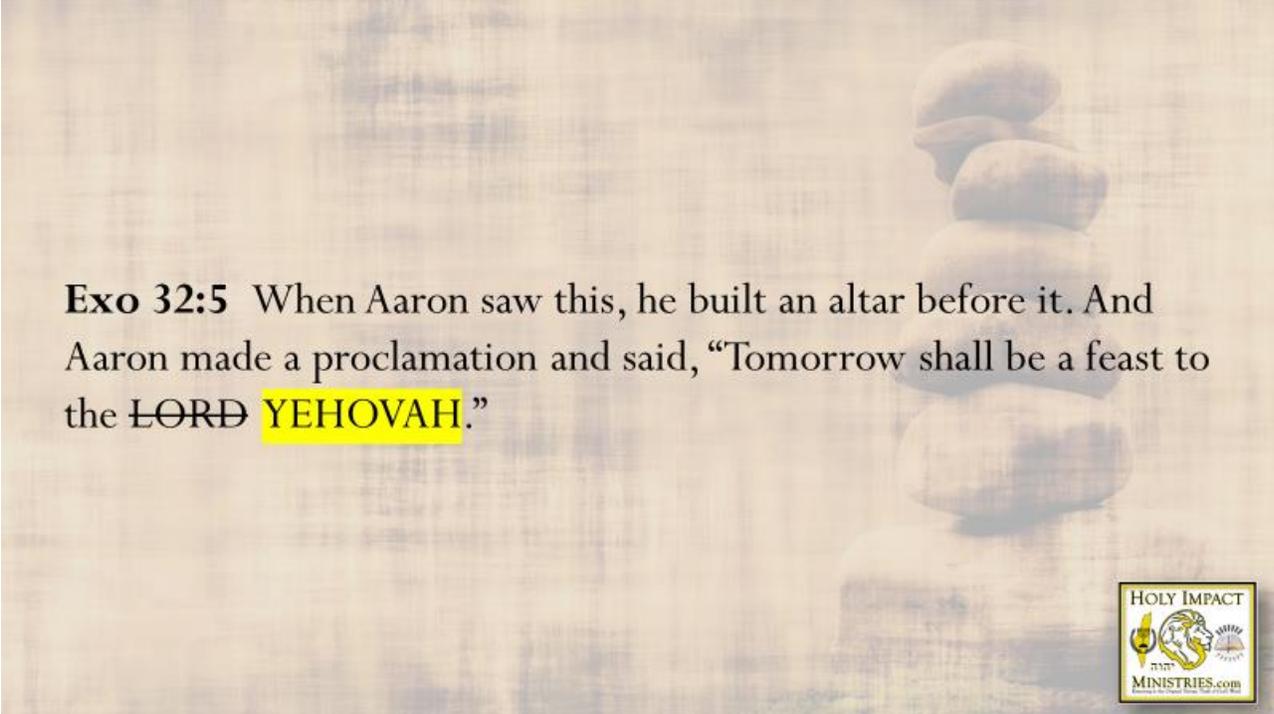
Part of Speech: noun proper deity

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from H1961



And Jehovah did not write his name in your Bible one or two times. He wrote his name in your Bible over 6590 times. Do you think that he wants us to know it? Would you write your name in a book over 6519 times if you did not want someone to speak it? A little God-given common sense goes a long, long way. And why is this so important?

This is important because, when Aaron had put together this golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai in Exodus chapter 32, he built an altar before this calf and said “tomorrow we shall not feast to any Lord... but that we shall feast to Jehovah.”! Aaron explicitly uses the very name of God here in Exodus chapter 32 verse five to represent this golden calf. **This is what Aaron actually said in Exodus chapter 32 verse five (scrn 6)**



**Exo 32:5** When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD **YEHOVAH.**”



And so, who did this golden calf represent?

The golden calf that they had built at the foot of Mount Sinai was supposed to represent Yehovah. And so, therefore, if this golden calf was to represent Yehovah as Aaron has already told us, then why was God upset with the house of Israel for building a golden calf that represented him?

Yehovah was upset with the house of Israel for building this golden calf that was a representation of him because Yehovah is not a golden calf! Yehovah never was a golden calf, Yehovah will never be a golden calf made by the hands of man. If Yehovah would have allowed man to create with his own hands a god to worship... then man would have believed from that day forward that he could create for himself a new god with his own hands whenever he got tired of the old god.

If the God of Israel would have permitted man to believe that he could create for himself his own god with his own hands... the devil would have already won the battle between good and evil because man would

have from that day forward believed that he himself was the creator of God. And it wouldn't take long before man would look at himself in a mirror and believe that he himself was his own God just as the devil had promised Eve in the Garden of Eden.

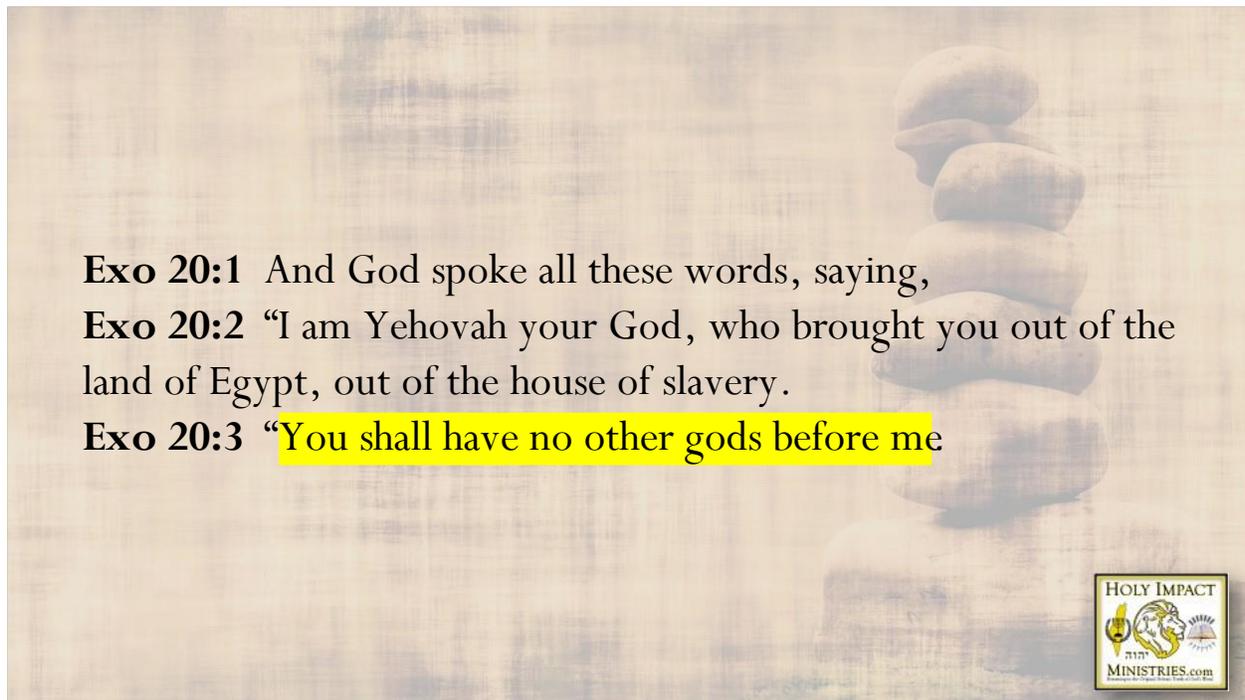
And this is exactly what happens when we add to God's word and when we take away from God's word. When we add to God's word, we are literally creating a god that is the exact opposite of the God of Israel! We are creating for ourselves a golden calf!

When we drag Christ-mass trees into the house and teach our children to bow down before them in order to receive all the desires of their hearts (which are nothing more than earthly trinkets)... when we teach our children to go searching for colored eggs on the front lawn of the church... when we teach our children to dress up like the walking dead or a Marvel superhero that is godlike and to go beg for candy... when we teach our children about magic fairies that take a tooth from under the pillow of our children and leave money... who are we teaching our children to be thankful to? Who are we teaching our children that blesses us? Who are we teaching our children to worship? When we teach them about the divination of magical elves and flying reindeer what truth are we teaching them? How do rabbits who lay colored eggs all over the house teach our children about the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the death of our Messiah died on Passover day and was resurrected on first fruits to be the first fruits of the resurrection?

I would submit to you that the worshiping of other gods can be much more subtle than joining devil worshipers in the woods to sacrifice animals however... the subtle worshiping of other gods in this manner is equally as damning in the eyes of our God.

And all of this has to do with his holy war that we see in Numbers chapter 31. All of this has to do with the overreaching message of the Bible itself. The very gospel message that our Messiah laid his life down to bring to us has everything to do with not worshiping other gods.

My friends, if you are found guilty of worshiping another god other than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you will not and I repeat will not enter into his kingdom. Not says I, but says you're very own God-breathed Scripture. (scrn 7)



Keeping all of this in mind, I would like us to now read about the golden calf that the scribes and the Pharisees had created for themselves in the New Testament.

Did you know that the scribes and the Pharisees had created for themselves a golden calf? They most certainly did! They... had created for themselves another image of another man-made god other than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And this is exactly why our Messiah called them twofold children of hell. And just to make this crystal clear in our minds, I would like for us to read the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew in its entirety. Let's turn this evening **Matthew chapter 23. E2**

### **Seven Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees**

**Mat 23:1** Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

**Mat 23:2** "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat,

**Mat 23:3** so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.

**Mat 23:4** They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.

**Mat 23:5** They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,

**Mat 23:6** and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues

**Mat 23:7** and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

**Mat 23:8** But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

**Mat 23:9** And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

**Mat 23:10** Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

**Mat 23:11** The greatest among you shall be your servant.

**Mat 23:12** Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

**Mat 23:13** "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.

**Mat 23:15** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

**Mat 23:16** "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'

**Mat 23:17** You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?

**Mat 23:18** And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.'

**Mat 23:19** You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

**Mat 23:20** So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.

**Mat 23:21** And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who

dwells in it.

Mat 23:22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Mat 23:24 You **blind guides**, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:26 **You blind Pharisee!** First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Mat 23:27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For **you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.**

Mat 23:28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy **and lawlessness.**

Mat 23:29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

Mat 23:30 saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.'

Mat 23:31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

Mat 23:32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.

Mat 23:33 **You serpents, you brood of vipers**, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Mat 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

### **Lament over Jerusalem**

Mat 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Here in Matthew chapter 23, we find what is known as the seven woes of the scribes and the Pharisees. If you are looking at this Scripture on your screen, you can see here that I have highlighted the seven woes of the scribes and the Pharisees in green. Seven different times our Messiah said to the Pharisees, and I quote, "woe to you".

These seven woes of the Pharisees I would submit to you are not just seven woes for the scribes and the Pharisees of our Messiah's time. These seven woes also apply to all modern-day scribes and Pharisees that are alive and well standing behind the pulpits of our time today. That's why the seven woes are recorded in our Bibles!

I would submit to you that the majority of Christian pastors, priests, bishops, popes, and rabbis shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces for they themselves neither enter in nor do they allow those who would enter to go in.

Today's modern-day Pharisees and scribes who are standing behind our pulpits today travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte and when they make them a proselyte that make him twice as much a child of hell as themselves. Today's modern-day Pharisees and scribes swear by their own doctrines and their own dogmas. They swear by their own philosophical teaching and their own ecumenical hermeneutics. Today's modern-day Pharisees and scribes who stand behind our pulpits today are nothing more than hypocrites who teach people to tithe 10% of their income to them while neglecting the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faithfulness and obedience. They are indeed blind guides straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel.

Today's modern-day Pharisees and scribes are indeed hypocrites who clean the outside of the cup and the plate with their hundred-dollar

haircuts and their patent leather shoes and their leather-bound Bibles and their mega churches and basilicas but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Today's modern-day Pharisees and scribes who are standing behind our pulpits today are indeed hypocrites for they are like whitewashed tombs which outwardly appear beautiful but within are full of dead bones and all sorts of uncleanness. The Pharisees and the scribes that are standing behind our pulpits today are indeed hypocrites who create mega-churches and build basilicas all the while claiming to be more righteous than the prophets that have come before them. And yet all the while... they teach and preach a lawless god and a son of lawlessness proving that they themselves are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.

They are indeed a brood of vipers that have come to bite with a venomous bite of deception that spreads like a poisonous venom all throughout the body. And like leaven that leavens the whole lump their wicked deception and their man-made god does indeed fool if possible... even the very elect.

And so once again before we close out the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of the book of Numbers, let us be keenly aware of what it means to worship another god. Let us be keenly aware of the wrath of God that will come upon those who do such things. Let us be keenly aware of why it is that our Messiah called the pastors and the priests and the bishops and the popish leaders and the rabbis of his time... children of the devil.

But before we close out Numbers chapter 31 there is something else that is equally important for us to see, and that is the difference between the clean and the unclean.

What is the difference between the clean and the unclean? And why is it that we should be keenly aware of what is clean and what is unclean?

Our Father goes through great lengths to explain to us what is clean and what is unclean. He goes to great lengths to explain to us what makes a

man unclean. Yehovah teaches us time after time after time what to touch and what not to touch and... what to do if we as his chosen remnant people do in fact become unclean.

Whether it be from touching an unclean animal or a woman on her cycle, or a dead body, or having the blood of war upon our hands... our Father in heaven clearly wants us to know the difference between being clean and unclean. I'd like us to turn back to **Numbers chapter 31 verses 19 through 24 E3 read**

**Num 31:19** Encamp outside the camp seven days. Whoever of you has killed any person and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day.

**Num 31:20** You shall purify every garment, every article of skin, all work of goats' hair, and every article of wood."

**Num 31:21** Then Eleazar the priest said to the men in the army who had gone to battle: "This is the statute of the law that the LORD has commanded Moses:

**Num 31:22** only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

**Num 31:23** everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless, it shall also be purified with the water for impurity. And whatever cannot stand the fire, you shall pass through the water.

**Num 31:24** You must wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean. And afterward you may come into the camp."

According to Numbers chapter 31 verses 19 through 24, even the soldiers who had fought in this holy war commanded by God had become unclean by shedding the blood of another human being. And I want us to think about this for just a moment.

God commands this war. He in fact demands it. He sanctions it, he ordains it, and he gives the Midianites into the hands of the house of Israel along with all of her spoil. And yet... the men who obeyed him and kept his commandment themselves have become unclean. Why?

The reason that these Israelite soldiers had become unclean is because they had taken a life. They had taken a God-given life. It is written that the life is in the blood. And even though the bloodline of some of these people had indeed been tainted through genetic manipulation and sexual immorality, many of the Midianites were indeed created in the image of God himself.

We must remember that nothing exists without God allowing it to exist. Nothing happens without God allowing it to happen. Was it God's will that all of the Midianites would turn and worship him and be saved? The answer to that question is an obvious yes. But the truth of the matter is that they did not. They chose for themselves, other gods. And not only did they choose for themselves other gods, but they taught others to also reject the Elohim of Israel and to follow after their other gods. Listen closely to what is written in **Romans chapter 1 verses 28 through 32 (scrn 8)**

**Rom 1:28** And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

**Rom 1:29** They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

**Rom 1:30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

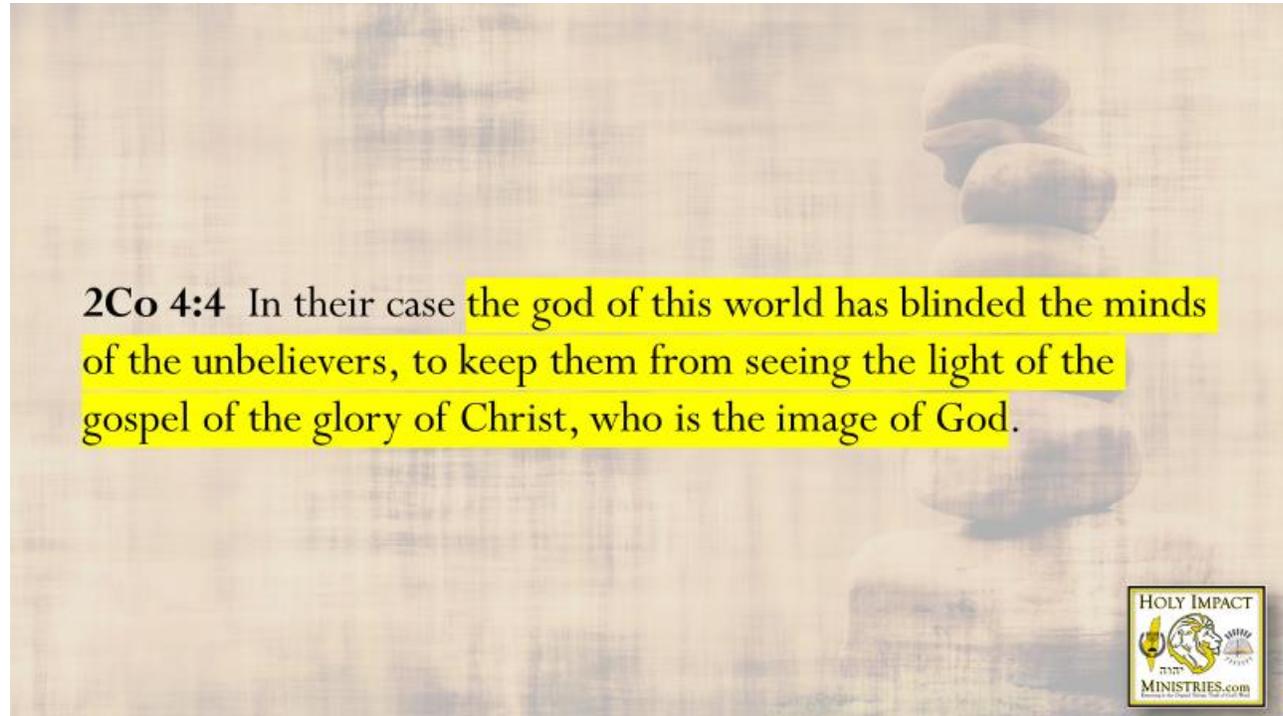
**Rom 1:31** foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

**Rom 1:32** Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.



Once again, the Midianites although they knew God did not see fit to acknowledge God and so once again God gave them up to a debased

mind to do what ought not to be done. And although they knew God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only did them, but they gave approval to those who also practiced them. These people were in essence worshiping another god far worse than the golden calf of Mount Sinai. They were literally worshiping the god of this world. (scrn 9)



And this is exactly why our Messiah called the scribes and Pharisees the children of the devil. And this is exactly why the destruction of the Midianites was ordained and sanctified by the Elohim of Israel. And yet... the Israelite soldiers who carried out this ordination and this sanctification from Yehovah God did indeed become unclean because their hands had the blood of war upon them.

What's interesting about this is that this is the exact same reason that Yehovah gave to David for not allowing David to build his house here on earth. Let's turn to **1st Chronicles chapter 2 verses one through eight E4**

## David's Charge to Israel

1Ch 28:1 David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the officials of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king, the commanders of thousands, the commanders of hundreds, the stewards of all the property and livestock of the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the mighty men and all the seasoned warriors.

1Ch 28:2 Then King David rose to his feet and said: "Hear me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and for the footstool of our God, and I made preparations for building.

1Ch 28:3 But God said to me, 'You may not build a house for my name, for you are a man of war and have shed blood.'

1Ch 28:4 Yet the LORD God of Israel chose me from all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For he chose Judah as leader, and in the house of Judah my father's house, and among my father's sons he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

1Ch 28:5 And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

1Ch 28:6 He said to me, 'It is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.'

1Ch 28:7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he continues strong in keeping my commandments and my rules, as he is today.'

1Ch 28:8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever.

There are a few things to make note of here in first Chronicles chapter 28. The first thing is that David wanted to build a house for God here on this earth. But Yehovah God told David that he was not allowed to build him a house because he was a man of war and because he had shed blood.

Once again, the shedding of blood especially human blood although necessary from time to time, does indeed make a man unclean. And at least for some time that uncleanliness does indeed remain with that human man. David could not build a house for Yehovah on earth because he was a man of war who had shed blood. And we must

remember that David had not only shed blood in war, but he had also shed the innocent blood of Uriah the Hittite who was the original husband of Bathsheba who David stole from Uriah the Hittite.

If we will remember correctly, David had Uriah the Hittite who was part of his army killed and war in order to make it look like an accident so that David could then have his wife Bathsheba.

Now of course David repented from this wicked transgression and was indeed forgiven by God because of his broken heart and his contrite spirit. But... this was undoubtedly why Yehovah promised David that it would be one of his descendants that would rule over Israel forever and sit upon David's throne.

Now... Keeping this all in mind, I also want to make note of the fact that David himself surely thought that Solomon was going to be the Son that God would choose to be the Messiah that would sit on the throne of David forever over Israel. And I would like us to also listen very, very closely to what is written in verse six when David says that Yehovah God said to him and I quote, "it is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son and I will be his Father. I will establish his kingdom forever if... if... he continues strong in keeping my commandments and my rules as he is today."

So, what we are seeing here in first Chronicles chapter 28 is that Solomon was a runner-up be our Messiah the only begotten son of God. Notice in verse six that God says to David, and I quote "for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his Father."

This once again proves that our Messiah is indeed not a spirit being, not God himself, but is indeed the actual Son of David that God has called his own son just like God was going to call Solomon his own son if... if Solomon continued to keep his commandments and his rules.

The problem is that Solomon did not keep the commandments and the

rules of Jehovah. Let's turn now to **first Kings chapter 11 verses one through 14 E5**

### **Solomon Turns from the Lord**

**1Ki 11:1** Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

**1Ki 11:2** from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love.

**1Ki 11:3** He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.

**1Ki 11:4** For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

**1Ki 11:5** For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

**1Ki 11:6** So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done.

**1Ki 11:7** Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem.

**1Ki 11:8** And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

### **The Lord Raises Adversaries**

**1Ki 11:9** And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice

**1Ki 11:10** and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the LORD commanded.

**1Ki 11:11** Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

**1Ki 11:12** Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

**1Ki 11:13** However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of

Jerusalem that I have chosen."

1Ki 11:14 And the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was of the royal house in Edom.

You see, just as there is a physical purification... there is also a spiritual purification. When we disobey the commandment of Yehovah God, we become spiritually unclean in the eyes of Yehovah. Disobedience is what makes us spiritually unclean. Solomon was spiritually unclean because of his disobedience to the word and commandment of Yehovah.

Physical purification can be dealt with through a combination of both water and time. But spiritual purification can only come about through the forgiveness of Yehovah God. It is by the mercy and the grace of Yehovah that we are spiritually cleansed. Solomon had become spiritually unclean in the eyes of Yehovah because he willfully and intentionally transgressed the spoken commandment of Yehovah. Solomon knew what he was doing when he allowed his many wives to turn his heart away from God. And because Solomon knew exactly what he was doing when he did these things, this was indeed unforgivable in the site of Yehovah. Which is something that should cause today's modern day professing Christians to sit up and take note of. Willful and intentional sin is a sin of the worst kind. And even in the Old Testament willful and intentional sin was not sanctified through animal sacrifice. If you high handedly transgressed against the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that sin, that transgression was unforgivable. And it would remain unforgivable until the Son of David would take his rightful place on the throne of David over the house of Israel and become the Passover lamb of Israel.

Once again, just as the first sentence of our New Testament tells us Yeshua Jesus was, is, and always will be the **Son** of David the **Son** of Abraham. And what's ironic about this is that this is made known in the very first sentence of the New Testament in Matthew chapter 1 verse one! (**scrn 10**)

**Mat 1:1** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.



And yet, today's man-made version of Christianity often times proclaims that our Messiah had no human father. And the reason that today's man-made version of Christianity claims that our Messiah had no human father is because they have adopted the doctrines and the dogmas of Roman Catholicism and her man-made three in one Trinity God who is nothing more than a proverbial egg. A fake, and the fraud, a golden calf created by the devil himself to fool with possible... even the very elect.

Once again, the Bible throws to the ground the man-made doctrines and dogmas theologies and the philosophical hermeneutics of today's modern-day Pharisees and scribes.

The hypocrisy of today's modern-day Pharisees and scribes that are standing behind our modern-day pulpits today literally knows no bounds. Just as it is written, these men are forever learning but never able to arrive at the knowledge of the truth. And this is a perfect example of what happens when man teaches man instead of man allowing God to teach man.

We are commanded to pick up our crosses and to follow our Messiah, not the church, not a pastor, not a rabbi, not a Pope, but the son of David the son of Abraham, the only begotten Son of God who calls us to walk as he walked and to do as he did.

Once again, we find a choice to make. Do we believe what is written within the confines of our God-breathed Scripture, or do we believe the demonically inspired philosophy and dogmas of men? Wolves in sheep's clothing that are standing behind the pulpits of today's denominational empires? The choice is yours to make... I encourage you... to choose wisely.

But the point that needs to be made here is that even the soldiers that had carried out the holy war of Yehovah needed to go through a very physical, ritual cleansing. And that ritual cleansing required these godly human soldiers to encamp outside of the camp for seven days. And they were to purify themselves and their captives on the third day and again on the seventh day. They were also to purify every garment and every article of skin, and all works of goat hair and every article of wood. And everything that was made of one kind of metal, or another was to pass through the fire so that it also could be made ritually clean in the eyes of Yehovah. And then they were to wash their clothes again on the seventh day and be clean and it was not until that point in time that they were allowed to reenter the camp of the house of Israel.

To be sure, the reason for this physical purification system was most likely to cleanse the house of Israel from any diseases or germs that the soldiers may have encountered during the war. Once again, nothing unclean was able to come near Yehovah who at that time was indeed living within the camp of the house of Israel. And there should be no doubt in our minds that this was Yehovah's way of keeping the house of Israel away from things that were unclean and unhealthy for the human body. And this was the way that the physical body was made ritually clean before Yehovah. But we must also remember the spiritual cleansing of God's people that can only be done through the blood of the

Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the only begotten Son of God, and the Passover lamb of Israel.

And at that point in time the plunder remaining of the spoil that the Army took from the Midianites was divided up among not only the soldiers, but Yehovah was given his portion, the house of Israel was given their portion, and the Levites were given their portion. And this essentially concludes the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of the book of Numbers.

But as we close the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of the book of Numbers, let us be keenly aware of what it means to worship other gods and what it means to entice others to worship other gods. Let us be keenly aware of what it means to touch no unclean thing and to teach the difference between the clean and the unclean. And let us be keenly aware of why it was that David was not allowed to build a house for God here on this earth. And let us also be keenly aware of the fact that other human men before Yeshua Jesus the Son of David were indeed runners-up for the position of our Messiah. As we have already seen here in the book of Samuel, even Solomon who was the son of David was a runner-up to be our Messiah. The only reason that Solomon did not become our Messiah is because much like Esau he had sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. He had decided to assimilate himself with the world and to make himself a friend of the world and his many wives rather than to be obedient to the Elohim of Israel, the God of his father David.

Let there be no mistake in our minds who are true Messiah is and the qualifiers that qualify our Messiah to be our Messiah. In order for Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek) to be the Messiah of Israel, he must be the human Son of human David the Son of human Abraham. If he is not... then he is not Messiah. And those who teach anyone else who is not the Son of David the Son of Abraham, is teaching once again a false Messiah that is taught nowhere within the confines of your God breathed Scripture.

Thou shall have no other gods before me! Says Yehovah.

And with all that being said, as we close this evenings Bible study, I will once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.