



# HOSEA 9

False Prophets and False Worship

# THE TOWER AND THE SHEMITAH\*

## TOWERS- Genesis 11:1-9

- Towers are symbols of greatness and often of pride
- Towers stand as monuments to the power and glory of man or of a civilization
- Towers stand as testaments of a nation's prosperity and wealth

## SHEMITAH Leviticus 25:1-7

- The Shemitah acts to break man's pride, humble a nation, and bring humility
- The Shemitah reminds man of his weakness or a nation of its dependence on God
- The Shemitah reminds that nation that the source of its blessings come from God, and without Him those blessings cannot remain

# THE TOWER AND THE SHEMITAH\*

## TOWERS- Genesis 11:1-9

- Towers boast of man's claims of dominion and sovereignty
- A Tower Rises
- A Tower can embody a nation's rise to power

## SHEMITAH Leviticus 25:1-7

- The Shemitah calls man to relinquish his claims of dominion and sovereignty before the sovereignty and dominion of God
- The Shemitah is about letting..fall
- The Shemitah in the form of judgment is linked to the fall of such a nation

# THE TOWER AND THE SHEMITAH\*

## TOWERS- Genesis 11:1-9

- A Tower represents a building up
- A Tower manifests the pursuit of height, the goal of rising higher and higher away from the foundation
- When the judgment of God fell on the land of Israel, that which the nation built up was wiped away, and its buildings were leveled

## SHEMITAH Leviticus 25:1-7

- The Shemitah brings about the wiping away of what has been built up
- The Shemitah manifests a return to the foundation
- When the Shemitah comes, that which the nation has built up in its financial and economic realms is wiped away. It levels accounts and brings back to ground level all that has been built up on the years before its coming

# THE TOWER AND THE SHEMITAH\*

## TOWERS- Genesis 11:1-9

- A fall of a tower may come in the form of a crash or collapse

## SHEMITAH Leviticus 25:1-7

- The impact of the Shemitah on the financial realm brings about that which, in effect, constitutes a fall, a collapse, and a crash

# TREI ASAR

- **Hos 9:1** Do not rejoice, O Israel, do not celebrate like the peoples—for so you have gone whoring away from your God. You have loved a prostitute's pay, on every grain-threshing-floor.
- Hos 9:2 Threshing-floor and wine-press will not sustain them, and new wine will fail her.
- The Threshing floor was the place that men gathered to thresh the wheat. Often prostitutes would go there, because that was where the men were.
- “When Moshe castigated the Jewish nation in the desert for worshiping the golden calf, they hearkened to his words and mourned for their misdeeds. But you are rebuked daily by My prophets for your transgressions, yet no one takes their words to heart (Ibn Ezra Radak; Metzudos David)

# TREI ASAR

- They refuse to acknowledge that I am the source of their sustenance, and that it is I who blesses them with their grain and wine. They have abandoned my service, worshiping instead the false deities they have chosen for themselves.
- See Commentary pg 84
- Rev. 18:2-3; Rev 17:5; Daniel 10; Daniel 11:1; Rev 12:12
- (see #1 footnote page 85, read)
- God is to be OUR SOURCE.....



# TREI ASAR

- **Hos 9:3** They will not dwell in Adonai's land. Instead Ephraim will return to Egypt, and eat unclean food in Assyria.
- Because they have defiled their land with their abominations they shall no longer be permitted to dwell there, for the Holy Land does not abide idolatry in its midst for any length of time (Rashi; Radak )
- Lev 18:28 If you defile it, the land will vomit you out as it vomited out the nation that was before you.



# FALSE PROPHETS

- Hos 9:6 Look, even if they escape the desolation, Egypt will gather them up; Memphis will bury them. And their precious silver treasures? Weeds will possess them. Thorns will be in their tents.
- Hos 9:7 The days of punishment have come; the days of retribution have come. Let Israel know! The prophet is a fool; the man of the spirit is mad! For great is your iniquity and great the hostility.
- Hos 9:8 Ephraim is a watchman with my God, a prophet. A bird catcher's trap is on all his paths. Hostility is in the House of his God.
- Hos 9:9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity, He will punish their sin.
- **The watchman ... was with my God** — The spiritual watchmen, the true prophets, formerly consulted my God (Jer 31:6; Hab 2:1); but their so-called *prophet* is a snare, entrapping Israel into idolatry.
- **house of his God** — that is, the state of Ephraim, as in Hos 8:1 [Maurer]. Or, "the house of his (false) god," the calves [Calvin]. YHVH, "my God," seems contrasted with "his God."
- Jamieson, Fausset, Brown Commentary

# FALSE PROPHETS

- *The days of visitation are come, the days of retribution are come; Israel will learn: a fool the prophet, a madman the man of spirit, for the greatness of thy guilt, and the great enmity. Hos\_9:8. A spy is Ephraim with my God: the prophet a snare of the bird-catcher in all his ways, enmity in the house of his God. Hos\_9:9. They have acted most corruptly, as in the days of Gibeah: He remembers their iniquity, visits their sins."* The perfects in Hos\_9:7 are prophetic.
- The time of visitation and retribution is approaching. Then will Israel learn that its prophets, who only predicted prosperity and good (Eze\_13:10), were infatuated fools. Keil & Delitzsch

# FALSE PROPHETS

- It does not follow, from the use of the expression *'īsh ruāch*, that the reference is to true prophets. *'Ish ruāch* (a man of spirit) is synonymous with the *'īsh hoṭekh ruāch* (a man walking in the spirit) mentioned in Mic 2:11 as prophesying lies, and may be explained from the fact, that even the false prophets stood under the influence of a superior demoniacal power, and were inspired by a *ruāch sheger* ("a lying spirit," 1 Ki 22:22).
- Keil & Delitzsch
- Trei Asar – As your retribution befalls you, Children of Israel, you will finally know and recognize- and even acknowledge- the error of your ways in following false prophets who led you astray. Then you will declare: Those false prophets and spurious men of spirit, who continuously reassured us that all will be well, are nothing but lunatics and madmen.

# FALSE PROPHETS

- Rashi renders Even the true prophets among them will become wayward, such as Chananiah ben Azzur (Who disputed the prophecy of Jeremiah concerning the oncoming destruction of the kingdom of Judah and proclaimed in the name of Hashem that the yoke of Babylonia upon them would be broken.
- **Jeremiah 28:1-17 Read**
- Hos 9:9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity, He will punish their sin.
- Hos 9:10 Like grapes in the wilderness I found Israel. Like early fruit on a fig tree in its first season I saw your fathers. **They came to Baal-peor and devoted themselves to shame. So they became as detestable as the thing they loved.**
- **Trei Asar – Read pg. 90-91**

# FALSE PROPHETS

- Deuteronomy 8:19-20
- Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- Deuteronomy 18:20-22
- Jeremiah 5:30-31
- Jeremiah 14:14
- **Jeremiah 23**
- Lamentations 2:14
- Over 100 Vs. regarding False Prophets in the Bible
- Matthew 7:15
- Matthew 24:24
- 1 John 4:1-6
- 2 Peter 2:1-22
- 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- 2 Timothy 4:3
- Jude 14

# FALSE WORSHIP

- False Worship
- Exodus 32:1-6
- Exodus 34:14
- Mark 7:7

- True Worship
- John 4:24

# FALSE WORSHIP

- Hos 9:15 “All their wickedness is at Gilgal, for there I despised them. Because of their wicked practices, I will drive them out of My House. I will love them no more. All their princes are rebellious.
- They chose this site for their idolatry because it was there that the Tabernacle was set up when the Hebrew/Jewish nation first entered the Holy Land. The prophets of Bal therefore instructed them that it was a provident site for religious service (Rashi, Radak, Metzudos David). Thus, in this place I hated and loathed their presence due to this evil (Metzudos David). Trei Asar
- Others relate that Gilgal was singled out because the nation gathered there in the times of Samuel and demanded a king like all other nations. Because they thereby expressed their animosity to Me and My direct rule over them, I too came to loath them in turn. (Radak Abarbanel) 1 Samuel 8:1-19 Trei Asar



# FALSE WORSHIP

- Hos 9:11 Ephraim's glory flies away like a bird—no birth, no pregnancy, no conception!
- Hos 9:12 For if they should raise their children, I would make them childless to the last man. Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!
- Deuteronomy 28 – Blessings for Obedience and Curses for Disobedience

# 2 CHOICES

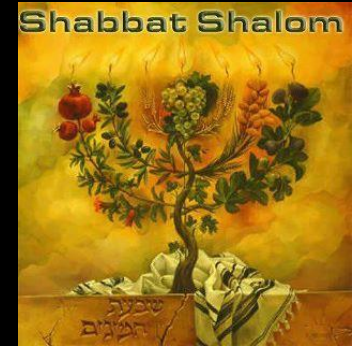
## DARKNESS

- HaSatan's lies
- Spiritual Death
- Law of The Flesh
- Galatians 5
- Sickness
- Spiritual Bondage
- Self On Throne of Heart
- Torment/Fear
- Familiar Spirits-Demonic
- Ruled by the Flesh
- Rejection of His Torah/Teachings



## LIGHT

- YHWH's Truth
- Eternal Life
- Law of Spirit
- Galatians 5, 1 Cor 13
- Healing
- Deliverance
- Yeshua /YHWH On Throne of Heart
- Shalom
- Filled with Ruach HaKodesh
- Take Hold Of His Torah/Teachings



# CODE OF UNRIGHTEOUS ACTS OF A NATION WHO HAS REJECTED GODS WAYS

## **IMMORALITY**

- Adultery
- Fornication (sex without marriage)
- Incest/Pedophilia
- Homosexuality
- Bestiality (sex with animals)
- Pornography (lustful fantasies)
- Prostitution/Immodesty

## **CRUELTY**

- Murder
- Abortion/Suicide
- Rape
- Torture/Terrorism
- Abusiveness
- Animal Abuse
- Slander (False accusation)

# CODE OF UNRIGHTEOUS ACTS

## ROBBERY

- Theft of property
- Fraud/Deception
- Vow or Covenant Breaking
- Not Tithing or Charity
- Seduction/Selfish Manipulation
- Gambling
- Hoarding/Stinginess (the "evil eye")

## INTEMPERANCE

- Addiction/Drunkenness
- Carousing/Brawling
- Lying/Boasting
- Filthy talk/Profanity
- Gossiping
- Gluttony
- Slothfulness

# CODE OF UNRIGHTEOUS ACTS

## REBELLION

- Sedition/Treason
- Disobedient to Parents
- Disrespectful of Elders
- Revenge/Spite
- Backbiting (sowing discord among brethren)
- Unauthorized ("sitting in") Judgment/Prejudicial Acts
- Haughty Eyes (arrogance)

## PAGANISM

- Vanity using the Holy Name
- Idolatry/Worship of other gods (demons)
- Using Unfit Symbols/Marking the flesh
- Sorcery/Witchcraft
- Spirit Medium/Channeling
- Astrology
- Religious Deception

# CODE OF UNRIGHTEOUS ACTS

## UNHOLINESS

- Sabbath Breaking
- Disregard for Kosher Instructions
- Grumbling (complaining against G-d)
- Weariness with Righteousness
- Shameless Expression (without conscience)/Undignified Acts
- Joyless Expression (Bitterness)
- Ritual Uncleanliness & Temple Rules Breaking



# BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE WHEN A NATION TRUSTS GOD (THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB AND YESHUA OUR MESSIAH AND OBEYS HIS WORD

- **Deu 28:1** “Now if you listen obediently to the voice of Adonai your God, taking care to do all His mitzvot that I am commanding you today, Adonai your God will set you on high—above all the nations of the earth.
- Deu 28:2 Then all these blessings will come upon you and overtake you, if you listen to the voice of Adonai your God:
- Deu 28:3 “Blessed will you be in the city, and blessed will you be in the field.
- Deu 28:4 “Blessed will be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your soil, and the offspring of your livestock—the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.
- Deu 28:5 Blessed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.
- Deu 28:6 “Blessed will you be when you come in, and blessed will you be when you go out.
- Deu 28:7 Adonai will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be struck down before you. They will come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.



# BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

- Deu 28:8 Adonai will command the blessing on you in your barns and in every undertaking of your hand, and He will bless you in the land Adonai your God is giving you.
- Deu 28:9 Adonai will establish you as a holy people for Himself, just as He swore to you—if you keep the mitzvot of Adonai your God and walk in His ways.
- Deu 28:10 Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of Adonai and they will stand in awe of you.
- Deu 28:11 Adonai will make you overflow in prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the offspring of your livestock and the produce of your soil—on the land Adonai swore to your fathers to give you.
- Deu 28:12 Adonai will open for you His good storehouse—the heavens—to give rain for your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.
- Deu 28:13 Adonai will make you the head and not the tail, and you will be only above and not below—if you listen to the mitzvot of Adonai your God that I am commanding you today, careful to do them,
- Deu 28:14 and do not turn aside from any of the words I am commanding you today, to the right or the left, to go after other gods in order to serve them.