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"Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols? Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks" Isaiah 10:11-12

"For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers." Jeremiah 4:31

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(Judah's/Zion's Final Purging at Midnight)

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Have you ever wondered what it means to "travail" according to the Bible, especially when it pertains to believers? As Christians, many of us have probably already undergone some form of **travail** since the **new birth**. And yet there is a "travail" coming that the end-time believers will have to experience and though not differing in purpose, it will differ in magnitude and severity seeing the LORD must "finish the work and cut it short..." Simply put, the Bible equates "travail" with "**tribulation**" and "**suffering**," although the intensity of tribulation does vary greatly at times. As pertaining to the "virgins," the Bible says *both* groups (**foolish** and **wise**) must **travail** (yet to differing degrees) before the Bridegroom can **return after midnight** (Isa 66:8; Isa 26:17-18; Mat 25:7; Rev 12:2-6). These two groups of Christians are shown symbolically throughout the Bible as the **Judah/Zion** ("**100-fold**") and **Israel/Jerusalem** ("**60-fold**") brethren. Both groups are shown to rule and reign with Yeshua throughout the **seventh millennium**, that is once their "change" (1-Cor 15:51) has taken place. Still, "**Mt Zion**" is always shown in a higher place of **rulership**, **relationship**, and **blessing**. Mt Zion is also shown in the Bible to be the **Capital** of the **capital city**, which city is the "descending" **New Jerusalem**.

From this point forward, this word will primarily concentrate on the **Zion brethren's/wise virgins midnight travail**, for I believe there is some deception as to their present condition and standing before God. It seems one of man's frailties has always been to look for someone in a weaker state than they see themselves in, and then proclaim in the heart—and sometimes with the mouth—"I thank God I am not like that sinner.../that (perceived) weaker brother over there." And yet God has warned us not to compare ourselves against one another—**saved** or **sinner**—because only God can truly know the heart of man.

If we are to be true sons of God, then we must honestly understand who represents this biblically described "**Wise Virgin**" group of believers, so that this word can have the impact that I believe God wants it to have among His "**elect saints**." When God began to reveal this word to me it caused a certain shaking to

my own understanding that I had not been shook with before. The reason for that is because I had always been able to somehow identify, and place myself outside or above the judgment I perceived the prophets were speaking about. But again, this is what is to be expected from the soul's own *immune system* once it hears something it would rather not:

"That this is a [1] rebellious people, [2] lying children, [3] children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits." Isaiah 30:9-10

"And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD [1, 2, & 3]. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

1-Samuel 15:13-14

Now is that old defense mechanism starting to kick in? Remember now, these passages are also addressed to the "**Zion**" brethren; those who are part of "the whole house of **Judah**," which symbolically includes the "**Wise Virgins**." They are for those that shall receive the "**double portion**" and "**the former & latter rain**" in the last days. This word is directed at those who become the "Man child," the "Two Witnesses," the "Two Olive Trees," and the "saviours of Mt Zion:

And **saviours** shall come up on **mount Zion** to judge the **mount of Esau**; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Obadiah 1:21

"Moreover he refused the tabernacle of **Joseph**, and chose not the tribe of **Ephraim**: But chose the tribe of **Judah**, the **mount Zion** which he loved."

Psalms 78:67-68

"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning **Judah** and **Jerusalem**. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of **Zion** shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from **Jerusalem**."

Isaiah 2:1-3

There are many more passages in the Bible that establish *Judah* as a pre-type for Zion, or the pre-travail type that is called "the daughter of Zion," which designation must be further explained to bring some clarity to this situation. Anytime the Bible calls something "the daughter of such and such," it is referring to the people that shall come forth out of the *loins* of that which was prior to it. Thus, there was a Zion of old, which was the forerunner of the spiritual Mt Zion that was and is to come. In the natural a daughter is a *fruit bearing* offspring. She comes from the lineage and family of that which bore her. Therefore, "the daughter of Zion" title includes the people of the promise who will be changed into that which is called "Mt Zion"; the same goes for "the daughter of Jerusalem," which are those who will become the repentant "woman in the wilderness." Keep in mind, both of these groups represent a condition of heart, vs. a position of genealogy. A picture of this reality is shown in Revelation 12:1-5. It should be noted that the Bible will also refer to both of these present day groups in their historic pre-changed vernacular, which are just plain old "Zion" and "Jerusalem" references. As previously stated, this word will not concern itself with the "Outer Court" types (Hos 11:12: *Ephraim/Jacob*) of God's house. For surely that portion (the **3<sup>rd</sup> part** that **falls**) of the Church will be given over for **destruction**!

"In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that **halteth** [**100-folders**], and I will gather her that is **driven out** [into the **wilderness: 60-folders**], and her that I have **afflicted** [**30-folders**]; And I will make her that **halted** [the place of the **Wise Virgins**] **a remnant**, and her that was **cast far off** [the **woman in the wilderness**] **a strong nation**: and the LORD shall reign over them in **mount Zion** from henceforth, even for ever. And thou, O tower of the flock [Jesus], the strong hold [Nah 1:7; Zec 9:12] of the daughter of **Zion** [but notice not the daughter of **Jerusalem**], unto thee shall it come, even **the first dominion** [Christ, the **firstfruits** (1-Cor 15:23)]; [then later] the **kingdom** [**New Jerusalem** but not **firstfruits**] shall come to the daughter of **Jerusalem**. Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee **as a woman in travail** [Isa 66:7-8]. **Be in pain, and labour to bring forth**, O daughter of **Zion**, like a **woman in travail**: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city [of God], and thou shalt dwell in the field [Rev 12:6], and thou shalt go even to **Babylon** [this is speaking of the world's present condition/pre-**midnight**]; there shalt thou be

delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine **enemies**. **Now** also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon **Zion**. But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. **Arise and thresh** [for the **42-months**: Rev 11:5], O **daughter of Zion** [Rev 11:3]: for I will make **thine** horn iron, and I will make **thy** hoofs **brass**: and **thou** shalt **beat in pieces many people** [at **Armageddon**: Rev 19:14-15]: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth." Micah 4:6-13

"Hear this, I pray you, ye [1] heads of the house of **Jacob**, and [2] princes of the house of **Israel**, that abhor judgment, and **pervert** all equity. They build up **Zion** with blood, and **Jerusalem** with **iniquity**. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us. Therefore shall [1] **ZION** for your sake be **plowed as a field** [during **midnight**], and [2] **Jerusalem** [type of the **sanctuary**] shall become **heaps** [Dan 8:11-13], and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest." Micah 3:9-12

"Therefore will he **give them up**, until **the time** that **she which travaileth hath brought forth** [Dan 7:25; Rev 12:5]: then the **remnant** of his brethren shall return unto the [natural: Mat 10:23] children of Israel."  
Micah 5:3

"For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be **desolate**; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be **black** [Joel 2:10; Rev 6:12]: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. The whole **city** shall flee for the noise of the **horsemen** and **bowmen** [Joel 2:4]; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein. And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life. For I have heard a voice as of a **woman in travail**, and the **anguish** as of **her** that **bringeth forth her FIRST child**, the voice of **the daughter of Zion**, that **bewaileth**

herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of **MURDERERS**." Jeremiah 4:27-31

"Thus saith the LORD, Behold, **a people cometh from the north country [Gog]**, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides [*east*, as in Mideast] of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon **horses**, set in array [Joel 2:5] **as men for war against thee**, O daughter of **Zion**. We have heard the fame thereof [Jer 51:46; Joel 2:1]: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and **pain**, as of a **woman in travail**." Jeremiah 6:22-24

"Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely. O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish [virgins]: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God. I will get me unto the great men [the **elders** of the daughter of **Zion**/the **Wise Virgins**], and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: BUT these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds [this speaks of Judah's "great men" denying God's judgment is coming upon them *personally* (Jer 28:10-14)]. Wherefore a **lion** out of the forest shall slay them, and a **wolf** of the evenings shall spoil them, a **leopard** shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their **transgressions** are many, and their **backslidings** are increased. How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the **harlots' houses** [denominational religion]. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife ["But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Mat 5:28]. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? Go ye up upon her walls, and **destroy** [Joel 2:7]; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD'S. For the **house of Israel** and the **house of Judah** have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD. They have belied the LORD, and said, It is not he;

neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see **sword nor famine**:" Jeremiah 5:1-12

"The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall [defense: reputed exemption from such judgment] of the daughter of **Zion**: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together. Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the **Gentiles** [i. e., trusting in political leaders]: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD. The elders of the daughter of **Zion** sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up **dust upon their heads**; they have **girded themselves with sackcloth** [once at this point the **Witnesses** can come forth: ← [this should not be a colon, it should be a period] the **virgins of Jerusalem** [the 5-foolish] hang down their heads to the ground." Lamentations 2:8-10

I feel at this point I must explain why the "Two Witnesses"/"Man child"/"Wise Virgin" brethren are not shown or represented by **gold colored** text representing **perfected natures** in this part of the end-time chronology. It is because it is not until they have **faithfully** ministered the **1,260-days** and are then **martyred** and "**called up**" that they are made "**perfect**." Although, *categorical*, **Zion**, **Judah**, and **100-folders** represent a higher *place* or *position* of possible achievement.

"And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither**. And they **ascended up** to heaven in a **cloud**; and their **enemies** beheld them." Revelation 11:12

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a **cloud** of witnesses..." Hebrews 12:1a

"God having provided some **better thing** [the **Spirit within**] for us, that they without **us** should not be made **PERFECT**." Hebrews 11:40

"Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of **Edom**, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself **naked**. The **punishment** of thine **iniquity** is **accomplished**, O daughter of **Zion**; he will no more **carry thee away into captivity**: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of **Edom**; he will discover thy sins [during the **42-months**]." Lamentations 4:21-22

I pray you are beginning to see God's heart concerning this matter of **chastising** or **punishing** of even the "**slumbering**" **Wise Virgins**/the **daughter of Zion/Judah**? It seems to me that God left little if any room at all to compartmentalize the portion of God's house these passages are being directed at. Although, even in their less than perfected state, those who become "**Zion**" will still fare better than does the portion of God's house that is directly below them, which is the **60-fold Jerusalem** brethren. Having said that, Zion itself will be divided through this "**travailing**"/"**trimming of lamps**" process during **midnight** (Mic 5:3), as will Jerusalem. Still, each soul in both of these camps will have to proportionally experience as much of the **midnight travailing period** as will be needed to fully **wake** them.

"Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which **travailleth** hath brought forth: then the **remnant** of his brethren shall return unto the [natural] children of Israel." Micah 5:3

The Bible tells us the realm called Zion will go into some form of pre-**42-months captivity** as **Gog** attacks "the king of the south"/"that great CITY [of] Babylon" (Jer 3, 13, 50, 51; Dan 11:13-16), which of course America is the present-day personification thereof. If you are asking why God must allow **Zion** to be **persecuted**, it's because there are still "**sinners in Zion**" (Isa 33:14) and they must be **removed** or **purged**. Thus, the **virgins** are awakened at **midnight** and told to, "...go ye **OUT** to meet him" from where they are positionally in heart. This will be accomplished by what Matthew 25:7 calls "**trimming their lamps**." As you begin to study this **trimming process** you find it is brought about through increased **persecution** that is likened to a **woman in travail**; **Zion** **travailing**. This **persecution** takes place while the LORD continues to "tarry" and "delay" His **1<sup>st</sup> secret coming** (John 7:10-14). Furthermore, we know that historically some individual believers have already experienced this level of travail, which in turn lead them to the total surrender of their souls to Christ, which after all is the true **Sabbath rest**. However, that "**cloud**" of **departed witnesses** is not who this word is meant to address; it is meant for those in Isaiah 66:

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for **as soon as Zion travailed** [Zion must at least be brought to that point], she brought forth her children." Isaiah 66:8

To further distinguish between the two groups of **virgins**, we look to the *Song of Solomon* that plainly reveals these two camps of **wise** and **foolish** virgins.

## The Wise vs. the Foolish Virgins

"By night on my bed **I sought him** whom my soul loveth: I sought him, **but I found him not**. I will rise now [Mat 25:7], and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: **I sought him, but I found him not** [because this will be the time when Christ will be withheld from even the **Wise Virgins**]. **The watchmen** [5-fold ministry] that go about the city found me: to whom I said, **Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?** It was but a little that I passed from them, **but I FOUND HIM** whom my soul loveth: **I held him, and would not let him go**, until I had brought him into my mother's house [until I dealt with all my familiar spirits], and into the chamber of her that conceived me." Song of Solomon 3:1-4

Wise      vs.      Foolish

"**I sleep**, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; **how shall I put it on** ["Vashti" spirit]? I have washed my feet; **how shall I defile them?** My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I [finally] rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had **withdrawn himself**, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, **but I COULD NOT FIND HIM**; I called him, but **he gave me no answer**. **The watchmen** that went about the city found me, **they smote me**, they **wounded me**; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. I charge you, O daughters of **Jerusalem**, **if ye find my beloved**, that ye tell him, that I am sick of love." Song of Solomon 5:2-8

Did you notice how the bride that *does find her LORD* still had to seek, and seek, and seek ("**travail**...") as she searched for her LORD, before she was able to find Him again? It is verses like these brethren that not only define the **Wise Virgin's** end-time chastisement reality, but they also reveal that Zion herself will have to travail just like all the rest, only she won't have to endure it for as long as those who lacked the **oil**, those who apparently were never quite able to obtain a truly intimate relationship with Christ. The "**oil**" equals **the anointing** gained through obedience, birthed out of love and adoration for the one who first loved us.

"Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king [**Wise Virgin group**]; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.

And the revolvers are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all. I know **Ephraim**, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O **Ephraim**, thou committest **whoredom**, and Israel is defiled. They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of **whoredoms** is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD. And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and **Ephraim** fall in their **iniquity**; **Judah** also shall fall with them. They shall go with their flocks and with their herds [their congregations & fellowships] to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him [Song of Sol chapters 3 & 5]; he hath **withdrawn** himself from them.

They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: NOW SHALL A **MONTH** [Zec 11:8] **DEVOUR THEM** with their portions." Hosea 5:1-7

It is true that the Bible does not come right out and tell us how long the "daughter of **Zion**" or any end-time Christian group will have to **travail** and or go into **captivity**. We are not told how long this "**trimming of the lamps**" **travail** between **midnight** (Lam 1:1-6) and Christ's **secret coming** (John 7:10-14) to His **Temple/spotless Bride** is going to take. Even so, Hosea 5:7 above, which speaks of the "**beginning of sorrows**" time period says that "**a month**" shall come that will "devour" even the remaining **dross** in **Judah**. God shows while the **1st corporate judgment** is falling upon His household, He "...will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their **offence**, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early" Hosea 5:15.

The following passages pertain to spiritual (wild branch) Judah who as a type of "the southern kingdom(s)," that will be "wholly" **carried away captive** into strange lands by the invading "**Northern army**." This captivity is basically said to last until she leans to forsake the 21<sup>st</sup> century idols, adulteries, and "Nicolaitan" spirit that even she has **corrupted** herself with. Brethren, God has shown *this man* that when He says "no spot... no wrinkle," He means it! You see even the great apostle Paul and Silas went through a *type* of this **travailing** process when they were first whipped and then thrown into a prison. Then later, "**at midnight**" they "began" to pray (**travail** in earnest) and sing praises before the *prison* doors could be opened.

There is another allegory that should be mentioned that really brings to light Zion's **travail** or **midnight chastisement**, and that is the situation of the three Hebrews who were cast into the fiery furnace. Think about it brethren; these three men already had *the good profession of faith*. They already "loved not their lives onto the death," and yet God saw fit that they still needed a little more **purging**. Why? You see even in the place of "loving not their lives onto the death," these three **remnant** type brethren still had some **intrinsic bondages** that needed to be **burnt completely off** (Dan 3:24-25) before they could come out **completely** free. You might find that some of the following passages are lengthy but they are a necessary read to encompass what the Spirit is saying pertaining to the **midnight hour** that shall come upon even God's very **elect**. I find there is always someone out there who lacks the understanding and purpose for the typologies that will say, "Hey brother, all those events have already happened." However, we must also keep in mind the following passages:

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done [again]: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us." Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

"Now all these things happened unto them for **ensamples**: and they are written for **our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1-Corinthians 10:11

"Thus saith the LORD against all mine **evil neighbours**, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. And it shall come to pass, after that I have **plucked them out** **I will return**, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land." Jeremiah 12:14-15

"Therefore the **showers** [**anointings**] have been **withholden**, and there hath been no **latter rain**; and thou hadst a **whore's** forehead [the two harlots in 1-Ki 3:16-27], thou refusedst to be ashamed. Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end [Dan 12:12]? Behold, thou

hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest. The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which **backsliding Israel** [the **3<sup>rd</sup> part** of the moon (Rev 8:12)] hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the **harlot**. And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister **Judah** saw it [the **3<sup>rd</sup> part** of the "**sun**"/**Zion's sinners** (Isa 33:14; Rev 8:12)]. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby **backsliding Israel** committed **adultery** I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her **treacherous sister Judah** feared not, but went and played the **harlot** also [today this is **spiritual adultery/antitype religious spirit** brethren; it is giving oneself to worshiping/lusting after TV, leisure, sports, politics, food, and even men of God in power. You name it; any way you look at it, it is time (the heart's treasure) given to anything but God]. And it came to pass through the lightness [provocatively] of her **whoredom**, that she defiled the land [the soul], and committed **adultery** with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her **whole heart**, but **feignedly**, saith the LORD. And the LORD said unto me, The **backsliding Israel** [the **carnal** Christian] hath justified herself more than **treacherous Judah** [because they can claim ignorance to a degree, whereas the *Judah* brethren know better]. Go and proclaim these words toward **the north** [where she will be taken **captive**], and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only acknowledge thine **iniquity**, that thou hast **transgressed** against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every **green tree** [Rev 8:7], and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding **children** [**H1121: sons**], saith the LORD; for I am married unto **you** [the **Wise Virgins**]: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, [not very good odds brethren; Zion is definitely a remnant people] and I will bring **you** [the **travailed Wise Virgins**] to **Zion**:" Jeremiah 3:3-14

"Then I went to **Euphrates** [Islamic nations: Rev 9:14] , and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it [those who attack from the *sides* of the earth (Jer 6:22). The sides of the earth are east & west; these are easterners/Mideast]: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD,

AFTER THIS MANNER will I mar the **pride** of **Judah**, AND the **Great pride** of **Jerusalem**. This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart and walk after **other gods** [gods of **religious position & power, pleasure, appetite, & entertainment**], to serve them, and to **worship** them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: BUT THEY WOULD NOT HEAR. Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle [in God's house] shall be filled with **wine** [**winepress judgment** (Rev 14:19-20)]: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine [*thinking it to be blessings*]? Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with **drunkenness** [Eze 23; spiritual impairment/**deception**]. And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them. Hear ye, and give ear; be not **proud**: for the LORD hath spoken. Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause **darkness** [**midnight**], and before your feet stumble upon the **dark mountains** [Joel 2:2], and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the **shadow of death**, and make it **gross darkness** [**great tribulation** (Isa 60:2)]. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places [but outwardly I will still decree judgment] for your **pride**; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD'S flock is carried away captive. Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory. The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: **JUDAH SHALL BE CARRIED AWAY CAPTIVE ALL OF IT, IT SHALL BE WHOLLY CARRIED AWAY CAPTIVE** Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from **the north** [**Gog's army**]: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? What wilt thou say when he shall **punish thee**? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not **sorrows** take thee, as a woman in travail? And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine **iniquity** are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare.

Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness. This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood [false anointing and doctrines]. Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear. I have seen thine **adulteries**, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy **whoredom**, and thine **abominations** on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O **Jerusalem**! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?" Jeremiah 13:7-27

"The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth [the **latter rain** withheld]. Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. Because ["the Lord delayeth His coming"] the ground is chapt, for there was no [latter] rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads. Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass [pastures/Word to feed on]. And the wild asses ["the hirelings" (John 10:12-13)] did stand in the high places [church leaders], they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass. O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry [*delay* His coming] for a night [until **midnight** has served its purpose]? Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not. Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this [**deceived** (Jer 4:10)] people for their good. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the **Sword**, and by the **Famine**, and by the **Pestilence**. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not

see the **sword**, neither shall ye have **famine**; but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, THE PROPHETS PROPHECY LIES IN MY NAME: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a **false vision** and **divination**, and a thing of nought, and the **deceit** of their heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, **Sword** and **famine** shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall **those prophets** be **consumed**. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the **virgin daughter** of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not. **HAST THOU UTTERLY REJECTED JUDAH? HATH THY SOUL LOTHED ZION? WHY HAST THOU SMITTEN US**, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold **trouble**! We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain [the outpouring of the **Spirit**]? or can the heavens give showers [now they're starting to/going to see what spirit (the **flesh**) they've been moving under]? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things." Jeremiah 14:1-22

"Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth [into captivity]. And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; Such as are for death, to **death**; and such as are for the sword, to the **sword**; and such as are for the famine, to the **famine**; and such as are for the captivity, to the **captivity** [Jerusalem & Judah's lot]. And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to

slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven [devils], and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy [meaning demonically possessed people]. **AND I WILL CAUSE THEM TO BE REMOVED INTO ALL KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH**, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem. For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest? Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone **backward**: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will **destroy my people** ["my people" usually refers to the corporate **30-folders/Outer Court backslidden brethren**], since they return not from their ways. Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the **mother** [**Mother of Harlots** (Rev 17:5)] of the **young men** [Rev 2:20-23] **a spoiler at noonday**: I have caused him to fall upon it **suddenly**, and **terrors** upon the **city**. She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; **her sun is gone down** [is **darkened/witnesses killed** (Mat 24:29)] while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue [**back sliders**] of them will I deliver to the **sword** before their enemies [**"the moon to blood"**], saith the LORD. Woe is me, my **mother**, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth [Rev 11:10, 12:5]! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me. **THE LORD SAID, VERILY IT SHALL BE WELL WITH THY REMNANT; VERILY I WILL CAUSE THE ENEMY TO ENTREAT THEE WELL IN THE TIME OF EVIL AND IN THE TIME OF AFFLICTION**. Shall iron [the **flesh**] break the **northern iron** [**Gog**] and the **steel** [the **sword of Islam, Gog's 10-horns**]? Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. **AND I WILL MAKE THEE TO PASS WITH THINE ENEMIES INTO A LAND WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT** [contextually still addressing the pre-perfected **midnight remnant**]: for **A FIRE [7-times hotter]** is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you [Dan 3:19]. [Thus, after the **remnant** are **purged** they cry out] O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me [Jer 27:22; Zep 2:7], and revenge me of my **persecutors**; take me not away in thy long suffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke. Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God

of hosts. I sat not in the assembly of the **mockers**, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail? Therefore thus saith the LORD, IF thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and IF thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth [this is a picture of the **oil filled** repentant **remnant** becoming the **man child**: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. **AND I WILL MAKE THEE UNTO THIS PEOPLE A FENCED BRASEN WALL** [REV 11:3]: **AND THEY SHALL FIGHT AGAINST THEE** [REV 11:7], **BUT THEY SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST THEE**: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the **wicked**, and I will **redeem** thee out of the hand of the **terrible**." Jeremiah 15:1-21

"Awake, O **north wind** [**Gog**]; and come, thou south; **blow upon my garden**, that the spices thereof may flow out [go into **captivity**]. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits." Song of Solomon 4:16

"Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired [Isa 54:1]; Before the **decree** bring forth [the **7<sup>th</sup> trumpet**: "time no longer" (Rev 10:6)], before the **day** pass as the **chaff** [Lk 3:17], before the **fierce anger** [Rev 14:18-20, 19:11-21] of the LORD come upon you, before **the day of the LORD'S anger** come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S **anger** [**Indignation** (Isa 26:20-21)]. For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be for the **remnant** of the house of **Judah**; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them [Mal 3:1], and turn away their **CAPTIVITY**." Zephaniah 2:1-7

"Ask ye of the LORD **rain [oil]** in the time of the **latter rain**; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field [spiritual food/the Word]. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd. Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I **punished the goats**: for the LORD of hosts hath **visited** his flock the house of **Judah**, and hath made them [through the **midnight chastisement & persecution (travail & trimming of lamps)**] as his **goodly horse in the battle** [Rev 6:2a]. Out of him came forth the corner [stone], out of him the nail, out of him the **battle bow** [Rev 6:2b], out of him every oppressor together. And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the **riders on horses** [Rev 6:3-8] shall be confounded. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: **AND THEY SHALL BE AS THOUGH I HAD NOT CAST THEM OFF**: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them." Zechariah 10:1-6

"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered **Zion**. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that **carried us away captive** required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. **How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?**"  
Psalms 137:1-4

I pray that at the very least brethren, these verses have revealed to you the *pattern* of **captivity** that God has used and will continue to use, to chastise any of His wayward children no matter what level of Christian maturity or dispensation they find themselves in.