

Heaven is Shaking the Bear Part 19 – dr Hollisa Alewine

We are going to look at two kings of the East and then their descendants. We are going to continue letting the Torah be our seed prophecy today, and then look at the time of the return from Babylon, the descendants of those peoples that the two kings of the east ruled over. I don't know that they are actually going to be related to the people they ruled over.

You'll see why when we get there because the giants come into play. Did the giants just rule over them, or did they actually cohabit with them? That part I don't really know and I don't want to get into because that turns into a carnival ride on giants. And I don't want to do that. But we'll take a look at that.

Then look at some of the problems that Judah encountered when they were released from the Babylonian exile and went back and began to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. We'll use that as a bridge. We'll finish out that that look of the kings of the east because it includes Sisera and Yavin.



Bear Bones

Learning from the dead bones of former kings of the east who tried to

- obstruct or lure Israel from taking its inheritance
- to destroy the Name of YHVH that is proclaimed when Israel dwells safely in their covenant territory.

The plan for today is to look at the dead bones. We know that we've already looked at the four kings who kidnapped Lot, and Abraham conquered them and

recovered his lukewarm relative, brought him back. It is always a lukewarm that make us work so hard, isn't it?

But there's more kings of the east, and if we can look at these seed prophecies and the Torah then we can look at the seed prophecies and the writings and the prophets, and eventually that will help us to understand what John is seeing in the book of Revelation when he talks about how the Euphrates is dried up for the kings of the east, which is the way that the Persian bear conquered Babylon, sneaked up basically in the middle of the night. You are going to see some things about this sneaky slinky sort of attribute here in just a second.

The Persian bear sneaked up on the Babylonian lion in the middle of the night and conquered it without much of a fight because they dried up the Euphrates River. They diverted the Euphrates River so that they could come right into the midst of the city which flowed through Babylon. It does have a historical context. It is not just strange mystical language in John's revelation. It is John also seeing something that describes the empires of the beast from historical evidence.

So today we want to look at some more of these kings of the east because we can learn from their templates. A characteristic of the kings of the east is they are going to try to obstruct Israel from taking its inheritance, which is by covenant. They've also been known to try to lure Israel from keeping its inheritance. That was the plan of Amraphel, who was thought possibly to be Nimrod who tried to lure Abram from his inheritance by kidnapping Lot and then lying in wait for him, which didn't turn out real well.

What is accomplished by this when peoples try to obstruct Israel from taking its inheritance, or even worse, to destroy Israel so that they can't take its inheritance? Their plan ultimately doesn't have as much to do with the people of Israel as it does their plan to destroy the name of YHVH. His name is proclaimed...I believe it is Psalm 83 tells us when Israel dwells safely in their covenant territory. So there's always been someone to try to obstruct that.

Even from the Garden of Eden. It started in the Garden of Eden. The most cunning beast of the field was there trying to obstruct and destroy the plan of the Holy One to plant mankind in the Garden of Eden to rule and reign over the earth from there. So that is what we are working from today.

Types, Patterns, Shadows:

Twenty times, the Torah mentions Sihon, who along with Og, battled Moses, Joshua, and the Israelites east of the Jordan to prevent their entering the Land of Israel which had been promised to them through eternal covenant.

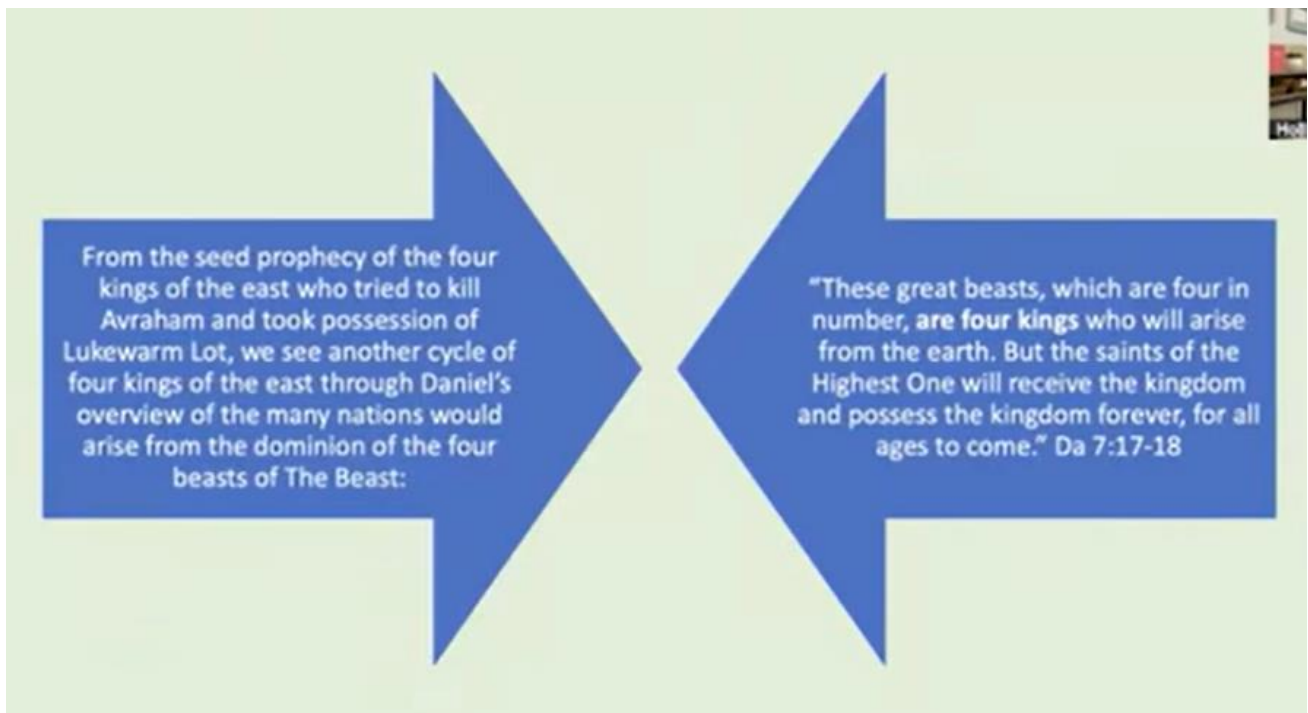
To the four kings of the east who had hundreds of years before tried to lure Abraham to the Euphrates to kill him by kidnapping Lukewarm Lot, so the two kings Sihon and Og conspired, a Moabite and Ammonite, kings of the east over peoples descended from the two sons of incestuous Lukewarm Lot.

So I counted and I might have miscounted, so you are free to go back, pull up your Concordance and see if I miscounted, but it looked to me today like 20 times the Torah itself mentions Sihon, who along with another king named Og battled Moses and Joshua and the Israelites east of the Jordan to try to prevent their entering the land of Israel which had been promised to them through eternal covenant.

Next week, if we have time, we are going to take a look at some Scriptures that hint to us why they were so terrified of the Israelites. Perhaps again tying together this this drying up of the Euphrates and how it is linked to the drying up the path through the Reed Sea that these kings have already heard about. They already knew about it by the time the Israelites began the conquest of the Land. It is because of what they've heard about it that their hearts begin to melt within them.

And rather than relent and say, Okay, this is the word of God. This is what He has promised to these people. Let us step aside, or better yet, find out how we can facilitate. If they are asking us to buy food, we should sell them food. If they are asking us to purchase water, we should sell them water. If they are asking for safe passage through our territory, we should give them safe passage. But instead, they double down, which is the characteristic of the beast. And they begin to obstruct and attack.

We had the four kings of the east who hundreds of years before, tried to lure Abraham to the Euphrates to kill him using lukewarm Lot. And so now you've got two kings conspiring, and one rules over the Moabites and one rules over the Ammonites. And these kings of the east, weirdly enough, are ruling over a people who are descended from lukewarm Lot. You see what happens? Do you see how the descendants of the lukewarm can end up allied with the kings of the east? They were literally related to Abraham. And yet, what do they do? They end up allowing themselves to be ruled over by Sihon and Og.



So, we've got the seed prophecy that we started with, to try to understand the kings of the east, the ones who tried to kill Abraham, kidnapped. Kidnapping is definitely a technique, a strategy that the beast uses to get possession of something to try to lure you into making mistakes. And in modern times, we saw that the kidnapping was used, yes, to lure in, not just to try to cause mistakes, but to become a tool that played into the hands of prepared words. The internet digital age has created a situation where you can prepare slander and lies. Not just slanders, but create a fictional understanding to spin something in a particular direction. You can have that queued up and then the words can take on an energy of their own.

So what we are going to look at today is another cycle of how these four kings of the east, they put something in motion by kidnapping Lot and trying to lure Abraham into coming after them to set a trap for him and then to destroy him. But we see this also in the book of Daniel because remember these four kings are like the four beasts, just like the image of the beast that Daniel sees, that has four empires, four basic beast empires. Daniel 7:17 and 18 it says, *These*

great beasts which are four in number are four kings who will arise from the earth. So we see an echo there of what's already happened. We see Daniel is predicting another cycle of these four kings. It says, *But the saints of the Highest One will receive the Kingdom and possess the Kingdom forever for all ages to come.* So Daniel gets the short story of the four kings. We are going to take a longer trail to try to find out how these dry bones help us understand.

What does this have to do with Heaven Shaking the Bear today? The archetypical kings of the east from the seed prophecies of the Torah give us **traits** of the “kings of the east” in successive cycles of prophecy until today. Review points from the original kings of the east:

Amraphel = sayer of darkness: fall of the sayer

Chedorlaomer = “handful of sheaves” or “dripping” sayings

Arioeh = “lion-like”, chief of the executioners

Tidal = “great son,” fearfulness; to slink, to fear, or causatively be formidable: make afraid.

Kings of the east can be characterized by dark words they continuously, repetitiously repeat, a desire to rule/subjugate/execute threats to their rule, and willingness to terrorize by clandestine means, slinking about.

So my question is what do these defeated four kings or these defeated two kings of Sihon and Og...and there'll be others that we'll take a look at, but we know these are archetypes. They are each teaching us something about the beast kingdom, but as we sort through their bones, we see they have tried to lure in and obstruct the nation of Israel in order to wage war against the Holy One who promised them that land.

As we sort through the bones of their failures, and in some cases their successes, the empires of the beast have had tremendous success. I'm thinking of that Hotel California phrase, “they just can't kill the beast.” Well, yes, you can. Eventually the beast is killed. You are going to find out that it is Israel and their King who cannot be killed. So all these attempts by the beast kingdoms to obstruct and kill...in the end, Daniel is told it is going to be the righteous ones who overcome.

But by sorting through the bones of those who have failed before, we can get the traits of the kings of the east. If we know the traits of the kings of the east, that can bring us present clarity in world events. We don't need to just bump around like pinballs trying to figure out from the next news article which direction we are supposed to go or think. We don't have to do that. We have the Word itself that will prevent us from looking at the day's events as something to just light us up and shoot us in a different direction. The Word is going to give us everything we need to know. It is going to remind us that yes, prophecy goes in cycles. So yes, sort through the bones of these dead kings in Scripture and get some insight.

So just to review from the last time where we looked at the four kings of the east who made battle with Abraham...there was Amraphel who was thought perhaps to also be Nimrod. Another name for Nimrod. His name means a sayer of darkness or the fall of the sayer, somebody who speaks. He uses words.

Then there's Chedorlaomer, and you can hear something that should sound familiar because we just got through counting the *omer* up until Shavuot. His name means a handful of sheaves, or if you break it apart and you go back into the Hebrew construction of his name, *omer* means also to speak. It doesn't just mean a sheath of grain. It can also mean to speak. *L'emor* is to speak. But it is like dripping sayings. It is like a bouncing ball. If you look at a similar verb in modern Hebrew, it is like a bouncing ball, it just keeps bouncing. It just keeps dripping. It just keeps dripping. And this is what happens with propaganda. They just keep dripping it out. They keep dripping the words, which like I say, these were prepared. These words were prepared for October 7th because they knew they would develop an energy among a certain type of people that we are going to talk about.

There was Arioch, which means lionlike, and he was also the chief of Nebuchadnezzar's executioners. So, this guy is a killer. He is going to imitate the royal lion, the lion of Judah, but he is also an executioner. When you think of the sword, think of him. When you think of the beheadings and the hangings, think of him. Then there's Tidal which can mean great sun or fearfulness but it can also mean to slink around, to fear, or to make people afraid. Tidal, his characteristic is to be a terrorist. He'll slink around. He'll prepare traps, and in our generation, explosives, things like that, because his job is to make people afraid. This is how he makes war. So, two of these four kings rely on words to wage war. One of them is a terrorist. He likes to make people afraid. That is his war strategy. That is his weapon. And then Arioch, I mean, he is the one who will kill you. He is definitely coming to kill you.

Now we can look at these bones and say all right in my generation do I see some kings of the east who are pursuing Israel? They are pursuing the

descendants of Abraham. And the descendants of Abraham. Those who had believed on Yeshua are grafted in, and they are called children of Abraham and heirs according to the promise given to Abraham. So they also are inheritors of this land. And so this is why so often Christians and Jews are linked together and marked by these executioners, by these dark sayers, by these terrorists, for violence. Those words and systems are directed to terrorize them, because they are there to subjugate. Within these bones, we see a desire of the kings of the east to rule over, to subjugate, to execute any threat to their rule, and a perfect willingness to terrorize, often by clandestine means. They are going to slink about. They are going to have hundreds of kilometers of tunnels, if that makes any sense. They are like little moles. They are going to do that work underground. If you've ever had moles work in your yard, you know how that works. You can walk around your yard and realize, oh my goodness there's empty space all under this grass because these moles have been working and working, working, digging dirt where we couldn't see it.

To this template, we add the three satraps of the east that had to be conquered prior to fully entering the Land of Israel:

Sihon-tempestuous, warrior, sweeping; a giant

Og עוג also spelled עג in 1 Ki 4:19 -long neck, round; also possibly “mock” since the two-letter *shoresh* is identical to la’ag לעג, “to mock”

Although “long-neck” makes sense since Og was a giant, “mock” makes more sense contextually because of the “kings of the east” who troubled the Jews in rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple after King Cyrus released them to do so:

So, to the dry bones we have right here, the dead bones of these kings, we want to add some kings of the east. We'll have to go to the book of Nehemiah to understand them. Even before that, we want to go back to the Torah. Remember, the big seeds are in the Torah. We are more likely to understand what happened in the book of Nehemiah if we keep looking at the Torah, not

just the four kings of the east who battled Abraham, but these two kings who battled Israel when they were ready to enter into the land.

There are two giants called Sihon and Og. Sihon's name means tempestuous, which makes him sound very much like Ishmael, who's called a wild ass of a man. He is always getting something started. He is always looking for something, trying to stir it. He is a warrior, likes to fight. The word can also mean sweeping. You say, Well, how does sweeping relate to anything? Well, remember Islamists are colonists. They are trying to take over the earth. They are trying to sweep through the whole earth. That is a characteristic we see in Sihon. And he was also a giant. And then Og. Og is spelled two different ways in Scripture, which might be a sign here. Just like David is spelled two different ways. Sometimes it is spelled with a *vav* and sometimes it isn't. You just have to look around the context and say, what's the context trying to tell me about this variant spelling? But with Og, you have the *ayin*, *vav*, and the *gimmel*, which is og. But it is also in 1Kings 4:19 spelled og with just the *ayin* and the *gimmel*. The suggested meaning of his name is a long neck, which alludes to his size. The descendants of these giants were also very tall. It can also mean round. But because sometimes you can go to the two letter root of the Hebrew word and that is what you see in the variant spelling. It becomes a two letter. You can go to the two-letter *shoresh* and say what's another verb that has the *ayin* and *gimmel*, and it is going to be the verb *la'ag*. The *lamed* is "to", just like infinitives in English start with "to." To ride, to sit, to walk, to stand. Same thing in Hebrew. *Le* - to. And that means to mock, which again reminds us of Ishmael mocking Isaac. So which one's right? I don't know that it matters because they are both very descriptive of who Og was.

He was a giant, so yes, I'm sure he did have a long neck, and mocker makes a lot of sense contextually. Because when we look at these other rulers of the east during the time of Nehemiah, that is their very characteristic even down to the spelling of the type of the verb. With Isaac, the type of mockery was *mesaheq*, it is like a playing a game. Of course, it is kind of a sick game that Ishmael is playing with Isaac. But this is *la'ag*, the same type of mockery that you see in the *shoresh* of the giant Og.

When we see these kings of the east, I think they are translated as "satraps," because they are still under the empire of Persia at that time, they are like governors. We might call them a governor ruler instead of a king, but they are still a ruler. And these particular ones that we are going to look at, they troubled the Jews who had come back from Persia through a decree from King Cyrus. The Jews were trying to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. Decrees in hand. I mean, they were legally supposed to be there doing that. And these satraps, they come in, and they start to trouble them.

“But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, ‘What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?’” (Ne 2:19)

“Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.” (Ne 4:1)

Not accidentally, the two satraps of Persia, Sanballat and Tobiah, ruled over Moab and Ammon, just like Sihon and Og the giants in the time of Moses and Joshua. Conspiring with them was Geshem [“rain violently”] the Arab. They use the same techniques, calculated and crafted deceptive words, mockery to discourage, tempestuous threats, and slinking around to terrorize the work of rebuilding Jerusalem. The Persian Bear kings of the east drip calculated words to wear out their enemies even to subvert their own government’s administration.

So, I'm going to read just a couple of sample Scriptures out of here. And like I keep saying, I wish you would go back and read the book of Nehemiah to get the full picture of what's happening here. I'm going to mention as well today that sometimes it is internal strife that these kings of the east are able to provoke within Israel itself. It even goes back to the testimony of the spies who saw giants. Well, rather than fight the giants, the Israelites turned on each other. It caused internal strife in trying to figure out what to do with the giants. So, this is Nehemiah 21:19.

It says, *When Sanballat, the Horonite and Tobiah, the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard it,* Okay, there's three right there. *they mocked us.* There is the word that is similar to Og. *They mocked us (la'ag) and despised us and said, What is this thing you were doing? Are you rebelling against the king?* They are saying, How dare you? You are rebelling against the king. But they've got the king's decrees in hand. The king sent them, yet they are challenging their authority to do what they are doing. And so when somebody challenges the authority by which you do what you do, and you know you have the authority to do what you do.

In this case, it is not just the promise given to Abraham. It is actually the decrees, the legal decrees written by king Cyrus to send them back to do this

very thing that they are doing. And yet somehow these three turn it and make it seem like they are rebels, like they are doing something wrong instead of something very right, something very legal. But in the accusation, do you understand what they are doing? These three are the ones rebelling against the king. These three are the ones objecting to what the king has done. And then Nehemiah 4:1, it continues.

It says, *Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.* Okay, now they are not just despising them, they are furious with the Jews. Furious and very angry. That is pretty intense. So furious and very angry after they've despised them. And again it says, *they mocked them.* And remember this is the essence of Og. King Og the giant. He mocks them. So you have ruling over this area that intersects here with Judah these two satraps of Persia, Sanballat and Tobiah, and they ruled over Moab and Ammon. Not accidentally, not coincidentally, but just like in the Torah where Sihon and Og, the giants, obstructed Moses and Joshua, or actually it is Yehoshua. It sounds like Yeshua when you say it fast.

They obstructed Moses and Yehoshua who wanted to bring Israel into the land to cross the Jordan to settle in their inheritance. Hundreds of years later, what happens? These two satraps, Sanballat and Tobiah, are joined by an Arab, and his name is Geshem. And *geshem* means to rain violently. I don't think it is any coincidence that October 7th was called "the flood" by Arabs.

There's all sorts of dry bones we can look at and say, Oh, makes a lot of sense now. They are they are using the same techniques as Sihon and Og. They are very calculated. They craft deceptive words. They use mockery to discourage the Jews, just like they tried to discourage the Israelites. And it actually went back 40 years to the time when the spies went into the Land to spy it out. It went back that far. They use tempestuous threats. I mean, you talk about bluster. Just listen to anything coming out of the mouth of an IRGC official. They slink around and they constantly terrorize the work of rebuilding Jerusalem. They don't ever get tired of it.

When we look at these Persian bear kings of the east, we can learn about their strategy, their tactics, is that they like to drip these calculated words to try to wear out their enemies. And their enemies often aren't just Israel. It is not just the Jews. They will even subvert their own government's administration. They'll subvert each other. Which again, is a characteristic of Ishmael.

What is the desire of giants like Sihon and Og? Look to their origin.
From Creation Gospel Newsletter "Giants are a Huge Problem" July 22, 2018 <https://www.thecreationgospel.com/news>:



Some angels wanted to prove that God was wrong. They left their home in the spiritual abode and abandoned their posts. They descended to Earth to prove their point, but they were dreadfully mistaken. God was, of course, right. These angels immediately experienced human lust. Unable to overcome it, they took [violently] human women who bore superhuman children whom the Bible (Genesis 6) calls the Nefilim, the fallen ones. They caused the destruction of the Earth by the waters of the flood. The Bible teaches that the Nephilim survived the flood and lasted until the days of Moses (Numbers 13:33).

Although the peoples of the east they ruled over were not giants, the motivation of enmity with God is passed on and abides in many. Sexual violence and aggression toward women lingers as well.

So what is the problem with these giants like Sihon and Og? I'm going to give you a little tip. You'd have to go back to a newsletter from July 22nd of 2018 to find the article, and it is called "Giants are a Huge Problem." You can find that in our archives at www.thecreationgospel.com/news, but it is July 22nd 2018. It is not as detailed as what we did in our weekly classes, but it'll give you the gist. I'm just taking a paragraph out of it to demonstrate what I'm saying here.

It goes back to the creation of mankind. We look back at some of the rabbinic literature that is trying to explain the flood and giants. And so this is the gist of it:

Elohim was going to create mankind. The angels could see it coming. They had five and a half days to see it coming. However long that day is. There were some angels who wanted to prove that God was wrong, that His intention in creating mankind, these unique beings that would be able to function equally well in spiritual or natural realms, that He was wrong in creating them. And so we are told they left their home and their spiritual abode and they abandoned their posts. They actually had posts. They ruled and reigned in some way, but they abandoned those posts.

They descended to earth to prove their point, that they were better creations than this mankind that Elohim was creating to rule and reign. And especially, of course, when Adam and Eve sinned, humans fell into the natural realm. I'm

sure they felt like that proved their point, but they were mistaken. See, they thought they were superior in their creation. Elohim was saying, No, there's a point. I know what I'm doing here. Just like, trust Me, I'm God. But they wanted to prove Elohim was wrong. That is always going to be a problem. This is the problem with giants. They want to prove that God is wrong. And God, of course, is right. Because when these angels entered our realm, our natural realm, what they thought they were above, they weren't.

It is thought that immediately they experienced human lust. They weren't designed to function in our realm the way that we were. And so rather than wait for this rectification of Messiah to come, they enter into this realm to prove they are better beings. Let's not even worry with this plan. And then they were unable to overcome their desire. The text implies they violently took human women. And these women in turn bore superhuman children that the Bible calls Nephilim or fallen ones in Genesis 6.

These were the ones that are believed to have been the violent influence that caused the destruction of the earth by the waters of the flood. Then we find out in other Scriptures, among them Numbers 13:33, that the Nephilim survived the flood and lasted until the days of Moses. We have Goliath. There was some remnant at least up until Goliath, who possibly was the last of his kind. Whether they are half human, half spirit, I don't even want to get into that argument.

My only point in presenting this is to show you the problem, to show you the bones of where you don't want to go wrong because Sihon and Og were kings of the east. They were giants. Scripture tells us they were giants, whatever a giant is. And giants were produced according to Jewish understanding by angels who wanted to prove that Elohim was wrong. That is going to be a characteristic of the kings of the east.

So the Moabites and the Ammonites that Sihon and Og ruled over, they may not have been giants. They might have been just normal people. But what is passed to them-and we can tell this in prophecy-is this motivation of enmity with God. They pass that on, and it still abides in a lot of people. What was also passed on to them was the sexual violence and aggression toward women. Women are seen as objects to be used for their purposes. That is still lingering and that influence of the kings of the east. Just check the bones.

So, let's return back to Nehemiah 21:19 where it says, *When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite and then Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?* Again, look at these bones, and you'll understand what's going on today. They use words to challenge the rebuilding of Jerusalem by the Jews. That has not changed in 2500 years. Even today, they accuse the Jews and any other enemy of what they themselves are doing.

They are rebelling against the King of Kings and His decrees. Those decrees are written in the Scriptures, and they are not unaware of them. But this is the strategy: accuse your enemy, which to them is going to be Jews and Christians in the modern time. Also at the time of Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem, they are going to accuse their enemies of what they are doing. They are rebelling against the King of Kings and his degrees as written in the Torah just like they rebelled against king Cyrus, but yet accuse the Jews of rebelling, so they are rewriting the decrees of the Torah or trying to.

They are trying to rewrite the rest of Scripture, and they'll bait and they'll imitate with a twist. Remember the king Arioch that was part of the conspiracy against Abraham? His name meant "lionlike." He is not a lion. He is just *trying* to be like a lion. Roaring. He is trying to hold the royal scepter. He is trying to run things. He is trying to subjugate. It goes all the way back to the serpent in the Garden who deceived by saying, "You will be like Elohim." You'll be **like** Him.

Their religion is only **like** what is described in Scripture. They are trying to rewrite it and say, "No, this is what it says; you are the ones rebelling, even though we know king Cyrus had issued legal decrees to enable the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem and their Temple and sent them all kinds of stuff to help." Sent them back the vessels of the Temple and so forth.

Who did this make angry? Those who moved in while the Jews were gone. It goes again back to that name, "sweeping." They wanted to sweep the Land of Israel under their control. So they were angry. But like I said, look at Whom they are really angry with. Are they just enraged with the Jews who dared to re-enter the land and rebuild their city?

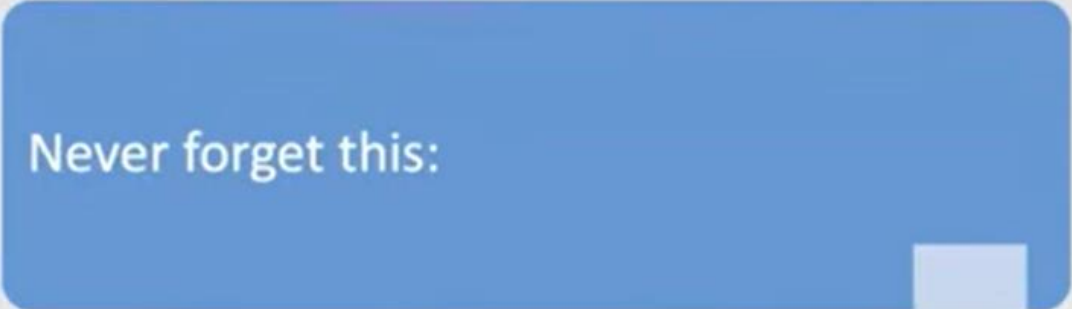
Well, see at that time the Jews are not an autonomous kingdom. They are still under Persian rule. So who the satraps of the east are actually angry with is their own bear king, because the bear king decreed it. He was a good king. He was the instrument of the Most High. He says, "I'll take you by the right hand, and I'm going to start opening doors for you."

You can see here the internal strife that they tried to cause. They were the ones rebelling against their own king, but they accused the Jews with their own rebellion. You think you are serving your king? You are actually rebelling against your king because you are attacking who he sent to this place to do this work. And this is just the caution. Don't think because we are believers in Messiah Yeshua that we are exempted from this anger and rage. That is not how it works if you are holding fast to the words from Genesis to Revelation. The dragon and his beast systems...they work under His authority...they are going to be enraged with you. You are going to be targeted with all these weapons of the kings of the east. Look at the dry bones and understand your enemy.

Revelation 12:17 says, *So the dragon was enraged*, just like these satraps of the east with the Jews trying to rebuild Jerusalem. *The dragon was enraged with the woman and went off to make war with the rest of her children who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua*. If you are holding on to those decrees, the dragon is enraged with you, and his beast vessels will pursue you. The kings of the east particularly despised Judah because of his position. Just envision the Israelite encampment in the wilderness.

Judah, the lion, was the standard for the eastern encampment. And so when the cloud would lift, when it was time to move, it was Judah who had to move first. They always moved first. It didn't matter which direction they went. Judah had to move first when the cloud of the Presence lifted. Israel had that leadership. Those three tribes on the eastern side, they marched under Judah's lion banner. This goes back to "lionlike."

Why are the kings of the east so angry with Judah? Because this is the immediate threat. Attack the leader just like they attacked Abraham, and perhaps the rest of the children of Abraham are going to lose heart, become demoralized, and stop building the city. They'll stop preparing the way of Messiah Yeshua's return. And keep that filed away for next week. I want to talk about those repairers of the breach and the wall and those who prepare the way of Messiah's return. The principles are embedded here in these attacks on them by the kings of the east.



Never forget this:



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Never forget this. You need to always know this until Messiah comes, that the enemies of Israel will always accuse Israel of their own rebellion against the King of Kings. It is who they are from ancient times. Just like Nimrod. If this Amraphel actually was Nimrod, or he was working in the spirit of Nimrod, it says he became a mighty hunter before the Lord. In other words, he was in the face of God, and he needed to wipe out anybody who might have words that stood against his world domination.

Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews. He spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy men of Samaria and said, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble even the burned ones?” Now Tobiah the Ammonite was near him and he said, “Even what they are building—if a fox should jump on it, he would break their stone wall down!”

Hear, O our God, how we are despised! Return their reproach on their own heads and give them up for plunder in a land of captivity. **Do not forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before You, for they have demoralized the builders.** So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

Now when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the **Ashdodites** heard that the repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches **began to be closed**, they were very angry. All of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it. (Ne 4:1-8)

The lies of the kings of the east cause internal conflict.

This slide is from Nehemiah 4:1 – 8, and it is a more full context of what we've already read about the mocking of the Jews and being furious and angry with them. I want you to see something that explains a phenomenon that just blows me away. It is just non-understandable to me, but actually we've got the bones to look at to help us understand.

It says, *Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews. He spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy men of Samaria and said, What are these feeble Jews doing?* The wealthy men. How many wealthy people are involved in funding all this anti-Israel, anti-Zionist garbage that is flooding the world right now? Very wealthy people. They might actually be

among the people they are targeting. They might have something in common. *Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble, even the burned ones? Now Tovia the Ammonite was near him and he said, Even what they are building, if a fox should jump on it, he would break their stone wall down. And then Nehemiah cries out. He says, Hear, oh our God, how we are despised. Return their reproach on their own heads and give them up for plunder in a land of captivity. Do not forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before You for they have demoralized the builders.*

Now that is a heavy statement. I mean, even your enemies, it is hard to bring yourself to a place to where you would say “Never blot out their sin, never forgive them.” You would like to think people who have caused you problems, if they ask God’s forgiveness, then that would still be possible. But Nehemiah is serious about what this sin does. He says, “They have demoralized the builders.”

Those who have a vested interest in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem? Christians and Jews fall into that category. We are the people of the Book. Those who have the commandments of God and the testimony of Yeshua have a vested interest in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem to make the way for Messiah, to prepare. And Nehemiah says what these people have done is to demoralize the ones who would build: *We built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.* That is what they say about the second Temple. It never reached the grandeur of the first Temple. Even here the wall was only half its height. *Now when Sanballat, Tobiah the Arab, the Ammonites and the Ashdodites.* Ashdod is right on the rim of Gaza. When they *heard that the repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on and that the breaches began to be closed,* it says they began to be closed. When you start this work to go back to the Land and to begin to repair the breaches, *they were very angry. All of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.* Do you see the difference? You can fight Jerusalem, but their goal was also to cause internal conflict. And so these lies of the kings of the east have the ability to cause internal conflict within Israel, within Judah, and I would argue within Christianity itself. Look how even Christianity is divided today concerning the issue of Israel.

The ten spies believed the lies of the giants: they saw themselves as grasshoppers to be subject to the giants. They disbelieved the birthright promise. They did not enter or build the walls.

The faithless today believe the lies of the giants: they see themselves as grasshoppers to be swept by and subject to Islamist colonization. They disbelieve the birthright promise. They do not build the walls.

So let's take it back again to the seed of the Torah. Moses sent 12 spies. Ten of those spies believed the lies of the giants. They saw giants in the land. They saw the Sanballats, they saw the Geshems. And so they saw themselves as grasshoppers to be subject to the giants. They disbelieved the decree. They disbelieved the birthright promise given to father Abraham, so they did not enter or build the walls. They fell in the wilderness.

You say, "How can there be people of the Book who believe the lies that are just rampant in the earth today?" The same way that there were more spies who believed the giants with Moses standing right there than there were those who believed Moses. And if you believe Moses, you believe the decrees of the Most High. Moses is handing them the decrees. It says, "This is your land."

They don't believe Moses, and they don't believe the one who sent Moses. And that is what Yeshua said. If they don't believe Moses, they are not going to believe One risen from the dead. You got to believe Moses. He was given decrees. He gave you your land contract. He gave you the deed to the land. But if you want to live in the land, you are going to have to be faithful. There are requirements. Nothing has changed from then until now.

The faithless among us today still believe the lies of giants. They still see themselves as grasshoppers to be swept by and subject to this Islamist colonization of the entire world. They are disbelieving the birthright promise,

like Esau. They say, What good is that to me? And they are not going to build the walls. They are simply going to attack those who do for self-preservation.

These self-describing vicious lies are meant to demoralize the builders of Jerusalem. If they don't truly, completely, and devotedly know and believe the prophecies of the Word, then the foundation of "It is written" can be eroded.

They will begin to internalize the accusations of rebellion against the king and see themselves as immoral and unjustified in guarding the Word. They will begin to self-loathe because they want to feel good about their work, not be constantly accused of immorality and defend the wall with the sword of the Word. They will cease their work in supporting the work of return and instead begin to join in the mockery and destructive words of the kings of the east. The builders of Jerusalem slept in their clothes because of the threat. **The clothes of the righteous builders are the clothes of Yeshua's righteousness, which protects them from demoralization.**

Planting the disturbance was not necessarily a full-on frontal battle; it was planting the disagreement within Judah itself, those who should be building together. That is why I think Nehemiah is so strict, so harsh, because these vicious lies are actually self-descriptions. You see all these stupid signs that say "Genocide." I'm like, seriously? Yeah, they are serious because they are meant to demoralize the builders of Jerusalem. And if the builders of Jerusalem don't truly, completely, and devotedly know and believe the prophecies of the Word, then the foundational faith of "it is written" can be eroded by these lies.

That is what's happening. The people of the book begin to internalize the accusations of rebellion against the king. Then they start to see themselves as immoral. They begin to see themselves as unjustified in guarding the Word. Then they'll start self-loathing because they want to feel good about their work. They don't want to be constantly accused of immorality and genocide. They don't want to have to defend the building of the wall with the sword of the Word. That is a lot of work. And they'll stop working. They'll stop supporting the work of return and preparation.

Instead, some will even begin to join in the mockery and the destructive words of the kings of the east. Do you realize...again read Nehemiah...the builders of Jerusalem had to sleep in their clothes because of the threats day and night. That is what we should be doing right now. You should be sleeping in your clothes. And what do I mean by that? **The clothes of a righteous builder are the clothes of Yeshua's righteousness.** That is going to protect you from demoralization. But if you are not learning and walking in Yeshua's righteousness, you will be **easily** eroded, and you will **easily** allow these planted disturbances with lying words to enter your heart. You will not only cease working, you'll start attacking those who are.

These satraps of the east were defeated by

- courage, persistent faith, and cunning in anticipating the plots and attacks as they built.
- a sword in one hand and a tool in the other...the Word and the practical work of the Kingdom.
- addressing and working on internal sin and error, especially Shabbat, selfishness, and oppressing one another.
- Managing the political intrigues generated by the lying words of the enemy.

This template was not within a period of self-rule!

How could you defeat these satraps? How did Nehemiah get the faith, the courage? The people who worked with Nehemiah, how did they do it? Here's some simple points from the book of Nehemiah. They had to be courageous. They had to have persistent faith. They actually had to be very cunning. Look at all the intrigues that the Arabs and Sanballat introduced.

They like night attacks, trying to lure Nehemiah out to a place where they could assassinate him. Look at the dry bones here, and they just go all the way back to the dry bones in the Torah. They are using the same tactics. So the Jews

also had to be cunning. Abraham was cunning when he pursued to try to recover Lot. Nehemiah had to anticipate that *everything* was a plot as they were building. They also built with a sword in one hand and a tool in the other. So you need the sword of the Word, but you also need the practical work of the Kingdom.

They also had to work on themselves, their own crumbly walls of obedience. Nehemiah describes how many problems they had. They were still committing a lot of internal sin and error. They had to address that. They especially were having problems with Shabbat, being selfish, oppressing one another. Nehemiah had to address that. They had to stop that.

Like planting the internal disturbances, if you don't address your internal problems, you'll be more subject to it. You'll fall on one another. The enemy will weaken you by having you weaken one another. That is how that works. Very effective.

The last bullet point here is they did have to manage the political intrigues that these lying words of the enemy introduced. They did have to keep working politically to answer the lies. They didn't just sit there. Well, they might have at times, but when they became aware of the lies, they did have to keep straightening these things out with those who were truly in authority. This particular template in the time of Nehemiah, this is not a period of self-rule. They are still subject to a Persian king. They are still going to have to deal with the political system, just like Daniel had to deal with the political system. So you don't put your faith in the political system, but you have to keep your slate clean there. You have to answer.

This is a good stopping place because we want to spend next week talking about Deborah and Sisera as well as the repairers of the breaches in the wall and restorers of the ways to walk in to Jerusalem.

John's revelation of the 24 courses of servants in the House of YHVH:

- Kohanim
- Leviim
- The twelve tribes, the royal priesthood

If next week is the conclusion, then we'll have covered three main templates of the kings of the east who attack Israel:

So, we are going to stop here, and I think it is a good stopping place because next week, as far as I know, there's really only one other category of kings of the east I want to look at, and that'll go to the battle between Deborah and Sisera.

I want to encourage us to be the repairers of the breach in the wall, to be the restorers of the ways to walk in Jerusalem. When we look at these 24 elders in the book of Revelation, we'll realize that Moses saw reality in the heavens that he had to come back and try to reproduce in establishing the Tabernacle, teaching the Torah, preparing the Israelites for the land. We'll review the 24 courses of the priests, the 24 courses of the Levites, and then pay special attention to the 24 courses. You don't see it so much in Scripture, but in practicality, the 12 tribes also supplied their 24 courses with the priests and the Levites because they are a royal priesthood.

And that is going to be a good encouragement to us, as with these 24 elders, that we are going to have to remain in law school. The Torah is our teaching and instruction. If we want to be grounded, and we don't want to fall prey to the kings of the east and their tactics...and there's no excuse for it because we just looked at the principles of their dry bones. Where have they failed before? But where were they successful? Well, we don't want them to be successful on us.

- a) The four kings defeated by Avraham: Sanhedrin 108b:21 § Rav Hana bar Leva'ei says that Shem the Great said to Eliezer, servant of Abraham: "When the four great kings of the east and the west came upon you to wage war with Abraham..."

Defeated with Abraham's trained men and allies in battle.

- a) Sihon and Og: Dt 3:8 "Thus we took at that time the land out of the rule of the two kings of the Amorites who were on the east side of the Jordan River, from the Arnon Brook in the south to Mount Hermon in the north..."

Defeated by Moses and Joshua with the "hornet" in war.

- a) Deborah's defeat of Sisera: Ju 4:7 **"I will deploy against you, at Wadi Kishon, Sisera, the commander of Yavin's forces, along with his chariotry and his throng, and I will give him into your hand."** Wadi Kishon: an...east-west brook which empties into the Mediterranean, east of today's Haifa....In I Kings 18:40 Eliyahu will slaughter the prophets of Baal there.

Next week...

We have these three main templates of the kings of the east to help us understand the drying up the Euphrates, to draw them in for this final battle. The first four kings of the east were the ones defeated by Abraham. How were they defeated? They were defeated with Abraham's trained men and allies in battle. Abraham trained his men. We have to be trained in the Word.

And then there's Sihon and Og. They were also defeated, but they were defeated by Moses and Yeshua with a hornet in war. In other words, their army went, they were prepared to go, but this supernatural hornet, it is called the *tzirah* in Hebrew. Sometimes it looks like a locust, sometimes like a scorpion. You can see it in the book of Revelation. They are like hell bugs that come out. And are they terrifying? Yes. But they are actually an instrument of the Holy One. And so the holy one went before them. He sent this hornet ahead of them. When Yehoshua shows up with the army, it is more to mop up after the hornet. It is supernaturally by the hand of the Most High that they defeated these two kings of the east those they ruled over.

Next week we'll look at Deborah's defeat of Sisera in Judges chapter 4, and the Wadi Kishon kind of plays into that. It is an east-west brook, and it is also where Elijah slaughtered the prophets of Baal. So, we'll let that be one final piece of the kings of the east and their tactics.

That'll take us to lesson 20 next week.

I think this is the most helpful lesson we've had. We know what to how to guard our hearts as we build, and we know how not to internalize the lies that we are reading in print or the voices that are hollering at us as we build on the wall or as we are supporting those who are building the wall. It encourages us not to turn on each other. Don't let them plant the disturbance between us. Instead, we have to build together. Those who are literally swinging the hammer have to be supported by those who can encourage them, not allow them to become demoralized in their work.

If you hear the enemy hollering lies at them, all these crazy slogans that we are hearing that that we know are lies, but see, if you keep repeating them, if you keep dripping them, which is the tactic, these kings of the east, they'll just keep dribbling like a basketball. Just keep dribbling the ball, and they'll bounce the ball all the way down the court. They know if they keep bouncing the ball, eventually they'll score because somebody will get tired. Somebody will allow those accusations to come into their heart because they did not ground root themselves. They did not prepare a defense with "It is written." They somehow feel unworthy of their inheritance.

And who is worthy of an inheritance? Nobody. Doesn't matter whether you are worthy, it matters that Yeshua is worthy. They've forgotten that. So, we can't forget that Yeshua is worthy. And therefore, those who have the testimony of Yeshua and the commandments of God are worthy of their inheritance if they'll sleep in His clothes. Keep His clothes on at all times. Ground yourself in the Word and you won't be distracted. You won't quit building and preparing the way for Messiah.