

Heaven is Shaking the Bear Part 15 – Dr Hollisa Alewine



So, this is Part 15 of Heaven is Shaking the Bear. And this lesson is going to try to wrap up all the things that we've looked at concerning the 42 representing regime change. The 21 representing the bear, the prince of Persia, and the wait of 21 days that Daniel had before he received an answer. The attack of the 42 she-bears and all the other significant contexts of the number 42. So, at this point, we are not going to try to reestablish the symbolism of 21 or 42. Instead, let's try to tie it all together.

We know that the number 42 or 42 months is associated with the abomination that causes desolation, and it is also called the idol of jealousy. The idol that causes jealousy, the mute idol. It has several different nicknames in Scripture, but I think most people have probably heard that phrase, the abomination that causes desolation. They may not have heard it as the idol of jealousy, but we are talking about the same thing.

Historically there have been abominations/idols set up in the Temple, usually on the 17th of Tammuz when the Golden Calf was erected by the Israelites under the direction of Egyptians Jannes and Jambres.

The individual idol represents a bigger problem: sexual immorality and bloodshed have become pervasive in Israel to the point that not only Israelite kings themselves [Menashe and Ammon], but the Gentiles could trample the holy mountain to emplace something abominable in the literal location, from images to sacrificing pigs. The following verses describe how this works:

So, a little bit of background, historically, as it pertains to Israel, there have been abominations or idols set up in the Temple, usually on the 17th of Tammuz. And this was predicated in the wilderness by the golden calf. It is thought that the golden calf was erected on the 17th of Tammuz. And it wasn't maybe as random as we would think in reading the Torah because as we continue reading in the New Testament, the New Testament reiterates some things from the Jewish tradition about who instigated the golden calf: two magicians from Egypt named Jannes and Jambras. You can look up that Scripture reference in the New Testament, which Scripture doesn't have kind things to say about them.

These Egyptians left Egypt with the Israelites. And then when Moses is out of sight, they incite a rebellion. With their help, a golden calf is formed. And Aaron says something pretty fantastic when Moses confronts him with it. He says, Oh, basically I threw the gold in the fire and this golden calf jumped out. And we think Aaron's telling a little lie to try to cover himself, but he may not have been. He may have been telling the truth because once we get in the New Testament and we find out that it was Jannes and Jambras who incited this, magicians from Egypt, it is entirely possible with their dark arts because we know the Egyptian sorcerers could replicate some of the plagues. They couldn't replicate them all. It seems as if they had a hand in producing this golden calf because later in the Psalms, it talks about how the Israelites exchanged the glory of the Holy One for a calf that eats grass.

This golden image was thought to be made lifelike, that somehow, just like Aaron says, miraculously a calf comes out of the fire. It is possible it did, through the power of sorcery. Psalms tells us that it appeared whether it did or not. Sorcery is about illusion. It gave the illusion of eating grass just like the beast will appear to come to life in the book of Revelation. There is an illusion. There is a sorcery there. And so the golden calf appeared to be living. It appeared to be not just an image, but something alive. And this was erected on the 17th of Tammuz.

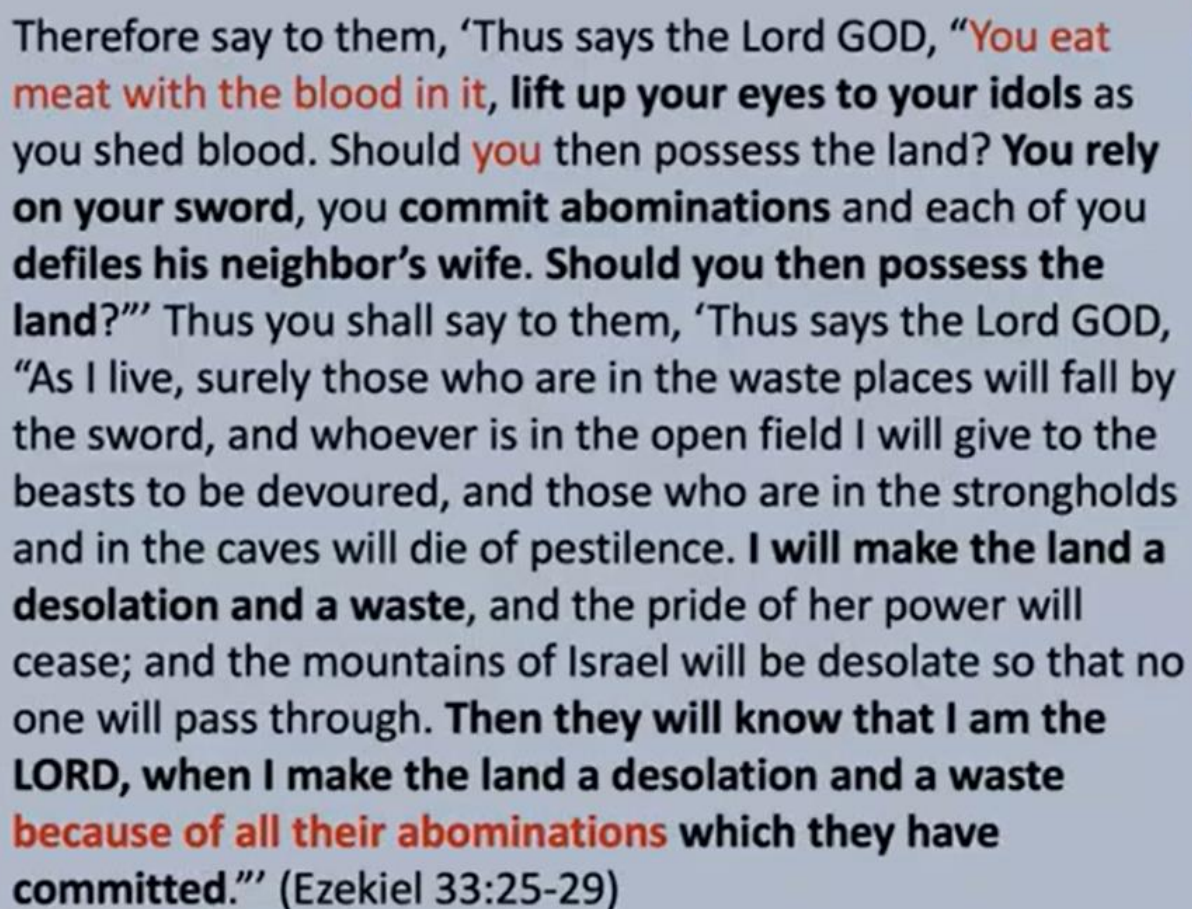
Later as Moses seeks forgiveness, we can see the timetable of the moedim emerges where he finally gains forgiveness for the Israelites on Yom HaKippurim, the Day of Atonements. But what we can see here is the individual idol represents a bigger problem, because we know accompanying the sin of the golden calf, it wasn't just worshiping or producing a golden calf. We know that they sat down to eat and they rose up to play which suggests in biblical language sexual immorality. And so with this as the paradigm, we know that when we see these images set up in Israel, when we see an abomination in Israel, is it just the individual item that is a big problem, or is it the people who are a big problem? It is always the people. It tells you that sexual immorality and bloodshed have become pervasive in Israel, to the point where the Holy One purposes to desolate the land.

There were Israelite kings, like Menashe and Ammon, who erected images. But what we are going to see today, it is not just the Israelite or Jewish kings who might be guilty of erecting images in holy places, which we know in Israel, the golden calves. We had two golden calves, one in Ephraim and one in Dan, and then we saw a desecration of the Temple itself in the territory of Judah. So, it is not just the Israelites that are a problem. They are the sign. But the sign of idolatry in Israel tells you that idolatry is not just in Israel. They have failed to eradicate the idols of the Canaanites in their land, and therefore, they allowed those Canaanite idols to influence them. And they have adopted them. So they weren't generated from within. Even the golden calf, it wasn't necessarily generated from within, it was generated under the influence of Egyptians. And so this is why Israel is told repeatedly to keep themselves pure from these idols.

When Israel is desolated by the Holy One, when he's had a snootful of the idolatry, the sexual immorality, the bloodshed in Israel, a point will come where He will say, Okay, because of this abomination that you are doing, you are My people, and now because you've attached yourselves to another god, the evidence to these sins of sexual immorality, of bloodshed and impurity, then I'll make this place desolate.

Well, the problem here was that Israel was supposed to hold down not just the land of Israel, but especially the Temple Mount and the Holy Temple so that it

would become a house of prayer for all nations. So that the Gentiles could go up to Jerusalem and begin to learn of this relationship that they could have with their Creator. So, it is a terrible thing. It is an abominable thing for Israelites to set up images on the holy mountain, not just because it is going to desolate the land of Israel, but also this conduit through which the 70 symbolic nations could come to know Adonai, the abomination has cut that off. So when you fall into sin, you cut off the conduit that you are to proclaim the gospel to others. And so at different times there have been different abominations that were placed on the holy mountain, images, sacrificing pigs. So let's take a look at this verse and see how this works.



Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "**You eat meat with the blood in it, lift up your eyes to your idols** as you shed blood. Should **you** then possess the land? **You rely on your sword, you commit abominations** and each of you **defiles his neighbor's wife. Should you then possess the land?**"' Thus you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves will die of pestilence. **I will make the land a desolation and a waste**, and the pride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate so that no one will pass through. **Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations** which they have committed.'" (Ezekiel 33:25-29)

And I've put some things in bold and red that I really want you to remember. Because if you have never seen Peter's vision in this chapter, it is time. It is time for us to understand that Peter's vision was about more than kosher food or letting Gentiles into the club. It goes all the way back to Ezekiel. So this is from Ezekiel 33:25 - 29. *Therefore say to them, thus says the Lord God, you eat meat with blood in it.* Keep that in your mind. File that. *Lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood.* File that one, too. *Should you then possess the land?* In other words, if you are going to do these things, should you possess the land? Because the land is for those who don't do these things. The land is for those who obey. Why should disobedient possess the land of Israel is the

question. *You rely on your sword. File that away. You commit abominations. File that one away. Each of you defiles his neighbour's wife. File that away. Should you then possess the land?* He asked the question again. You have chosen to commit these abominations. So why should you possess the land? You are there to build a house of prayer for all nations to bring the nations close to Me. So if you were repeating the abominations of the nations, why should you live in the land? To what purpose? *Thus you shall say to them, thus says the Lord God, as I live, surely those who are in the waste places will fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field, I will give to the beasts to be devoured. And those who are in the strongholds and in the caves will die of pestilence.* He's actually talking here about the altar judgments. There are four altar judgments. *I will make the land a desolation and a waste.* This is a result of their abominations. And so when we say the abomination that causes desolation, it is not the image itself that makes the land desolate. It is the people who have erected the image or sacrificed the pig. This is what makes the land desolate and a waste *and the pride of her power will cease and the mountains of Israel will be desolate so that no one will pass through. Then they will know that I am the LORD. I am YHVH when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations with they which they have committed.*

So the point He speaks His name. He is the Creator. He is YHVH. And when you don't know that, you will behave yourself any old way, and when I say **know** it, I mean **know** it, not just know it with your head. When you have a **relationship** with Him, when you know Him in the intimate sense, then you will not act abominably. You will not purposefully sin. You will not rebelliously sin. You will repent when you realize you have sinned. And He says this is how they are going to know I am who I am. They do not have permission to superimpose their will over Mine. I've already said what this land is for. I've already said what this holy mountain is for. They can't come behind Me and make themselves the gods of this land and this mountain, and they'll figure it out when I make the land of desolation and a waste because of their abominations which they've committed. You cannot act abominably and maintain residency in the land. Not long term. It will not tolerate it. Neither will He because you are acting contrary to your purpose.

Since holiness resides in the Holy One no matter where He is, the Temple Mount does not affect His holiness, but Israel's. The Temple is a House for His Presence to dwell with Israel, yet, by their sin, the Presence departs.

“In order for the Temple to be truly sacred, it must be made worthy of God's Presence by the fitness of Israel. The Presence of the First is contingent upon the worthiness of the second.” (*The Book of Ezekiel*, Scherman & Zlotowitz, Eds., Mesorah Pub. p. 159)

The jealousy factors in because the abomination, which is representative of widespread abominations, drives away the Holy One from their Sanctuary of intimacy.

And so I collected some thoughts from the book of Ezekiel. One of these, it says, Since holiness resides in the Holy One, no matter where He is, the Temple Mount does not affect His holiness, but Israel's. The Temple is a house for His presence to dwell with Israel. Yet by their sin, the Presence departs. So no matter what you do to the Temple Mount, it does not affect His holiness. He can simply withdraw, which He has at this point. Is His Presence hovering right above? It is. His eyes are continually over it. He says they are.

And yet we have no idea what the world would be like if His Presence were to descend upon the Temple Mount like it did during the time of the first Temple and portions of the second Temple. No idea. It is thought that the things that went on in the Temple Mount actually did affect the entire earth. And they say if the nations had known what they would do to themselves by destroying the Temple, they would have never destroyed it. So we have not even touched, imagined what our world would be like with His Presence restored to the Temple Mount. Just the residue is enough to drive you to your knees at times. It'll make you weep. You know that there is something hovering above. Imagine if He descended.

This other thought says, In order for the Temple to be truly sacred, it must be made worthy of God's presence by the fitness of Israel. You can see where the writers of the New Testament picked up on this that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and what's going on inside of us is what prepares the Temple

itself. It says, the Presence of the first is contingent upon the worthiness of the second. And so if we are walking in abominable ways, then His Presence will not descend, we will not experience the truly sacred. But as we become fit vessels, fit little sanctuaries, then it draws down His Presence. So he asks, Why is this also called the abomination that causes jealousy? This is because this image or and it doesn't have to be, we are about to find out. It does not have to be a carved image. It could be something else. It could simply be something in the seat where that abomination has sat. When there is an abomination, it is not a one-off. Remember this single idol represents widespread rebellion, widespread sin, widespread sexual immorality, widespread bloodshed. And so by the time the abomination lands in the holy place, it is already eaten up the land. It is already pervasive.

The jealousy factors in because it is as if an adulterous woman's lover has moved into the house and the true Bridegroom is no longer permitted. His name is no longer there and He has to withdraw. And you can see how a bridegroom might become jealous in such a case. That is why it is the abomination that causes jealousy. And the question there is, how dare we squander our resources on idols instead of the One who created us?



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Our resources are for the Holy One, not to erect things that represent our own will, but instead to obey His will. That is how we should spend our resources to build His kingdom, to build up His house.

“II Kings 21:7 stresses that Menashe placed his idol in the House concerning which HASHEM had said...‘I will place **My** Name there forever.’ Now, in the Temple there could be no room for two masters. Thus Menashe must have intended to drive God from His Sanctuary.”

This is in addition to the “four-faced” aspect of the image, which was designed to force worshipers to look at it no matter which direction they faced. (ibid, p. 157)

Hold this review from Ezek 33:25 “Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “**You eat meat with the blood in it, lift up your eyes to your idols** as you shed blood. Should **you** then possess the land? **You rely on your sword, you commit abominations** and each of you **defiles his neighbor’s wife. Should you then possess the land?**””

Here's some more notes, same source. 2 Kings 21:7 *stresses that Menashe* or it'd be Manasseh in your English translations. *Menashe placed his idol in the house concerning which Hashem had said, I will place My name there forever. Now in the Temple there could be no room for two masters. Thus, Menashe must have intended to drive God from his sanctuary.* So this is profound. When we erect an abomination in a place that belongs to YHVH, and in this case it is the Temple Mount, it is Jerusalem...the place where He said ‘I will place my Name there forever’...if a king comes along and places an idol in Jerusalem in the Temple, he has now decided to serve two masters. You can't serve this one and this One. You must serve this one or that One. When you put two side by side, when you set an abominable image on the holy mountain, it drove God away. You say humans have that much control? We do. He cannot be present with sin. His Presence will withdraw. Doesn't mean He won't be back. Doesn't mean there isn't a plan to restore His Presence to the mountain, to restore the plan of being a house of prayer for all nations.

Still from the same source, a little detail about the image that Menashe erected. It says, ‘This is in addition to the four-faced aspect of the image, which was designed to force worshippers to look at it no matter which direction they faced.’ In other words, you could walk around and around and around and you would still be facing the image. It forces you to look at the imposter rather than experience the Presence of the true Bridegroom, of the true Master.

Now I want you to just visualize the Temple Mount today, from any direction that you might be standing in Jerusalem or the mountains around Jerusalem, is there something erected on that Temple Mount that forces you to look at it? North, south, east, west. Stand anywhere around Jerusalem. Are you looking at the same thing?

So, let's review this too. This little section from Ezekiel 33. *Therefore, say to them, thus says the Lord, you eat meat with blood in it. Lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood. Should you then possess the land? You rely on your sword. You commit abominations. And each of you defiles his neighbour's wife. Should you then possess the land?* When we desire to possess the land, part of the agreement is we will not eat meat with blood in it. We will not lift up our eyes to idols while we shed blood. We will not rely on our sword. We will not commit abominations. We will not commit sexual immorality. Those are the conditions. Otherwise, we have created a place with two masters.

“He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy, was located.”
(Ezek 8:3)

Ezekiel didn't actually see the idol...it had been removed in the reign of Josiah (2 Ki 23:6)...but he saw the “seat,” or where it had been sitting.

In a sense, **Israel is Adonai's Sanctuary.** “the Temple is only the conduit through which God dwells among them. If seventy men, each in his private room (v. 12) are engaged in hideous fetishism, then this desecration truly takes place in **God's Sanctuary-His people.** In exactly the same way as a person who offers his son to the fire-belching Molech ‘defiles My sanctuary’ even though the service was not performed in the Temple confines.” (ibid, p. 160)

So, let's back up a little bit to Ezekiel 8:3. And I want you to compare this vision, holding in your mind the passage we just read and then we are going to compare it to something else. Ezekiel 8:3, it says, *He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head, and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem to the entrance*

of the north gate of the inner court. North in Hebrew means hidden. *Where the seat of the idol of jealousy which provokes to jealousy was located.* Okay, read it carefully. He didn't actually see the idol. We find out it was removed during the reign of Josiah. 2 Kings 23:6. But what Ezekiel saw was the **seat**. He saw where it had been sitting. So the idol doesn't have to be there, literally be there. There merely needs to be the **seat** where the idol sat. And remember, it is connected to those particular things I said to hold in your mind. Hold that file. Don't eat things with blood in it. Don't shed blood. Don't eat abominable things. That list. Because in a sense Israel is Adonai's sanctuary. The Temple is only the conduit through which God dwells among them.

Now, if we slide down to verse 12 in Ezekiel, it describes 70 men. And the commentary says, **If 70 men, each in his private room, are engaged in hideous fetishism, then this desecration truly takes place in God's sanctuary, His people.** Ezekiel sees this connected with Israel that there are Israelites, 70 of them, which would refer to almost the Sanhedrin. Remember the Sanhedrin is 71, but 70 is the number of the nations. And so he sees 70 men secretly; it is a private room, engaging in abominations, engaging in idolatry. But he says, the commentator says, this is taking place in God's sanctuary because these are supposed to be His people. It says, **In exactly the same way as a person who offers his son to the fire-belching Molech defiles My sanctuary even though the service was not performed in the Temple confines.** In other words, people who passed their children through the fire. That is what Molech was. They intentionally sacrificed their children to the fire. They intentionally killed them, their children. They are desecrating God's sanctuary.

When you listen to fanatical people who bring up their children to hate Israel, to hate the Jews, who will intentionally put their children in harm's way, intentionally put weapons in the hands of children, intentionally send out their children with suicide vests, intentionally send them to protect a bridge or a building, intentionally march them in front of the adult soldiers, intentionally send them across a minefield... When you intentionally offer your children to Molech, you are defiling His sanctuary because this is not what you were created to do. And you don't have to do it on the Temple Mount even though there is a reminder on the Temple Mount that this is why you do it. You are not endearing yourself to the Holy One of Israel. You were defiling His sanctuary. You're in open rebellion because it never once crossed His mind to require a child sacrifice.

"Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, **a hole in the wall**. 8 He said to me, "Son of man, now dig through the wall." **So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance [petach echad, a single entrance]**. 9 And He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here." 10 So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of **creeping things and beasts and detestable things**, with all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around. **11 Standing in front of them were seventy elders of the house of Israel**, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them, each man with his censer in his hand and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising. 12 Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, '**The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.**'" (Ezek 8:7-12)



So, let's look at a little bit more context here. Ezekiel 8:7 - 12. Because remember, Ezekiel sees 70 men doing these abominable things, that says, *Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold a **hole in the wall**, and He said to me, son of man, now dig through the wall. So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance, a single entrance, petach echad in Hebrew,.* And so it is like a portal. *And He said to me, Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here. So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of **creeping things, and beasts, and detestable things**, with all the idols of the house of Israel were carved on the wall all around. **Standing in front of them were 70 elders of the house of Israel.** These 70, even though 70 represents the nations, they are identified with Israel. And remember in the Sanhedrin, it was 71. 70 of those elders of the Sanhedrin represented the 70 nations. And then the one represented Israel. So, **standing in front of these creepy things, abominable things, detestable things, idols were 70 elders of the house of Israel with Jaazaniah, the son of Shaphan, standing among them. Each man with his sensor in his hand and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising.** They are actually praying. *Then He said to me, Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark? Each man in the room of his carved images, for they say, **The Lord does not see us. The Lord has forsaken the land.*** I doubt if that is true.*

Has He forsaken the Land? He has at times. The problem is the desolation of the Land is the evidence that He has forsaken it. When the land begins to

become fruitful, now you have a problem. Now you are going to have a problem saying, 'He doesn't see us. He has forsaken the land.' Now you are seeing something has begun a different process. And so the abominations that these elders of the house of Israel are doing in Ezekiel. Ezekiel is seeing through a hole in the wall. He's seeing into the future. He's a prophet. And He says, 'Go in and see the wicked abominations they are committing.' Okay. In the time of the Israelite kings, yes, this is happening, the kings of Judah. Yes, this is happening. But Ezekiel sees farther to a time where creepy things and beasts and detestable things will be associated with 70, 70, the number of the nations. And they are going to think that Adonai doesn't mind. He has forsaken the land. He has forsaken the people of the land. He has forsaken Israel. He has forsaken Judah. So, He doesn't mind us doing this. It is a strange prophecy because it is so interwoven in time.

The single door suggests a secret entrance, perhaps a realm invisible to the naked eye. Ezekiel saw only the "seat" of an idol that had been removed, which implies Ezekiel was seeing abominable things beyond his lifetime. The room in the wall was concealed, yet it held 70 elders.

The 70 elders of the Sanhedrin represented the seventy nations, and only the 71st member represented Israel.

The elders of Israel, perhaps signaling a time when Israel would be exiled among the nations, demonstrated that "believers" would set up sins inside themselves as little sanctuaries that would provoke jealousy of the Holy One who sanctified the relationship. They would practice abominations with mice and other abominable creatures and idols to defile themselves within the walls of their own houses. **What is a mouse?**

So this single door suggests a secret entrance maybe invisible to the naked eye. Ezekiel is seeing only a **seat** of an idol that has been removed, which again would hint that Ezekiel is seeing abominable things beyond his lifetime. Now the room in this wall is concealed. It has yet to be seen by everyone else, yet it holds 70 elders. And we know that the 70 of the Sanhedrin represented the nations. The first represented Israel. So the elders of Israel and this is perhaps signaling a time when Israel would be exiled among the nations because

remember they said, Oh, the land's desolate. Israel is still out in the diaspora. The land itself is still desolate. Well, if we say that today, there is a problem because it is not. It is blooming like I can't even describe to you. There is so much in the way of fruitfulness of all kinds, not just physical fruit, but just intellectual fruit, cures, technologies, and so forth. And so this is thought to signal a time when Israel would be exiled among the nations, demonstrating that remember, we are the little sanctuaries, and that believers would set up sins inside of themselves as little sanctuaries. And because we set up these abominable things inside of ourselves, that they also would provoke Him to jealousy the same way as if we set up an image on the Temple Mount.

When we come to the Holy One of Israel and we make covenant with Him, this is a sanctified relationship. And yet, even out in the exile, these 70 would practice abominations with mice and other abominable creatures and idols, and they would defile themselves within the walls of their own houses. I mean, they would eat mice. What is a mouse might be the question. Exactly what is a mouse?

“Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here.” So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of **creeping things and beasts and detestable things...”**

Do we have another context for creeping things?

On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, **he fell into a trance; and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.** A voice came to him, “Get up, Peter, kill and eat!” But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything **unholy and unclean.**” Again a voice came to him a second time, “What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.” **This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.** **Ac 10:9-16**

So before we really answer who the mouse is, let's compare what we just read about seeing the 70 nations, the Gentiles, was another way of saying it, the Gentiles among the nations, seeing them committing abominable things and yet believing they are in the house of God, believing they are in a holy place. But

of course, He's left his people desolate. He's left His land desolate. He won't mind us doing this here. And yet they are defiling themselves.

And that is what Ezekiel's told: *Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here. Every form of creeping things and beasts and detestable things.* So, do we as believers have another context for creeping things? We do. Acts 10:9 - 16. *On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. But he became hungry and was desiring to eat. But while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance and he saw the sky opened up and an object like a great sheet coming down lowered by four corners to the ground. Four corners. Remember the four-faced image? And there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. A voice came to him, Get up, Peter. Kill and eat. But Peter said, By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean. Again, a voice came to him a second time. What God has cleansed, no longer considered unholy. This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.* So we have a four cornered sheet full of abominable things. Now I'm sure also within the sheet of abominable things were also some clean animals as well. Peter should have been able to find a clean animal in there. But he uses a phrase that helps us understand at least in the first century why he wouldn't have. He says, I've never eaten anything unholy and unclean. Some translations will say common because there were kind of two statuses. There was that which was unclean like literally unclean to eat biblically. It is not considered food. But there are all the things that have come into contact with Gentiles who ate things with blood in it and things that have been offered to idols and so forth. The animal had been strangled, and so Jews of that day were forbidden to eat in a Gentile's house just in case the slaughter process was not kosher according to Scripture. So it was an extra fence but it prevented them from breaking down the actual Torah commandment.

This was going to have to change when the Gentiles began to come into the fold. And well, we'll do that when we get there. But remember, it happened three times. One Temple was destroyed. The second Temple was still standing, but the Gentiles were about to be prepared for the third Temple which was to come. Now later, Peter explains this. He realizes that the question has more to do with the people he's about to go visit than actually eating what was in the sheet. He knows he's not going to eat from the abominable things in the sheet. That would not be a vision of God. But there were things in the sheet he could eat. Cattle, goats, sheep, pigeons, doves, you can eat those. Those are kosher. Grasshoppers if you wish. You can eat a grasshopper. You can eat a locust. But he says, No, they've been *touching* the unclean things. So, I

wouldn't even want to eat these kosher things because they've been touching the abominable things. And then he has to be corrected at this point.

And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a **foreigner** or to visit him; and yet **God has shown me that I should not call any *man* unholy or unclean.** (Ac 10:28)

"But a voice from heaven answered a second time, 'What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.' **This happened three times,** and everything was drawn back up into the sky. And behold, at that moment **three men** appeared at the house in which we were staying, having been sent to me from Caesarea." (Ac 11:9-11)

What makes a man a creep? A mouse?

Idols. The Beast. Man's will above Adonai's. A hundred gold domes cannot make a death cult holy and clean, nor can a million halal markets. The [70] nations who approve share in their idolatry.

So in Acts 10:28 when he's explaining what he saw, it says, *He said to them, You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him. And yet God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean.* So there were both clean and unclean animals in the sheet. And yet Peter rejected them all, because the kosher animals had come into contact with the abominations. And so that was the second category he's talking about. I shouldn't call a *person* unholy or unclean. There is this extra fence that says I can't even associate with a foreigner. And he's saying what this vision tells me is yes, I can associate with a foreigner, even though it does mean, you know, this person walks among unclean people. If this foreigner is attaching himself to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, then I can't call him common or unclean. It is actually okay.

So, it is not really about the things in the sheet. It is about the people Peter is about to encounter. They represent people. The things in the sheet represent people. So when Ezekiel sees abominable things, what is he associating? What is Peter associating abominable things with? People, unbelieving Gentiles, idol-worshipping Gentiles, blood-eating Gentiles. And then just so we'll figure it out, he's going to give third time a clarification. We had the first verse

where he has the vision. Then we have Acts 10:28. Now we go to Acts 11:9 - 11 as Peter's explaining this **three** times. Now the sheet comes down three times, and we get three explanations in the book of Acts plus I believe we were talking today there is also in the is it 1 Corinthians I think. But this one in Acts 11 says *But a voice from heaven answered a second time what God is cleansed no longer considered unholy. This happened three times and everything was drawn back up into the sky. And behold, at that moment, remember Ezekiel saw the secret place in the hole. It says, Behold, at that moment, three men appeared at the house in which we were staying, having been sent to me from Caesarea.* And so he's associating this vision with his relationship to people. And these three men were seeking him to come to Cornelius's house to convert Cornelius and his household. And what were they doing? That second Temple that was standing would be destroyed. They were preparing Cornelius and his household for the third Temple.

So what does make a man creepy? What does make a man a mouse? What makes a man an abomination? Idols, the beast, placing man's will above Adonai's. Adonai's Word says this, If you don't want to be any longer considered common and unclean, unholy, and you come to salvation through Messiah Yeshua, that means that you accept His will. Yeshua is His Word, and His Word is His will, and His Word has instructions for our behavior. We are not permitted to take our will, plaster it over His, and call it His any more than they were permitted to say, 'This is the God that brought you up out of Egypt so call the golden calf YHVH.' Any more than they were permitted to say, 'This is a feast unto YHVH,' when it was not a day He commanded.

Placing man's will above Adonai is beastly. It is the mark of the beast. It is idols. We are putting our face over His. And when we think of that four-faced idol that forces you to look at it, no matter which direction you are coming from, I don't care if there are a hundred gold domes up there, it is not going to make a death cult holy and clean. And you can build a million halal markets. It won't make them kosher. And there are 70 symbolic nations in the earth. Those nations who approve of and share in their idolatry will share in the consequences.

So what is required of the non-Jewish nations joining themselves to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
To desist from the sins that cause the abomination of desolation...no matter where your little sanctuary resides:

“...but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood.” Ac 15:20

“...that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell.” (Act 15:29)

“But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.” (Act 21:25)

So what is required of the non-Jewish nations joining themselves to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? To desist from the sins that caused the abomination of desolation. No matter where your little sanctuary happens to be, you still have to desist from the sins. Because Ezekiel's vision is about an exile, a time of the diaspora when believers would be out there among the nations, and they would think that God didn't see them doing their abominations, that it doesn't matter. Well, we know it matters because the Jerusalem Council took the exact language of Ezekiel and demanded that the Gentiles conform to this:

Acts 15:20, We write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. What is strangled there? If you look that up in the Greek, it means something that is not rabbinically slaughtered. If you look it up in the Bible dictionary, it is something that is not rabbinically slaughtered. Acts 15:29, Abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication. If you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell. Acts 21:25. But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, Having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, and from bloods, and from what is strangled, and from fornication.

You see, these are the four main things that Ezekiel named that were the abominations of that future time. We want to look for this horrible antichrist who's going to set up an abomination that causes desolation and is going to

cause the tribulation, all these horrible things to happen. They are already happening, and they have been happening since the Gentiles and Israelites departed from these instructions.

Three times Peter had a vision like Ezekiel. The result was a welcome to the Gentile believers. Three times the instructions were written. There are/will be three Temples.

Ezek 33:25: "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "**You eat meat with the blood in it, lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood.** Should **you** then possess the land? **You rely on your sword,** you **commit abominations** and each of you **defiles his neighbor's wife.** Should **you** then possess the land?"

- There was a path of inclusion for the nations in the Third Temple. King Solomon even prayed for them. (1 Ki 8)
- There was a path of inclusion for the nations in the Second Temple.
- There is a path of inclusion for the coming Third Temple.

Each path required and requires a submission to the will of the Father in Heaven. Not one of them permits an idol of abominations, for they cause desolation and the jealousy of Adonai.

Three times Peter has a vision like Ezekiel. The result at that time was a welcome to Gentile believers. Three times they were written the instructions and there will be three Temples. So remember the question that Ezekiel asks in 33:25. *Thus says the Lord God, you eat meat with blood in it. Lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood. Should you then possess the land, you rely on your sword. You commit abominations and each of you defiles his neighbour's wife. Should you then possess the land?* Is the land for you? There was a path of inclusion for the nations in the third Temple. But what is most important is we can go back to the first Temple because king Solomon prayed from the dedication of the first Temple, he prayed for the nations in 1 Kings chapter 8. There was also a path of inclusion for the nations in the second Temple. And there is still a path of inclusion for the Third Temple. But each of those paths required and still requires submission to the will of the Father in heaven. There is not one of those paths that permits an idol of abominations because they cause the desolation and the jealousy of Adonai. We can't set up two masters in our little sanctuaries. We don't invent our own rules. We submit to His.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth?...

Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country **for Your name's sake** (for they will hear of **Your great name** and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, **that all peoples of the earth may know Your name** and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and **that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name...**” (1 Ki 8:27; 41-43)

An idol does not glorify the Name of YHVH, but sits in His place, making Him jealous and obstructing His fellowship with mankind, which requires holy obedience.

Here's what Solomon said. *Will God indeed dwell on earth? Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people, Israel, but has come from a far country, for Your name's sake. Watch how many times it talks about His Name. For Your Name's sake. For they will hear of Your great Name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm when he comes and prays toward this Temple here in heaven Your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel and that they may know that this Temple which I have built is called by Your name.* So anything that brings glory to His Name will involve obedience, even the foreigner, from the First Temple to the Third. Obedience is for His name's sake, *so that all the peoples of the earth may know the Name.* An idol does not glorify the name of YHVH. It just sits in His place. It just makes Him jealous and it obstructs His fellowship with mankind, which does require holy obedience.

Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD speak, saying, "The LORD has utterly separated me from His people"; nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree." 4 For thus says the LORD:

"To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, 5 even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

"Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant—7 even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; **for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."** (Is 28:1-7)



This is Isaiah 28 1 - 7. *Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD speaking, the LORD has utterly separated me from His people. Nor let the eunuch say here I am a dry tree. For thus says the LORD, to the eunuchs who keep My Sabbath, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, His Torah, even to them I will give in My house, and within My walls, My walls. Remember where he saw the mice and abominable things, in the wall. Well, you know what? His wall is not going to be filled with abominable things. Within His walls, a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. You honor His name, He gives you a name. Also, the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD to serve Him and to love the Name of the LORD, to be His servants. Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath and holds fast My covenant, even them I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar. For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.*

His house is not a house of prayer for mice and snakes and lizards and possums. Those people aren't welcome. It is His holy mountain, and we have to love His Name and be His servants. We have to keep His Sabbath, not make up our own. That is an abominable thing creeping in the wall. It is not going to endure. It is a desolation. He will not dwell with that.

The Jerusalem Council followed their four beginning instructions for Gentiles with this foundation for even learning the four: "For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath." (Ac 15:21)

Peter's vision linked directly to Ezekiel's. Peter saw an opportunity to build inclusion in the Third Temple. Ezekiel saw a time when the nations trampled the invitation to keep Shabbat holy and learn to obey the holy Name.

A person may include a kosher-type slaughter, yet if he uses violence and bloodshed to force nations to submit to his human will instead of Adonai's, he is an idolator. He has substituted his own face whether he set an image or not, for he sits in the seat of the abomination.

And the Jerusalem Council when they gave those four beginning instructions for Gentiles and they used Ezekiel as the foundation, they went to the Shabbat to help them understand the connection Isaiah was making to how we need to learn these four instructions because these four will lead to 10. Those 10 will eventually lead to 613. So in Acts 15:21 it says, *For Moses from ancient generations has in every city, every city, even in the exile, those who preach Him since He is read in the synagogues every Sabbath.* That was the link for the Jerusalem Council when they gave those four instructions. You need to go to the synagogue because Moses from ancient times has been read. You want to understand how not to be an abominable mouse in the wall, usurping the seat of the Most High, setting up things in your life that cause him jealousy. Go to the synagogue and learn Torah, because Peter's vision was linked directly to Ezekiel's. And Peter saw an opportunity to build inclusion in the Third Temple just like Solomon was seeing it with the First.

Ezekiel saw a time when the nations trampled the invitation to keep Shabbat holy and to learn to obey the Holy Name. So a person could include a kosher type slaughter and yet, if the meaning of his existence is to be violent and to shed blood and to force other nations to submit to his human will instead of Adonai's, he is an idolator. He substituted his own face whether he set in image or not because he is sitting in the seat of the abomination.

The present abominations on the Temple Mount are abominations because of their insolence *like* the carved images. They mutely sit in the beast's authoritative "seat" of the abominations that caused desolation. It forces worshippers to look at it no matter how they approach the Temple Mount.

The image doesn't need to be there, only a stone for prostration.

In Daniel, we can understand the Islamic structures to likewise be abominations...

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And so those present abominations on the Temple Mount are abominations because of their insolence like the carved images. They mutely sit there in the beast's authoritative seat. Sitting where the abominations that caused desolation sat before. Same agenda. And they force worshippers to look at it no matter how they approach the Temple Mount. You don't have to have an image there. You only have to have a stone for prostration. Those structures on the Temple Mount today are abominations because that is not what the Word instructs us to place there. Nor is it what we are instructed to place in our hearts, in these little sanctuaries in the place of our exile.

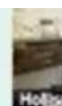
Forty two months of the bear is a test of abominations in Israel, both in the Land and among the nations.

Outwardly, the “elders” of Israel seemed pious.

Inwardly, they were full of rebellion.

They never fully repented of their sins.

Outwardly, the mullahs are religious; inwardly, they and their families corrupt. Their “21 Kings” oil wealth finances their families’ Western education, lavish apartments, and decadent sexual practices. This “mousehole” is already exposed. Coincidence that Mojtaba is nicknamed “Moosh” [Moosh-tabā] in Farsi? It means “mouse.” The abominations use the sword of the IRGC to submit others, to sit in the seat of the idol.



So this 42 months of the bear, it is a test. Yes. It is a test of abominations. Do you have mouse holes? And it is a test both for Israel in the land and among the nations. But it is also a test of the nations because of those 70 elders. Outwardly, these elders of Israel seemed pious. But inwardly they were full of rebellion. They never fully repented of their sins.

What do we know about the abomination that is up there right now? Outwardly the mullahs are religious. Inwardly they and their families are corrupt. They are just now starting to deport them. They are living the high life in places like Beverly Hills, Europe. They have used these 21 kings of oil wealth, those finances to provide a very lavish western education, lavish apartments, properties to their families who are out in the western nations living lavishly and practicing decadent sexual practices. The religion that they are imposing in the countries they control is not what they impose on their own families. It is full of mouse holes. And in fact, this war has exposed the mouse holes. Not that some of us didn't already know about it because we were interested. Most of the world is not interested that there is such hypocrisy in the religious system. But the mouse hole is exposed.

I don't even know if it is a coincidence that this mullah, we don't even know if he's alive or if he's just brutally maimed, how many legs he has, how burned up he is. But his name is Mojtaba. Well, his nickname with Iranians is Moosh Tabā, which means mouse. And these abominations set up on the Temple Mount, it

is iconic of the sword the IRGC uses to submit others, to sit in the seat of the idol. They have become the idol. They are specifically doing the four things the Gentiles were told not to do. They are full of abominations.



So the iron and clay feet of the bear, it is vulnerable. It is very vulnerable.

And yet...Messiah is near, even at the door,
destroying the bear from head to clay foot:

“Dear Hollisa, I have been listening to your Iran videos and how 42 relates to regime change. Somewhere this week I decided to listen to Matthew, and it starts with the genealogy of Jesus. It was 14x3 generations from Adam to Jesus. And it struck me, its 42. 🕊️ Thank you for your teachings, I have learned so much about God's Word. Shalom from South-Africa. Retha”

And I wanted to close up with this email I got from a listener in South Africa, which I think was an excellent way of reminding us Messiah is near. He's even at the door. And He's already destroying the bear from its golden head to its clay feet. Messiah is coming. And so this email says, Dear Hollisa, I've been listening to your Iran videos and how 42 relates to regime change. Somewhere this week, I decided to listen to Matthew and it starts with the genealogy of Yeshua. It was 14 times three generations from Adam to Yeshua and it struck me. It is 42. Thank you for your teachings. I've learned so much about God's word. Shalom from South Africa. Now, this is the truth. Messiah is coming. And He's coming for those who are willing to obey Him, not to pose as Him, not to sit in His seat, but by obedience to proclaim His name and be a light to the nations.

But I think but right now the message we can take away from the shaking that is going on and the regime change that seems to be in process that Daniel prophesied is, no matter where we are, we need to maintain our little sanctuaries. We need to be careful about abominable things. Like Solomon and Isaiah spoke of, we have a place. He'll give us a name if we'll make His Name great. And we make His name great by obeying Him, not by inventing new rules and procedures. His Word is not difficult. Why would we want to rewrite it?

But please remain prayerful, especially for the people of Iran as at this point they are going to suffer desperately with the economic hardships that go with

breaking this regime. Because remember the IRGC don't mind if they pass their children through the fire. To them it is glory. They are that twisted. They are that abominable. They are that detestable. They are rodents in the sheet, but there are clean things in the sheet, too. There are things Adonai Himself has sanctified. There are people He has sanctified. And we are not to call them common or unclean. We are to welcome them into His sanctuary, which is us at this point. So that is our job until His place again becomes a house of prayer for all nations; we should be that house of prayer for all nations ourselves. So please keep your brothers and sisters all over the world, especially Christians and Jews right now who are struggling under this sword and this bloodshed, under this forced submission. Please keep them in prayer.