

Notice the comparison between Israel and the rejected first wife:

"This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." (Malachi 2:13-16)

So let's look at Malachi 2:13. It says, *Because the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant, but not one has done so who has a remnant of the spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. For I hate divorce, says the Lord, the God of Israel, and him who covers his garment with wrong, says the Lord of hosts. So take heed to your spirit that you do not deal treacherously.* What this is telling us is that the wife of the youth as the years go by, well, it takes a toll. As she is having children, having offspring, working hard to build the home of her husband, she may not be as pretty as she once was. And so, what does the husband do? He turns and he seeks Tzillah. Malachi is pointing out the problem with that. You got a spiritual problem, dude. He says, *Take heed to your spirit twice here.* And then he says, *You couldn't do this if you had a remnant of the spirit left in you.* So if there's something compelling you to deal treacherously with this companion of your youth, she is there to build you as a wise woman builds her house. She is full of the Holy Spirit. This is what this Proverbs 31 is all about. She is there to build you a godly household. And you say, "No, I want a sensual one." I want one that'll do exactly what I want that is still pretty.

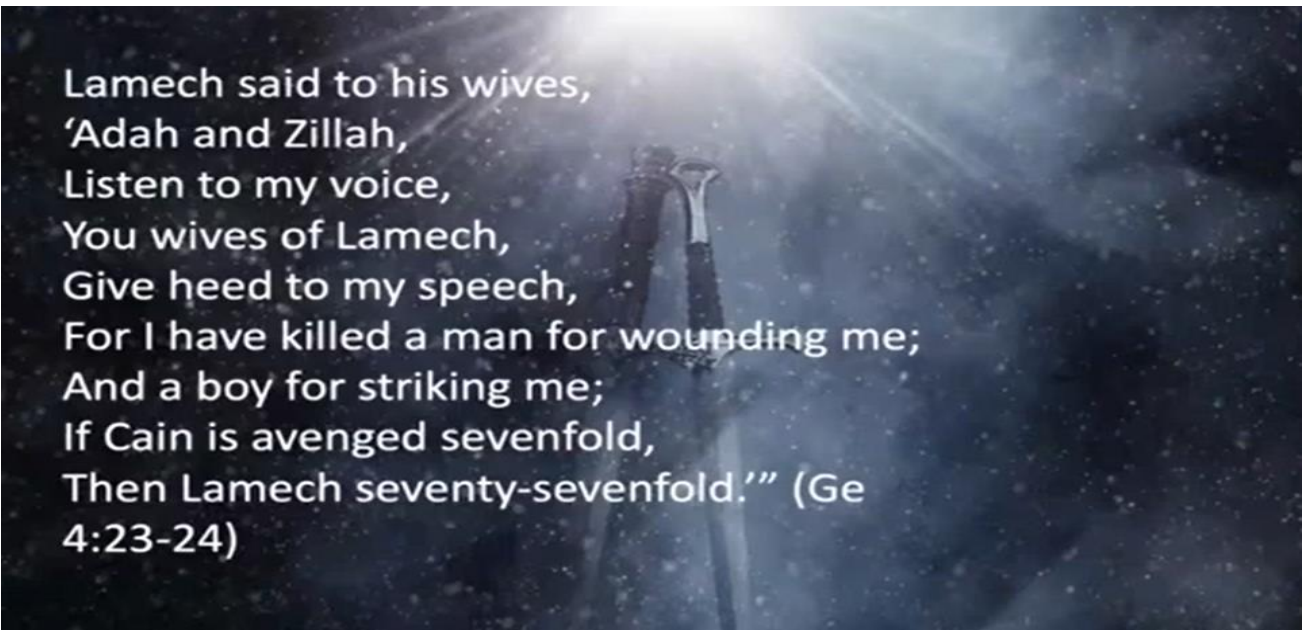
And the Flood Generation context:

"For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth. For the LORD has called you, **like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected,** "Says your God. "For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In an outburst of anger, I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer. **"For this is like the days of Noah to Me,** when I swore that the waters of Noah would not flood the earth again..." (Is 54:5-9)

Notice the violent boasting of *Lamech as more vengeful than Elohim:
*"powerful"; inversion of *melekh*, king

So Isaiah 54:5 - 9 it says, *For your husband is your maker, whose name is the Lord of hosts, and your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, who is called the God of all the earth. For the LORD has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected, says your God.* Which we know he is talking to Israel at this point. He says, *For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you, says the LORD, your redeemer. For this is like the days of Noah to Me, when I swore that the waters of Noah would not flood the earth again.* That is our key. "This is like the days of Noah to Me." Right now, we are going to read some things hopefully that will clarify this in terms of the days of Noah and Lamech taking wives to himself. The connotation of it being that he took them. They did not consent to go. He took them. He wanted them, and he took them. Nothing about what *they* wanted, but about what *he* wanted.

One is like a type of the woman when she is rejected. This is not what she wants. But at some point, the sensual one, the one that he has decided to keep in his shadow for his pleasure, at some point it is easier for her to buy into the program than to resist. And this is where you get mothers like Sisera's mother. I will enable him, and therefore, he will treat me better. But notice in fact Lamech it is thought to mean "powerful" not a word used a lot, but if you'll notice it is also an inversion in Hebrew of *melekh* for king. Lamech is definitely feeling entitled. But watch what goes along with this because we know that the days of Noah were characterized by something called *hamas*. *Hamas* in Hebrew is violence. The days of Noah were characterized by violence, by the sons of God taking women like Lamech did.



Lamech said to his wives,
'Adah and Zillah,
Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give heed to my speech,
For I have killed a man for wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;
If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.'" (Ge
4:23-24)

So here's the song of Lamech in Genesis 4:23 - 24. *Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice, you wives of Lamech. Wouldn't he love to be addressed like that? Give heed to my speech, for I have killed a man for wounding me and a boy for striking me. If Cain is avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy sevenfold.* Do you hear the arrogance in this? He had a dust-up with a man and a boy. Maybe a man and his son. There's actually a midrash behind this that is very interesting, but we are not going to chase that.

What you'll notice is how Lamech has made his own entitlement to vengeance as seventy-seven fold, whereas Adonai was only sevenfold against Cain. If somebody touches Cain, I'll avenge sevenfold. But Lamech comes along, takes two wives, and says, You mess with me, and I'll avenge myself seventy-seven fold. I'm entitled to more than God. Some people think they are more compassionate than God. Well, some people think they are entitled to be more vengeful than God and boast about it. I mean, Lamech is made up a whole song about what he is entitled to. You mess with me, I'll kill you.

Judaism perceives the first mention of two wives a dangerous precedent and a warning. Sages point out that even though Jacob was tricked and pressured into accepting multiple wives, the practice is condemned in the Torah. The “breeder” craved affection and the “beauty” craved children. The evidence of the rivalry is written in the history of Israel:

You shall not marry a woman in addition to her sister as a rival while she is alive, to uncover her nakedness. (Le 18:18)

“Then at last the jealousy between Israel and Judah will end. They will not be rivals anymore.” (Is 11:13) In other words, they will be one, Adah, the ornamented Bride AND Tzillah, in the image of the Most High.

So, Judaism perceives this first mention in the song of Lamech as a very dangerous precedent and a warning. They point out that even though Jacob was tricked and pressured into accepting multiple wives, and even Abraham ended up with Hagar as a concubine, that the Torah in its full context condemns it. Because what you end up with is basically a breeder who craves the affection of her husband. And then you've got the beauty who in the end will crave children if she is a normal woman. It creates a rivalry. That is the problem with polygamy. It creates a rivalry. And so Leviticus 18:18 has the key word in there.

It says, *You shall not marry a woman in addition to her sister as a rival while she is alive to uncover her nakedness.* You cannot introduce a rivalry into a marriage. Remember what Yeshua said, What God has joined together, let no man separate. If you introduce another, you create a rivalry. Isaiah 11:13 says, Then at last, the jealousy between Israel and Judah will end. They will not be rivals anymore. It is a problem. So in other words, it shouldn't have been two wives. It should have been one wife who had the attribute of Adah, the ornamented bride. And Tzillah who is not in the image of Lamech, she is in the image of the Most High, which is what the beginning verses in Genesis. She is made in the image of Elohim together with him. There's a unity. She is everything he needs and she should be everything that he desires.

Two wives do more than break the perfection of Creation. It creates RIVALS. Like so many other things in Scripture, just because some did it, it doesn't mean we should do it!



The first wife, companion of one's youth, symbolizes the Holy Spirit working in a man's life and family. The beauty of the Spirit does fade with age:

Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your intimate friend... (Pr 7:4)

Silencing one's Godly wife or "adding another" (definition of *adulterate) is to reject the wisdom of Adonai.

*adulterated; adulterating-transitive verb: to corrupt, debase, or make impure by the addition of a foreign or inferior substance or element, especially to prepare for sale by replacing more valuable with less valuable or inert ingredients.

Two wives do more than just break the perfection of creation. It creates rivals. What happened when a snake slithered into a Garden? Created a rivalry. And like I said, there's so many things in Scripture, just because somebody in the Bible did it, doesn't mean the Bible's telling us to do it. This first wife, this companion of youth, symbolizes the Holy Spirit working in a man's life and family. Remember the message to Ephesus in Revelation. Return to your first love. Return to that relationship because the beauty of the spirit is not going to fade with age. The spirit is ageless.

Proverbs 7:4 says, *Say to wisdom*, which is the first of the seven spirits of Adonai. And in fact, it is associated with those seven assemblies of Revelation. Each of those represents one of the seven spirits of Adonai. Ephesus represents wisdom. *You are my sister. Call understanding your intimate friends*. When you have that good relationship with the wife of your youth, then the work of the Holy Spirit in your household is going to establish your house. She is your sister. She is your friend. She has both of these roles for you. She is close to you. She is one with you just like a brother. It doesn't mean like marrying your sister. It means like brothers and sisters share the same DNA. They come from the same parents. They are as close as they can be. There's a unity there. So silencing a godly wife or adding another wife is to reject the wisdom of Adonai. Because adding another, by the way, is the definition of adultery. Adulterate. When you add a new substance, then what happens? You adulterate it. You are losing the perfection.

“Which is the ‘real’ wife from a Torah perspective?

Apparently, the answer is both. The merger of the two images creates the unified picture of the whole woman. To divide the roles is to objectify women based on utility; this is not the ideal to which the Torah ascribes, nor the ideal toward which mankind is meant to strive. A wife, a partner, a helpmate, a soul mate, is both a mother [of children] **and** a lover.” (Rabbi A. Kahn, *Eden: Bereishit*, p. 43)

So, Rabbi Khan asked, Which is the real life from a Torah perspective? Both of them. The merger of the two images shows you this this picture of the whole woman. You don't divide out the roles. I want one to make children for me, and one to make me happy. No, that is not what the Torah is teaching. It is not what we were meant to strive toward. A wife, a partner, a helpmate, a soulmate is both a mother of children and a lover for her husband.

Esau (Edom) was another who took two wives:

When Esau was forty years old he married Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite; and they brought **grief** to Isaac and Rebekah.” (Ge 26:34-35)

Two wives in the same year, perhaps at the same time, without parental permission.

Grief. Esau the Hunter is the iconic “**Red One**” of Scripture, red and hairy all over like a beast. At the mercy of his appetite, emotion, desire, and intellect.

Let's look at another one that took two wives. Edom, who is the beast. Remember, he is born red and hairy all over like a beast. We know that Edom is associated with the beast kingdoms. He is actually associated with Rome. It says in Genesis 26:34 - 35, *When Esau was 40 years old, he married Yehudit, the daughter of Beer, the Hittite, the Hiti, and Basemath, the daughter of Elon, the Hittite.* And the Hittites were great warriors, by the way. It says *they brought grief to Isaac and Rebecca when he was 40 years old, in the same year, perhaps*

at the same time. He doesn't get his parents' permission. It says they brought grief to Isaac and Rebecca. But Esau is the hunter. He is The Red One of Scripture. He is always going to be at the mercy of his appetite, his emotion, his desire, and his intellect. It is what he wants. There's something about this woman, and it gives him what he wants. And clearly he is not looking for a godly wife. He is looking for other attributes.

The children of Lamech are prophecies, just like Abel and Cain, Isaac and Ishmael, Edom and Israel:

Adah gave birth to **Jabal** (river, stream); he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.

His brother's name was **Jubal** (river, stream); he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

As for Zillah, she also gave birth to **Tubal-kain** (acquisition) the forger of all (sharp, cutting) implements of bronze and iron... (Ge 4:20-22)

Rivers give life; sharp instruments wound and take them.

So even the children of Lamech became prophecies. Just like you've got Cain and Abel, you've got Isaac and Ishmael. You've got Edom and Jacob or Israel. It says *Adah gave birth to Jabal*, which means a river or stream. You can hear the same root as Jubilee, freedom. *He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name was Jubal.* Same root which means river or stream. *He was the father of all those who play the lyre and the pipe.* I mean these are friends you want to have. But what happened to Tzillah? She also conceived. Even though he didn't want her to. *She conceived and gave birth to Tubal-kain.* Cain means acquisition. *the forger of all sharp cutting implements of bronze and iron.* You realize our beast kingdoms, the belly and the legs, bronze and iron. What's the difference? Rivers give life. Sharp instruments wound and take life. That is the difference.

Edom's behavior mirrors the pre-Flood behavior, taking whomever he chose:

"...that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were **beautiful**; and **they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.**" (Ge 6:2)

"Whomever THEY chose." Not whom the women chose.

Rebecca chose Isaac. Rachel chose Jacob. Free will is how the Bridegroom wants to be chosen: "But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham **who loved me...**" (Is 41:8)

So, Edom's behavior again, it mirrors this pre-flood behavior, taking whomever you choose without regard to the covenant, without regard to what your parents would say, only what you want. Genesis 6:2 says, *The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.* Not who the wives chose, not who the women chose, whomever *they* chose. We know Rebecca chose Isaac. We know Rachel chose Jacob. Free will is how the Bridegroom wants to be chosen. That is the paradigm, not submission. That is not it. If your religion is all about submission, that is not part of the biblical paradigm.

Isaiah 4:18 says, *But you, Israel, my servant Jacob, whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham, who loved Me.* What did Israel say at Sinai? "We will do and we will hear." We freely participate. We freely choose. When Abraham's servant went to choose a bride for Isaac, what did they do? They pulled Rebecca in and ask, "Do you want to go with this man?" And she said, "I will." Jacob didn't exactly choose Leah. There are problems here, but again, they are written for our instruction. So, Adonai chose Jacob because of this relationship with his grandfather Abraham. It says, "...who loved Me." He loves us. We love Him. It is not a matter of forcing and taking. It is a true relationship. It is a healthy relationship.

Adonai chooses those who love Him. The only requirement for being "chosen" is Him reverence. Not like those who conform themselves to the least cunning beasts of the field.

The "first-born of Satan" was a late reference to a polygamist from the House of Shammai, who defied this understanding of polygamy as antithetical to the Word. Taking women for personal pleasure and utilitarian procreation aside from the marriage of faithful unity: "flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone" is ancient, but it has no place in the life of a believer. Any religion or ideology that assumes men are entitled to act like animals at the sight of a vulnerable woman is quite simply the first born of Satan. Women who enable their sons or male relatives to internalize or practice this doctrine **will suffer the consequences with them.**

- "An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach..." (1Ti 3:2)
- "...namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion." (Tit 1:6)

So Adonai does choose those who love Him. The only response for being chosen is to love Him with reverence. Just conforming yourself to the least cunning beast of the field, that is not a relationship. It is not healthy. It is not biblical. You can't go back to the beginning and find that. In fact, historically, the firstborn of satan, when we look at the synagogue of satan in Revelation, that is misunderstood almost unanimously even by people who should know better. But that phrase was pretty common in the first century.

We know this because it was actually after the first century, I believe, there was a particular rabbi from the house of Shammai who defied this understanding of how injurious polygamy is. The consensus was polygamy is antithetical to the Word by then. And so he went ahead and took an extra wife, and so the other rabbis were calling him the firstborn of satan because they had concluded that taking women for personal pleasure or utilitarian procreation, aside from a marriage of faithful unity, that is no marriage at all. You have to have that relationship of "flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone." That is the Tzillah part to look at her and say she is beautiful.

But taking women for utilitarian reasons has no place in the life of a believer. And any religion, any ideology that assumes men are entitled to act like animals at the sight of a vulnerable woman is quite simply the firstborn of satan. And the women who enable their sons or male relatives to internalize or practice this doctrine, they can suffer the consequences with them. 1 Timothy 3:2 it says, *An overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife at a time, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach.* Titus 1:6, *If any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife at a time, having children who believe, not accused, of dissipation or rebellion.* Our relationship as men and women to one another must be one of mutual respect.



It is not about getting the young maidens. It is not about acquiring a harem. It is not about subjugating people, especially women, sexually. These are doctrines of demons. These are the firstborn of satan. That is where that comes from.

Now, I'm going to take you back. Let me get the right thing up here again because I want to show you something else here. Why do I say that the women who buy into it with them and begin to teach these doctrines to their sons and daughters, who teach this twisted, sick practice of the generation of the flood, if they buy into it and they start promoting it, like Sisera's mother, they will suffer with the beast. We know that not just because Revelation tells us so.

From what we know of human behavior in war, we should be repulsed by the rapacious behavior of fighters, not just sadistic methods of killing, but sexual exploitation of the vanquished, something the Torah devotes significant real estate to prohibit among Israelite warriors.

To the expected evil behavior of beast kings and warriors is the phenomenon that their *female* family members expect it, encourage it, and teach it to their sons, like Midianite women aiding Balaam and Balak in their evil plan to seduce Israelite men in the wilderness.

The women become complicit in the sin. What you **teach** someone to do becomes **your** sin, and when they execute that teaching, they are **your children**:

I want to show you something else here. Torah does devote significant real estate to the behavior of a warrior in battle or Israelite warrior because Israel is the light to the nations. Israel is the pattern that the other nations are supposed to look to. And so how you do, let's say there is a captive woman, the vanquished, you see this woman and "Oh, I think I really like her." Do you like her enough to marry her and treat her well because Torah is going to define that for you, how you go about that process so that she doesn't become property, so that she can be elevated. If she is interested in entering into the covenant with you and becoming a daughter of Israel.

It has the steps, but you are not free to simply have your way with a captive woman that is part of a nation you've defeated in battle. So, it is a true phenomenon that Sisera's mother was hoping that her son and his warriors would have their way with the captive women and take them as property. They are adding evil to evil, encouraging it, teaching their sons to think like this. Just like in the wilderness, the Midianite women helping Balaam and Balak in their evil plan to seduce Israelite men in the wilderness. So, the women became complicit in the sin. The premise is what you teach someone to do becomes your sin. When they execute that teaching now they are your children. Where am I getting this?

"Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment." (Ja 3:1)

"So 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 Jesus." (Re 12:17)**

There is no difference in the punishment between the one who commits immorality and the one who taught it:

We are told in in James 3:1, it says, *Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.* What you teach to someone else brings judgment on you if it is evil or wrong. Whatever sin they

do, the punishment for that sin, you are wrapped up in it with them. You taught them to do that. Revelation 12:17, it says, *The dragon was enraged with the woman and went off to make war with the rest of her children.* Remember this is the virtuous woman *who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua.* Her children, the virtuous woman, Israel, her children are those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua. So they are sharing in her virtue, and she is sharing in their virtue. So contrasting here, but there's no difference in the punishment between the one who commits the immorality and the one who taught them how to do it.

"But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill *her* children with pestilence, and all the **churches* will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds." (Re 2:20-23)

False prophets do so because like Balaam, they are paid or rewarded for cursing Israel: money, attention, companionship, sex, power, security, feelings of superior righteousness or intelligence.

***Noadiah the prophetess-"meeting with Yah", an Israelite prophetess paid to prophesy against Nehemiah and the builders of Jerusalem's wall; the root of her name *ya'ad*, is related to *moed*, appointed time.**

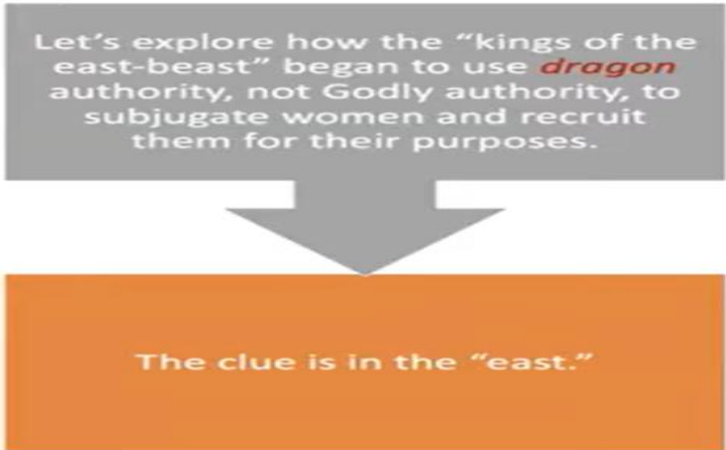
Revelation 2:20 - 23. *I have this against you that you tolerate the woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess and she teaches and leads My bondservants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.* This is actually the sin of the Balaam and Balak. They taught the women how to go teach the men the Israelite men to commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. *I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation unless they repent of her deeds, and I will kill her children with pestilence.* What's going to happen? She is going to get a pestilence. Her children are going to get a

pestilence. She is committing immorality. Her children are committing immorality. She gets the pestilence. They get the pestilence. And then he says, *And all the assemblies, the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.* So the ones who commit the sin, and the one who taught them to commit the sin. That is what Balaam and Balak did. They went on teaching because they couldn't take the fact that Adonai was never going to let Balaam curse Israel. So what do we do? We'll teach the women how to seduce them. They won them over to their way of thinking and prostituted them like animals.

This is part of the false prophecy. Revelation talks about the false prophets because they are teaching people how to do things. You all get punished the same. You are going to get rewarded the same if you are teaching them to do the right things, but you are going to get punished the same for teaching them sin. This is your pay. And this is what a prophet, a false prophet does. They prophesy for pay. They teach wrong things for pay. That is why Balaam went, even though he was told not to. He knew he would be richly rewarded.

Now, it is not always money. What is the payoff? What do I get out of this? It could be money, attention, companionship, sex, power, security, a feeling of superior righteousness or intelligence. False prophets will do it for any of these things and more. There's other things they are rewarded with. It doesn't have to be a direct deposit. And Noadiah the prophetess, I want to bring her up now because in the return to Jerusalem to begin rebuilding the walls, so many people came against them while they were trying to rebuild the walls and fill in the breaches.

One of those who came against them was a woman called Noadiah the prophetess. Her name means meeting with Yah. She was paid to prophesy against Nehemiah and the builders of the wall. The root of her name is *ya'ad*, which is related to *moed*, the appointed time, the seven Feasts of Adonai, which are celebrated in Jerusalem. But she was paid to prophesy against them. Just like Balaam was paid to prophesy against Israel, he couldn't do it. So he says, I'll go teach them how to sin. I'll go teach these women and then the women will teach them how to sin. You teach someone else, you are caught up in it; you get the same punishment.



Let's explore how the "kings of the east-beast" began to use **dragon** authority, not Godly authority, to subjugate women and recruit them for their purposes.

The clue is in the "east."

And so the clue again, it takes us back to the kings of the east. As we are looking at the bear kings of the beast empire, we look at the present regime in Iran, we know the beast uses the dragon's authority. He does not use godly authority. And so in the generations of this particular religion, what we see is that the beast is using the dragon's authority to subjugate women and recruit them for their purposes. The clue is going to be in the east.

Ezra ben Solomon on Song of Songs 5:7:4

Scripture refers to them as a three-year old [ram] for they were the kings of the east, who conquered the other three directions of the world....As we find in Isaiah [46:11]: "I summoned that swooping bird from the east" and "Who has roused a victor from the east?"...And it says: "So says Cyrus, the king of Persia: 'The Lord, God of heaven, has granted me all of the kingdoms of the world'" [II Chron. 36:23]....He desired to comprehend its true meaning, as it is written: "I approached one of the attendants and asked him the true meaning of all of this" [Daniel 7:16]...."Rome" and "Edom"** for the medieval Jews refer to Christendom, which they view as a continuation of the Roman empire. Edition translated and annotated by Seth Brody. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich. 1999**

Ibn Ezra on Daniel 2:42:1

[Daniel 2:42] V'etzbe'at : **These are the princes of Ishmael and the kings in the East and in the West.**

Now, I'm not going to read all of this. This is Ezra ben Solomon to the Song of Songs chapter 5:7. But speaking in terms of the kings of the east, it says Scripture refers to them as a three-year-old ram. For they were the kings of

the east who conquered the other three directions of the world, as we find in Isaiah 50 46:11, I summoned that sweeping bird from the east. And who has roused a victor from the east? Last week I showed you the maps how the kings of the east their empires extended into the west. So they don't literally have to be only in the east. And then another commentator even to Daniel 2:42 it says: these are the princes of Ishmael and the kings in the east and in the west. Because that influence spreads. This is what we see. The princes of Ishmael, the princes of Edom, they have spread their influence from the east all the way into the west today.

So it doesn't mean that your nation is necessarily east of Israel. That influence can be extended just like we see the colonization process going on today with Islam. But east, there's a couple of different ways you can say east. *Mizrach*, and that is a direction. If you are going to pray, you pray in the direction *mizrach*, which is toward Jerusalem. But there's another word for east, which is *kedem*. Along with the direction east in context, it can also mean an ancient time, *kedem*. So you got a little tongue-in-cheek here.

"Kings of the east" does not mean that their nations are confined to the east of Israel. Historically, the kings of the east extended their kingdoms to the west, including the beast kings of Neo-Babylonia and Medo-Persia, and likewise, western empires such as Greece and Rome pushed back to the east.

East can mean a direction, *mizrach*, but it also suggests ancient time or origin: *kedem*.

For instance, a little tongue-in-cheek concerning the location of the Rivers of Eden: "The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east [קֶדְמַת] of Assyria." (Ge 2:14)

The River of Eden *Chidekkel* pre-dates the river known as the Tigris which goes east of Assyria, an earthly kingdom. The kings of the east in Revelation 16:12 [*anatolay* G395] shows the OT cognate as "*kedem*."

Genesis 2:14 is describing the rivers of Eden, which would have been before the great cities of history. But it says the name of the third river in Eden is Tigris, which was actually *Chidekkel* in Hebrew. It says it flows east or *kedmat* of Assyria. Well, there's no Assyria. It is anachronistic; it is out of time. But it helps

us to understand that this river of Eden is from ancient times, kedmat. And so this Tigris, or river that is in Assyria in a later time, is pointing back to this ancient river. So you got the Tigris or the Chidekkel of an earthly kingdom, and then you've got the Chidekkel of a river of Eden.

When we look at the kings of the east, Iran would be considered one of these bear kings of this composite monster, the beast. In Revelation 16:12 where it says the river Euphrates is dried up, that is the Perat river in Eden, is dried up to make way for the kings of the east the word for east is *anatolay*, Greek #395, but the Old Testament cognate that the lexicon is showing is *kedem* not *mizrach*.

So there it is telling you this fight is luring the kings of the east. And I know we look at what's going on right now and with Iran, the United States and Israel and so forth and we are like, Oh man, hard not to be disheartened. But we are being reminded here, this conflict is ancient. *Kedem*, it is in the east. It is from ancient times.

Kedem:

So He drove the man out; and at the **east** of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life. (Ge 3:24)

Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, **east** of Eden. (Ge 4:16)

It came about as they journeyed **east**, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there... They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and **let us make for ourselves a name**, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." (Ge 11:2;4)

Genesis 3:24 says, *He drove the man out and at the **east** of the Garden of Eden, he stationed the cheruvim, the flaming sword, which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.* Genesis 4:16, *Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, **east** of Eden.* Genesis 11:2 and 4, Tower of Babel. *It came about as they journeyed **east** that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said, Come, let us build for **ourselves** Lamech took to himself. Let us build for ourselves a city and a tower whose top will reach into heaven and let us make for ourselves a name*

otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth. That is how we started with that reference from Psalm 45 that said, the intention is to wipe out the name of Israel. You wipe out the name of Israel. You don't just wipe out *Yisra*, you wipe out *EI* of Elohim. This is what they were trying to do with the Tower of Babel. Wipe out His name. They said, We'll make a name for ourselves. Otherwise, we'll be scattered abroad over the whole face of the earth. It is telling us about an ancient conflict.

The clues to the Bear and Beast kingdoms' characteristic repression of women, including using their "religion" to validate their beastly lust, domestic violence, murder, polygamy, ownership of children, and obliteration of the female body in the public sphere (not mere modesty) can be found in a strange song in Genesis. It is an ancient story but not confined to one religion. It is most *evident* in that religion. In the West today, just when girls and women reached a point of freely competing in sports, the "trans" religion once again spikes the ball in their faces. Literally. Winners become losers. Injured. Obliterated. Lose access to scholarships for higher education, etc.

The beast and kings of the east (in Daniel characterized by a three-year-old ram that pushes west) pushing west have key characteristics based on their names and actions:

So now we have our clues to the bear and the beast kingdom's characteristic, repression of women including using their so-called religion to validate beastly lust, domestic violence, murder, polygamy, ownership of children. You realize in those marriages the children belong to the father, and there is obliteration of the female body in the public sphere. And we are not talking about just modesty. No, we are talking about obliterating the female body.

And it is not just that. Other systems, I've even seen the face of women defaced in Israel itself. As if just looking at a female face can arouse the worst animalistic urges of a man. Hey, if it is that bad, it is not the woman. Now, if she is immodestly dressed, I wish she wouldn't do that, but you are not an animal. So, we've got this strange song in Genesis, the song of Lamech. What the women think doesn't matter. Lamech says, Listen to **me**. I **took** you for **myself**. Now

listen to me sing about **my** murders. Listen to **me** sing about **my** terrors. Listen to **me** sing about **my** vengeance, greater than God's. Listen to **my** name. Wives of Lamech, forget the Holy name. Listen to **my** name. Look, this is an ancient story, and it is not confined to one religion. It is just most evident in this religion.

I mean, look in the west today. Talk about the kings of the east coming west and that influence there of the beast. It is everywhere. Organizations. The leopard spots are the organizations. In the United States today, just when girls and women reached a point of being able to freely compete in sports for scholarships, now we've got a religion called *trans* that is literally spiking the ball in their faces. Literally spiking the ball in their faces. And now women and girls who could be winners or losers, they are physically injured. They are obliterated. They are losing access to scholarships for higher education. The beast is nothing if not cunning.

So, let's review. The beast and the kings of the east, Daniel said they were like a three-year-old ram that pushes west. They are going to have key characteristics based on their names and their actions.

"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)

Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also Noadiah the prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were **trying to frighten** me. (Ne 6:14)

- Sanballat-"strength"
- Tobiah-"Yah is good"; renegade Israelite assisting the enemy
- Noadiah the prophetess-"meeting with Yah", an Israelite prophetess **paid** to prophesy against Nehemiah and the builders of Jerusalem's wall; the root of her name *ya'ad*, is related to *moed*, appointed time.
- Shemaiah-"Yah heard", hired false negotiator
- Geshem-violent, heavy rain

And this is a review of Nehemiah 2:19. *They mocked and despised us.* And they accused the Jews of what *they* were doing, which was rebelling against the king. Nehemiah 4:1, *they were furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.*

Nothing's changed. Nehemiah 6:14 *remember oh my God Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs and also Noadiah the prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were trying to frighten me.* What do they do? They terrorize, and they'll even recruit the women like Noadiah. There's a payoff for her.

What does Sanballat mean? Strength. Tobiah means Yah is good. Well, hey, that is a great name. Well, as it turns out, he is a renegade Israelite assisting the enemy. Are there renegade Israelites today who have turned against their own? You bet. Noadiah, the prophetess paid to prophesy and related to the appointed times. What does the antichrist do? He wants to change the times and the seasons. Shemaiah means "Yah heard." He was hired as a false negotiator. If you've read the news at all since January, I'm thinking of Turkey, Pakistan, Qatar, possibly Oman, false negotiators. Geshem means violent heavy rain. October 7th was called the Mubbal, the flood as it was in the days of Noah.

Summary of the characteristics of the "kings of the east" by meanings of their names or territories: Balak, Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar:

- Destroyer
- Tempestuous, fighter
- Mocker
- Terrorist
- Executioner
- Dark speaker, fallen speaker

What are these other kings of the east? Balak, destroyer, Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, Tidal, king of the Goiim, Amraphel, king of Shinar, takes you right back to Babel. And Arioch, king of Ellasar. Remember those names? Destroyer, tempestuous, fighter, mocker, terrorist, executioner, dark speaker, and fallen speaker.

And like I said, yes, these are the things they are doing **now** to try, they are conspiring to remove the name of Israel from Israel. But these names that they are carrying, that is their destiny. Balak was destroyed. They want to be tempestuous and be fighters, they will be fought against. They want to mock, in

the end they will be mocked. They want to terrorize, in the end, they will be terrorized. They want to execute, in the end they will be executed. They want dark sayings. In the end, they will be spoken against. They will be fallen speakers.

You need to understand the enemy. If you ignore the enemy, you'll be locking him inside the gates. And that is exactly what we've done. I gave you examples from the east, I've given you examples from the west. The beast is here whether you acknowledge it or not. Now, do you have to run around and read every article and watch every video on Iran or the Middle East?

No. But I would suggest that you be about the Father's business. That you be busy building His wall. And the busier you are building His wall, they'll come to you. You don't have to actually go read the news. They'll come to you. They'll mock you, accuse you, say you are a rebel. They'll falsely prophesy against you. They'll do all these things. They'll try to curse you.

But just remember, Balaam could not curse what God had not cursed. So no matter how angry they are, they are just angry because you are about the Father's business. You are busy rebuilding Jerusalem. You'll draw them in. They'll show up. Give it time. But that is the importance of knowing there are two paths. You can live faithfully. You can live actively choosing every day to love Him and doing what He says. Or you can choose to actively live every day trying to ignore what He says. And that is actually in the end the harder route. It just looks like the other route is harder. In the end, you'll see that it was not the more difficult.

And I just had a I don't know if you call it an epiphany, but just sitting in service today listening to Pastor Mark teach, as I was flipping through there looking for a particular book in the Bible, I flipped across another one, and I saw one that stood out because it is so hard with prophecy to say, okay, just how does this translate into what's happening in our lives right now? What world history is in this little moment of time? Is there anything in here that we can pinpoint as something other than a pattern? I'm good with patterns, but how about pointing to something that is in progress and saying, Wow, this is right here in the Bible.

I think He has given us several of those moments with this Heaven Shaking the Bear series. But I ran across something today that had never made sense before, and I'm going to try to kind of flush it out. You'll hear the pun in that next week. It has to do with Gaza. It seemed so out of time until there was a certain phrase I picked up.