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Chapter 8

(1) And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

(2) Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the color of amber.

(3) And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where *was* the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

(4) And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

(5) Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

(6) He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

Chapter 8

(1) And it came to pass in the sixth year^a, in the sixth *month* {Ellul [Aug./Sept.]}, in the fifth *day* of the month^b, *as* I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} fell upon me there.

(2) Then I saw, and look a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of His waist downwards, fire; and from His waist upwards, as the appearance of brightness, as the color of amber.

(3) And He put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; **and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that faces the north; where the seat of the image of jealousy *was* , which provokes to jealousy.**

(4) **And, look, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision which I saw in the plain.**

(5) Then He said to me, **Son of man, lift up your eyes now to the road towards the north.** So I lifted up my eyes to the road towards the north, and look northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy was in the entry.

(6) He said furthermore to me, **Son of man, Do you see what they are doing? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, that I should go far off from My sanctuary? but turn yourself yet again, *and* you shall see greater abominations.**

8:1a - the sixth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity (five years before the Temple was destroyed)

8:1b - the fifth day of the sixth month - Ellul 5 (August to September) - 1 year and 2 month after events of chapter 1

6th year of Jehoiachin's captivity
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| <p>(7) And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.</p> <p>(8) Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.</p> <p>(9) And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.</p> <p>(10) So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.</p> <p>(11) And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.</p> <p>(12) Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.</p> <p>(13) He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, <i>and</i> thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.</p> <p>(14) Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which <i>was</i> toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.</p> <p>(15) Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen <i>this</i>, O son of man? turn thee yet again, <i>and</i> thou shalt see greater abominations than these.</p> | <p>(7) And He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, see a hole in the wall.</p> <p>(8) Then He said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had dug in the wall, look a door.</p> <p>(9) And He said to me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here.</p> <p>(10) So I went in and saw; and look every form of crawling things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall all around.</p> <p>(11) And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, each one with his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.</p> <p>(12) Then He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? Because they say, The LORD {Jehovah} does not see us; the LORD {Jehovah} has forsaken the earth.</p> <p>(13) He said also to me, Turn yourself yet again, <i>and</i> you shall see greater abominations that they do.</p> <p>(14) Then He brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD {Jehovah's} house which faces the north; and, look, there sat women weeping for Tammuz^c.</p> <p>(15) Then said He to me, Have you seen <i>this</i>, O son of man? turn yourself yet again, <i>and</i> you shall see greater abominations than these.</p> |

8:14c - Tammuz - a female pagan god

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(18) And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the *women* that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive *that come* unto you?

(19) And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?

(20) Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly.

(21) Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

(22) Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

(23) Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Chapter 14

(1) Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.

(2) And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

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(18) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Woe to the *women* who sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs^a upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and will you save the souls alive *who come* to you?

(19) And will you pollute Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to My people who hear *your* lies?

(20) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Look, I *am* against your pillows, with which you hunt the souls there to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that you hunt to make *them* fly.

(21) Your kerchiefs also I will tear, and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(22) Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

(23) Therefore you shall see no more vanity, nor divine prophecies: because I will deliver My people out of your hand: and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 14

(1) Then certain of the elders of Israel came to me, and sat before me.

(2) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

13:18a – not only do the people make idols to worship, but the women even make clothes and decorations for their idols

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| <p>(3) Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?</p> <p>(4) Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;</p> <p>(5) That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.</p> <p>(6) Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn <i>yourselves</i> from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.</p> <p>(7) For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:</p> <p>(8) And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD.</p> <p>(9) And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.</p> | <p>(3) Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their sin before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?</p> <p>(4) Therefore speak to them, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumblingblock of his sin before his face, and comes to the prophet; I the LORD {Jehovah} will answer him who comes according to the multitude of his idols;</p> <p>(5) That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.</p> <p>(6) Therefore say to the house of Israel, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Repent, and turn <i>yourselves</i> from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.</p> <p>(7) Because every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger who stays in Israel, who separates himself from Me, and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumblingblock of his sin before his face, and comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me; I the LORD {Jehovah} will answer him by Myself:</p> <p>(8) And I will set My face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and you shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(9) And if the prophet is deceived when he has spoken a thing, I the LORD {Jehovah} have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel.</p> |

