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(9) And they put him in prison in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

(10) Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters.

(11) And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

(12) But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

(13) And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

(14) And fire has gone out of a rod of her branches, which has devoured her fruit, so that she has no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a cry, and will be for crying.

**Chapter 20**

(1) And it came to pass in the seventh year {3535 A.H./C-507 B.C.}, in the fifth month {Ab [July-Aug.]}, the tenth day of the month {5/10/3535 A.H.},<sup>a</sup> that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, and sat before me.

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

(3) Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, I will not be inquired of by you.

(4) Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them*? cause them to know the abominations of their forefathers:

(5) And say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up My hand to the offspring of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God;

(6) In the day *that* I lifted up My hand to them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:

(7) Then I said I to them, let everyone cast away the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

20:1a - fifth month - Ab (July-August) 7<sup>th</sup> year of Jehoiachin's captivity, 4 years before Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed [3535 A.H./C-507 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)- See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at [www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)

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(8) But they rebelled against Me, and would not listen to Me: every man did not cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

(9) But I did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen {ungodly nations}, among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made Myself known to them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

(10) Therefore I caused them to go out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

(11) And I gave them My laws, and showed them My judgments, which *if* a man does *them*, he will even live in them.

(12) Furthermore also I gave them My sabbaths {Saturdays}, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} Who sanctifies them.

(13) But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they did not walk in My laws, and they despised My judgments, which *if* a man does, he will even live in them; and My sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

(14) But I did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen {ungodly nations}, in whose sight I brought them out.

(15) Yet I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

(16) Because they despised My judgments, and did not walk in My laws, but polluted My sabbaths: because their hearts went after their idols.

(17) Nevertheless My eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

(18) But I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not walk in the laws of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

(19) I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God; walk in My laws, and keep My judgments, and do them;

(20) And hallow My sabbaths {Saturdays}; and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(21) Nevertheless the children rebelled against Me: they did not walk in My laws, neither kept My judgments to do them, which *if* a man does, he will even live in them; they polluted My sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

(22) Nevertheless I withdrew My hand, and did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen {ungodly nations}, in whose sight I brought them forth.