

Chapter 20

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(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.},^a that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, and sat before me.

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20:1a - fifth month - Ab (July-August) 7th 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

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- (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.
- (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.

