

# The Jealousy of YHWH

*The Covenant Lawsuit of Idolatry Against the Nation of Israel*



*Zec 1:14* And the messenger who spoke with me said to me, “Proclaim, saying, ‘Thus said יְהוָה of hosts, “I have been jealous for Yerushalayim and for Tsiyon with great jealousy.

# *Premise for This Study*

- \* Understanding the basis of the Jealousy of YAH*
- \* Gathering The Evidence for Building the Case of Idolatry Against the Children of Israel*
- \* Making the Connections of Idolatry as the Number One Covenant Lawsuit Facing Israel and Securing Her Breach of Covenant and Exile from the Land*

Please Remember to Re-listen to Rico's  
Yeshiva and the Foundational Introduction  
on The Ancient Near Eastern Covenant and  
Biblical Covenants, specifically "Part 2  
Values System in the Ancient Near East  
and It's Meaning"

*What is the basis and construct for the  
“Jealousy of YHWH”*



# *El Qanna*

## *Jealous Elohim*

**Exo 34:14** for you do not bow yourselves to another mighty one, for יְהוָה, whose Name is jealous, is a jealous Ėl –

Through out the Scriptures , we find that Abba YAH is referred to by Names that reveal certain aspects of His Character to emphasize a particular attribute. In this study we will explore the attribute of His Jealousy for His Covenant Nation, Israel and His Name as El Qanna, as we see in the above verse meaning “jealous, a Jealous El”

# Hebrew- Qanna קנא

## H7067 Strong's

קנא

qannâ'

kan-naw'

From [H7065](#); *jealous*: - jealous. Compare [H7072](#).

## H7067 BDB

קנא

qannâ '

### **BDB Definition:**

1) jealous (only of God)

Part of Speech: adjective

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from H7065

Same Word by TWOT Number: 2038b

## Hebrew - Qana

**H7065** BDB

קנא

qânâ'

### **BDB Definition:**

1) to envy, be jealous, be envious, be zealous

1a) (Piel)

1a1) to be jealous of

1a2) to be envious of

1a3) to be zealous for

1a4) to excite to jealous anger

1b) (Hiphil) to provoke to jealous anger, cause jealousy

**Part of Speech:** verb

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number:** a primitive root

**Same Word by TWOT Number:** 2038

## H7065 Strong's

קנא

qânâ'

*kaw-naw'*

A primitive root; to *be (causatively make) zealous*, that is, (in a bad sense) *jealous or envious*: - (be) envy (-ious), be (move to, *provoke to*) *jealous (-y)*, X very, (*be*) *zeal (-ous)*



# Zeal/Zealous-Qinah קנאה

## H7068 Strong's

קנאה

qin'âh

kin-aw'

From [H7065](#); *jealousy* or *envy*: - envy (-ied), **jealousy**, X sake, **zeal**

 Root word : qanna for jealousy

We will see later on this word is used 2x in Numbers 25 and the Zeal of Phinehas and 3x in Zechariah 8 with YAH's Jealousy over Yerushalayim and Tzion

*What exactly is idolatry, and how far is the  
depths of it within the Vassal Nation of  
Israel?*

## Wikipedia excerpt Definition of Idolatry

“There is no one section that clearly defines idolatry; rather there are a number of commandments on this subject spread through the books of the Hebrew Bible, some of which were written in different historical eras, in response to different issues. Taking these verses together, idolatry in the Hebrew Bible is defined as either:

1. the worship of idols (or images)
2. the worship of polytheistic gods by use of idols (or images)
3. the worship of animals or people
4. the use of idols in the worship of God.”

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idolatry#In\\_the\\_Torah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Idolatry#In_the_Torah)

# Webster Definition of Idolatry

## Idolatry

**IDOL'ATRY**, n. [L. idololatria. Gr. idol, and to worship or serve.]

1. The worship of idols, images, or any thing made by hands, or which is not God.

Idolatry is of two kinds; the worship of images, statues, pictures, &c. made by hands; and the worship of the heavenly bodies, the sun, moon and stars, or of demons, angels, men and animals.

# Hebrew terms rendered as "idol"

## **H4656** Strong's

מפלצת

miphletseth

*mif-leh'-tseth*

From [H6426](#); a *terror*, that is, an **idol**: - **idol**. (Found in 1Kings 15:13)

## **H5566**

סמל סמל

semel sê mel

*seh'-mel, say'-mel*

From an unused root meaning to *resemble*; a **likeness**: - **figure, idol, image**.

(Example Found in 2Chr. 33:15)



# More Hebrew Terms rendered as "idol"

## **H6090 -Strong's**

עצב

ʿôtseb

*o'-tseb*

A variation of **H6089**; an ***idol (as fashioned)***; also *pain* (bodily or mental): - ***idol, sorrow, X wicked.***

*(Example Found in Is.48:5)*

## **H205**

און

'â ven

*aw'-ven*

From an unused root perhaps meaning properly to *pant* (hence to *exert* oneself, usually in vain; to *come to naught*); ***strictly nothingness; also trouble, vanity, wickedness; specifically an idol: - affliction, evil, false, idol, iniquity, mischief, mourners (-ing), naught, sorrow, unjust, unrighteous, vain, vanity, wicked (-ness.)*** Compare **H369**. (*Example Found in Is. 66:3*)

# *Greek Terms rendered as “idol”*

## **G1494**

εἰδωλόθυτον

eidōlothuton

*i-do-loth'-oo-ton*

Neuter of a compound of [G1497](#) and a presumed derivative of [G2380](#); an *image sacrifice*, that is, **part of an idolatrous offering: - (meat, thing that is) offered (in sacrifice, sacrificed) to (unto) idols. (1Cor. 8:7)**

## **G1497**

εἰδωλον

eidōlon

*i'-do-lon*

From [G1491](#); an *image* (that is, for worship); by implication a heathen *god*, or (plural) the *worship* of such: - idol. (1Cor. 10:19)

# Graven/Molten Image-Hebrew

## H6459 Strong's

פסל

pesel

*peh'-sel*

From [H6458](#); an *idol*: - carved (**graven**) **image**. (Example, Exodus 20:4, Lev. 26:1)

## H4541

מסכה

massê kâ h

*mas-say-kaw'*

From [H5258](#); properly a *pouring* over, that is, **fusion of metal (especially a cast image)**; by implication a *libation*, that is, league; concretely a *coverlet* (as if *poured* out): - covering, **molten (image)**, vail. (Example Judg. 17:3-4)

# Idolatrous worship Consists of one or more of the following

- x Bowing or prostrating before an idol,(standing pillar/stone, graven or molten image)
- x Offering up sacrifices to an idol
- x Eating before idols
- x Drinking before idols

Note: Keep in mind that these are only the basic elements of idolatrous worship. These elements were also accompanied with the utmost evil by sexual immorality of every kind, human sacrifice,magic,divination etc.

*Making the Connections of the Jealousy of  
YHWH and Israel with Her idolatrous sin  
mentioned together through out the  
Scriptures*



## Exodus 20:2-6

**Exo 20:2** “I am יְהוָה your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery.

**Exo 20:3** “You have no other mighty ones against My face.

**Exo 20:4** “You do not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of that which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

**Exo 20:5** you do not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, יְהוָה your Elohim am a jealous Ėl, visiting the crookedness of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

**Exo 20:6** but showing kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and guard My commands.

## Exodus 34:11-17

**Exo 34:11** “Guard what I command you today. See, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Kena'anite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Jebusite.

**Exo 34:12** “Guard yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.

**Exo 34:13** “But break down their altars, and smash their pillars, and cut down their Ashërim –

**Exo 34:14** for you do not bow yourselves to another mighty one, for יהוה, whose Name is jealous, is a jealous Ĕl –

**Exo 34:15** lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they whore after their mighty ones, and slaughter to their mighty ones, and one of them invites you and you eat of his slaughterings,

**Exo 34:16** and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters whore after their mighty ones, and make your sons whore after their mighty ones.

**Exo 34:17** “Do not make a moulded mighty one for yourselves.

## Joshua 24:15-28

**Jos 24:15** “And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve יְהוָה, choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But I and my house, we serve יְהוָה.”

**Jos 24:16** And the people answered and said, “Far be it from us to forsake יְהוָה, to serve other mighty ones,

**Jos 24:17** for יְהוָה our Elohim is He who has brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs before our eyes, and has guarded us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed.

**Jos 24:18** “And יְהוָה drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We too serve יְהוָה, for He is our Elohim.”

**Jos 24:19** Then Yehoshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve יְהוָה, for He is a set-apart Elohim, a jealous Ėl is He. He does not bear with your transgression and with your sins,

**Jos 24:20** if you forsake יְהוָה and shall serve mighty ones of a stranger. Then He shall turn back and do you evil and consume you, after He has been good to you.”

**Jos 24:21** And the people said to Yehoshua, “No, but we do serve יהוה!”

**Jos 24:22** Then Yehoshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen יהוה for yourselves, to serve Him.” And they said, “Witnesses!”

**Jos 24:23** “And now, put away the mighty ones of the stranger which are in your midst, and incline your heart to יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el.”

**Jos 24:24** And the people said to Yehoshua, “יהוה our Elohim we serve, and His voice we obey.”

**Jos 24:25** And Yehoshua made a covenant with the people that day, and laid on them a law and a right-ruling in Shechem.

**Jos 24:26** Then Yehoshua wrote these words in the Book of the Torah of Elohim. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the set-apart place of יהוה.

**Jos 24:27** And Yehoshua said to all the people, “See, this stone is a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of יהוה which He spoke to us. And it shall be a witness against you, lest you lie against your Elohim.”

**Jos 24:28** Then Yehoshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance.

## Deuteronomy 4:23-31

**Deu 4:23** “Guard yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of יהוה your Elohim which He made with you, and shall make for yourselves a carved image in the form of whatever יהוה your Elohim has forbidden you.

**Deu 4:24** “For יהוה your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous Ěl.

**Deu 4:25** “When you bring forth children and grandchildren, and shall grow old in the land, and shall do corruptly and make a carved image in the form of whatever, and shall do what is evil in the eyes of יהוה your Elohim to provoke Him,

**Deu 4:26** “I shall call the heavens and earth to witness against you on that day, that you soon completely perish from the land which you pass over the Yardeń to possess – you do not prolong your days in it but are completely destroyed.

**Deu 4:27** “And יהוה shall scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the gentiles where יהוה drives you.



**Deu 4:28** “And there you shall serve mighty ones, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

**Deu 4:29** “But from there you shall seek יְהוָה your Elohim, and shall find, when you search for Him with all your heart and with all your being.

**Deu 4:30** “In your distress, when all these words shall come upon you in the latter days, then you shall return to יְהוָה your Elohim and shall obey His voice.

**Deu 4:31** “For יְהוָה your Elohim is a compassionate Ęl, He does not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

## KJV of Numbers 25:11

**Num 25:11** Phinehas,<sup>H6372</sup> the son<sup>H1121</sup> of Eleazar,<sup>H499</sup> the son<sup>H1121</sup> of Aaron<sup>H175</sup> the priest,<sup>H3548</sup> hath turned my wrath away<sup>H7725 (H853) H2534</sup> from<sup>H4480 H5921</sup> the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel,<sup>H3478</sup> while he was zealous<sup>H7065</sup> for my sake<sup>H854 H7068</sup> among<sup>H8432</sup> them, that I consumed<sup>H3615</sup> not<sup>H3808 (H853)</sup> the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup> in my jealousy.<sup>H7068</sup>

Notice in this verse that our two hebrew words for zealous and jealousy are used here!

## Deuteronomy 32:15-21

**Deu 32:15** “But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are covered with fat; So he forsook Eloah who made him, And scorned the Rock of his deliverance.

**Deu 32:16** “They moved Him to jealousy with foreign matters, With abominations they provoked Him.

**Deu 32:17** “They slaughtered to demons – not Eloah – Mighty ones they did not know, New ones who came lately, Which your fathers did not fear.

**Deu 32:18** “You neglected the Rock who brought you forth, And forgot the Ėl who fathered you.

**Deu 32:19** “And יְהוָה saw, and despised, Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.

**Deu 32:20** “And He said, ‘Let Me hide My face from them, Let Me see what their end is, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom there is no trusting.

**Deu 32:21** “They made Me jealous by what is not Ėl, They provoked Me with their worthless matters. But I make them jealous by those who are no people, I provoke them with a foolish nation

## 1Kings 14:21-24

**1Ki 14:21** Meanwhile Rehab'am son of Shelomoh reigned in Yehudah. Rehab' am was forty-one years old when he became sovereign, and he reigned seventeen years in Yerushalayim, the city which יהוה had chosen out of all the tribes of Yisra'el, to put His Name there. And his mother's name was Na'amah the Ammonitess.

**1Ki 14:22** And Yehudah did evil in the eyes of יהוה, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, more than all that their fathers had done.

**1Ki 14:23** For they also built for themselves high places, and pillars, and Ashërim on every high hill and under every green tree.

**1Ki 14:24** And there were also cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the gentiles which יהוה dispossessed before the children of Yisra'el.

## *Psalms 78:54-72*

*Psa 78:54* And He brought them to the border of His set-apart place, This mountain which His right hand had gained,

*Psa 78:55* And drove out nations before them, And allotted them a measured inheritance, And made the tribes of Yisra'el dwell in their tents.

*Psa 78:56* Yet they tried and rebelled Against the Most High Elohim, And did not guard His witnesses,

*Psa 78:57* But they turned back And acted treacherously like their fathers; They twisted like a treacherous bow.

*Psa 78:58* For they enraged Him with their high places, And moved Him to jealousy with their carved images.

*Psa 78:59* When Elohim heard this, He was wroth, And greatly despised Yisra'el,

*Psa 78:60* And He left the Dwelling Place of Shiloh, The Tent which He had set up among men.

*Psa 78:61* And He gave His strength<sup>1</sup> into captivity, And His comeliness<sup>1</sup> into the hand of the adversary.



- Psa 78:62* And He gave His people over to the sword, And He was wroth with His inheritance.
- Psa 78:63* His young men were consumed by fire, And His maidens were not praised.
- Psa 78:64* His priests fell by the sword, And their widows could not weep.
- Psa 78:65* Then אלהים awoke as one asleep, As a mighty man who shouts because of wine.
- Psa 78:66* And He smote His adversaries backward, He put them to an everlasting reproach.
- Psa 78:67* Then He rejected the tent of Yosēph, And did not choose the tribe of Ephrayim,
- Psa 78:68* But chose the tribe of Yehuda<sup>h</sup>, Mount Tsiyon, which He loved.
- Psa 78:69* And He built His set-apart place like the heights, Like the earth He founded it forever.
- Psa 78:70* And He chose Dawid<sup>h</sup> His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds;
- Psa 78:71* He brought him in from tending the ewes, To shepherd Ya'aqob<sup>h</sup> His people, And Yisra'el His inheritance.
- Psa 78:72* And he shepherded them According to the integrity of his heart, And led them by the skill of his hands.



## 1 Corinthians 10:18-22

**1Co 10:18** Look at Yisra'el after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the offerings sharers in the altar?

**1Co 10:19** What then do I say? That an idol is of any value? Or that which is offered to idols is of any value?

**1Co 10:20** No, but what the gentiles offer they offer to demons<sup>1</sup> and not to Elohim, and I do not wish you to become sharers with demons.

**1Co 10:21** You are not able to drink the cup of the Master and the cup of demons, you are not able to partake of the table of the Master and of the table of demons.

**1Co 10:22** Do we provoke the Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

## Talmud – Mas. Avodah Zarah 54b/55a

A philosopher asked R. Gamaliel, 'It is written in your Torah, For the Lord thy God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.<sup>24</sup> Why, however, is He so jealous of its worshippers rather than of the idol itself?' He replied, 'I will give you a parable: To what is the matter like? To a human king who had a son, and this son reared a dog to which he attached his father's name, so that whenever he took an oath he exclaimed, "By the life of this dog, my father!" When the king hears of it, with whom is he angry — his son or the dog? Surely he is angry with his son!' [The philosopher] said to him, 'You call the idol a dog; but there is some reality in it.' [The Rabbi asked], 'What is your proof?' of a certain idolatrous shrine!' He said to him, 'I will give you a parable: To what is the matter like? To a human king against whom one of his provinces rebelled. If he goes to war against it, does he fight with the living or the dead? Surely he wages war with the living!'<sup>25</sup> [The philosopher] said to him, 'You call the idol a dog and you call it a dead thing. In that case, let Him destroy it from the world!' He replied, 'If it was something unnecessary to the world that was worshipped, He would abolish it; but people worship the sun and moon, stars and planets, brooks and valleys. Should He destroy His universe on account of fools! And thus it states,

## Talmud – Mas. Avodah Zarah 54b/55a Cont'd

Am I utterly to consume all things from off the face of the ground, saith the Lord; am I to consume man and beast; am I to consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, even the stumbling-blocks of the wicked!<sup>1</sup> — i.e., because the wicked stumble over these things is He to destroy them from the world? Do they not worship the human being; so am I to cut off man from off the face of the ground!’

The General Agrippa asked R. Gamaliel, ‘It is written in your Torah, For the Lord thy God is a devouring fire, a jealous God. Is a wise man jealous of any but a wise man, a warrior of any but a warrior, a rich man of any but a rich man?’<sup>3</sup> He replied, ‘I will give you a parable: To what is the matter like? To a man who marries an additional wife. If the second wife is her superior, the first will not be jealous of her; but if she is her inferior, the first wife will be jealous of her.’

*What is the significance of Israel's idolatrous activity with other “lovers” in the light of Ancient Near Eastern Covenant Context and Understanding?*

Remember that the Relationship between YHWH and Israel is Structured as Suzerain/Vassal Covenant and is Intertwined within every aspect of personal and corporate daily life of each Individual as well as the Nation as a whole. So by Israel making idols, bowing down to idols, sacrificing to idols, setting up pillars/trees to other gods etc, they are throwing up the worlds false gods in YAH's Face, and basically submitting to the authority of those false gods in their lives and as a nation.

*Note: Most of these actions can be identified as Elements of Covenant Ratification Ceremonies!*



# *“Love” in the Ancient Near East Context of a Suzerain/Vassal Covenant*

“LOVE” in the Ancient Near East was always, always enveloped within the confines of a Political, Personal, Covenantal Relationship between the Master/King and Servant/Vassal Consisting of

- Allegiance
- Loyalty
- Submission to the Authority of the King
- Faithfulness
- Commitment

In Summary, this means upholding all the Stipulations/Commandments of the Torah... This is the very Essence of Loving our King YHWH



So in this Light of Covenant language and understanding we can now make the connections that by Israel worshiping other dieties and coming in covenant with those whom they were suppose to remove from the Land, that they are ultimately placing themselves “under the authority of other gods” therefore “breaching the covenant”. This is the basis of YHWH as Judge and His Covenant Lawsuit against the defendant Vassal, Israel

## *Israel's Lovers*

In the Ancient Near East Context a Vassal was to remain Faithful to the Suzerain with the utmost allegiance and love. By coming in covenant with another suzerain, whether it be another nation or false god, meant “loving another lover” with the love, loyalty, allegiance and commitment that was only meant for one. In our Case, the One True Elohim

YHWH

J.A. Thompson's  
"Israel's Lovers"

## “to love”

Remember what constitutes the definition of “to love” in context of ancient language?

It is used to describe a political context in which the attributes of loyalty and friendship are consistently attached. This can be seen in relationships joining Kings, Sovereigns and vassals, kings and subjects.

Through out the Books of the Prophets we further acknowledge that “Israel's Lovers” can be seen in the context of **committing adultery and playing the harlot** because they came in covenant with the deities of her lovers as well.

# Hebrew for “adultery”

H5003 BDB

נאף

nâ'aph

## **BDB Definition:**

1) to commit adultery

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to commit adultery

1a1a) usually of man

1a1a1) always with wife of another

1a1b) adultery (of women) (participle)

1a2) **idolatrous worship** (figuratively)

1b) (Piel)

1b1) to commit adultery

1b1a) of man

1b1b) adultery (of women) (participle)

1b2) **idolatrous worship** (figuratively)

**Part of Speech:** verb

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number:** a primitive root

**Same Word by TWOT Number:** 1273

# Hebrew for “harlot”

Same as used for adultery

H2181 Strong's

זָנָה

zânâh

*zaw-naw'*

A primitive root (highly *fed* and therefore *wanton*); **to commit adultery** (usually of the female, and less often of simple fornication, rarely of involuntary ravishment); figuratively **to commit idolatry** (the Jewish people being regarded as the spouse of Jehovah): - (cause to) commit fornication, X continually, X great, **(be an, play the) harlot, (cause to be, play the) whore, (commit, fall to) whoredom, (cause to) go a-whoring, whorish.**

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LXX related word(s)

G1712 emporion

G4204 porne- figuratively an idolater,harlot, whore

G4203 porneuo-to act the harlot,literally indulge in unlawful lust, practice idolatry

G1608 ek porneuo-to be utterly unchaste,give self over to fornication



## Ezekiel 16... "Israel's Lovers"

**Eze 16:26** “And you whored with the sons of Mitsrayim, your neighbours, great of flesh. And you increased your whorings to provoke Me.

**Eze 16:28** “And you whored with the sons of Ashshur, without being satisfied. And you whored with them and still were not satisfied.

**Eze 16:29** “And you increased your whorings as far as the land of traders, Chaldea, and even then you were not satisfied....

**Eze 16:36** ‘Thus said the Master יהוה, “Because your copper was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your whorings with your lovers, and with the idols of your abominations, and because of the blood of your children which you gave to them,

**Eze 16:37** therefore, see, I am gathering all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved, with all those you hated. And I shall gather them from all around against you and shall uncover your nakedness to them, and they shall see all your nakedness.

# YHWH's Jealousy and the Book of Ezekiel

Eze\_8:3 And He stretched out 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 heavens, and brought me in visions of Elohim to Yerushalayim, to the door of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which causes jealousy. ( this is an idol of the caanaanite asherah in the gate of the Temple)

Eze\_8:5 And He said to me, "Son of man, please lift your eyes toward the north." And I lifted my eyes northward, and north of the altar gate I saw this image of jealousy in the entrance.

Eze\_16:38 "And I shall judge you with judgments of adulteresses and shedders of blood. And I shall bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.

Eze\_16:42 "So I shall bring My wrath to rest upon you, and My jealousy shall turn away from you. And I shall be calm, and no longer be vexed.

Eze\_23:25 'And I shall set My jealousy against you and they shall deal heatedly with you. They shall cut off your nose and your ears, while the rest of you fall by the sword. Your sons and your daughters they shall take away, while the rest of you shall be consumed by fire.

Eze\_36:5 therefore thus said the Master יהוה, "Have I not spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the gentiles and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with all joy of heart, with scorn in their being, to drive it out for a prey?" '

Eze\_36:6 "Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Yisra'el, and you shall say to mountains, and to hills, to rivers, and to valleys, 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "See, I have spoken in My jealousy and My wrath, because you have borne the shame of the gentiles."

Eze\_38:19 "For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken, 'On that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Yisra'el,

*Please revisit Ezekiel Chapters 6-8!*

These 3 Chapters go in descriptive detail to show a portrait concerning the depths of idolatry within the Land of Judah just prior to Jerusalem's Destruction and 3<sup>rd</sup> deportation by Babylon in 586 BCE

## “Image of Jealousy” Ezekiel 8:3,5

**Eze 8:1** And it came to be in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth of the month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Yehuda<sup>אֲנִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּתוֹכָם</sup> sitting before me, that the hand of the Master יְהוָה fell upon me there.

**Eze 8:2** And I looked and saw a likeness, like the appearance of fire. From His waist and downward the appearance was like fire, and from His waist and upward the appearance of brightness, like glowing metal.

**Eze 8:3** And He stretched out 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 heavens, and brought me in visions of Elohim to Yerushalayim, to the door of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which causes jealousy.

**Eze 8:4** And see, the esteem of the Elohim of Yisra'el was there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.

**Eze 8:5** And He said to me, “Son of man, please lift your eyes toward the north.” And I lifted my eyes northward, and north of the altar gate I saw this image of jealousy in the entrance.

**Eze 8:6** And He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Yisra'el are doing here, driving Me away from My set-apart place? And you are to see still greater abominations.”

**Eze 8:7** Then He brought me to the door of the court. And I looked and saw a hole in the wall.

**Eze 8:8** And He said to me, “Son of man, please dig into the wall.” And when I dug into the wall I saw a door.

**Eze 8:9** And He said to me, “Go in, and see the evil abominations<sup>1</sup> which they are doing there.”



## What is this “image that causes jealousy”

**2Ki 21:1** Menashsheh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Hēphtsiḇah.

**2Ki 21:2** And he did evil in the eyes of יהוה, according to the abominations of the gentiles whom יהוה dispossessed before the children of Yisra'el.

**2Ki 21:3** For he turned and built the high places which Hēzqiyahu his father had destroyed, and raised up altars for Ba'al, and made an Asherah, as Aḇaḥ sovereign of Yisra'el had done, and he bowed himself to all the host of the heavens and served them.

**2Ki 21:4** And he built altars in the House of יהוה, of which יהוה had said, “In Yerushalayim I put My Name.”

**2Ki 21:5** And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courtyards of the House of יהוה.

**2Ki 21:6** And he made his son pass through the fire, and practised magic, and used divination, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the eyes of יהוה, to provoke Him.

**2Ki 21:7** And he placed a carved image of Asherah that he had made in the House of which יהוה had said to Dawid and to Shelomoh his son, “In this house and in Yerushalayim, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Yisra'el, I put My Name forever,

**2Ki 21:8** and no more shall I cause the feet of Yisra'el to move from the soil which I gave their fathers – only if they guard to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the Torah that My servant Mosheh commanded them.”

**Deu 32:15** “But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are covered with fat; So he forsook Eloah who made him, And scorned the Rock of his deliverance.

**Deu 32:16** “They moved Him to jealousy with foreign matters, With abominations they provoked Him.

**Deu 32:17** “They slaughtered to demons – not Eloah – Mighty ones they did not know, New ones who came lately, Which your fathers did not fear.

**Deu 32:18** “You neglected the Rock who brought you forth, And forgot the Ėl who fathered you.

**Deu 32:19** “And יְהוָה saw, and despised, Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.

**Deu 32:20** “And He said, ‘Let Me hide My face from them, Let Me see what their end is, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom there is no trusting.

**Deu 32:21** “They made Me jealous by what is not Ėl, They provoked Me with their worthless matters. But I make them jealous by those who are no people, I provoke them with a foolish nation.

**Deu 32:22** “For a fire was kindled in My wrath And burns to the bottom of She’ol, And consumes the earth and its increase, And sets on fire the foundations of mountains.

**Deu 32:23** “I gather evils upon them, I use up My arrows upon them –



# *“The Covenant under Threat of the Baal Fertility Cult: A Historical-Theological Study.”*

*By Gift Mweemba*

The Promised Land was occupied by the Canaanites. The Canaanites though difficult to identify with precision, were a people whose religious cult was the direct opposite of Yahwism. They worshipped Baal the fertility god. The fertility cult was a belief that there is no absolute being but a universal realm with a womb of fertility. This womb is the source of fertility and the gods are the agents. In the land of Canaan, Baal was the agent of fertility. The wealth and fertility of the land, crops, livestock, and humans was attributed to Baal. Baal was worshiped through the fertility cult which had cult personnel like prophets, and temple prostitutes. The fertility cult had festivals in which sympathetic magic was performed to induce the gods into action. This magic involved cultic sex and wine consumption in honor of Baal.

The Canaanites were driven out of the land lest they influence Israel to copy their ways. This would violate the Covenant and Israel would be ejected out of the land because the occupation was based on keeping the Covenant.

There were no strict conditions of obedience in Baal worship like in the Covenant. Baal offered them release from „Covenant Obedience“ to indulge in sensuality while enjoying the blessings. In the end, the Baal fertility cult had such a negative impact on the Covenant that Israel was ejected out of the Promised Land and deported into the Babylonian Exile as seen in the book of Jeremiah.

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The jealousy of Yahweh is not the same as envy. Yahweh is not jealousy because He has been outperformed or that He lacks attributes possessed by other gods. He is jealousy for devotion. It is the jealousy of possession. The word jealousy is also strongly used in a marriage context. Yahweh has a right to be jealousy because Israel is betrothed to Yahweh as seen in Hosea 2:19. In this numina marriage Israel cannot be betrothed to other deities because that would be an act of flagrant adultery. She cannot be a wife to Baal. If she became Baal's bride, she would not only commit harlotry but would be rejecting Yahweh as her God. Israel's rejection of Yahweh would leave her open to plunder. One can also say the jealousy of Yahweh is more of obligation than just possession. Peels (1997, 3:938) makes the following pertinent comment, „God's *qina* is the fiery reaction to the infringement of His rights, vis – a – vis Israel and to the violation of *berit* (cf Isa 42:8; 48:10). Israel is God's people and He is Israel's God. Anyone outside the circle of the covenant is “non – people” (l"o" „am) and “no – god” (lo el) Deut 32:21.”

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*“In Exodus 34:14, Yahweh declares, „You shall not worship any other god, for the Lord whose name is jealous is a jealous God.” Hebrew monotheism could not co-exist with the Baal fertility cult of the pre-occupants of the Land of Canaan whose gods were no gods at all in the eyes of Yahweh. There might be similarities between Hebrew monotheism and other monotheistic nations, but the language Yahweh uses to introduce Himself shows that Hebrew monotheism was distinct. It was not an imported idea that Israel could have adopted from the Egyptians who were their masters for over 400 years (Ex 12:40). It is in this context of monotheistic jealousy that the threat of the Canaanite fertility cults to the Covenant should be understood.”*

# *Quote from Tikva Frymer -Kensky*

*Frymer-Kensky (1992:53) comments that Deuteronomy uses metaphors drawn from family life to express Israel's relationship with God saying but, „Jealousy, is even more specific. It is marriage language and expresses the attitude of the one whose prerogatives have been undermined: the husband whose wife owes him exclusive loyalty; and God who people owe the same exclusive fidelity..” This marriage relationship introduces the language of „harlotry,” „whoredom,” or „zanah.” Israel's relationship with other deities is best described as harlotry because she is the „wife” of Yahweh. Frymer-Kensky (1992:53 ) points out that the other side of jealousy is inconsistency, unfaithfulness or whoring (zanah). The term zonah is used to describe a spouse or wife who does not remain faithful to her husband. The word is also used for apostasy from God (Deut 31:16; Num 15:39). This terminology would not be prevalent among people of plural religious practice. Because the deities are many, there prevails an atmosphere of tolerance and accommodation.*



# Rav Shaul and Corinth

**1Co 10:1** For I do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

**1Co 10:2** and all were immersed into Mosheh in the cloud and in the sea,

**1Co 10:3** and all ate the same spiritual food,

**1Co 10:4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed, and the Rock was Messiah.

**1Co 10:5** However, with most of them Elohim was not well pleased, for they were laid low in the wilderness.

**1Co 10:6** And these became examples for us, so that we should not lust after evil, as those indeed lusted.

**1Co 10:7** And do not become idolaters as some of them, as it has been written, "The people sat down to eat and to drink, and stood up to play."

**1Co 10:8** Neither should we commit whoring, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell,

**1Co 10:9** neither let us try Messiah, as some of them also tried, and were destroyed by serpents,

**1Co 10:10** neither grumble, as some of them also grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

*1Co 10:11* And all these came upon them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come,

*1Co 10:12* so that he who thinks he stands, let him take heed lest he fall.

*1Co 10:13* No trial has overtaken you except such as is common to man, and Elohim is trustworthy, who shall not allow you to be tried beyond what you are able, but with the trial shall also make the way of escape, enabling you to bear it.

*1Co 10:14* Therefore, my beloved ones, flee from idolatry.

*1Co 10:15* I speak as to wise men, judge for yourselves what I say.

*1Co 10:16* The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah?

*1Co 10:17* Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

*1Co 10:18* Look at Yisra'el after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the offerings sharers in the altar?

*1Co 10:19* What then do I say? That an idol is of any value? Or that which is offered to idols is of any value?

*1Co 10:20* No, but what the gentiles offer they offer to demons and not to Elohim, and I do not wish you to become sharers with demons.

*1Co 10:21* You are not able to drink the cup of the Master and the cup of demons, you are not able to partake of the table of the Master and of the table of demons.

*1Co 10:22* Do we provoke the Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?



# Acts 15 Revisited

**Act 15:1** And certain men came down from Yehudah and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised, according to the practice of Mosheh, you are unable to be saved.”

**Act 15:2** So when Sha’ul and Barnabah had no small dissension and dispute with them, they arranged for Sha’ul and Barnabah and certain others of them to go up to Yerushalayim, to the emissaries and elders, about this question.

**Act 15:3** So, being sent on their way by the assembly, they passed through Phoenicia and Shomeron, relating the conversion of the gentiles. And they were causing great joy to all the brothers.

**Act 15:4** And having arrived in Yerushalayim, they were received by the assembly and the emissaries and the elders. And they reported all that Elohim had done with them.

**Act 15:5** And some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees, rose up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the Torah of Mosheh.”

**Act 15:6** And the emissaries and elders came together to look into this matter.

**Act 15:7** And when there had been much dispute, Kēpha rose up and said to them, “Men, brothers, you know that a good while ago Elohim chose among us, that by my mouth the gentiles should hear the word of the Good News and believe.

**Act 15:8** “And Elohim, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Set-apart Spirit, as also to us,

**Act 15:9** and made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by belief.

**Act 15:10** “Now then, why do you try Elohim by putting a yoke on the neck of the taught ones which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

- Act 15:11** “But through the favour of the Master יהושע Messiah we trust to be saved, in the same way as they.”
- Act 15:12** And all the crowd was silent and were listening to Barnabas and Sha’ul declaring how many miracles and wonders Elohim did among the gentiles, through them.
- Act 15:13** And after they were silent, Ya’aqob answered, saying, “Men, brothers, listen to me:
- Act 15:14** “Shim’on has declared how Elohim first visited the gentiles to take out of them a people for His Name.
- Act 15:15** “And the words of the prophets agree with this, as it has been written:
- Act 15:16** ‘After this I shall return and rebuild the Booth of Dawid which has fallen down. And I shall rebuild its ruins, and I shall set it up,
- Act 15:17** so that the remnant of mankind shall seek יהוה, even all the gentiles on whom My Name has been called, says יהוה who is doing all this,’
- Act 15:18** who has made this known from of old.
- Act 15:19** “Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the gentiles who are turning to Elohim,
- Act 15:20** but that we write to them to **abstain from the defilements of idols, and from whoring, and from what is strangled, and from blood.**
- Act 15:21** “For from ancient generations Mosheh has, in every city, those proclaiming him – being read in the congregations every Sabbath.”

# Idolatrous worship Consists of one or more of the following

1. Bowing or prostrating before an idol,(standing pillar/stone, graven or molten image)
2. Offering up sacrifices to an idol
3. Eating before idols
4. Drinking before idols
5. Immoral sexual acts

Note: Keep in mind that these are only the basic elements of idolatrous worship. These elements were also accompanied with the utmost evil by sexual immorality of every kind, human sacrifice,magic,divination etc.

*What are the things that Shaul and Jerusalem Council agree for the nations to abstain from when wanting to convert to the Covenant?*

- Things contaminated by idols
- Fornication
- From what is strangled
- And from blood

*Act 15:21* “For from ancient generations Mosheh has, in every city, those proclaiming him – being read in the congregations every Sabbath.”

Is Rav Shaul AND the Jerusalem Council  
telling the nations who want to come into  
Covenant with YHWH that they only have  
to abstain from those few things but can  
continue in their pagan lifestyles?

**NO!**

Is Rav Shaul and the Jerusalem Council  
showing the Nations how to come into  
Covenant by first coming out from  
IDOLATROUS acts?

YES!



## Remember the Context of Romans 10:9?

Rom 10:9 *That if you confess with your mouth the Master יהושע and believe in your heart that Elohim has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.*

The greek word used for "confess"

G3670

μολογέω

*homologeō*

hom-ol-og-eh'-o

From a compound of the base of G3674 and G3056; to assent, that is,

*covenant, acknowledge*: - con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, give thanks,

promise.

In Context, this means one who is "*confessing*" faith in Yeshua, is coming into Covenant and binding themselves by oath with Him and agrees to the Covenant that Yeshua has presented. As the "Lesser King" or "Master" to the Suzerain YHWH, Yeshua's Covenant is the same as the Father's which means agreement to keep and be loyal to the Torah and therefore we are restored back into the Kingdom!

So by professing faith in Yeshua/Covenant He Walks In (Torah), AND abstaining from the paganistic, idolatrous acts (Acts 15) AND going to the Synagogue every Shabbat to learn the Torah (Acts 15:21), can a gentile be counted as an Israelite in Covenant with the One True Elohim YHWH?

YES!

THIS DISMISSES ANY FALSE TEACHINGS PROCLAIMING THERE IS DIFFERENT LAWS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT BORN JEWISH AND TELLING OTHERS THEY CAN REMAIN PRACTICING THEIR PAGAN PRACTICES DERIVED FROM GENERATIONS OF BAAL WORSHIP!

**Mat 5:17** “Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets.<sup>1</sup> I did not come to destroy but to complete.

**Mat 5:18** “For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done.

**Mat 5:19** “Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.

**Exo 12:49** “There is one Torah for the native-born and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”

# Hosea 14

- Hos 14:1** O Yisra'el, return to יהוה your Elohim, for you have stumbled by your crookedness.
- Hos 14:2** Take words with you, and return to יהוה. Say to Him, "Take away all crookedness, and accept what is good, and we render the bulls of our lips.
- Hos 14:3** "Ashshur does not save us. We do not ride on horses, nor ever again do we say to the work of our hands, 'Our mighty ones.' For the fatherless finds compassion in You."
- Hos 14:4** "I shall heal their backsliding, I shall love them spontaneously, for My displeasure has turned away from him.
- Hos 14:5** "I shall be like the dew to Yisra'el. He shall blossom like the lily, and cast out his roots like Lebanon.
- Hos 14:6** "His branches shall spread, and his splendour shall be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon.
- Hos 14:7** "Those who dwell under his shadow shall return. They shall revive like grain, and blossom like the vine, and become as fragrant as the wine of Lebanon.
- Hos 14:8** "What more has Ephrayim to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after him. I am like a green cypress tree, your fruit comes from Me."
- Hos 14:9** Who is wise and understands these words, discerning and knows them? For the ways of יהוה are straight, and the righteous walk in them, but the transgressors stumble in them

## Excerpts of Teshuva from Amidah and Shachrait Service Prayers

### Repentance.

Bring us back,our Father,to your Torah and bring us near,our King to your service,and influence us to return in perfect repentance before You, Adonai, Who desires repentance.

### Forgiveness.

Forgive us,our Father, for we have eered;pardon us,our King,for we have willfully sinned; for You are the good and forgiving Elohim. Blessed are You YHWH ,the gracious One who pardons abundantly.

### Redemption.

Behold, please, our affliction, take up our grievance, and redeem us with complete redemption speedily for Your Name's Sake, for You are Elohim,the powerful Redeemer,Blessed are You Hashem, Redeemer of Israel.



# The Chapter of Repentance Debarim 30 :1-10

- Deu 30:1** “And it shall be, when all these words come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you shall bring them back to your heart among all the gentiles where יהוה your Elohim drives you,
- Deu 30:2** and shall turn back to יהוה your Elohim and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your being, you and your children,
- Deu 30:3** then יהוה your Elohim shall turn back your captivity, and shall have compassion on you, and He shall turn back and gather you from all the peoples where יהוה your Elohim has scattered you.
- Deu 30:4** “If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under the heavens, from there יהוה your Elohim does gather you, and from there He does take you.
- Deu 30:5** “And יהוה your Elohim shall bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. And He shall do good to you, and increase you more than your fathers.
- Deu 30:6** “And יהוה your Elohim shall circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being, so that you might live,
- Deu 30:7** and יהוה your Elohim shall put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.
- Deu 30:8** “And you shall turn back and obey the voice of יהוה and do all His commands which I command you today.
- Deu 30:9** “And יהוה your Elohim shall make you have excess in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground for good. For יהוה turns back to rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,
- Deu 30:10** if you obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to guard His commands and His laws which are written in this Book of the Torah, if you turn back to יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being.

May it be Your will, YHWH, my Elohim, and the  
Elohim of my forefathers, that you dig a tunnel  
beneath your Throne of Glory to bring back in  
complete repentance all the evildoers of Your people  
the House of Israel. And among them bring me back  
in complete repentance before You, for Your Right  
hand is outstretched to accept penitents and You  
desire repentance.

Awmayn.