

Ezekiel and the Revelation of the 13 Scrolls

Scroll 2 - Ezekiel 20:1 - 23:49 Part 1 - Chapter 20:1-20:28

Scroll Two: 20:1 - 23:49. Theme: more rebellions of Israel, Judah & Jerusalem with opportunity for restoration.

Ezekiel 20:1 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the zechanim of Yisrael came to inquire of vuvh, and sat before me.

The seventh year from the first year of the captivity of King Jehoiachin, 599 BCE (2 Ki 24:15).

Ezekiel 20:2 Then came the word of vuvh to me, saying, **3 Ben-adam, speak to the zechanim of Yisrael, and say to them, This says the Master vuvh; Have you come to seek Me? As I live, says the Master vuvh, I will not be sought by you.**

Prophetically here, many will come to seek יהוה, but he will not be sought by them....He will not be sought by them through the avenues which they have chosen to view Him.

The context of the next twenty verses is paramount to us understanding the huge prophetic ramifications of Yahusha and the Book of the Covenant reality that has dawned upon this age.

Ezekiel 20:4-5 **4** Will you judge them, Ben-adam, will you judge them? Make them to know the abominations of their ahvot: **5** And say to them, This says the Master vuvh; In the day when I chose Yisrael, and lifted up My hand to the zera of Beit Yaakov, and made Myself known to them in the land of Mitzrayim, when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I am vuvh your Elohim;

Ezekiel 20:6-13 **6** In the day that I lifted up My hand to them, to bring them out of the land of Mitzrayim into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the tifereth of all lands: **7** Then said I to

them, Cast away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Mitzrayim: I am vuvh your Elohim. 8 But they rebelled against Me, and would not listen to Me: they did not cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Mitzrayim: then I said, I will pour out My anger upon them to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Mitzrayim. 9 But I acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be defiled before the gentiles, among whom they were, in whose sight I made Myself known to them, in bringing them out of the land of Mitzrayim. 10 Therefore I caused them to go out of the land of Mitzrayim, and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them My chukim, and taught them My mishpatim, which if a man does; he shall even live in them. 12 Moreover also I gave them My Shabbats, to be an ot between Me and them, that they might know that I am vuvh that sets them apart. 13 But Beit Yisrael rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they had their halacha not in My chukim, and they despised My mishpatim, which if a man does, he shall even live in them; and My Shabbats they greatly defiled: then I said, I would pour out My anger upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

Ezekiel 20:14 But I did act for My Name's sake, that it should not be defiled before the gentiles, in whose sight I brought them out.

Ezekiel 20:15 Yet also I 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 tifereth of all lands;

Ezekiel 20:16 Because they despised My mishpatim, and they did not have their halacha in My chukim, but defiled My Shabbats: for their lev went after their idols.

Ezekiel 20:17 Nevertheless My eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

Ezekiel 20:18-21 18 But I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not have your halacha in the chukim of your ahvot, neither observe their rulings, nor defile yourselves with their idols: 19 I am vuvh your Elohim; have your halacha in My chukim, and keep My mishpatim, and do them; 20 And set-apart My Shabbats; and they shall be an ot between Me and you, that you may know that I am vuvh your Elohim. 21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against Me: they had not their halacha in My chukim, neither kept My mishpatim to do them, which if a man does, he shall even live in them; they defiled My Shabbats: then I said, I would pour out My anger upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

Ezekiel 20:22 Nevertheless I withdrew My hand, and acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be defiled in the sight of the gentiles, in whose sight I brought them out.

Ezekiel 20:23 I lifted up My hand to them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the gentiles, and disperse them throughout the countries;

Ezekiel 20:24 Because they had not executed My mishpatim, but had despised My chukim, and had defiled My Shabbats, and their eyes were seeking after their ahvot's idols.

We don't give Moshe enough credit in the enactment of laws and decrees, we think if its in the bible then יהוה must of enacted it and willed it. No, He gave Moses the authority and the responsibility to rule rightly!

Jeremiah 7:22 for I **did not** speak to your fathers, or **command them** in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

The Clementine Homilies: *'and even Moses, after coming down from Mount Sinai and seeing the corruption perceived like a good and faithful master of the house that it was impossible for the people easily to remove and annul the entire passion for affections of idol worship, which a prolonged time made great as having been accumulated by them from a wicked education among the Egyptians. Wherefore he permitted them to sacrifice, but he told them to do so in the name of יהוה in order that it would be possible for half of the passion to be cut off and annulled, (the idol worship half) and then regarding the correction of the other half (the sacrifices themselves), it would*

happen at another time by the hand of another (Yahusha), as is appropriate in Providence. With this he said, “ יהוה your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like unto me. You shall hear him in everything. And whosoever will not assent to him will surely die”.

“Beware of the Second Legislation.....the bondage of the Second Legislation, which was after the Law were given to those who, in the Law and in the Second Legislation committed many sins in the wilderness. For the first laws that which יהוה Elohim spoke before the people had made the calf and served idols.....But after they served idols He justly laid upon them the bonds as they were worthy.....the Savior will come and set us loose from the bonds of the Second Legislation. For He set loose from those bonds and thus called those who believe in Him and said, ‘Come unto me all you who toil and are laden with heavy burdens, and I will give you rest’. Do thou therefore, without the weight of these burdens, read the simple Law, which is in accord with the Gospel and Kings.

Ezekiel 20:25 Therefore I gave them also chukim that were not tov, and mishpatim by which they should not live;

Ezekiel 20:24 Because they had not executed my (Melchizedek) judgments, but had despised my (Melchizedek) statutes, and had polluted my (Melchizedek) sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers’ (Pagan) idols.

The Golden Calf where יהוה was going to wipe Israel out and make a new nation of priests out of Mose Rabainu, but He relented for His great names sake; so then.....WHEN?....THEN! ***“therefore I gave then also statutes that were not good and judgements which they should not live!”***

Ezekiel is teaching the people like all the other prophets that wayward Israel is to turn back toward the Book of the Law which they’re still under. He’s not teaching against keeping the Book of the Law.

Ezekiel is simply recounting history. That after their rebellion that culminated at the Golden Calf, ***“Therefore I also gave them up to statutes that were not good, and judgments by which they could not live.”***

“Therefore I also” seems pretty clear in the context of the narrative from v.1 that YAHWEH gave them up to (Levitical) Statutes that were not good after the Book of the Covenant breach!

The alternative to the imposed Book of the Law was YHWH instituting genocide on Israel, so yes, the Book of the Law is both a blessing (you’re not dead) and a curse (you’re not in the Book of the Covenant blessings and now have to live under multiple curses and *some* blessings depending on your works).

Dev 30:1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither YHWH thy Elohim hath driven thee.

Dev 29:21 And YHWH shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant (Book of the Law is Levitical covenant not a Melchizedek Book of the Covenant of promise) that are written in this book of the law:

Ezekiel 20:26 And I defiled them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all the bachorim, that I might stun them, so that they might know that I am vuvh;

Ezekiel 20:27 Therefore, Ben-adam, speak to Beit Yisrael, and say to them, This says the Master vuvh; Yet in this your ahvot have blasphemed Me, in that they have committed a trespass against Me.

Ezekiel 20:28 For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up My hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick eytzim, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet fragrances, and poured out there their drink offerings.