

WILL BREAK THE STAFF OF YOUR BREAD

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To Break, in terms of Law, was actually for correction; with the intent to: make a way out, by force.
The Staff: represents a badge of office, an ensign of authority, a scepter, a seal of rank.
The Bread: called the staff of life. Prefigures Christ as the supplier of true spiritual nourishment.

God had chosen a people for Himself; the nation of Israel. He loved them and they prospered. Then Israel turned to other gods. God told them Samaria hasn't committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they.... **Ezek 16:51**.

The God who is full of compassion, mercy and long suffering; who chose Israel to love, had had enough.

This people – His people had sinned so much and so grievous was their sin that God proclaimed: Wherefore as I live, saith the Lord God; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have pity.
Ezek.5:11

It goes on to say: When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you, and I will increase the famine upon you, and will “Break your Staff of Bread”. So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. **Ezek.5:16,17**.

For thus saith the Lord God; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant. **Ezek.16:59**.

We understand this text is talking about the bread they were eating to fill their belly's; however there were much greater things at stake here. These were but the shadows of things to come.

In the midst of God's judgment, He said: I will remember my covenant. God had promised Abraham; In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed....**Gen22:18**.

And to David He said: The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. **Ps.132:11**.

I have made a covenant with my Chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations. **Ps.89:3-4**.

The promise of God is **why** there is a remnant still in existence. Nevertheless, I will remember **my** covenant with thee in the days of thy youth; and I will establish unto thee and everlasting covenant.
Ezek.16:60.

...He (God) raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said: I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will. Of this Man's seed hath God according to His promise raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus. Acts13:22-23.

For God to break their staff of bread, was monumentally serious; more than the Israelites could have imagined. When God broke the staff of bread, He didn't just bring starvation on His people and lack of water; He turned away from them which meant: They would no longer have His guidance, His protection, His abundance, His favor. They would have **No substance or support**.

Even so, God, in His infinite wisdom has left a proviso for His people. "Nevertheless".

Israel had turned away from God; because of their disobedience, God broke the staff of their bread; and in reality had taken their very life source from them.

But more than this: It would take from them, the ONE who would supply true spiritual nourishment. Instead, became a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense; to both the houses of Israel. Isa.8:14

For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.Isa.3:1.

Israel was guilty of a sin far greater than that of Sodom and Gomorrah.

THEY REJECTED THE SON OF GOD! Put Him to death, they killed the prince of Life!

In essence they broke their own staff of bread by their rejection of God and His Christ; Thus breaking their staff of life; and it would be done in Jerusalem. God had told Ezekiel this in Ezekiel 4:16. I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem.

The Israelites were suffering the judgment of God and at the same time the Gentiles were receiving a blessing; and didn't even know it.

Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people... Isa.49:22.

Jesus told the women of Canaan, that: I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Her reply was: Lord help me. It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. Truth Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters table. O women, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. Matt.15:24-28.

The judgment of God on His people, resulted in a blessing for the rest of the nations. The Staff of Bread or the Staff of Life if you will, was broken; so that all the other nations would have the source of Life available to them; **with the provocation** that Israel would come back to God.

This was indeed a harsh judgment; yet it was done out of divine Love for His people, with a divine purpose. That **ALL** the nations of the earth be blessed.

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matt.4:4.

Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **John 6:49.**

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. **John 6:32**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of Life. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the Life of the world. **John 6:47,48,51.**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man,(Christ) and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ...He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. **John 6:53,54,56.**

God in His great mercy and infinite wisdom has provided a source of life, **a True Source** in which all can live! He broke their staff of bread because they walked contrary to God. **Lev.26:26**

The result of this judgment, caused the Jews to stumble at the Bread of Heaven: Christ Jesus. **Nevertheless**, God **will** save His people; by the same Bread in which they once stumbled at. Take Heed, that you boast not in this; for this provision was intended for His chosen people (Israel) and it still is. Therefore, it is vital and essential to all believers that we remember this.

Jesus said: Take eat: This is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me....This cup is the new testament in my blood: This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lords death till He come. **1 Cor.11:24-26.**

No famine is so terrifying, as that of ones soul. We must always remember the Source of our Life's Substance.

I exhort you, Keep faithful to God and His Christ; and remember God broke the bread that man might live! And partaking of **THIS BREAD** brought us LIFE!!!! Lord, ever more give us this bread! **Amen.**

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