

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A HEBREW SAGE MIGHT SAY. . .

Living a CHRIST-like life is favorable in the world-to-come, but threatening to this world...yet, worth it all!

DAWNING OF THE DAY

"As the day was dawning, the woman came back and fell at the door of the man's house where her master was, as it was growing light. When her master arose in the morning, he opened the doors of the house and stepped out to continue on his way, he saw there was his concubine having fallen at the doorway of the house with her hands on the threshold." [Judges (Shofetim) 19. 26 - 27 Tanakh, Nevi'im]

This horrendously appalling story took place in Israel in a time when **"everyone did what was right (just as they pleased/as was convenient) in his own eyes."** [Judges (Shofetim) 21. 25 Tanakh, Nevi'im] The woman was a concubine to a Levite, was from the tribe of Judah and together they were dwelling among the tribe of Ephraim. Although she had been unfaithful, he had taken her back and they were traveling to Ephraim, staying overnight in a city of Benjamin. The **"sons of Belial"** [beliya'al means: evil, ungodly, wicked, without profit, destruction, worthlessness] among the Benjamites, however, had abused the woman throughout the night, leaving her dead **"as the day was dawning."**

This whole repulsive, abhorrent true-life account illustrates the depths of depravity to which even men among GOD'S chosen people can descend under the cover of darkness. Just as is being done today, only more so as being corrupt has become legalized and socially demanded. However, the Apostle Paul warned us in two of his different writings commanding us to **"have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret."** [Ephesians 5. 11 - 12] And, **"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has CHRIST with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the Temple of GOD with idols?"** [1 Corinthians 6. 14 - 16]

Yet, in the midst of the dismal record of the Levite and his concubine, there is an interesting insight which should be noted. The evil event of the night terminated at **"the dawning of the day."** Interestingly enough, the Hebrew word used is **"panah"** which actually translates **"turning"** not dawning (Hebrew: **boqer** - crack of dawn, dawning, first light, break

of day, morning) — therefore, this is not referring to the *rising of the sun*, but to the *rotation of the earth* which, after a dark night of evil, once again turns its face to the *light of the world*.

In the Book of Job there is another mention of the earth's surface, "**Since your days began, have you ever commanded the day to break, assigned the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the corners of the earth, and shakes the wicked from her? She (the earth) takes shape like clay under a seal, till they [its hues] stand out like a garment.**" [Job (Iyowb) 38. 12 - 14 Tanakh, Torah] Here again suggesting the earth's axial rotation each day/night succession.

The GREAT & MIGHTY LORD OF HOSTS has an appointed time when all evil will be purged from the earth. "**But who can endure the Day of HIS coming? And who can stand when HE appears? For HE is like fire of one refining or like soap of launderers. HE will sit as one refining and purifying silver; HE will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them like the gold and like the silver. Then they will be an offering to YEHOWAH an offering in righteousness.**" [Malachi (Malakhi) 3. 2 - 3 Tanakh, Nevi'im] Then mankind "**will no longer follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.**" [Jeremiah (Yirmeyah) 3. 17 Tanakh, Nevi'im]

There is coming a magnificent dawning, and that very soon, when we shall dwell in the GLORIOUS PRESENCE of the SOVEREIGN ONE and "**there shall be no night there**" [Revelation 21. 25] because Y'SHUA is the TRUE & ETERNAL LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Come quickly, LORD, Come!

Sha'alu (Pray) for the Shalom (Peace) of JerUSAlem and all of Israel!

Redeem Israel, O ELOHIYM, out of all their troubles!

Simcha Shel Mitzvah — joy in doing good! The good performed out of a sense of requirement is not as meaningful as one performed out of desire and with enjoyment.

Oh that men were wise, that they would consider their latter end; that peace abundant would descend from heaven with life for us and to all Israel! Amen

Day 9 of Repentance (Yom ha'Peduth/Teshuvah)

Praying for the peace of Jerusalem, is praying for the return of our Messiah and Lord and for the Kingdom of God He is bringing when He comes. Then God's Will shall be done on earth as it is in Heaven and the world will experience true godly universal peace which is the fruit of Righteousness.

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