

## ADULTERY TEST.. "SOTAH RITUAL" ..CUP OF BITTERNESS, GOLD DUST, AND CURSE CONNECTION.

In the following we will see thematic connections in regard to things pertaining to the adultery (jealousy) test spoken of in the Book of Numbers. The adultery test was used when a man thought his wife was having an affair, committing adultery. The woman would take the test handed out by the High Priest in the Tabernacle or Temple, and she would either die or be blessed as a result of her innocence or guilt. Tradition says that this test was rarely ever proceeded with. It appears the question of adultery was almost always dealt with without the priests test. In the following verses we will see connections from all over the scriptures, let's have a look.

**Num. 5:16-28** *'Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before Adonai, 17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and he shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water. 18 'The priest shall then have the woman stand before Adonai and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and place the grain offering of memorial in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest is to be the water of bitterness that brings a curse. 19 'And the priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you and if you have not gone astray into uncleanness, being under the authority of your husband, be immune to this water of bitterness that brings a curse; 20 if you, however, have gone astray, being under the authority of your husband, and if you have defiled yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you," 21 (then the priest shall have the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall say to the woman), "Adonai make you a curse and an oath among your people by Adonai's making your thigh waste away and your abdomen swell; 22 and this water that brings a curse shall go into your stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh waste away." And the woman shall say, "Amein. Amein." 23 'The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall wash them off into the water of bitterness. 24 'Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness. 25 'And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and he shall wave the grain offering before Adonai and bring it to the altar; 26 and the priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer it up in smoke on the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water. 27 'When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has been unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse shall go into her and cause bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away, and the woman will become a curse among her people. 28 'But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she will then be free and conceive children.*



The Orthodox Jews call this adultery test the "Sotah Ritual".

Do you recall the golden calf story when Moses came down the mountain and found the Israelites had made an idol of a golden calf. **Exod. 32:15** *And he took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water, and made the sons of Israel drink it. Exod. 32:28* **So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.**

Moses was so infuriated with the people that he had them crush the gold used for the idol into dust. Then he had the people drink of the gold dust mixed with water. Those who were responsible for the golden calf being worshipped, died. They numbered about three thousand. Notice the number three coming up again.

Have you ever wondered how the three thousand were picked out among the millions that were there at the time? As per the adultery test described in Numbers, the ones who were adulterers had their belly's swell and their guts waste away, they died immediately. All those who were obviously sick after Moses made everyone drink the cup of bitterness (gold dust and water) stood out from among the crowd, were separated, from the camp, and died.

Now let's look at a verse in Job that is connected to what happened in Numbers and at Mt. Sinai. **Job 21:20** *Let their own eyes see their own destruction and themselves drink the wrath of Shaddai. What joy can they have in their family after them, given that their months are numbered? drink the cup of judgement'* Job is talking about a cup of the wrath of judgement of Yah, which is exactly what the adulterers did after worshipping the golden calf.

I believe there is another thematic connection related to this golden calf idea. At the time Moses went up the mountain the people made a serious timing error. The people timed the return of their great leader (their Messiah) wrong the first time he went up the mountain, and ended up worshipping a golden calf. **The golden calf is a type of the anti-Messiah.** When the pre-tribulation people mis-calculate the return of Yeshua, they

will follow another Messiah, just like they did at Mt. Sinai. Moses had "righteous indignation" and he dealt with these people in a deadly manner as revealed in Exod. 32:25-28.

Now let's get into some deep water again. In Jeremiah we see a similar connection. **Jer. 25:15-17** "For here is what ADONAI the Elohim of Israel says to me: 'Take this cup of the wine of fury from my hand, and make all the nations where I am sending you drink it. 16 They will drink, stagger to and fro and behave like crazy people because of the sword that I will send among them.'" **Then I took the cup from ADONAI's hand and made all the nations drink, where ADONAI had sent me**" Jeremiah is speaking of those proclaimed Believers in Yah who were adulterers in Babylon. They too had committed adultery with the foreign gods. This is all connecting back to the adultery test.

**Psa. 75:8-9 In ADONAI's hand there is a cup of wine, foaming, richly spiced; when He pours it out, all the wicked of the earth will drain it, drinking it to the dregs.**" A cup of wine rather than bitterness, **for the wicked to drink from.** Who are the wicked according to scripture, those who are fornicators, spiritual adulterers, lawless people. Now we see how the wicked are also connected with the cup of the adultery test.

Then we look in Revelation and we find another cup spoken of, a cup of abominations that the whore is drinking from. **Rev. 17:4** "And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a **gold cup full of abominations** and of the unclean things of her immorality", The more we look, the more we will see these connections bringing various verses in various parts of the bible all together.

Theres more to come. **Isa. 51:17 Awake! Awake! Stand up, Yerushalayim! At ADONAI's hand you drank the cup of his fury; you have drained to the dregs the goblet of drunkenness.**" Isaiah is talking about a similar cup he calls a cup of fury, that the Jews were to drink of.

Then in the Renewed Testament we see Yeshua said: if its possible take this cup from me". **Mark 14:36** "And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; **remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt.**" Israel was the bride of Messiah and she had committed adultery. Yeshua came to restore the lost sheep of the house of Israel and He had to drink the cup of bitterness which was the curse all of mankind had received for its adultery, past, present, and future.

We just keep getting into deeper water with these remez and mid rash thematic connections. It seems to just go on and on and on. In Matthew we see two of Yeshua's disciples asking if they can remain at His left and right side in the Kingdom of Heaven. Yeshua knew what was in the cup that He was soon to partake of, yet these two had no clue. **Matt 20:22** But Yeshua answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. **Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"** They said to Him, "We are able." **Matt 26:42** "He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, **Thy will be done.**" **John 18:11** "Yeshua therefore said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, **shall I not drink it?"** Yeshua was taking the sin of the house of Israel upon Himself. They had committed spiritual adultery with other grooms and He was the one who had to represent them and receive the curse that came with the adultery of the nations.

When we look back in Genesis twelve we see the story of Abraham making a covenant with the Almighty. The covenant was actually made after Yah put Abraham to sleep. Many believe that at that time Yeshua was considered the Angel of the covenant. The idea is that Yeshua walked between the two halves of the cut up animal sacrificed, representing both Abraham and Yah. Yeshua represented the Seed of Abraham because He stood in for Abraham and He represented the Father also. Yeshua represented Abrahams descendants forever. Yah knew that Abraham would break the covenant, that is why Yeshua represented Abraham. Abba knew that Yeshua would have to die many years later at Calvary because Abraham's seed would break that covenant.

It's not over yet, let's keep going deeper. A little later on the stake, Yeshua is pressured to take the sour (bitter) wine of opiate. **Matt. 27:47-48** "And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, "This man is calling for Elijah." 48 And immediately one of them ran, and **taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink**".  
**"It is finished"**

The last words spoken by the Messiah on the tree were **"it is finished"**. It is finished is "calah" in Hebrew. Yeshua acted as the bride Israel and accepted the curse of their adultery. He accepted the cup of bitterness and the curse that went with it so that all mankind could be set free to be a proper clean bride of the Father.

**Gen. 2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. The word used here is viakaloo. The root word of that is kalah (3615). It is finished "viakaloo kalah"

**Matt. 2:14-15** And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night, **and departed for Egypt; 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Out of Egypt did I call My Son."**

**Hosea. 11:1** When Israel was a youth I loved him, **And out of Egypt I called My son.**" In Hosea it's referring to Israel as Yah's firstborn son coming out of Egypt.

**2Kings 2:13** *He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is Yahveh Elohim of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.* Moses parted the Red Sea in a similar way. The only way an adulteress could be considered clean again is if her husband died, as stated in Rom. 7:1-6. Then she was considered acceptable and once again clean. For a detailed explanation of this idea read the teaching on Calvary and one on John 19:30.

We can't stop yet, here we go again. As mentioned earlier, at passover the lamb that the high priest chose was staked at the temple mount for the public to inspect. All could inspect it for four days before it was offered up for sacrifice. The thousands of lambs would then be sacrificed, starting at around 9:00am. The shofar would sound to announce to the surrounding areas that the last lamb of about 250,000 (over 40,000 per hour) had been slaughtered. This would be about 3:00pm., the same time of day (twilight) when the evening oblations (sacrifice) always took place. The blood from the slaughter was in such volume that it shone in the brazen pans as the sunlight reflected on it. This red glow (shine) was evident from the hills a long distance away. The High Priest who had closely inspected the lamb, satisfied it was unblemished (perfect), would say: "**I find no fault in him**" (John 18:38, 19:4, 6). The main lamb offering at the temple mount during Passover was made by the High Priest after all the others had been made, about 3:00pm., at twilight. Starting at about 9:00am the High priest was required (by tradition) to stand there for about six hours and supervise until all the lambs were sacrificed. It was exactly six hours that Yeshua hung on the stake before He died. After the High Priest offered up the last lamb the High priest would say "**I thirst**". He would then wet his lips with water and proclaim that "**it is finished**", meaning the slaughtering of all the lambs for Passover. It was exactly 3:00pm (twilight), when Yeshua gave up His Spirit and said His last words; "it is finished". If you recall, as part of the Jewish wedding tradition the father of the groom to be would declare to his son "**it is finished**", when the grooms house was complete. He was then able to go get his bride.

#### **Does this sound familiar?**

Yeshua too was the last lamb sacrificed and He would have heard the sound of the shofar blasting as He gave up His life for us. Yeshua wasn't killed for us, He died for us" **Luke 23:44-45** "*It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two.*" The analogy is so beautiful. The more we learn about the Feasts, the more analogy's and thematic connections we see between Yeshua and everything associated with Him in the Scriptures. (see also Ps. 22:31).

Luke 23 was the fulfillment of **Isa. 50:3** "**I clothe the heavens with blackness And make sackcloth their covering.**" **John 19:30** *Therefore when Yeshua had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.*"

As a side note let's have a quick look at another connection that is so nice. When Yeshua died on the stake on the ninth He spoke these well known words, but nobody seemed to get it. He said: **Matt. 27:46** "*About the ninth hour Yeshua cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"* The people who heard this thought He was calling out for Elijah. They thought He was begging for mercy. What they didn't realize is that Yeshua was trying to reveal to the people there what was written in Psalm 22 about the Messiah being the deliverer. **Ps. 22:1a** "**My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?** Yeshua was pointing to scripture in the hopes that they would recognize Him as their Messiah just before He died. They did not.

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