

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Destruction of Jerusalem

- Ezekiel 9:1-2:
- *Let those who have charge over the city draw near, each with a deadly weapon in his hand.*
- *Suddenly, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand.*
- *One man among them clothed with linen and had a writer's inkhorn at his side. They went in and stood beside the bronze altar.*

# God is Leaving His Temple

- *The glory of the Lord had gone up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple.*



# Those who were Spared

- *The glory of the Lord had gone up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple.*
- *And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side;*
- *the LORD said to him, "**Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.**" Ezek.  
9:3-4*

# Those who were Destroyed

- *To the others "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity.*
- *Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; **but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark;** and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple.  
Ezek. 9:5-6*

# Mark on the Forehead

All who sigh and cry over  
all the abominations done  
do not come near anyone  
on whom is the mark

Would You Receive One?

# Lot Received A Similar Mark

- *and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed (distressed) by the filthy conduct of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) — 2 Peter 2:7-8*
- Do we feel his pain?
- Do we understand his distress/torment

# We also have a Mark

- *Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also **has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.** 2 Cor 1:21-22*
- *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance** Eph 1:13-14*
- *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed for the day of redemption.** Eph 4:30*

# Those who Grieve the Holy Spirit

- *who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve (consent) of those who practice them. Rom. 1:27*
- Which Best Describes us?

**Approve & Consent**  
**Sigh, Cry, Distress Torment**

# How we Grieve the Spirit

- *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*  
Gal. 5:16-18
- Battle in the heart.. when we lost we grieve the Holy Spirit in whom we're sealed.

# Grave Areas of Concern

- works of the flesh are evident,
- **SEXUAL:** *adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness*
- **OCCULT:** *idolatry, sorcery*
- **PERVERSIONS OF LOVE:** *hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders,*
- **ALCOHOL** *drunkenness, revelries, and the like;*
- *those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5:19-21*

# The Will of God

- *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 1Th. 4:3-6*
- Men: Don't look to lust, Don't covet
- Women: Dress modestly and be chaste.
- Do we sigh & cry over both these things?
- Are we oppressed & tormented?
- Do we consent, approve & enjoy?

# Desire

- TWO DISTINCT ISSUES: desire /being desired
- Job made covenant with eyes
- Concerned over lurking at neighbor's door.
- David watched Bathsheba bathe
- Jesus: "If a man looks at woman to lust"
- "You shalt not covet neighbor's wife"
- eyes full of adultery – cannot cease
- Even women must beware: Potipher's wife.

● Pr. 6:24-25 To keep you from the evil woman,  
From the flattery of the foreigner's tongue. 25  
Lust not after her beauty in thy heart; Neither  
let her take thee with her words.

● Pr. 7:10 And, behold, there meeteth a woman  
With the attire of a harlot, and wily of heart.

● Eccl. 7:31 I will search out wisdom, and will  
know the strength of her words: (and)  
whose hands are bands: whoso pleaseth God  
shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be  
taken by her.

● This too can be male or female!

**Consent?**

**Sigh?**

**Cry?**

**Oppressed?**

# Idolatry / Sorcery

Any superstition, any dread, any fear regarding forces not revealed in the Scripture and not directly controlled by God is idolatry/sorcery.

*I am Jehovah, and there is none else; besides me there is no God . . . Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. Isa 45:5, 22.*

all awe, reverence, and respect should be directed toward God.

# The Sin of Drunkenness

- The Holy Spirit warned against “*revelry and drunkenness*” because “*drunkards, will not inherit the kingdom of God*”
- *Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Rom 13:13-14*

# When do we become Drunken?

- What is Drunkenness?
- "to be drunk with wine" "to make drunk, grow drunk" "to become intoxicated" (Vine's)
- Never met a Christian who argues with this!
- The quibble is the line being sober and drunk.
- Some argue I can drink alcohol as long as I stop at the thresh hold of drunkenness.
- Since no one can define it, I am free!
- Due to drunk driving studies have confirmed:

# Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) Table for Men

Drinks	Body Weight in Pounds									Condition
	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	260	
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Only safe driving limit
1	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	Impairment begins
2	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	Driving Skills Affected
3	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	
4	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	Possible Criminal Penalties
5	0.19	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.08	
6	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.09	Legally Intoxicated
7	0.26	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.11	
8	0.30	0.25	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.13	Criminal Penalties
9	0.34	0.28	0.24	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.15	
10	0.38	0.31	0.27	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.16	Death Possible

Your body can get rid of **one** drink per *hour*

One drink = **1.5** oz. of 80 proof liquor, **12** oz. of beer, or **5** oz. of table wine

# Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) Table for Women

Drinks	Body Weight in Pounds									Condition
	90	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Only safe driving limit
1	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	Impairment begins
2	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	Driving Skills Affected
3	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.06	
4	0.20	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.08	Possible Criminal Penalties
5	0.25	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.09	
6	0.30	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.11	
7	0.35	0.32	0.27	0.23	0.20	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.13	Legally Intoxicated
8	0.40	0.36	0.30	0.26	0.23	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.15	
9	0.45	0.41	0.34	0.29	0.26	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.17	Criminal Penalties
10	0.51	0.45	0.38	0.32	0.28	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.19	

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## Progressive effects of alcohol<sup>[1]</sup>

BAC (% by vol.)	Behavior	Impairment
0.001–0.029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Average individual appears normal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Subtle effects that can be detected with special tests</li> </ul>
0.030–0.059	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Mild <a href="#">euphoria</a></li> <li>•Relaxation</li> <li>•Joyousness</li> <li>•Talkativeness</li> <li>•Decreased inhibition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Concentration</li> </ul>
0.060–0.099	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Blunted feelings</li> <li>•Euphoria</li> <li>•<a href="#">Disinhibition</a></li> <li>•Extroversion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Reasoning</li> <li>•Depth perception</li> <li>•Peripheral vision</li> <li>•Glare recovery</li> </ul>
0.100–0.199	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Over-expression</li> <li>•Boisterousness</li> <li>•Possibility of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Reflexes</li> <li>•Reaction time</li> <li>•Gross motor control</li> <li>•Staggering</li> </ul>

# If we sigh & cry

- We get as far away from that line as possible.
- Since drunkenness is an abomination, and we are to sigh and cry over it, does it make sense we would have one drink knowing it creates impairment?
- One drink leads to decreased inhibitions and impairment has begun.
- Only if we consent with those who practice would we try to get as close as possible.

# We will Reap what we have Sown

- *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life. Gal 6:7-8*