

THE BATTLE AXE OF YAH

September 19, 2020



MIDNIGHT RIDE
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1:00 : John Hall welcomes us as a special cohost for the evening, explaining that Jon Pounders is attending to some family matters. David Carrico also welcomes us and thanks John for helping out with the tonight's study.

2:30 : John discusses some great sponsors that help to make this content freely available to us all. To visit their websites, click on any of the images or links below.

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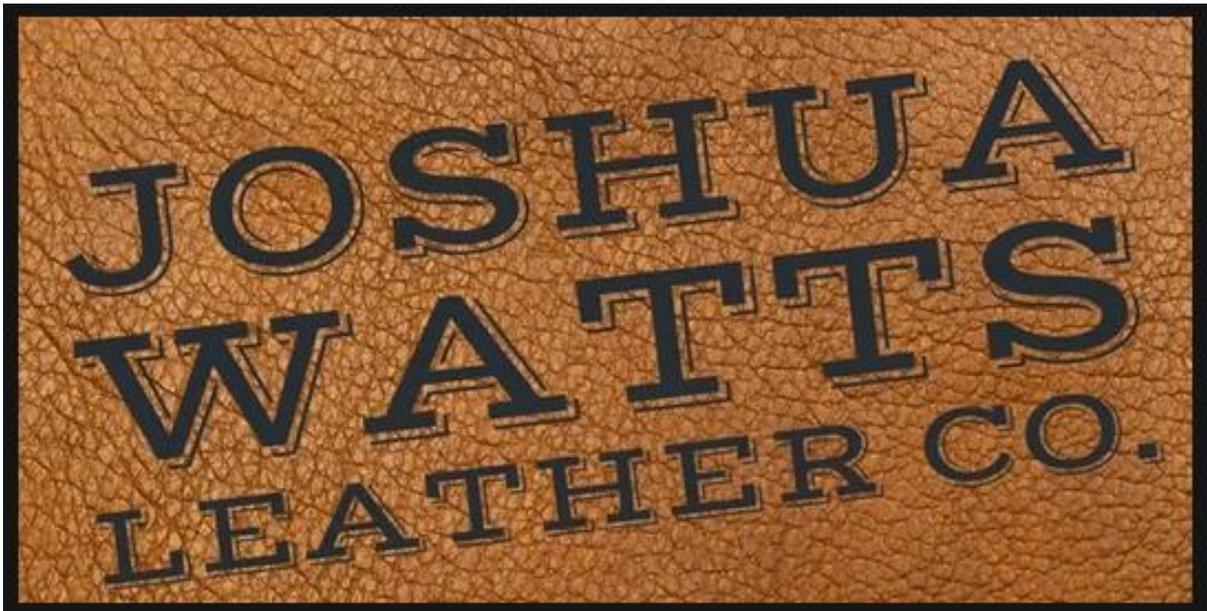
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4:00 : David introduces tonight’s study and sets the context for understanding with the following scripture references.

EZEKIEL 16:35 - 36 ³⁵ Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD: ³⁶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

REVELATION 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

REVELATION 11:8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

7:30 : David reads from a letter from Brother King regarding spiritual Babylon:
“For the last year or so, I have been impressed to read Jeremiah 50 & 51 about a hundred times. As many, I am quite sure that America is Babylon. If she isn’t, she has the serious misfortune of having all of her attributes. When reading the 51st chapter of Jeremiah this summer during covid, the riots, unrest, and political combat the following verses took on a whole new meaning.”

8:30: David observes that prophecy speaks to those that have ears to hear, and is repeatedly fulfilled throughout time, until its eventual ultimate fulfillment.

JEREMIAH 51:45 - 46 ⁴⁵ My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. ⁴⁶ And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour^{H8052} shall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

JEREMIAH 51:25 Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. report, news, rumour
 - A. report, news, tidings
 - B. mention

Strong's Definitions [?] (Strong's Definitions Legend)

שְׂמוּעָה *shēmūw'ah*, shem-oo-aw'; feminine passive participle of H8074; something heard, i.e. an announcement:—bruit, doctrine, fame, mentioned, news, report, rumor, tidings.

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon [?]

שְׂמוּעָה & שְׂמִיעָה prop. that which is heard; hence—
 (1) *a message, tidings*, 1 Sa. 4:19; whether joyful, Prov. 15:30; 25:25; or sorrowful, Jer. 49:23; Psa. 112:7; Jer. 10:22; especially a message sent from God, Isa. 53:1; Jer. 49:14; hence—
 (2) i. q. *instruction, teaching, doctrine*, Isaiah 28:9.
 (3) *rumour*, 2 Ch. 9:6.
 (related entry)
שְׂמִיעָה see שְׂמוּעָה.

Lexicon :: Strong's H8052 - *shemuw'ah*

שְׂמוּעָה

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| Transliteration | Pronunciation |
| <i>shemuw'ah</i> | shem-û-â' (Key)  |
| Part of Speech | Root Word (Etymology) |
| feminine noun | Pass part of שָׁמַעַ (H8085) |

Dictionary Aids

TWOT Reference: 2412d

KJV Translation Count — Total: 27x

The KJV translates Strong's H8052 in the following manner: rumour (9x), tidings (8x), report (4x), fame (2x), bruit (1x), doctrine (1x), mentioned (1x), news (1x).

rumor noun

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Definition of rumor (Entry 1 of 2)

- : talk or opinion widely disseminated with no discernible source
- : a statement or report current without known authority for its truth
- archaic* : talk or report of a notable person or event
- : a soft low indistinct sound : MURMUR

11:30: David points out the clear parallel between the this particular word choice and our media coverage of Covid 19. John points out that the atmosphere created by fear of the virus has been used to barter peace negotiations in the middle east under the guise of joint vaccine development, which ultimately led to establishing additional embassies and various government infrastructure for future military power grabs.



See the White House press briefing on the “Abraham Accords Peace Agreement” between Israel and the United Arab Emirates by clicking the white house icon to the left.

16:30: David declares that God is always in control. He relates Jeremiah 51:25 to the unprecedented wildfires throughout our nation. John further points out the incredible number of lightning strikes.

He points out the dreadful state of law, commerce, and nature in California as Gavin Newsom signs SB-145 into effect, allowing a judge’s discretion as to whether offenders will be placed on the National Sex Offender Registry. He discusses multiple people and businesses fleeing the state to escape various laws & edicts, as well as increased taxation to cover their current shortfall in necessary funding.

Click the image of Gruesome Newsom signing the bill to see an article about San Diego mayor Faulconer sharply criticizing the bill and its potential effect.

John also points out that Newsom signed SB-132 into effect, allowing men that identify as women to be housed in women’s prisons.

Click the image to the right to see an article in the National Review about this controversial bill. The article points out the case of Richard Marsbuch. Marsbuch was convicted of targeting, raping, and torturing women and now happily resides in a women’s facility in Corona, California.

20:00: David also notes that in July, California public health authorities banned worship by songs of praise in all churches within the state. Most churches were intimidated into quietly obeying the ordinances.

A few churches are fighting back. :) Click the Calvary Chapel sign to link to an article in the LA Times about churches battling the state in court.

Click the Grace Community Church sign to see how the city of Los Angeles evicted the church from its parking lot after they defied an order banning church services. Pastor John MacArthur began one sermon with “Welcome to the Grace Community Church peaceful protest.”

John points out that Governor Newsom (nephew of Nancy Pelosi) and Kamala Harris (democratic vice-presidential nominee) blame the fires on climate change.



23:00 : David reads from an 1866 Charles Spurgeon sermon given in London during the cholera epidemic:

“It is no wonder if God does not continue to walk with a sinful people, that it is not to be expected, that when a nation falls out with God, God should continue to bless it.”

David further points out the evil policies of both parties and their distance from God’s commandments.

25:00 : John points out that President Trump announced plans to dispense the vaccine by January but claims that he will not force vaccination. However, the groundwork has already been laid for possible military enforcement. Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden states on his campaign website that he will join forces with WHO (The World Health Organization) immediately after assuming office. WHO guidelines suggest mandatory vaccination for all.

28:00 : David urges us to prepare ourselves for the persecution. He also reads the verse from which this teaching takes its title. JER 51:20 refers to Cyrus, king of Persia, as God’s battle axe, destroyer of Babylon.

JEREMIAH 51:20 Thou *art* my battle axe^{H4661} and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces^{H5310} the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;

JER 50:23 refers to Nebuchadnezzar as the hammer of all the earth, prophesied to be cut asunder by the battle axe of God.

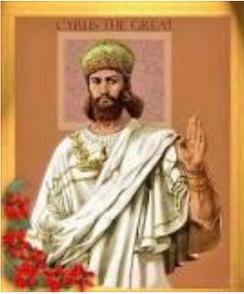
JEREMIAH 50:23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

JEREMIAH 50:32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

30:00 : David points out that Cyrus is of special interest. He was prophesied by name over a century before his appearance in the book of Isaiah.

***How great is God? How much can we trust in His Word? We should all cherish these proof texts. ♥

ISAIAH 45:1 - 7 ¹Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; ² I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: ³ And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel. ⁴ For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. ⁵ I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: ⁶ That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else. ⁷ I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.



32:00 : David compares (as have many including Israeli leaders) President Trump to the biblical Cyrus. He points out that although Donald Trump is not a righteous man, neither was Cyrus. He believes President Trump & Cyrus may serve an analogous purpose in God's plan.

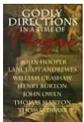
John agrees that while Trump does not appear to be a believer, he does seem to sometimes function in service to the Lord. He discusses the current state of our nation & urges us to study our bible and trust in the Father in the face of such challenges.

Both gentlemen agree that we may already be in the midst of a struggle that could eventually swell to the level of civil war, leading to a possible communist fall. They discuss the role and behaviors of most American men today as well as general cowardice, contrasted against Christians abroad. John explains that the demoralization of men has been by design for the last few decades.

Historian Camille Paglia (whom I would certainly not recommend reading, but find her input on this subject to be of some relevance) notes that the decline of masculinity historically occurs at the fall of great civilizations. She describes Greek & Roman statues and artwork becoming more and more androgenous as well homosexual and pedophylic acts becoming more common and accepted in the bath houses of ancient Rome towards the end of the dynasties. The people propagating this line of thinking considered themselves to be quite cosmopolitan, as do the progressives of today. They considered masculinity to be barbaric, as some have labeled masculinity as toxic today. All the while, the Goths, Huns, and even terrorist groups of today embrace attributes of masculinity such as courage and physical strength while encircling and drawing ever nearer to the civilization at the point of collapse. Click the thumbnail labeled "This has happened before" to hear her remarks from an historical standpoint.



JEREMIAH 51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.



43:00 : David reads from applicable sermons included in *Godly Directions in a Time of Plague*. This book is available on Amazon for \$17 (\$7 in digital format). You can find this book for sale by clicking it's cover to the right.

He begins with the 16th century words of John Hooper, translator of Tertullian who was martyred by being burned at the stake under the rule of Bloody Mary [Mary Tudor I, queen of England] and her revival of the heresy acts. Hooper had this to say:

“There are such offices of trust as men for no cause may flee from it. As the bishop, parson, vicar and curate who has the charge of those that God pleases to infect with the pestilence. And if they forsake their people in this plague time, they are hirelings and not pastors. And they flee from God's people into God's high indignation.”

John echoes David's thoughts on this matter & notes 501(c)(3) church tax statues and the splintering of various denominations. David continues with a quote from 16th/17th century English bishop Lancelot Andrewes. Andrewes spoke 15 languages, was fluent in 6 additional ancient languages, and assisted in the translation of the King James Bible. He is still commemorated by the Church of England on the 25th of September each year.

Andrewes, while commenting on Psalm 106:29 – 30:

“And the English word *plague* comes from the Latin word *plaga* which is properly a stroke, which necessarily infers a cause. For where there is a stroke, there must be one that strikes. And in that both it and other evil things that come upon us are usually in scripture called God’s judgement.”



PSALM 106:29 - 30 ²⁹ Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. ³⁰ Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

51:00.: David explains that we are under the judgement of God and His judgement is righteous. As difficult as it may be, we will see many come to repentance and submit to the Lord, giving their lives to Him. John reminds us to trust in God and prepare for what is to come now, both spiritually and physically. Both gentlemen encourage a sense of urgency in our preparations.

54:30.: David goes on to quote 17th century Puritan Richard Crashaw. Crashaw was famous for his highly moving religious poetry, as well as denouncing 'Romish falsifications' and 'besotted Jesuitries' of the church. He was eventually expelled from his fellowship and later still, exiled altogether. Crashaw died of a fever, rumored to have been poisoned by one of Cardinal Palotto’s men. He had this to say:

“Take your heart, for that is the place the plague begins, and every morning, wash it in the tears of true repentance and hearty sorrow for your sins. But that it may be thoroughly washed, see first you stretch it out on the rack of strict examination so that it may pour itself out and make a free and full confession. Then mollify it in the precious oil and bathe it in the blood of Jesus Christ, the true balm of Gilead, by a true and lively faith.”



58:30.: David proclaims that this is a time for sackcloth and ashes, that we should share in God’s offense to His holiness. We should thoroughly repent for our own sins, as well as the sins of our nation as a whole. John reminds us that we should be just as radical in our obedience to Him as Christ was in His mercy to us all.



1:00:30.: David tells us of the Puritans John Owen & John Bunyan and their struggle against the crown’s Acts of Uniformity, requiring each minister to be ordained through the Church of England and requiring each church to use the Common Prayer Book. John Owens had the following to say in his sermon *Perilous Times*:

“You know how God sets it forth [Ezekiel 43] in the parable of the watchman to warn men of approaching dangers and truly God has given us this law. If we warn the churches of their approaching dangers, we will be discharge of our duty. If we do not, their blood will be required at our hands...We ought greatly to mourn for the public abominations of the world and of the land of our nativity in which we live. I would only observe that place in Ezekiel 9. God sends out His judgements and destroys the city, but before He sets a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh for all of the abominations that are done in the midst of them.”

[1:06:00](#) : John reminds us of the need for continual repentance in the face of Satan's work in the secular world. David knocks it out of the park with this last quote from the Puritan Henry Burton. Burton's ears were cut off for circulating pamphlets attacking the Archbishop Laud. He was imprisoned during the untimely death of his only daughter and publicly mocked for his views. In his sermon *Self Denial and Humiliation in a Time of Plague* Burton had this to say:

“A Christian must deny himself in all civil relation. If princes or states make laws against the law of Christ, against his religion and his pure ordinances, threatening punishment to those who will not observe them, in this a true Christian must deny himself.”



[1:13:00](#) : John discusses Kentucky governor Andy Beshear's mandates that have been near impossible for small businesses to abide by. He also points out that as citizens flee the cities, they are moving to smaller towns in more rural areas. While relocating is in the best interest of the city folks, it be difficult for those of us who will be getting some new neighbors.

[1:17:30](#) : David points out the difficulty in reasoning with and ministering to those that have been made drunk with the wine of fornication.

REVELATION 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

[1:19:00](#) : David reminds us that God has not forsaken us and He never will. Even in difficult times, it is all to His ultimate glory.

JEREMIAH 51:5 - 6 ⁵ For Israel *hath not been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.
⁶ Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense.

[1:21:00](#) : John reminds us to live a Christ-centered life, relying solely on Him and not ourselves or anyone else.

1:23:00: David urges anyone who has not yet been saved to plea the admonition of Christ, repent and believe the gospel, placing your faith in Christ and His death upon the cross in order to receive remission of sins and be born again of eternal life. He suggests praying the sincere prayer “God be merciful to me a sinner.”. God loves you, wants eternal life with you, and is faithfully waiting to offer you His mercy.

1:24:30: David thanks Brother John Hall for his help tonight. John reminds us to find David & Donna’s new channel on Brighteon to see the latest FOJC teachings, as well as the FOJC Radio site. Their latest teachings can be found by clicking the image to the right and entering “FOJC” into the search bar on the site.



David graciously thanks us all for our prayers and support. John also mentions a book that may be helpful to those with college-age kids. For access to this book, please contact the Carricos at lastdayschurch@cs.com or click on the book below.

