

Forget not your Beginnings!!

Ezekiel 16:1-52

- 1 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem **to know her abominations**,
- 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; **Thy birth and thy nativity** is of the land of **Canaan**; thy father was **an Amorite**, and thy mother **an Hittite**.
- 4 And as for **thy nativity**, in the day thou wast born **thy navel was not cut**, neither wast thou **washed in water** to supple thee; thou wast **not salted at all**, nor **swaddled at all**.
- 5 **None eye** pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, **to have compassion** upon thee; but **thou wast cast out in the open field**, to the **loathing of thy person**, in the day **that thou wast born**.

Do not forget your Beginnings!! Where did God bring you from? Where did God find you laying? Where did God lead you out of? What did you leave behind??

- 6 **And when I passed by thee**, and saw thee **polluted in thine own blood**, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, **Live; yea**, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, **Live**.

When did God pass by you and speak to you, Live; yea... I say unto you Live!!

- 7 **I have caused thee to multiply** as the bud of the field, and **thou hast increased** and waxen **great**, and thou art come **to excellent ornaments**: thy **breasts are fashioned**, and **thine hair is grown**, whereas **thou wast naked and bare**.

Do not forget your Beginnings!! Where God brought you from!! Remember who you are!! Who you were!! How you were dying in yours sins!! And how the Lord God had pity upon you.

- 8 **Now when I passed by thee**, and **looked upon thee**, behold, **thy time was the time of love**; and **I spread my skirt** over thee, and **covered** thy nakedness: yea, **I sware** unto thee, and **entered into a covenant** with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and **thou becamest mine**.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Cor 6:19-20) **Do not forget your Beginnings!!**

- 9 Then **washed I thee with water**; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and **I anointed thee with oil**.

Forget not when God washed away your sins!! **Forget not** when God anointed you with the Holy Ghost oil!! **Forget not** your Beginnings!!

10 **I clothed thee** also with **broidered work**, and shod thee with **badgers' skin**, and I girded thee about with **fine linen**, and **I covered** thee with silk.

Forget not you are the Bride of Christ!! Forget not who you are!! Forget not who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light!! **Forget not** your Beginnings!!

11 **I decked thee** also with ornaments, and **I put bracelets** upon thy hands, and **a chain** on thy neck.

12 And I put a **jewel on thy forehead**, and **earrings in thine ears**, and **a beautiful crown upon thine head**.

13 Thus wast thou **decked with gold and silver**; and **thy raiment was of fine linen**, and **silk**, and **broidered work**; thou didst eat **fine flour**, and **honey**, and **oil**: and thou wast **exceeding beautiful**, and thou **didst prosper** into a kingdom.

Forget not your Righteousness which God has imputed unto you!! Forget not how he has clothed you with Holiness unto the LORD!! Grieve not the Spirit of God!!

14 And **thy renown** went forth among **the heathen** for thy beauty: for **it was perfect through my comeliness**, which **I had put upon thee**, saith the Lord GOD.

For the Lord is the Justifier of many and not you yourself!! Forget not it is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not!! It is not your comeliness but it is the Lord's comeliness that has given you your beauty!! **Forget not** your Beginnings!!

15 But thou didst **trust in thine own beauty**, and **playedst the harlot** because of thy renown, and pouredst out **thy fornications** on every one that passed by; **his it was**.

16 And of **thy garments** thou didst take, and **deckedst thy high places** with divers colours, and **playedst the harlot** thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

17 Thou hast also taken **thy fair jewels** of my gold and of my silver, **which I** had given thee, and **madest to thyself images of men**, and didst **commit whoredom** with them,

18 And tookest **thy broidered garments**, and **coveredst them**: and thou hast **set mine oil and mine incense before them**.

Who or what are you placing before God!! Who or what are you committing spiritual whoredom with!!

19 My meat also **which I gave thee**, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith **I fed thee**, thou hast even **set it before them for a sweet savour**: and thus it was, saith the Lord GOD.

20 Moreover thou hast taken **thy sons and thy daughters**, whom **thou hast borne unto me**, and these **hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured**. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter,

21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

Be not as the children of Jerusalem who forgot their beginnings!! Who committed whoredoms greater than the nations who God drove out from before then to cleanse the land!!

22 And in all thine **abominations** and thy **whoredoms** thou hast **not remembered the days of thy youth**, when thou **wast naked and bare**, and **wast polluted in thy blood**.

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD;)

24 That thou hast **also built unto thee an eminent place**, and hast made thee **an high place in every street**.

25 Thou hast **built thy high place** at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty **to be abhorred**, and hast **opened thy feet to every one** that passed by, and **multiplied thy whoredoms**.

26 Thou hast also **committed fornication** with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, **to provoke me to anger**.

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27 Behold, therefore **I have stretched out my hand over thee**, and have **diminished thine ordinary food**, and **delivered thee** unto **the will** of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are **ashamed of thy lewd way**.

28 Thou hast **played the whore** also with the Assyrians, because thou **wast unsatiable**; yea, thou hast **played the harlot** with them, and yet **couldst not be satisfied**.

Sin will always take you further than you want to go!! If you let it grow it will become an unsatiable desire to fulfill the lusts of your flesh!! Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. (Pro 27:20)

29 Thou hast moreover **multiplied thy fornication** in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou **wast not satisfied** herewith.

30 **How weak** is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an **imperious [a vixen] whorish woman**;

31 In that thou buildest thine **eminent place** in the head of every way, and makest **thine high place** in every street; and **hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire**;

Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (1 Cor 5:6b) Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. (1 Cor 10:21)

Jerusalem was so bad off in her whoredoms against God that she was not even taking hire as other harlots, but was paying her lovers to come unto her!!

32 But as a wife that committeth adultery, **which taketh strangers** instead of her husband!

33 **They give gifts** to all whores: **but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers**, and **hirest them**, that they may come unto thee **on every side** for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

For this reason God turned to a people who were not a people!! For this reason God decided to provoke the nation of Israel to jealousy with a people who were not a people!! It is because of their continual whoredoms and because they forgot their beginnings that we Gentiles were grafted into the gospel!!

What should have been for the nation of Israel was found of a people that sought not for it!! This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes!!

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, **severity**; but toward thee, **goodness**, if thou continue **in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.** (Rom 11:22)

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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**;

37 Behold, therefore **I will gather all thy lovers**, with whom thou hast **taken pleasure**, and all them that **thou hast loved**, with all them that **thou hast hated**; I will even gather them round about **against thee**, and **will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.**

38 And **I will judge thee**, as women **that break wedlock** and shed blood are judged; and I will give **thee blood in fury and jealousy.**

What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is **joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication.** Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but **he that committeth fornication** sinneth against his own body. (1 Cor 6:16-18)

And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine **eminent** place, and shall break down **thy high places**: they shall **strip thee** also of thy clothes, and **shall take** thy fair jewels, and **leave thee naked and bare.**

This is what sin will do to you!! This is what will happen to you if you wonder into Egypt to sin against the LORD!!

40 They shall also **bring up a company** against thee, and they shall **stone thee** with stones, and **thrust thee through** with their swords.

41 And they shall **burn thine houses** with fire, and **execute judgments** upon thee in the sight of many women: and **I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot**, and thou also shalt give **no hire** any more.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, **his servants ye are** to whom ye obey; whether of sin **unto death**, or of obedience **unto righteousness?** (Rom 6:16)

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, **not to the flesh**, to live after the flesh. **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die**: but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live. (Rom 8:12-13)

Forget not your Beginnings!! Do not get high and lifted up!! Do not forget where God has brought you from!! Do not entangle yourself again with the bondage of this world!!

Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (2 Cor 6:17)

42 So will I make my fury toward thee **to rest**, and my jealousy **shall depart** from thee, and I will **be quiet**, and will be **no more angry**.

43 **Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth**, but hast **fretted me** in all these things; behold, therefore **I also will recompense** thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord GOD: and **thou shalt not commit** this lewdness above all thine abominations.

44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, **As is the mother, so is her daughter**.

45 Thou art **thy mother's daughter**, that **loatheth her husband and her children**; and thou art **the sister of thy sisters**, which **loathed** their husbands and their children: **your mother was an Hittite, and your father an Amorite**.

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in **the children of disobedience**: Among whom also **we all** had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires** of the flesh and of the mind; and were **by nature the children of wrath**, even as others. **But God**, who is rich in mercy, **for his great love** wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) (Eph 2:2-5)

Forget not your Beginnings!! Forget not the gutter wherein God picked you up out of!! Forget not the great love wherewith God has loved you!!

46 And thine elder sister is **Samaria, she and her daughters** that dwell at **thy left hand**: and thy **younger sister**, that dwelleth at thy **right hand**, is **Sodom and her daughters**.

47 **Yet hast thou not walked** after their ways, **nor done** after their abominations: but, **as if that were a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways**.

What's worse than a child of God, the Bride of Christ, walking hand in hand with the world!! But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, **The dog** is turned to his own vomit again; and **the sow** that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (2 Pet 2:22)

48 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, **Sodom thy sister** hath not done, **she nor her daughters**, as thou hast done, **thou and thy daughters**.

49 Behold, **this was the iniquity** of thy sister Sodom, **pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters**, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were **haughty**, and **committed abomination** before me: therefore I **took them away** as I saw good.

Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. (Pro 6:27-29)

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51 **Neither hath Samaria** committed half of thy sins; but **thou hast multiplied** thine abominations **more than they**, and hast justified thy sisters **in all thine abominations** which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast **judged thy sisters**, bear thine own shame **for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they**: they are **more righteous** than thou: yea, **be thou confounded** also, and **bear thy shame**, in that thou hast **justified thy sisters**.

Let us not be as the children of Jerusalem!! Let us forget not our Beginnings!! Lest we come to a similar fate!! For our God is a consuming fire!! (Heb 12:29) **Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.** (Rev 16:15)