

HEBREWS 13:15

Happy THANKSGIVING

...let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

OPEN BIBLE HOUR



Open Bible Hour Christmas Banquet

Tuesday, December 16

Great Room

6:30 PM – Dinner served at 7 PM

Menu

Beef Short Ribs Braised in Broth
Served with Rice Pilaf and Roasted
Seasonal Vegetables

Salad and Rolls

Variety of Desserts

Coffee

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THE CITY OF NINEVEH,
THE JUDGMENT OF GOD,
AND A WARNING TO THE UNITED STATES

"Compound Depravity"

Nahum 3:1-7

November 23, 2014

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“Woe” - to threaten judgment.

“You are in a very bad situation and God’s judgment is pending.”

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Compound Depravity – *the increasing of sin and evil in its depth and breath from the simple to the complex in fallen humanity.*

Arrogance

Lies

Robbery

Deception

Violence

Greed

Extortion

Torture

Murder

Idolatry

Witchcraft

SORCERY

WICKEDNESS

Evil

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Zeph 2:13-15

13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north
And destroy Assyria,
And He will make Nineveh a desolation,
Parched like the wilderness.

14 Flocks will lie down in her midst,
All beasts which range in herds;
Both the pelican and the hedgehog
Will lodge in the tops of her pillars;
Birds will sing in the window,
Desolation will be on the threshold;
For He has laid bare the cedar work.

15 This is the exultant city
Which dwells securely,
Who says in her heart,
"I am, and there is no one besides me."
How she has become a desolation,
A resting place for beasts!
Everyone who passes by her will hiss
And wave his hand in contempt.

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“Harlotry”

Scripture uses harlotry in 3 different ways:

1. To describe a harlot or a prostitute. (Joshua 2:1; Judges 16:1, Hosea 2:1)
2. To describe Israel in a spiritual sense using harlotry as a figure of speech to describe her sinful adulterous actions towards other nations. (Ez. 16:1-43; Hosea 2:12-14)
3. To describe a pagan nation or city in a political sense using harlotry to describe their deceiving, evil actions toward other nations, cities, or people. (Rev 17:1,2; Nahum 3:4)

****Never used in a positive sense.***

“Sorcery”

The use of occultic practices such as incantations (casting of spells), enchantment (attracted by a magic spell), witchcraft, foretelling the future, omens (from movement of birds, animals, clouds, and from dreams, possessing special powers obtained by evil spirits, necromancy (talking to the dead)all in order to influence the lives of others.

Isa 36:16-17

16 'Do not listen to Hezekiah,' for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,

17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

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“filth” - (shik-koots-iyɪm') – dirt, vomit, dung, human excrement, urine.

“vile” - (naw-bale) - foul, nasty, unpleasant, bad, horrid, horrible, dreadful, abominable, atrocious, offensive, obnoxious, odious, unsavory, repulsive, disgusting, distasteful, loathsome, hateful, nauseating, sickening.

“spectacle” - (ro-ee') – to gaze at, to stare, to call attention to one's unseemly appearance in public.

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Heb 10:31

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Rev 20:10

10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.