

In our last podcast, we studied the purpose of it all, the underlying message of all this imagery. We also peered into some of the prohibitions on entry into this city. Let's continue with the prohibitions.

EP189 Revelation 21:27

Unclean, Detestable, False

"... and there no, not ever, shall enter anyone unclean and also anyone **now** doing what is detestable or false ..." Let's spend a few moments on the concepts surrounding those who are unclean and also anyone **now** doing what is detestable or false, for unless their names have been caused to be written in the Lamb's book of life, to them the gates will be closed.

Unclean

The word translated as "*unclean*" just means something that is "common" and shared by all. In the context of religion, it means something that is not set apart for sacred use, something considered to be defiled. For instance, the Jews were not permitted to bring any unclean creature into the holy place (the "Sanctuary"), but only those that had been sanctified or set apart exclusively unto **Yahweh**.¹ And that practice set the typology for this passage.

One aspect of knowing God is experienced though the way **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** (**Yahweh** who sanctifies, sets apart, or makes holy) works closely with **Yahweh Qanna** (**Yahweh** whose name is Jealous) to set a person apart exclusively for His purposes. When this occurs, the person is called holy and is no longer common, unclean, or shared by all.

For instance, the Spirit says that the bondservants of Jesus Christ are His personal possession, a holy nation, and He has exclusive ownership of their lives. This is best expressed in the following:

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has been calling you out of darkness into His marvelous light; which in time past not a people, but now the people of God; you had not been caused to receiving mercy, but now you have been caused to be receiving mercy.²

Jesus gave Himself to redeem His Chosen ones from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.³ Accordingly, those who have not been set apart by **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** and gathered by **Yahweh Qanna** will not be permitted to enter the holy city or to be joined in fellowship or intimacy with those who have been set apart by God for God.

Abomination

The word translated "detestable" is the word "*abomination*," which comes from a root word that

¹ See *Leviticus 7:19-21, 10:3, 8-11, 16:2; Numbers 18:1-7, 32, 19:20-22,*

² See *Exodus 19:5, Deuteronomy 4:20, 14:2; Hosea 2-3*

³ See *Titus 2:14*

means to stink, to be detestable, abhorrent, and disgusting, but it is best understood as a synonym for idolatry—an object of disgust. The underlying Greek word comes into play in the **Codex** when the Spirit is addressing those adherents of the religion of Christianity, those should know God but deny Him by how they live, in effect, refusing to let Him be their **I AM** despite their worshipping Him, serving Him, and calling Him Lord.

Titus 1:15-16

To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who have been caused to being defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience have been caused to be defiled. They **now** profess to know God, but by their deeds they choose to **now** deny Him, **now** being **detestable** and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

This perspective is amplified when Jesus stated that the religious leaders who love their own goodness more than the goodness of God, and love to justify themselves before others, are **detestable**.

Luke 16:14-15

Now the Pharisees, who are **now** being lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him. And He said to them, "You are **now** those who are **now** justifying yourselves in the sight of men, but God **now** knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is **detestable** in the sight of God.

Then to top off the disgust or the stink in the nostrils of God, the word translated as "**detestable**" comes from the same base word for "**abomination**" as in the Beast and the infamous **Abomination of Desolation** that has been standing in the holy place (in the "naos"), in the midst of the holy city, where it **now** ought not to be. Yes, it is shocking to know that this is not an event we are waiting for; this Abomination of Desolation is found amongst the Sanctuary of God. As it says, "*whoever is **now** reading they are commanded to **now** understand*".⁴

In addition, we must not forget that the woman of religion, the woman who rides the Beast, has a golden cup filled with *abominations* or that which is **detestable** – all the unclean things of her immorality. She is the Queen of religion, and her cup is filthy with detestable unauthorized (or lawless) religious works.⁵

By now God's sentiments toward religion should not shock us, but when we think of the masses who are in the religion of Christianity and legitimately believe they are rendering a service unto God and are worshipping Him, this is still shocking and unnerving. But we have learned, a person cannot be part of the new Jerusalem, this grand and glorious city, unless they have been caused to being dressed in the right wedding garments, the clothes of a bride, the garments provided by **Yahweh Tsidkenu** (**Yahweh** who is

⁴ ***Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14***

⁵ ***Revelation 17:4***

our righteousness).⁶

Simply said, those who do not live by the rule that **Only God is Good**, practice abomination.⁷ The goodness of man is little more than filthy bloody garments, and those who do not bet their lives on this truth will simply not be permitted to enter the glory of **ETERNITY NOW**, which will all payout in full in our **ETERNITY THEN**.⁸

False

The Spirit addresses those who are now doing that which is false, as they try so hard to be good for God. This is another direct chastisement on those in the household of God who love religion and have been taken captive by the Harlot. The Greek word “*pseudos*” is rendered as a *noun* and not a *verb*. They are now doing what is patently false or a lie.

Some of the traditional translations render “*pseudos*” as a *verb* and as a *participle*, “lying,” but those translations are not correct. It is a noun.

With this statement, the Spirit is pressing hard on all those who should know better. “*They now profess to know God, but by their deeds they choose to now deny Him, now being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.*”⁹ As it says in **Jude 4** and **11**, those “*who are now turning the grace of our God into licentiousness and now choose to be denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*” “*Woe to them! For they have been caused to have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have been caused to have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam and have chosen to perish in the rebellion of Korah.*”

They are now doing what is false or a lie. As the Spirit has said many times, despite the amazing outcomes of their deeds, their works, though done “in Jesus’ name” are lawless, for they are premised on that which is false. We must never forget: **THE SOURCE MATTERS, THE SOURCE IS EVERYTHING!** The problem is, as Jesus declared, He does not know them. They are not in relationship, despite their cries of “Lord, Lord.” In fact, He insists that He never knew those who now choose to be practicing lawlessness.¹⁰

The blood of the new covenant declares that **Only God is Good** and only the blood of God is sufficient to assuage the guilt, shame, and the penalty for sin. There is nothing we can do to add or take away from this reality.

Likewise, there is nothing good we can do for God. “*For I know that nothing good now dwells in me, that now is, in my flesh; for to now will is now present, by choice, within me, but the choice to now do that which good is not. For the good that now I want, I do not now do, but I now practice the very evil that I now do not want.*”¹¹

God is the only one who can do that which is not lawless, that which is truly good. And He does this through those who have been willing to let Him go to war and conquer their *flesh* so they can be vessels used by Him for His purposes. These are those who are holy or set apart by **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** and

⁶ **Matthew 22:11-14**

⁷ **Matthew 19:17; Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19**

⁸ **See Isaiah 64:6**

⁹ **Titus 1:16**

¹⁰ **See Matthew 7:21-22; Luke 6:46, 49**

¹¹ **Romans 7:18-19**

for whom **Yahweh Qanna** fights. They are clean!

Everything that we do for God is deemed to be a work of our hands, idolatrous and demonic. And those who are now practicing what is false refuse to repent of the works of their hands so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood...¹²

Those who love their own goodness and think they can do something, anything, for God and offer up something to Him though their service and worship of Him are beyond delusional. They have an unbelieving heart that falls away, or apostatizes, from the living God, hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.¹³ They despise the grace of God and trample under-foot the Son of God and regard as “common” (or “unclean”) the blood of the covenant by which He was sanctified and have insulted the Spirit of grace.¹⁴

And for those who are unclean and even now practice abomination and that which is false, or a lie, but are wholeheartedly still convinced that they are doing it right and that God would not prohibit them from entering the “holy city,” and definitely not send them to outer darkness, to the place of wailing and gnashing of teeth, He tells them:

Hebrews 3:16-19

For who provoked Him when they had been hearing? Indeed, did not all those who were coming out of Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who had been sinning, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not in the **future** enter His rest, but to those who were not believing? So, we **now** see that they were caused to not be able to enter because of unbelief.

Those whom God rescued from Egypt (which serves as metaphor for the “world,” for the kingdom of Satan) and brought into His gathering, into His tribe (into His household), simply did not believe that He was their **I AM** and that He would be their full and complete provision for everything in this life. Their fear overtook them, and even though they worshipped God, sacrificed, and served Him in His tabernacle and were identified as the people of God, and even though they passed through the river (symbolic of baptism) and ate of the manna (symbolic of the spiritual provision by the Spirit of God), their unbelief prohibited them from entering the Promised Land, His promised place of rest. Simply said, their knowledge of God was not united with faith. They were not willing to be their lives on the name of **Yahweh**.

This is a harsh and firm **WARNING** to all those who have come into **Yahweh’s** tribe, into His household, but continue to live like a slave and not like a son—those who continue to be convinced that they must be good for God.

“... and there no, not ever, shall enter anyone unclean and also anyone **now** doing what is detestable or false ...”

¹² **Revelation 9:20**

¹³ **See Hebrews 3:12-13**

¹⁴ **See Hebrews 10:26-31**

The Righteous May Enter

“... and there no, not ever, shall enter anyone unclean and also anyone **now** doing what is detestable or false, but *{if not}* those caused to have been written in the Lamb's book of life.” We worked out the logic around who gets prohibited from entering the city. So, let’s look at those who are permitted to enter the city on their way to meet with Jesus.

The verb “*written*” is rendered in the *perfect passive participle*; therefore, we know that God is the one who was writing their names sometime in the past, and the results are still present and active, for their names have not been erased from the Lamb’s book of life.

Reaching back to the **Great White Throne Judgment** in **Revelation 20:11-15**, this permission is addressing those whose eternity was judged based on their deeds, according to what was written in the books. “*And if anyone’s name was not caused to be found having been caused to be written in the book of life, he was caused to be cast into the Lake of Fire,*” “*This **now** is the **Second Death**.*”¹⁵

These are the elect—those we were deemed to be Righteous, whose names were inscribed in the book of life. We have addressed the Righteous before. They are **NOT** part of the bride, the holy city, thus, they can only come into the city, and they must pass through the people of God to experience God. Still, they will have an experience in **ETERNITY THEN** that begins in **ETERNITY NOW**.

These are those beautiful people who, in this life, honored the wife of Christ, cared for her, and even protected her. In speaking to His disciples, Jesus said,

Matthew 10:40-42

He who chooses to **now** be receiving you chooses to **now** receive Me, and he who chooses to **now** be receiving Me receives Him who was sending Me. He who chooses to **now** be receiving a prophet in the name of a prophet will choose, in the **future**, to receive a prophet's reward; and he who chooses to **now** be receiving a righteous man in the name of a righteous man, will choose, in the **future**, to receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple may give to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I **now** say to you, he **now** shall not lose his reward.

The righteous experience **ETERNITY** because they came to Jesus and received Him and in so doing received the Father, even though it was through His agents, those who live like “little ones.”¹⁶ They did not know Jesus personally, hence, they are not part those who are declared to be His wife, but they still came to Him because they honored His bride.

They also did not choose to bow down before the Beast or take the number of His name, but they persevered through intense pressure refusing to participate in the Abomination.¹⁷

¹⁵ See **Revelation 20:14-15**

¹⁶ See also **Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 9:37; Luke 9:48; John 13:20**

¹⁷ See **Revelation 14:9-11**

The entire city is a place where the Righteous of the nations can find **safety, security, stability**, and **common association**, or fellowship; hence, the imagery of a city.

The shocking part of this whole statement is what comes before it. Those who have been called into the household of God, those who have been converted (born-again), but never made the choice to dig down deep in their soul and become as a little child dependent upon God for all things all the time, as Jesus instructed, are **NOT** permitted to enter the holy city.¹⁸ In **ETERNITY NOW**, they do not now have true fellowship with the bride, the wife of the Lamb, and in their **ETERNITY THEN**, they will be amongst those who are cast out into outer darkness where there now is wailing and gnashing of teeth.

FELLOWSHIP AND BELONGING ARE RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEEMED TO BE RIGHTEOUS.

The Purpose of it All: The Nations – A Recapitulation

This holy city, Jerusalem, the bride, the wife of the Lamb, is nothing short of glorious. It is the city set on a hill, Mount Zion, the light of the world.¹⁹ This city can be seen from afar, and those who are permitted find their way to this city, those whom the Kings of the Earth usher into this city, find fellowship and community in the warmth and light of this city. Still others come and choose to become a part of this city. They choose to embrace the truth that without Jesus they can do **NOTHING**; therefore, they choose to rely on Him for all things all the time, and in so doing they not only choose to become a son of God, but they also become part of His lovely bride.²⁰

The Gentiles and the Jews

And let's keep in mind, each of the twelve gates of this city that is open is a **pearl**. As we learned, the pearl was deemed unclean amongst the Jews, as it came from an unclean animal. As a result, the pearl was something in which the Gentiles could exclusively relish, but not the Jew. The idiom of the pearl is unique to the Gentiles, and it depicts the glory, brilliance, and luster of the Gentiles.

It is through the gate of the Gentiles that the people of these nations must pass to enter this city and find their life. Ironically, it is also by entering through the gate of the Gentiles that the Jews will be restored to life. This is what the Spirit expressed in **Romans 11**. He has manifested Himself to the Gentiles, bringing them salvation, for the purpose of making the Jews jealous, so that in their jealousy, they too will enter this city and seek **Yahweh** and find salvation.²¹

¹⁸ See **Matthew 18:3**

¹⁹ **Matthew 5:14**

²⁰ **John 15:5**

²¹ **Romans 11:11-16**

Romans 11:25-27

For I do not **now** want you, brethren, ***brethren***, to **now** be uninformed of this mystery — so that you may not **now** be wise in your own estimation — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will in the **future** be caused to be saved; just as it was caused to be written,

*"The one who chooses to **now** be delivering will in the **future** come from Zion, He will, in the **future** turn back ungodliness from Jacob." "This is my covenant with them, when I shall choose to take away their sins."*

Jesus uses the outpouring of His Spirit upon the Gentiles to make the Jews jealous, and one day, driven by their jealousy, they will return to **Yahweh**. Did you catch that phrase, *"and so all Israel will in the **future** be caused to be saved"*? With those of the Gentile nations, who technically derive from the metaphoric tribe of Ephraim, who were dispersed to all the Gentile nations, and the return of those Jews who, by faith, will allow Jesus to be their deliverer, *"all Israel will in the **future** be caused to be saved."*

In the book of **Hosea**, the Spirit speaks of the time when **Yahweh** divorced the nation of Israel (represented by the tribe of Ephraim) which was distinct from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. The 10-tribes of Israel were seemingly lost to the nations, and now in the scriptures they are referred to as the Gentiles from the nations. But before they were lost, we were given a beautiful narrative about how **Yahweh** would bring back His **wife** and restore her, and it is from this narrative that we get the amazing verses in **1 Peter 2:9-10**, which we will read. But first, let's look at **Hosea 2** and part of **3**.

Hosea 2:14-23

But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her into the **desert** {or wilderness} and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt.

When that day comes," says **Yahweh**, "you will call me 'my husband' instead of 'my master' {literally, "my Baal"}. O Israel, I will wipe the many names of Baal from your lips, and you will never mention them again. On that day I will make a covenant with all the wild animals and the birds of the sky and the animals that scurry along the ground so they will not harm you. I will remove all weapons of war from the land, all swords and bows, so you can live unafraid in peace and safety. **I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unending love and compassion.** I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as **Yahweh**.

In that day, I will answer," says **Yahweh**. "I will answer the sky as it pleads for clouds. And the sky will answer the earth with rain. Then the earth will answer the thirsty cries of the grain, the grapevines, and the olive trees. And they in turn will answer, 'Jezreel'—'God plants! At that time, I will plant a crop of Israelites and raise them for myself. I will show love to those I called 'Not loved.' And to those I called 'Not my people,' I will say, 'Now you are my people.' And they will reply, 'You are our God!'"

This sentiment is echoed in the New Testament as the Spirit talks to true believers.

1 Peter 2:9-10

“But you a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God’s own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has been calling you out of darkness into His marvelous light; which in time past **not a people**, but **now the people of God**; you had not been caused to receiving mercy, but now you have been caused to be receiving mercy.”

Hosea 3

Then **Yahweh** said to me, "Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that **Yahweh** still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them."

So I bought her back for fifteen pieces of silver and five bushels of barley and a measure of wine. Then I said to her, "You must live in my house for many days and stop your prostitution. During this time, you will not have sexual relations with anyone, not even with me."

This shows that Israel will go a long time without a king or prince, and without sacrifices, sacred pillars, priests, or even idols! But afterward the people will return and devote themselves to **Yahweh** their God and to David's descendant, their king. In the last days, they will tremble in awe of **Yahweh** and of his goodness.

God’s **Plan-A** was to spread rebellious Israel amongst the gentile nations where they were no longer a people, and without mercy. He always planned, however, to gather them back again and because of His great mercy, they are now known as the people of God, a chosen race, a royal priesthood (those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary), a holy nation (those set apart by **Yahweh Mekoddishkem**), a people for God’s own possession, gathered, protected, and preserved by **Yahweh Qanna**.

Then the Spirit assures us that He has preserved a remnant of Jews, for God has not rejected His people. Yes, *“God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that should not **now** see, and ears that should not **now** hear, down to this very day.” “I **now** say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!”²² “... there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace chooses to **now** no longer be grace.”²³*

²² **Romans 11:7, 11-12**

²³ **Romans 11:5-6**

Romans 11:25-27

For I do not **now** want you, brethren, ***brethren***, to **now** be uninformed of this mystery — so that you may not **now** be wise in your own estimation — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will in the **future** be caused to be saved; just as it was caused to be written,

*"The one who chooses to now be delivering will in the **future** come from Zion, He will, in the **future** turn back ungodliness from Jacob." "This is my covenant with them, when I shall choose to take away their sins."*

Make no mistake, God has preserved a remnant of Jews, and He will turn back ungodliness from Jacob (a picture of all Israel), those from the Gentile Nations (through the imagery which Ephraim provides) as well as those from the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and the stragglers from the other tribes. And *"all Israel will be caused to be saved."* But the pathway for this salvation is through the gates of the Gentiles, which never, no not ever, shall be closed by day. So long as it is **day**, these Jews, who become jealous and come to Jesus based on faith through grace, will find entry into this glorious city.

The wife of Christ is open and available for those who need to come and present themselves before **Yahweh**. He is in their midst, He is their Sanctuary, and all others must pass through His bride to get to Him. This is a picture of our **ETERNITY NOW** that extends to our **ETERNITY THEN**.

As for **ETERNITY THEN**, here is a quick, and not so pleasant, thought about how this will play out. In **Isaiah 66**, the Spirit talks about all humanity coming to worship **Yahweh**, from week to week and from month to month. This means they will come to the "holy city" the new Jerusalem, the bride, the wife of the Lamb, to experience and to worship Jesus. But when they exit from those gates to return to their homes, it will not be a pretty experience.

Isaiah 66:22-24

As surely as my new heavens and earth will remain, so will you always be my people, with a name that will never disappear, says **Yahweh**. All humanity will come to worship me from week to week and from month to month.

And as they go out, they will see the dead bodies of those who have rebelled against me. For the worms that devour them will never die, and the fire that burns them will never go out. All who pass by will view them with utter horror.

This image is far more gruesome than the one in **Revelation**; but it shows you the dreadful implication of being those who are prohibited from entering the glorious city.

The Codex Speaks

It is time to take a dive into the **Codex** for there is a beautiful passage that seems to sum up all that we just learned about the holy city specifically in terms of **ETERNITY THEN**. This is a passage spoken to those

who comprise this holy city, the New Jerusalem, those who are the wife of Christ, and it fills in some of the blanks, so-to-speak of the glory revealed in this image of an embellished city. This passage is however a layered picture that deals with some aspects of our now, with God gathering in the people of Israel, with possibly the millennial kingdom, but then it gives us an eternal view of a city where the Righteous dwell.

Isaiah 60:1-22

Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of **Yahweh** rises to shine on you. Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of **Yahweh** rises and appears over you. All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance. Look and see, for everyone is coming home! Your sons are coming from distant lands; your little daughters will be carried home. Your eyes will shine, and your heart will thrill with joy, for merchants from around the world will come to you.

They will bring you the wealth of many lands. Vast caravans of camels will converge on you, the camels of Midian and Ephah. The people of Sheba will bring gold and frankincense and will come worshipping **Yahweh**. The flocks of Kedar will be given to you, and the rams of Nebaioth will be brought for my altars. I will accept their offerings, and I will make my beautiful house glorious.

And what do I see flying like clouds to Israel, like doves to their nests? They are ships from the ends of the earth, from lands that trust in me, led by the great ships of Tarshish. They are bringing the people of Israel home from far away, carrying their silver and gold. They will honor **Yahweh** your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has filled you with splendor.

Foreigners will come to rebuild your towns and their kings will serve you. For though I have destroyed you in my anger, I will now have mercy on you through my grace. **Your gates will stay open around the clock** to receive the wealth of many lands. The kings of the world will be led as captives in a victory procession. For the nations that refuse to serve you will be destroyed.

The glory of Lebanon will be yours—the forests of cypress, fir, and pine—to beautify my sanctuary. My Temple will be glorious! The descendants of your tormentors will come and bow before you. Those who despised you will kiss your feet. **They will call you the City of Yahweh, and Zion of the Holy One of Israel.** Though you were once despised and hated, with no one traveling through you, I will make you beautiful forever, a joy to all generations.

Powerful kings and mighty nations will satisfy your every need, as though you were a child nursing at the breast of a queen. You will know at last that I, **Yahweh**, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel. I will exchange your bronze for gold, your iron for silver, your wood for bronze, and your stones for iron. I will make peace your leader and righteousness your ruler. Violence will disappear from your land; the desolation and destruction of war will end. Salvation will surround you like city walls, and praise will be on the lips of all who enter there.

No longer will you need the sun to shine by day, nor the moon to give its light by night, for **Yahweh** your God will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set; your moon will not go down. For **Yahweh** will be your everlasting light. Your days of mourning will come to an end. **All your people will be righteous.** They will possess their land forever, for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory. The smallest family will become a thousand

people, and the tiniest group will become a mighty nation. At the right time, I, **Yahweh**, will make it happen.

Let's stop here and in our next podcast we will, amazingly enough, pick up with the final chapter in the book of **Revelation**.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."