

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Amos Chapter 2 Part 1²



So God is going to punish Moab too, and then Judah and Israel. And like I mentioned yesterday, part of Moab’s punishment will be for what it does to the king of Edom, whose nation also deserved punishment. Perhaps this is where Paul got this concept in Colossians 3:25:

“Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no **favoritism.**”

Whom the Lord loves, He chastens (Revelation 3:19)! He apparently loves all the nations around Israel and Judah, and Judah and Israel particularly. Enjoy.

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Amos 2 New International Version (NIV)

2 This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Moab,
even for four, I will not relent.

Because he burned to ashes
the bones of Edom’s king,

This is an interesting concept---by burning to ashes the bones, and not allowing for a decent burial, it was widely believed that you deprived an individual a spirit of rest. Rest is often associated with death. Cremation I guess was visualized as not enabling that.

Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may **rest** from their labours; and their works do follow them.

²I will send fire on Moab
that will consume the fortresses of Kerioth.^[or "her cities"]

“Kerioth” can apparently be seen as plural noun that means “cities” or refers to a major town that was a shrine of Moab’s national god Chemosh.

Jeremiah 48:24	I Kings 11:7	1 Kings 11:33
²⁴ And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.	⁷ Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.	³³ Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did

		David his father.
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Moab will go down in great tumult
amid war cries and the blast of the trumpet.

³I will destroy her ruler
and kill all her officials with him,"
says the LORD.

So Moab was being repaid for the evil she did.

⁴This is what the LORD says:

"For three sins of Judah,
even for four, I will not relent.
Because they have rejected the law of the LORD
and have not kept his decrees,
because they have been led astray by false gods,^(b)
the gods^(c) their ancestors followed,

So here is what the NIV says here: Judah’s sins differed from the kind of the other nations. They violated the recognized laws of humanity. Judah disobeyed the revealed laws of God. These sins may be included in the indictment against Israel which follows.

⁵I will send fire on Judah
that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem."

Judah’s punishment is the same as Aram’s, Philistia, Phoenicia, Edom’s, Moab’s, and Ammons---loss of the defenses and wealth in which they had trusted.

Amos 1:4	Amos 1:7	Amos 1:10	Amos 1:12	Amos 1:14	Amos 2:2
I will send a fire into the house of Hazael,	I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza,	I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus,	I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall	I will kindle a fire in the wall of	I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall

which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.	which shall devour the palaces thereof	which shall devour the palaces thereof.	devour the palaces of Bozrah.	Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof,	devour the palaces of Kiriath:
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So fire is part of judgment. I wonder if that's where they get the concept from in the New Testament.

1 Corinthians 3

¹³Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

And consider what John the Baptizer and Jesus said about "fire."

Matthew 3:10

The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the **fire**.

Matthew 3:11

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**."

Matthew 3:12

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable **fire**."

Matthew 5:22

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the **fire** of hell.

Matthew 7:19

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the **fire**.

Matthew 13:40

“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the **fire**, so it will be at the end of the age.

Mark 9:49

Everyone will be salted with **fire**.

1 Peter 1:7

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than **gold**, which perishes even though **refined** by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Revelation 3:18

I counsel you to buy from me **gold refined** in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Wow. God is amazing.