

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 2 Part 4²



So we learned an interesting concept yesterday. In the ancient Semitic world “name” often stood for the essence of the thing named. God’s name is equivalent to His Presence. We also did a study on the use of the phrase “God’s name” in the Law. There are a few references in the prophets we’ll pick up on next. God’s name is equivalent to His presence. It just occurred to me, we pray “in Jesus” name! So God’s presence is not only near us, but with us and in us. The more I learn about Christianity, the more I learn it, and life in general, is all about Christ. He is the firstborn of all creation. In Him we all live and move and have being. We are His brothers. He is our brother. And God is our Father. We bear His Holy name! To God be the glory, and us be the joy of sharing in the very life of God. Enjoy!

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2 Here is where we parked as we studied God’s name.

7 . . . Father and son use the same girl
and so profane my holy name.

Yesterday we read and studied that in a Scriptural rabbit trail on the name of God that stemmed off this concept in Leviticus. Now let’s look at where it’s mentioned in the prophets. What’s is really interesting profanes God’s name.

Jeremiah 34:16	Ezekiel 20:9	Ezekiel 36:20-23	Ezekiel 39:7
<p>¹⁶But now you have turned around and profaned my name; each of you has taken back the male and female slaves you had set free to go where they wished. You have forced them to become your slaves again. Notice what profanes His name here. Forcing freed slaves to become slaves again.</p>	<p>⁹But for the sake of my name, I brought them out of Egypt. I did it to keep my name from being profaned in the eyes of the nations among whom they lived and in whose sight I had revealed myself to the Israelites. They had done something worthy of punishment, yet God restrained from doing so for the sake of</p>	<p>²⁰And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, ‘These are the LORD’s people, and yet they had to leave his land.’ ²¹I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone.</p> <p>²²“Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am</p>	<p>⁷“I will make known my holy name among my people Israel. I will no longer let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will know that I the LORD am the Holy One in Israel.</p>

	His Holy Name.	<p>going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. ²³I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.</p> <p>Wow. Catch that. "When I am proved holy through you." That applies to me and you to! It's God who is our holiness, and our sanctification.</p> <p>Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and</p>	
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		righteousness, and sanctification , and redemption" 1 Corinthians 1:0	
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I'd love to do more, but I guess I ought to stop here for the sake of time. Let's move on.

⁸They lie down beside every altar
on garments taken in pledge.
In the house of their god
they drink wine taken as fines.

The NIV says this: Israelites who broke the laws protecting the powerless brazenly used their wrongly gotten gains even in places supposed to be holy. Notice how this translation uses the lower case "g" when speaking of "their god." The Hebrew says simply "the house of their Elohim." That's a word used to refer to God or even false gods.

H430 'elohiym el-o-heem'

plural of **H433**;

gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative.

The garments taken in pledge is referring to the practice prohibited in the law of keeping a man's cloak overnight as security for a debt.

Exodus 22:26-27	Dt 24:12-13
²⁶ If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down: ²⁷ For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein	¹² And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge: ¹³ In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own

shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious. King James Version (KJV)	raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God. King James Version (KJV)
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It also prohibited taking a widow's cloak at all.

Dt 24:17
¹⁷ Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

⁹“Yet I destroyed the Amorites before them, though they were tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks. I destroyed their fruit above and their roots below.

The phrase the Amorites is used of all the inhabitants of the Land of Canaan.

Ge 10:16	Ge 15:16	Judg 6:10
¹⁶ And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Gargasite,	¹⁶ But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.	¹⁰ And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

The destruction was total: “roots” and “fruits.”

They were “tall” as cedars. And strong. But neither the size of their people nor their military power was able to prevent God’s victory over them.

Numbers 13:27-33	Jos 10:5	Jos 10:12-13
²⁷ And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it	⁵ Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king	¹² Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before

<p>floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.</p> <p>²⁸ Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.</p> <p>²⁹ The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.</p> <p>³⁰ And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.</p> <p>³¹ But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.</p> <p>³² And they brought up an evil report of the</p>	<p>of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.</p>	<p>the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.</p> <p>¹³ And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.</p>
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land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

³³And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

We'll continue with this chapter next time.