

## ~GROANING (125)

[English, moaning, grunting, crying out, growling, whimpering]

- In time Yehowah God heard the **groaning** of his people down in Egypt in slavery.
- In time God heard their **groaning** and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (**Exodus 2:24**)
- And I, even I, have heard the **groaning** of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I remember my covenant. (**Exodus 6:5**)
- Later under the judges his people rebelled and he heard their **groaning** under their many oppressors and brought salvation to them through judges.
- And when Yehowah did raise up judges for them, Yehowah proved to be with the judge, and he saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge, for Yehowah would feel regret over their **groaning** because of their oppressors and those who were shoving them around. (**Judges 2:18**)
- Job showed that in the city there are those **groaning** for assistance, but God allows this to happen, not taking any actions against it.
- From out of the city the dying keep **groaning**, and the soul of deadly wounded ones cries for help, and God himself considers it not as anything improper. (**Job 24:12**)
- The Psalmist through keeping silent felt his bones wearing out through all his **groaning** all day long.
- When I kept silent my bones wore out through my **groaning** all day long. (**Psalms 32:3**)
- I have grown numb and become crushed to an extreme degree, I have roared due to the **groaning** of my heart. (**Psalms 38:8**)

- Jehovah's Witnesses are like bears and doves, that are hungering spiritually to know how Yehowah's purposes will work out, they are **groaning**, and being in pain together.
- We keep **groaning**, all of us, just like bears, and like doves we mournfully keep cooing. We kept hoping for justice, but there was none, for salvation, but it has stayed far away from us. (Isaiah 59:11)
- Yehowah is never one to make rash or sweeping judgments by not considering each person's personal condition and circumstances. Just because people live in the city does not mean that they agree with all that goes on there. So first Yehowah will identify those who are not in agreement with her reproachful and detestable practices.
- Are they concerned over young anointed ones? Do they hate those who **lord it** over others? Do they give their worship to mere men? Do they hate favoritism? Do they care about the plight of the poor and needy ones? Do they search out and long for new understanding? Do they worship growth? Are they concerned at the direction that the organization is moving in?
- Do they in all of their dealings adhere closely to divine principles and then let these guide them in all that they do? Are they loyal to Yehowah and all that he stands for? Do they honor God's word and his Christ?
- And Yehowah went on to say to him; Pass through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and you must put a mark on the foreheads of the men that are sighing and **groaning** over all the detestable things that are being done in the midst of it. (Ezekiel 9:4)
- Yehowah will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, the tyrants of the nations, until he has broken the strong arm of Pharaoh. Then the system will be broken and unable to rise up again. Satan will see the demise of his wicked system but he will only be able to **groan** at its demise.
- And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and give my sword into his hand, and I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and as a deadly wounded one he will certainly do a great deal of **groaning** before him. (Ezekiel 30:24)

- So Jesus after **groaning** within himself over their lack of faith, soon came to the burial site. It was a memorial tomb, a cave in the rock mass, and a large stone was lying against the opening.
- Hence Jesus, after **groaning** again within himself, came to the memorial tomb. It was, in fact, a cave, and a stone was lying against it. (**John 11:38**)
- Then Moses was told that Yehowah God had seen the wrongful treatment of his people by the Egyptians, and he had heard their **groanings**, and that now, it was time to deliver them. Then Yehowah God told Moses that he was the one, that he would send to deliver them from Egyptian bondage.
- I have certainly seen the wrongful treatment of my people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their **groaning** and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you off to Egypt. (**Acts of Apostles 7:34**)
- Has not the past six thousand years been a time of suffering, **groaning** and tribulation for all the human family? We can see a better way, but we are unable by ourselves, to obtain it. Paul prophetically wrote the following about our current generation, in his letter to Timothy.
- For we know that all creation keeps on **groaning** together and being in pain together until now. (**Romans 8:22**)