

## ~HAIL (255)

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.. For The Day Of War

• A form of precipitation consisting of pellets of ice, or frozen rain. The Bible's references to the destructive nature of hail are confirmed by what has happened in different parts of the earth in more recent years.

• In 1985, a hailstorm in Brazil killed more than 20 persons and injured another 300. Severe thunderstorms can generate hail the size of eggs or even grapefruit.

• An unusually large hailstone picked up after a storm in Kansas (U.S.A.) on September 3, 1970, measured some 15 centimeters (6 inches) across.

• The large stones fall at speeds of about 160 kilometers/hour (100 miles/hour). Hail is particularly damaging to crops, with single hailstorms sometimes causing losses amounting to millions of dollars.

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• **Hail** is one of the forces Yehowah has used at times to accomplish his word and to demonstrate his great power.

• Praise Yah, you people! Praise Yehowah from the heavens, praise him in the heights. (**Psalms 148:1**)

• You fire and **hail**, snow and thick smoke, you tempestuous wind, accomplishing his word. (**Psalms 148:8**)

• And Yehowah will certainly make the dignity of his voice to be heard and will make the descending of his arm to be seen, in the raging of anger and the flame of a devouring fire and cloudburst and rainstorm and **hailstones**. (**Isaiah 30:30**)

• The first recorded instance of this was the seventh plague upon ancient Egypt, a destructive **hailstorm** that ruined vegetation, shattered trees, and killed both men and beasts out in the field but did not affect the Israelites in Goshen.

- Here I am causing it to rain down tomorrow about this time a very heavy **hail**, the like of which has never occurred in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. (**Exodus 9:18**)
- And now send, bring all your livestock and all that is yours in the field under shelter. As for any man and beast that will be found in the field and not gathered into the house, the **hail** will have to come down upon them, and they will have to die. (**Exodus 9:19**)
- Anyone who feared Yehowah's word among Pharaoh's servants caused his own servants and his livestock to flee into the houses. (**Exodus 9:20**)
- But whoever did not set his heart to have any regard for Yehowah's word left his servants and his livestock in the field. (**Exodus 9:21**)
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, that **hail** may come on all the land of Egypt, upon man and beast and all vegetation of the field in the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 9:22**)
- So Moses stretched out his rod toward the heavens, and Yehowah gave thunders and **hail**, and fire would run down to the earth, and Yehowah kept making it rain down hail upon the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 9:23**)
- Thus there came **hail**, and fire quivering in among the **hail**. It was very heavy, so that there had not occurred any like it in all the land of Egypt from the time it became a nation. (**Exodus 9:24**)
- And the **hail** went striking at all the land of Egypt. The **hail** struck everything that was in the field, from man to beast, and all sorts of vegetation of the field, and it shattered all sorts of trees of the field. (**Exodus 9:25**)
- Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there occurred no **hail**. (**Exodus 9:26**)
- He went killing their vine even by the **hail** and their sycamore trees by hailstones. (**Psalms 78:47**)

- And he proceeded to hand over their beasts of burden even to the **hail** and their livestock to the flaming fever. (**Psalms 78:48**)
- He made their downpours **hail**, a flaming fire on their land. (**Psalms 105:32**)
- And he proceeded to strike their vines and their fig trees and to break the trees of their territory. (**Psalms 105:33**)
- Later, in the Promised Land, when the Israelites, under Joshua, came to the aid of the Gibeonites, who were threatened by an alliance of five kings of the Amorites, Yehowah used great **hailstones** against the attacking Amorites. On this occasion more died from the **hailstones** than in battle with Israel.
- Consequently Adoni-zedek the king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham the king of Hebron and to Piram the king of Jarmuth and to Japhia the king of Lachish and to Debir the king of Eglon, saying; (**Joshua 10:3**)
- Come up to me and help me and let us strike Gibeon, because it has made peace with Joshua and the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 10:4**)
- At this they gathered together and went on up, five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, these and all their camps, and they proceeded to camp against Gibeon and to war against it. (**Joshua 10:5**)
- Upon that the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying; Do not let your hand relax from your slaves. Come up to us quickly and do save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites inhabiting the mountainous region have collected together against us. (**Joshua 10:6**)
- So Joshua went on up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant mighty men. (**Joshua 10:7**)
- And it came about that while they were fleeing from before Israel and were on the descent of Beth-horon, Yehowah hurled great stones from the heavens upon them as far as Azekah, so that they died. There were more who died from the **hailstones** than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

**(Joshua 10:11)**

**.. Symbolic**

- **Yehowah, however, did not spare unfaithful Israel from devastating hail.**
- **I struck you people with scorching and with mildew and with hail, even all the work of your hands, and there was no one with you turning to me, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Haggai 2:17)**
- **Furthermore, through his prophet Isaiah, he foretold the overthrow of the ten-tribe kingdom by the Assyrians, comparing the conquering Assyrian forces to a thunderous storm of hail.**
- **Woe to the eminent crown of the drunkards of Ephraim, and the fading blossom of its decoration of beauty that is upon the head of the fertile valley of those overpowered by wine! (Isaiah 28:1)**
- **Look! Yehowah has someone strong and vigorous. Like a thunderous storm of hail, a destructive storm, like a thunderous storm of powerful, flooding waters, he will certainly do a casting down to the earth with force. (Isaiah 28:2)**
- **Similarly the Babylonians, like hail, were to sweep away Judah's refuge of a lie, that is, Judah's alliance with Egypt for military help.**
- **Therefore hear the word of Yehowah, you braggarts, you rulers of this people who are in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 28:14)**
- **And I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the leveling instrument. The hail must sweep away the refuge of a lie, and the waters themselves will flood out the very place of concealment. (Isaiah 28:17)**
- **Woe to those going down to Egypt for assistance, those who rely on mere horses, and who put their trust in war chariots, because they are numerous, and in steeds, because they are very mighty, but who have not looked to the Holy One of Israel and have not searched for Yehowah himself. (Isaiah 31:1)**
- **And he is also wise and will bring in what is calamitous, and he has not called back his own words, and he will certainly rise up against the house of evildoers and against the assistance of**

those practicing what is hurtful. (**Isaiah 31:2**)

- The Egyptians, though, are earthling men, and not God, and their horses are flesh, and not spirit. And Yehowah himself will stretch out his hand, and he that is offering help will have to stumble, and he that is being helped will have to fall, and at the same time they will all of them come to an end. (**Isaiah 31:3**)
- In the book of Revelation, reference is made to **hail** in conjunction with the first of the seven angels with trumpets blowing his trumpet, and in connection with the opening of the heavenly temple sanctuary of God.
- And I saw the seven angels that stand before God, and seven trumpets were given them. (**Revelation 8:2**)
- And the first one blew his trumpet. And there occurred a **hail and fire mingled with blood**, and it was hurled to the earth, and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees was burned up, and all the green vegetation was burned up. (**Revelation 8:7**)
- And the temple sanctuary of God that is in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen in his temple sanctuary. And there occurred lightnings and voices and thunders and an earthquake and a great **hail**. (**Revelation 11:19**)
- Then, at the pouring out of the seventh bowl of God's anger, symbolic **hailstones** weighing about a talent (20.4 kilograms)(45 pounds) descend upon wicked men.
- And I heard a loud voice out of the sanctuary say to the seven angels; Go and pour out the seven bowls of the anger of God into the earth. (**Revelation 16:1**)
- And the seventh one poured out his bowl upon the air. At this a loud voice issued out of the sanctuary from the throne, saying; It has come to pass! (**Revelation 16:17**)
- And a great **hail** with every stone about the weight of a talent descended out of heaven upon the men, and the men blasphemed God due to the plague of hail, because the plague of it was unusually great. (**Revelation 16:21**)

## **.. For The Day Of War**

- **In speaking to Job out of the windstorm, Yehowah indicated that he had reserved storehouses of **hail** for the day of fight and war.**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to answer Job out of the windstorm and say; (**Job 38:1**)**
- **Have you entered into the storehouses of the snow, or do you see even the storehouses of the **hail**. (**Job 38:22**)**
- **Which I have kept back for the time of distress, for the day of fight and war? (**Job 38:23**)**
- **Appropriately, therefore, **hail** is mentioned among the elements to be used against the attacking forces of Gog.**
- **And it must occur in that day, in the day when Gog comes in upon the soil of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, that my rage will come up into my nose. (**Ezekiel 38:18**)**
- **And I will bring myself into judgment with him, with pestilence and with blood, and a flooding downpour and **hailstones**, fire and sulphur I shall rain down upon him and upon his bands and upon the many peoples that will be with him. (**Ezekiel 38:22**)**