

## ~LIGHTNING (236)

[Greek, *a-stra-pe*]

- The brilliant flashes of light resulting from the discharge of atmospheric electricity between clouds or between the clouds and the earth.
- This phenomenon accompanying a thunderstorm is common in Israel during the rainy periods of spring and fall, especially reaching a peak in the cool months of November or December.
- As Creator of the elements necessary for producing lightning, Yehowah is its source.
- Under the whole heavens he lets it loose, and his lightning is to the extremities of the earth. (Job 37:3)
- Yes, with moisture he burdens the cloud, this light scatters the cloud mass. (Job 37:11)
- He can also control it and apparently has used lightning and means comparable to it to deliver his servants from their enemies as well as to execute his judgments.
- And David proceeded to speak to Yehowah the words of this song in the day that Yehowah had delivered him out of the palm of all his enemies and out of Saul's palm. (2 Samuel 22:1)
- And he kept sending out arrows, that he might scatter them, lightning, that he might throw them into confusion. (2 Samuel 22:15)
- And he kept sending out his arrows, that he might scatter them, and lightnings he shot out, that he might throw them into confusion. (Psalms 18:14)
- The waters have seen you, O God, the waters have seen you, they began to be in severe pains. Also, the watery deeps began to be agitated. (Psalms 77:16)
- The clouds have thunderously poured down water, a sound the cloudy skies have given forth. Also, your own arrows proceeded

to go here and there. (**Psalms 77:17**)

- The sound of your thunder was like chariot wheels, **lightnings** have lighted up the productive land, the earth became agitated and began to rock. (**Psalms 77:18**)
- Through the sea your way was, and your path was through many waters, and your very footprints have not come to be known. (**Psalms 77:19**)
- You have led your people just like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron. (**Psalms 77:20**)
- And over them Yehowah himself will be seen, and his arrow will certainly go forth just like **lightning**. And on the horn the Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself will blow, and he will certainly go with the windstorms of the south. (**Zechariah 9:14**)
- In his hands he has covered over the **lightning**, and he lays a command upon it against an assailant. (**Job 36:32**)
- His **lightnings** lighted up the productive land, the earth saw and came to be in severe pains. (**Psalms 97:4**)
- Lighten with **lightning** that you may scatter them, send out your arrows that you may throw them into confusion. (**Psalms 144:6**)
- Appropriately, therefore, **lightnings** are associated with God's throne.
- And out of the throne there are proceeding **lightnings** and voices and thunders, and there are seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, and these mean the seven spirits of God. (**Revelation 4:5**)
- 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**)
- As well as with expressions of divine anger.
- But right away the angel took the incense vessel, and he filled it with some of the fire of the altar and hurled it to the earth. And

- thunders occurred and voices and **lightnings** and an earthquake. (Revelation 8:5)
- And **lightnings** and voices and thunders occurred, and a great earthquake occurred such as had not occurred since men came to be on the earth, so extensive an earthquake, so great. (Revelation 16:18)
  - And are figuratively represented as reporting the accomplishment of their task.
  - Can you send forth **lightnings** that they may go and say to you, Here we are!? (Job 38:35)
  - At Mount Sinai, **lightning flashes** accompanied awesome physical manifestations of God's presence.
  - And on the third day when it became morning it came about that thunders and **lightnings** began occurring, and a heavy cloud upon the mountain and a very loud sound of a horn, so that all the people who were in the camp began to tremble. (Exodus 19:16)
  - Now all the people were seeing the thunders and the **lightning** flashes and the sound of the horn and the mountain smoking. When the people got to see it, then they quivered and stood at a distance. (Exodus 20:18)
  - **Lightning** Hebrew, *ba-raq'*, is used figuratively to represent the glittering of polished metal.
  - If I do indeed sharpen my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will pay back vengeance to my adversaries and render retribution to those who intensely hate me. (Deuteronomy 32:41) Footnote
  - For the purpose of organizing a slaughter it has been sharpened, for the purpose of its getting a glitter it has been polished. Or shall we exult? Is it rejecting the scepter of my own son, as it does every tree? (Ezekiel 21:10) Footnote
  - The mounted horseman, and the flame of the sword, and the **lightning** of the spear, and the multitude of slain ones, and the heavy mass of carcasses, and there is no end to the dead bodies. They keep stumbling among their dead bodies. (Nahum 3:3)

- Sun, moon, stood still, in the lofty abode thereof. Like light your own arrows kept going. The **lightning** of your spear served for brightness. (**Habakkuk 3:11**)
- In the streets the war chariots keep driving madly. They keep rushing up and down in the public squares. Their appearances are like torches. Like the **lightnings** they keep running. (**Nahum 2:4**)
- Either the glitter or the great speed of the enemy chariots on Nineveh's streets is meant by the words, Like the **lightnings** they keep running. And the radiant faces or appearance of angelic creatures is compared to **lightning**.
- I also proceeded to raise my eyes and see, and here was a certain man clothed in linen, with his hips girded with gold of Uphaz. (**Daniel 10:5**)
- And his body was like chrysolite, and his face like the appearance of **lightning**, and his eyes like fiery torches, and his arms and the place of his feet were like the sight of burnished copper, and the sound of his words was like the sound of a crowd. (**Daniel 10:6**)
- And, notice! A great earthquake had taken place, for Yehowah's angel had descended from heaven and approached and rolled away the stone, and was sitting on it. (**Matthew 28:2**)
- His outward appearance was as **lightning**, and his clothing as white as snow. (**Matthew 28:3**)
- And on the part of the living creatures there was a going forth and a returning as with the appearance of the **lightning**. (**Ezekiel 1:14**)
- Christ Jesus showed that his presence would not be kept secret, even as it is impossible to conceal **lightning** that comes out of eastern parts and shines over to western parts.
- Then if anyone says to you; Look! Here is the Christ. Or; There! Do not believe it. (**Matthew 24:23**)
- For false Christ's and false prophets will arise and will give great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the chosen

ones. (**Matthew 24:24**)

- Look! I have forewarned you. (**Matthew 24:25**)
- Therefore, if people say to you, Look! He is in the wilderness, do not go out. Look! He is in the inner chambers. Do not believe it. (**Matthew 24:26**)
- For just as the **lightning** comes out of eastern parts and shines over to western parts, so the presence of the Son of man will be. (**Matthew 24:27**)
- But on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them and said; The kingdom of God is not coming with striking observableness. (**Luke 17:20**)
- Neither will people be saying; See here! Or, There! For, look! the kingdom of God is in your midst. (**Luke 17:21**)
- Then he said to the disciples; Days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man but you will not see it. (**Luke 17:22**)
- And people will say to you, See there! Or, See here! Do not go out or chase after them. (**Luke 17:23**)
- For even as the **lightning**, by its flashing, shines from one part under heaven to another part under heaven, so the Son of man will be. (**Luke 17:24**)
- Earlier, when the 70 disciples he had sent out returned with the report that even the demons were subject to them by the use of his name, Jesus alluded to the future ouster of Satan from heaven as a certainty, saying;
  - After these things the Lord designated seventy others and sent them forth by twos in advance of him into every city and place to which he himself was going to come. (**Luke 10:1**)
  - Then the seventy returned with joy, saying; Lord, even the demons are made subject to us by the use of your name. (**Luke 10:17**)
  - At that he said to them; I began to behold Satan already fallen

like **lightning** from heaven. (**Luke 10:18**)

- Therefore, if your whole body is bright with no part at all dark, it will all be as bright as when a lamp gives you light by its rays. (**Luke 11:36**)
- The **Greek** word for **lightning**, *a-stra-pe'* refers to the light or flashing of a lamp.