

~OFFENSE (103)

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- Yehowah promised Ahab to constitute his house like the house of Jeroboam over the **offense** with which he had **offended** his God causing all Israel to sin.
- And I shall certainly constitute your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the **offense** with which you have offended and then caused Israel to sin. (1 Kings 21:22)
- Josiah removed all the high places of Israel which the kings of Israel had built up to cause **offense** to God.
- And also all the houses of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria that the kings of Israel had built to cause **offense** Josiah removed, and he went on to do to them according to all the doings that he had done at Bethel. (2 Kings 23:19)
- Nehemiah asked Yehowah God to not forget the **offenses** worked against the builders of Jerusalem and her walls.
- And do not cover over their error and their sin from before you. Let it not be wiped out, for they have committed **offense** against the builders. (Nehemiah 4:5)
- The Psalmist shows that when Israel caused **offenses** against their God he brought a scourge against them to discipline them.
- As they were causing **offense** by their dealings, a scourge now broke out among them. (Psalms 106:29)
- The taking of offense rests with stupid people, so do not show yourself in a hurry to become offended, think through matters and seek peace.
- Do not hurry yourself in your spirit to become offended, for the taking of **offense** is what rests in the bosom of the stupid ones. (Ecclesiastes 7:9)

- Yehowah now shows Hosea, that Ephraim has caused him **offense** toward his God, to the point of bitterness. His own deeds of bloodshed he has not walked away from, for the Catholic Church still uses oppressive and heavy-handed tactics like they used throughout the Dark Ages, against anyone daring to speak against them. Thus for the reproach that they have brought against Yehowah God, he will himself repay them.
- Ephraim caused **offense** to bitterness, and his deeds of bloodshed he leaves upon his own self, and his reproach his grand Master will repay to him. (**Hosea 12:14**)
- So Paul showed, that to this end, he was indeed exercising himself continually, so as to have a consciousness, of committing no **offense** against either God, or men.
- In this respect, indeed, I am exercising myself continually to have a consciousness of committing no **offense** against God and men. (**Acts of Apostles 24:16**)
- Paul, quoting the Hebrew scriptures, shows, that the Jews knew, that this stumbling stone would come forth to them, but they still stumbled over him. Does this not indicate, that they were not spiritually aware? It would be necessary to exercise faith in this coming stone, so as not to stumble over it.
- Works of Law, would not keep one from stumbling, faith was needed. They also knew through prophecy, that the builders of their nation would be the very ones to reject this stone, but they followed them anyway, blindly.
- As it is written: Look! I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of **offense**, but he that rests his faith on it will not come to disappointment. (**Romans 9:33**)
- The Jewish religious leaders who rejected the Christ and all those who have chosen to follow them since then, view him as a stumbling block and a source of **offense** before God. They are stumbling because they themselves are disobedient to God's word the Bible, and it is written within Yehowah God's grand purpose to reject them for their lack of faith in his son, in fact they were appointed to this very destiny.
- And a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of **offense**. These are stumbling because they are disobedient to the word. To this very

end they were also appointed. (1 Peter 2:8)