

~PLAGUE (429)

[Greek, *ple-gai*']

- The **Hebrew** words that are rendered, plague or scourge have the literal meanings, touching, smiting, blow, defeat, and death. Yehowah God dealt blows as a punishment for rebellious murmuring.
- And directly the next day the whole assembly of the sons of Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron, saying; You men, you have put Yehowah's people to death. (**Numbers 16:41**)
- And it came about that when the assembly had congregated themselves together against Moses and Aaron, they then turned toward the tent of meeting, and, look! The cloud covered it, and Yehowah's glory began to appear. (**Numbers 16:42**)
- And Moses and Aaron proceeded to come before the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 16:43**)
- Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 16:44**)
- You men, rise up from the midst of this assembly, that I may exterminate them in an instant. At this they fell upon their faces. (**Numbers 16:45**)
- After that Moses said to Aaron; Take the fire holder and put fire from upon the altar in it and put on incense and go to the assembly in a hurry and make atonement for them, because the indignation has gone out from the face of Yehowah. The **plague** has started! (**Numbers 16:46**)
- Aaron at once took it, just as Moses had spoken, and went running into the midst of the congregation, and, look! The **plague** had started among the people. So he put the incense on and began making atonement for the people. (**Numbers 16:47**)
- And he kept standing between the dead and the living. Eventually the **scourge** was stopped. (**Numbers 16:48**)
- And those dead from the **scourge** amounted to fourteen thousand seven hundred, aside from those dead on account of Korah. (**Numbers 16:49**)

- When at last Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the tent of meeting, the scourge had been stopped. (**Numbers 16:50**)
- **Refusal to comply with his will.**
- And this is what will prove to be the scourge with which Yehowah will **scourge** all the peoples that will actually do military service against Jerusalem. There will be a rotting away of ones flesh, while one is standing upon ones feet, and ones very eyes will rot away in their sockets, and ones very tongue will rot away in ones mouth. (**Zechariah 14:12**)
- And this is how the scourge of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the male ass, and every sort of domestic animal that happens to be in those camps, will prove to be, like this **scourge**. (**Zechariah 14:15**)
- And if the family of Egypt itself does not come up and does not actually enter, upon them also there shall be none. The **scourge** will occur with which Yehowah scourges the nations that do not come up to celebrate the festival of the booths. (**Zechariah 14:18**)
- **The profane use of something sacred.**
- As for the Philistines, they took the ark of the true God and then brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. (**1 Samuel 5:1**)
- At this they said; What is the guilt offering that we ought to return to him? Then they said; According to the number of the axis lords of the Philistines, five golden piles and five golden jerboas, for every one of you and your axis lords have the same scourge. (**1 Samuel 6:4**)
- **Touching his anointed ones**
- Then Yehowah touched Pharaoh and his household with great **plagues** because of Sarai, Abram's wife. (**Genesis 12:17**)
- Saying; Do not you men touch my anointed ones, and to my prophets do nothing bad. (**Psalms 105:15**)
- **And unfaithfulness or violations of his Law.**

- But if you keep walking in opposition to me and not wishing to listen to me, I shall then have to inflict seven times more blows upon you according to your sins. (**Leviticus 26:21**)
- And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who, when they returned, began making the whole assembly murmur against him, by bringing forth a bad report against the land. (**Numbers 14:36**)
- Yes, the men bringing forth the bad report about the land will die by the scourge before Yehowah. (**Numbers 14:37**)
- Look! They are the ones who, by Balaam's word, served to induce the sons of Israel to commit unfaithfulness toward Yehowah over the affair of Peor, so that the scourge came upon the assembly of Yehowah. (**Numbers 31:16**)
- Yehowah also will certainly make your **plagues** and the plagues of your offspring especially severe, great and long-lasting plagues, and malignant and long-lasting sicknesses. (**Deuteronomy 28:59**)
- And he will indeed bring back upon you all the diseases of Egypt before which you got scared, and they will certainly hang onto you. (**Deuteronomy 28:60**)
- Also, any sickness and any **plague** that is not written in the book of this law, Yehowah will bring them upon you until you have been annihilated. (**Deuteronomy 28:61**)
- And David proceeded to say to the true God; Was it not I that said to make a numbering of the people, and is it not I that have sinned and have unquestionably done bad? As for these sheep, what have they done? O Yehowah my God, let your hand, please, come to be upon me and my father's house, but not upon your people, for a scourge. (**1 Chronicles 21:17**)
- Then David said to Ornan; Do give me the place of the threshing floor, that I may build in it an altar to Yehowah. For the money in full give it to me, that the scourge may be halted from upon the people. (**1 Chronicles 21:22**)
- Eventually there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet,

saying; This is what Yehowah the God of David your forefather has said; Due to the fact that you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father or in the ways of Asa the king of Judah. **(2 Chronicles 21:12)**

- But you walk in the way of the kings of Israel and cause Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to have immoral intercourse the same way that the house of Ahab caused the having of immoral intercourse, and even your own brothers, the household of your father, who were better than you, you have killed. **(2 Chronicles 21:13)**
- Look! Yehowah is dealing a great blow to your people and to your sons and to your wives and to all your goods. **(2 Chronicles 21:14)**
- And you will be with many sicknesses, with a malady of your intestines, until your intestines have come out because of the sickness day by day. **(2 Chronicles 21:15)**
- Such blows might be administered by angelic or by human means.
- And David proceeded to say to Yehowah, when he saw the angel that was striking the people down, yes, he proceeded to say; Here it is I that have sinned and it is I that have done wrong, but these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, please, come upon me and upon the house of my father. **(2 Samuel 24:17)**
- This is what Yehowah said; Go, and you must get an earthenware flask of a potter and some of the older men of the people and some of the older men of the priests. **(Jeremiah 19:1)**
- And you must go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is at the entrance of the Gate of the Potsherds. And there you must proclaim the words that I shall speak to you. **(Jeremiah 19:2)**
- And you must say; Hear the word of Yehowah, O you kings of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem. This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am bringing a calamity upon this place, of which when anyone hears, his ears will tingle. **(Jeremiah 19:3)**
- For the reason that they have left me and have proceeded to

- make this place unrecognizable and to make sacrificial smoke in it to other gods whom they had not known, they and their forefathers and the kings of Judah, and they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent ones. ([Jeremiah 19:4](#))
- And they built the high places of the Baal in order to burn their sons in the fire as whole burnt offerings to the Baal, something that I had not commanded or spoken of, and that had not come up into my heart. ([Jeremiah 19:5](#))
 - Therefore, look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, when this place will be called no more Topheth and the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the killing. ([Jeremiah 19:6](#))
 - And I will make void the counsel of Judah and of Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of those seeking for their soul. And I will give their dead bodies as food to the flying creatures of the heavens and to the beasts of the earth. ([Jeremiah 19:7](#))
 - And I will make this city an object of astonishment and something to be whistled at. Every last one passing along by it will stare in astonishment and whistle over all its **plagues**. ([Jeremiah 19:8](#))
 - Therefore this is what Yehowah of armies has said; For the reason that you did not obey my words. ([Jeremiah 25:8](#))
 - Here I am sending and I will take all the families of the north, is the utterance of Yehowah, even sending to Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about, and I will devote them to destruction and make them an object of astonishment and something to whistle at and places devastated to time indefinite. ([Jeremiah 25:9](#))
 - And Edom must become an object of astonishment. Everyone passing along by her will stare in astonishment and whistle on account of all her **plagues**. ([Jeremiah 49:17](#))
 - Because of the indignation of Yehowah she will not be inhabited, and she must become a desolate waste in her entirety. As for anyone passing along by Babylon, he will stare in astonishment

and whistle on account of all her **plagues**. (**Jeremiah 50:13**)

- **Array yourselves against Babylon on every side, all you who are treading the bow. Shoot at her. Spare no arrow, for it is against Yehowah that she has sinned. (**Jeremiah 50:14**)**
- **Prayers of intercession by Yehowah's servants or sincere prayers by repentant ones were required for the removal of **plagues** sent by God.**
- **And Abraham began to make supplication to the true God, and God proceeded to heal Abimelech and his wife and his slave girls, and they began bearing children. (**Genesis 20:17**)**
- **For Yehowah had tightly shut up every womb of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife. (**Genesis 20:18**)**
- **In case a famine occurs in the land, in case a pestilence occurs, in case scorching, mildew, locusts, cockroaches occur, in case their enemy besieges them in the land of their gates, any sort of **plague**, any sort of malady. (**1 Kings 8:37**)**
- **Whatever prayer, whatever request for favor there may occur on the part of any man or of all your people Israel, because they know each one the **plague** of his own heart, and they actually spread out their palms to this house. (**1 Kings 8:38**)**
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- **Whatever prayer, whatever request for favor there may occur on the part of any man or of all your people Israel, because they know each one his own **plague** and his own pain, when he actually spreads out his palms toward this house. (**2 Chronicles 6:29**)**
- **A **plague** could also result from the natural outworking of a persons sin.**
- **Anyone committing adultery with a woman is in want of heart, he that does it is bringing his own soul to ruin. (**Proverbs 6:32**)**

- A **plague** and dishonor he will find, and his reproach itself will not be wiped out. (**Proverbs 6:33**)
- It could be an affliction, such as the **plague of leprosy**.
- In case a man develops in the skin of his flesh an eruption or a scab or a blotch and it does develop in the skin of his flesh into the **plague of leprosy**, he must then be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. (**Leviticus 13:2**)
- Or an adversity resulting from time and circumstance.
- As for my lovers and my companions, they keep standing away from my **plague**, and my close acquaintances themselves have stood off at a distance. (**Psalms 38:11**)
- They are not even in the trouble of mortal man, and they are not **plagued** the same as other men. (**Psalms 73:5**)
- And I came to be **plagued** all day long, and my correction is every morning. (**Psalms 73:14**)
- The **plagues** Yehowah visited upon Egypt in the time of Moses were manifestations of his great power and caused his name to be declared among the nations.
- For at this time I am sending all my blows against your heart and upon your servants and your people, to the end that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. (**Exodus 9:14**)
- But, in fact, for this cause I have kept you in existence, for the sake of showing you my power and in order to have my name declared in all the earth. (**Exodus 9:16**)
- For generations afterward their effects were talked about by other peoples.
- And she went on to say to the men. I do know that Yehowah will certainly give you the land, and that the fright of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have become disheartened because of you. (**Joshua 2:9**)
- For we have heard how Yehowah dried up the waters of the Red Sea from before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you

did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, namely, Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. (**Joshua 2:10**)

- When we got to hear it, then our hearts began to melt, and no spirit has arisen yet in anybody because of you, for Yehowah your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. (**Joshua 2:11**)
- At this they said to him; It is from a very distant land that your servants have come in regard to the name of Yehowah your God, because we have heard of his fame and of all that he did in Egypt. (**Joshua 9:9**)
- Woe to us! Who will save us from the hand of this majestic God? This is the God that was the smiter of Egypt with every sort of slaughter in the wilderness. (**1 Samuel 4:8**)
- Also, why should you make your heart unresponsive just the way Egypt and Pharaoh made their heart unresponsive? Was it not as soon as He dealt severely with them that they proceeded to send them away, and they went their way? (**1 Samuel 6:6**)
- Also, these **plagues** proved that the gods of Egypt were powerless.
- And I must pass through the land of Egypt on this night and strike every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man to beast, and on all the gods of Egypt I shall execute judgments. I am Yehowah. (**Exodus 12:12**)
- All the while the Egyptians were burying those whom Yehowah had struck among them, that is, all the firstborn, and upon their gods Yehowah had executed judgments. (**Numbers 33:4**)

See Also GODS AND GODDESSES (The Ten Plagues)

See Also MOSES (Before Pharaoh of Egypt)

- The **plagues**, Greek, *ple-gai'*, literally, **blows or strokes** mentioned in the book of Revelation evidently are expressions of God's anger and symbolically point to the result or effect of his judicial decisions.
- By these three **plagues** a third of the men were killed, from the fire and the smoke and the sulphur which issued forth from their

mouths. (**Revelation 9:18**)

- But the rest of the men who were not killed by these **plagues** did not repent of the works of their hands, so that they should not worship the demons and the idols of gold and silver and copper and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. (**Revelation 9:20**)
- These have the authority to shut up heaven that no rain should fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every sort of **plague** as often as they wish. (**Revelation 11:6**)
- And I saw in heaven another sign, great and wonderful, seven angels with seven **plagues**. These are the last ones, because by means of them the anger of God is brought to a finish. (**Revelation 15:1**)
- And the seven angels with the seven **plagues** emerged from the sanctuary, clothed with clean, bright linen and girded about their breasts with golden girdles. (**Revelation 15:6**)
- And the sanctuary became filled with smoke because of the glory of God and because of his power, and no one was able to enter into the sanctuary until the seven **plagues** of the seven angels were finished. (**Revelation 15:8**)
- And the men were scorched with great heat, but they blasphemed the name of God, who has the authority over these **plagues**, and they did not repent so as to give glory to him. (**Revelation 16:9**)
- 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**)
- And I heard another voice out of heaven say; Get out of her, my people, if you do not want to share with her in her sins, and if you do not want to receive part of her **plagues**. (**Revelation 18:4**)
- That is why in one day her **plagues** will come, death and mourning and famine, and she will be completely burned with fire, because Yehowah God, who judged her, is strong.

(Revelation 18:8)

- **And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last **plagues**, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lambs wife. (Revelation 21:9)**
- **I am bearing witness to everyone that hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll. If anyone makes an addition to these things, God will add to him the **plagues** that are written in this scroll. (Revelation 22:18)**