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- **The condition of being intoxicated because of excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages. A drunkard is a person who habitually overindulges in strong drink to the point of drunkenness.**
  - **Intoxicating drinks in ancient Biblical lands included wine made from grapes.**
  - **Butter of the herd and milk of the flock together with the fat of rams, and male sheep, the breed of Bashan, and he-goats together with the kidney fat of wheat, and the blood of the grape you kept drinking as wine. (Deuteronomy 32:14)**
  - **And alcoholic beverages prepared from other fruits such as the pomegranate.**
  - **I would lead you, I would bring you into the house of my mother, who used to teach me. I would give you a drink of spiced wine, the fresh juice of pomegranates. (Song of Solomon 8:2)**
  - **Or from grains.**
  - **Your silver itself has become scummy dross. Your wheat beer is diluted with water. (Isaiah 1:22)**
  - **Moderate use of wine and other strong drinks is acceptable to Yehowah, who provides wine that makes the heart of mortal man rejoice.**
  - **He is making green grass sprout for the beasts, and vegetation for the service of mankind, to cause food to go forth from the earth. (Psalms 104:14)**
  - **And wine that makes the heart of mortal man rejoice, to make the face shine with oil, and bread that sustains the very heart of mortal man. (Psalms 104:15)**

**See Also BEER, II**  
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### **.. Condemned In The Bible**

· Use of strong drink to the point of **drunkenness** is strongly censured in the Bible. The wise writer of Proverbs paints a vivid and scientifically accurate picture of the effects of drinking alcoholic beverages to excess. He warns;

**Who has woe? Who has uneasiness? Who has contentions? Who has concern? Who has wounds for no reason? Who has dullness of eyes? Those staying a long time with the wine, those coming in to search out mixed wine.**

· Do not look at wine when it exhibits a red color, when it gives off its sparkle in the cup [when the wine looks unduly attractive, or sparkling, when it goes with a slickness when it slides down the throat too easily.

· At its end it bites just like a serpent, and it secretes poison just like a viper, it can make one sick physically, for example, causing cirrhosis of the liver, and mentally, producing delirium tremens, and it can actually kill.

· Your own eyes will see strange things, the alcohol acts on the control centers of the brain, repressing them, attitudes normally repressed come to the fore, hallucinations appear, gaps in memory are filled by the individuals telling fantastic experiences in a most plausible way, the person exhibits uninhibited behavior, and your own heart will speak perverse things thoughts and desires normally suppressed will be expressed.

· Who has woe? Who has uneasiness? Who has contentions? Who has concern? Who has wounds for no reason? Who has dullness of eyes? (**Proverbs 23:29**)

· Those staying a long time with the wine, those coming in to search out mixed wine. (**Proverbs 23:30**)

· Do not look at wine when it exhibits a red color, when it gives off its sparkle in the cup, when it goes with a slickness. (**Proverbs 23:31**)

- At its end it bites just like a serpent, and it secretes poison just like a viper. (**Proverbs 23:32**)
- Your own eyes will see strange things, and your own heart will speak perverse things. (**Proverbs 23:33**)
- Fornication and wine and sweet wine are what take away good motive. (**Hosea 4:11**)
- However, the things proceeding out of the mouth come out of the heart, and those things defile a man. (**Matthew 15:18**)
- For example, out of the heart come wicked reasonings, murders, adulteries, fornications, thieveries, false testimonies, blasphemies. (**Matthew 15:19**)
- The **drunkards** personal experience is described as the writer continues. And you will certainly become like one lying down in the heart of the sea, experiencing the confusion of one drowning, finally passing into unconsciousness, even like one lying down at the top of a mast, as the rocking of the ship is greatest at this point, the **drunkards** life is in danger from accident, stroke, a fight, and so forth.
- They have struck me, but I did not become sick, they have smitten me, but I did not know it, says the **drunkard**, as if talking to himself, he was insensible to what was actually going on and to the punishment that the experience has inflicted on him.
- When shall I wake up? I shall seek it yet some more, he must now sleep off the effects of overindulgence, but he is enslaved by the drink and looks forward to drinking more when he is able. He will come to poverty, by spending excessive amounts for liquor and also by becoming unreliable and rendering himself unable to work.
- Do not come to be among **heavy drinkers** of wine, among those who are gluttonous eaters of flesh. (**Proverbs 23:20**)
- For a **drunkard** and a **glutton** will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe one with mere rags. (**Proverbs 23:21**)
- And you will certainly become like one lying down in the heart of the sea, even like one lying down at the top of a mast. (**Proverbs 23:34**)

- They have struck me, but I did not become sick. They have smitten me, but I did not know it. When shall I wake up? I shall seek it yet some more. (**Proverbs 23:35**)

## •• Prohibited In The Christian Congregation

- The **drunkard** is prone to boisterousness or rough, unrestrained noisiness and to ridiculous actions, bringing reproach.
- Wine is a ridiculer, intoxicating liquor is boisterous, and everyone going astray by it is not wise. (**Proverbs 20:1**)
- They reel and move unsteadily like a **drunken** man, and even all their wisdom proves confused. (**Psalms 107:27**)
- Yehowah himself has mingled in the midst of her the spirit of disconcertedness, and they have caused Egypt to wander about in all its work, just as someone **drunk** is made to wander about in his vomit. (**Isaiah 19:14**)
- Consequently, the practice of **drunkenness** is not to be tolerated in the Christian congregation. God's attitude toward **drunkenness** was revealed in his Law to Israel. A son who was stubborn and rebellious, who was a glutton and a **drunkard**, **was to be stoned to death**.
- In case a man happens to have a son who is stubborn and rebellious, he not listening to the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and they have corrected him but he will not listen to them. (**Deuteronomy 21:18**)
- His father and his mother must also take hold of him and bring him out to the older men of his city and to the gate of his place. (**Deuteronomy 21:19**)
- And they must say to the older men of his city; This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he is not listening to our voice, being a glutton and a **drunkard**. (**Deuteronomy 21:20**)
- Then all the men of his city must pelt him with stones, and he must die. So you must clear away what is bad from your midst, and all Israel will hear and indeed become afraid. (**Deuteronomy 21:21**)

- **Similarly, the Bible commands that unrepentant or habitual drunkards are to be expelled from the Christian congregation.**
- **But now I am writing you to quit mixing in company with anyone called a brother that is a fornicator or a greedy person or an idolater or a reviler or a drunkard or an extortioner, not even eating with such a man. (1 Corinthians 5:11)**
- **For what do I have to do with judging those outside? Do you not judge those inside. (1 Corinthians 5:12)**
- **While God judges those outside? Remove the wicked man from among yourselves. (1 Corinthians 5:13)**
- **The works of the flesh include drunken bouts, revelries, which things the nations in general practice. A Christian, having been cleansed from such practices but thereafter returning to them and proving unrepentant, would be prevented from entering God's Kingdom.**
- **What! Do you not know that unrighteous persons will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be misled! Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men kept for unnatural purposes, nor men who lie with men. (1 Corinthians 6:9)**
- **Nor thieves, nor greedy persons, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit God's kingdom. (1 Corinthians 6:10)**
- **And yet that is what some of you were. But you have been washed clean, but you have been sanctified, but you have been declared righteous in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)**
- **He is to cease spending his time working out the will of the nations by engaging in their excesses with wine and their drinking matches.**
- **For the time that has passed by is sufficient for you to have worked out the will of the nations when you proceeded in deeds of loose conduct, lusts, excesses with wine, revelries, drinking matches, and illegal idolatries. (1 Peter 4:3)**
- **He must devote himself to producing the fruits of God's spirit.**

- Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are fornication, uncleanness, loose conduct. (**Galatians 5:19**)
- Idolatry, practice of spiritism, enmities, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, contentions, divisions, sects. (**Galatians 5:20**)
- Envy, **drunken bouts**, revelries, and things like these. As to these things I am forewarning you, the same way as I did forewarn you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. (**Galatians 5:21**)
- On the other hand, the fruitage of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith. (**Galatians 5:22**)
- Mildness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. (**Galatians 5:23**)
- Moreover, those who belong to Christ Jesus impaled the flesh together with its passions and desires. (**Galatians 5:24**)
- **Moderation** and soundness of mind are therefore among the requirements for Christian overseers.
- That statement is faithful. If any man is reaching out for an office of overseer, he is desirous of a fine work. (**1 Timothy 3:1**)
- The overseer should therefore be irreprehensible, a husband of one wife, **moderate in habits**, sound in mind, orderly, hospitable, qualified to teach. (**1 Timothy 3:2**)
- **Not a drunken brawler**, not a smiter, but reasonable, not belligerent, not a lover of money. (**1 Timothy 3:3**)
- For an overseer must be free from accusation as God's steward, not self-willed, not prone to wrath, **not a drunken brawler**, not a smiter, not greedy of dishonest gain. (**Titus 1:7**)
- **Ministerial Servants or Deacons.**
- Ministerial servants should likewise be serious, not double-tongued, **not giving themselves to a lot of wine**, not greedy of dishonest gain. (**1 Timothy 3:8**)
- **Aged men and women,**

- Let the aged men be **moderate in habits**, serious, sound in mind, healthy in faith, in love, in endurance. (**Titus 2:2**)
- Likewise let the aged women be reverent in behavior, not slanderous, **neither enslaved to a lot of wine**, teachers of what is good. (**Titus 2:3**)
- **Young men and women,**
- That they may recall the young women to their senses to love their husbands, to love their children. (**Titus 2:4**)
- To be sound in mind, chaste, workers at home, good, subjecting themselves to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be spoken of abusively. (**Titus 2:5**)
- Likewise keep on exhorting the younger men to be sound in mind. (**Titus 2:6**)
- In all things showing yourself an example of fine works, showing uncorruptness in your teaching, seriousness. (**Titus 2:7**)
- Wholesome speech which cannot be condemned, so that the man on the opposing side may get ashamed, having nothing vile to say about us. (**Titus 2:8**)
- **Children, especially children of overseers.**
- If there is any man free from accusation, a husband of one wife, having **believing children** that were **not under a charge of debauchery nor unruly**. (**Titus 1:6**)
- In discussing the Lord's Evening Meal, the apostle Paul reproved the Corinthian Christians for certain abuses. There were those who brought their own food and drink to the congregations meeting place.
- Though **overindulging** in food and **drink**, they refused to share of their abundance and thus shamed their needy brothers. Hence, when it came time for the observance of the Lord's Evening Meal, some were not in a fit condition to partake because of excesses, while others were hungry. That is why Paul said; One is hungry but another is **intoxicated**.

- Therefore, when you come together to one place, it is not possible to eat the Lord's Evening meal. (**1 Corinthians 11:20**)
- For, when you eat it, each one takes his own evening meal beforehand, so that one is hungry but another is **intoxicated**. (**1 Corinthians 11:21**)
- Certainly you do have houses for eating and drinking, do you not? Or do you despise the congregation of God and make those who have nothing ashamed? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you? In this I do not commend you. (**1 Corinthians 11:22**)
- **As shown in the Law, it is not fitting to indulge in alcoholic beverages just before engaging in religious service. The priests of Israel were commanded that they must drink no wine or intoxicating liquor while engaging in their official duties, lest they should die.**
- And Yehowah proceeded to speak to Aaron, saying; (**Leviticus 10:8**)
- Do not drink wine or intoxicating liquor, you and your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, that you may not die. It is a statute to time indefinite for your generations. (**Leviticus 10:9**)
- Both in order to make a distinction between the holy thing and the profane and between the unclean thing and the clean. (**Leviticus 10:10**)
- And in order to teach the sons of Israel all the regulations that Yehowah has spoken to them by means of Moses. (**Leviticus 10:11**)

## ·· Why Does The Bible Tell About Noah And Lot Getting Intoxicated?

- Several instances of **drunkenness** are mentioned in the Bible when such incidents throw light on some important matter. Thus it relates that, after the Flood, Noah planted a vineyard, began **drinking** of the wine and became **intoxicated**. This happening is recorded in the Scriptures to show how Noah's curse on Canaan came to be uttered.
- Now Noah started off as a farmer and proceeded to plant a vineyard. (**Genesis 9:20**)



- And he began **drinking** of the wine and became **intoxicated**, and so he uncovered himself in the midst of his tent. (**Genesis 9:21**)
- Later Ham the father of Canaan saw his father's nakedness and went telling it to his two brothers outside. (**Genesis 9:22**)
- At that Shem and Japheth took a mantle and put it upon both their shoulders and walked in backwards. Thus they covered their fathers nakedness, while their faces were turned away, and they did not see their fathers nakedness. (**Genesis 9:23**)
- Finally Noah awoke from his wine and got to know what his youngest son had done to him. (**Genesis 9:24**)
- At this he said; Cursed be Canaan. Let him become the lowest slave to his brothers. (**Genesis 9:25**)
- And he added; Blessed be Yehowah, Shem's God, and let Canaan become a slave to him. (**Genesis 9:26**)
- Let God grant ample space to Japheth, and let him reside in the tents of Shem. Let Canaan become a slave to him also. (**Genesis 9:27**)
- In another case, on two different nights, Lot's two daughters gave him so much wine that he became drunk and they had sexual relations with him.
- Later Lot went up from Zoar and began dwelling in the mountainous region, and his two daughters along with him, because he got afraid of dwelling in Zoar. So he began dwelling in a cave, he and his two daughters. (**Genesis 19:30**)
- And the firstborn proceeded to say to the younger woman; Our father is old and there is not a man in the land to have relations with us according to the way of the whole earth. (**Genesis 19:31**)
- Come, let us give our father wine to drink and let us lie down with him and preserve offspring from our father. (**Genesis 19:32**)
- So they kept **giving their father wine to drink during** that night, then the firstborn went in and lay down with her father, but he did not know when she lay down and when she got up. (**Genesis**

**19:33)**

- **And it came about on the next day that the firstborn then said to the younger; Here I lay down with my father last night. Let us give him wine to drink tonight also. Then you go in, lie down with him, and let us preserve offspring from our father. (**Genesis 19:34**)**
- **So they repeatedly gave their father wine to drink during that night also, then the younger got up and lay down with him, but he did not know when she lay down and when she got up. (**Genesis 19:35**)**
- **And both the daughters of Lot became pregnant from their father. (**Genesis 19:36**)**
- **In time the firstborn became mother to a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of Moab, to this day. (**Genesis 19:37**)**
- **As for the younger, she too gave birth to a son and then called his name Benammi. He is the father of the sons of Ammon, to this day. (**Genesis 19:38**)**
- **This account enlightens us on the origin of the nations of Moab and Ammon and their relationship to Israel. Lot was evidently **drunk** enough to lose control of his good sense but not **dead drunk**, that is, not too **drunk to have sexual relations**.**
- **Since God's Word so strongly condemns **drunkenness**, we can be sure that these righteous men were not habitual in drinking to excess, were not **drunkards**.**
- **But the candor of the Bible is here illustrated, in its not sparing the truth when relating events involving Bible personages for our enlightenment. Some other cases of **drunkenness** are recorded at;**
- **Later Abigail came in to Nabal, and there he was having a feast in his house like the feast of the king, and Nabal's heart was feeling good within him, and he was as **drunk** as could be, and she did not tell him a thing, small or great, until the morning light. (**1 Samuel 25:36**)**
- **And it came about in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife went telling him these things. And his**

- heart came to be dead inside him, and he himself became as a stone. ([1 Samuel 25:37](#))
- After that about ten days elapsed and then Yehowah struck Nabal, so that he died. ([1 Samuel 25:38](#))
  - Further, David called him that he might eat before him and drink. So he got him **drunk**. Nevertheless, he went out in the evening to lie down on his bed with the servants of his lord, and to his own house he did not go down. ([2 Samuel 11:13](#))
  - And he proceeded to take the count of the young men of the princes of the jurisdictional districts, and they came to be two hundred and thirty-two, and after them he took the count of all the people, all the sons of Israel, seven thousand.
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  - And they began to go out at noon while Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the booths, he together with the kings, the thirty-two kings that were helping him. ([1 Kings 20:16](#))
  - When the young men of the princes of the jurisdictional districts came out first, Ben-hadad at once sent out, and they came telling him, saying; There are men that have come out from Samaria. ([1 Kings 20:17](#))
  - At that he said; Whether it is for peace that they have come out, you should seize them alive, or whether it is for battle that they have come out, alive is how you should seize them. ([1 Kings 20:18](#))
  - And these were the ones that came out from the city, the young men of the princes of the jurisdictional districts and the military forces that were behind them. ([1 Kings 20:19](#))
  - And they began to strike down each one his man, and the Syrians took to flight, and Israel went in pursuit of them, but Ben-hadad the king of Syria got to escape upon a horse together with the horsemen. ([1 Kings 20:20](#))

- But the king of Israel went out and kept striking down the horses and the chariots, and he struck down the Syrians with a great slaughter. (1 Kings 20:21)

## •• A False Supposition

- When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ's disciples on Pentecost of 33 C.E, they spoke in different languages and some said;
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (Acts of Apostles 2:1)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (Acts of Apostles 2:2)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (Acts of Apostles 2:3)
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)
- However, different ones mocked at them and began to say; **They are full of sweet wine.** (Acts of Apostles 2:13)
- But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings. (Acts of Apostles 2:14)
- These people are, in fact, **not drunk**, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day. (Acts of Apostles 2:15)
- These observers of Pentecost had the scroll of Isaiah's prophecy, where it is written.
- Woe to those who are getting up early in the morning that they may seek just **intoxicating liquor**, who are lingering till late in the evening darkness so that wine itself inflames them! (Isaiah 5:11)

- Actually, it was not customary to have a feast or banquet at that early hour, and it was unrealistic to think that 120 people would all be **drunk** together at that time of morning. Paul expresses the custom when he says:

- For those who sleep are accustomed to sleep at night, and those who get drunk are usually drunk at night. (**1 Thessalonians 5:7**)

### ·· **Figurative Drunkenness**

- The leaders of the ten-tribe kingdom, with Ephraim as its dominant tribe, were spiritually **drunk** with wine. For one thing, they doted on political independence and alliances with the enemies of the kingdom of Judah, whose kings sat on Yehowah's throne.

- And Solomon began to sit upon Yehowah's throne as king in place of David his father and to make a success of it, and all the Israelites were obedient to him. (**1 Chronicles 29:23**)

- They doubtless had their literal **drunken bouts** as well. These men were in a covenant with Yehowah God but were violating it in an arrogant, **drunken** way and reproaching him.

- 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**)

- With the feet the eminent crowns of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trampled down. (**Isaiah 28:3**)

- And the fading flower of its decoration of beauty that is upon the head of the fertile valley must become like the early fig before summer, that, when the seer sees it, while it is yet in his palm, he swallows it down. (**Isaiah 28:4**)

- Similarly, the priests and leaders of Judah became figuratively drunk. As religious guides, they added traditions of men, they saw and spoke false things about God's holy nation. They looked to Assyria for help instead of to God.

- **Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the town where David encamped! Add year upon year, you people. Let the festivals run the round. (Isaiah 29:1)**
- **Linger, you men, and be amazed, blind yourselves, and be blinded. They have become intoxicated, but not with wine, they have moved unsteadily, but not because of intoxicating liquor. (Isaiah 29:9)**
- **For upon you men Yehowah has poured a spirit of deep sleep, and he closes your eyes, the prophets, and he has covered even your heads, the visionaries. (Isaiah 29:10)**
- **And for you men the vision of everything becomes like the words of the book that has been sealed up, which they give to someone knowing the writing, saying; Read this out loud, please, and he has to say; I am unable, for it is sealed up. (Isaiah 29:11)**
- **And the book must be given to someone that does not know writing, somebody saying; Read this out loud, please, and he has to say; I do not know writing at all. (Isaiah 29:12)**
- **And Yehowah says; For the reason that this people have come near with their mouth, and they have glorified me merely with their lips, and they have removed their heart itself far away from me, and their fear toward me becomes men's commandment that is being taught. (Isaiah 29:13)**
- **Therefore here I am, the One that will act wonderfully again with this people, in a wonderful manner and with something wonderful, and the wisdom of their wise men must perish, and the very understanding of their discreet men will conceal itself. (Isaiah 29:14)**
- **It was then that Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel proceeded to come up against Jerusalem in war and laid siege against Ahaz, but they were not able to fight. (2 Kings 16:5)**
- **At that time Rezin the king of Syria restored Elath to Edom, after which he cleared out the Jews from Elath, and the Edomites, for their part, entered Elath and kept dwelling there down to this day. (2 Kings 16:6)**

- **So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria, saying; I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me out of the palm of the king of Syria and out of the palm of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me. (2 Kings 16:7)**
- **Accordingly Ahaz took the silver and the gold that was to be found at the house of Yehowah and in the treasures of the king's house and sent the king of Assyria a bribe. (2 Kings 16:8)**
- **At that the king of Assyria listened to him and the king of Assyria went up to Damascus and captured it and led its people into exile at Kir, and Rezin he put to death. (2 Kings 16:9)**
- **As foretold, drunken Israel was carried off by Assyria in 740 B.C.E. Later, apostate Judah was forced to drink the cup of Yehowah's rage and was sent reeling into exile to Babylon in 607 B.C.E.**
- **Rouse yourself, rouse yourself, rise up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk at the hand of Yehowah his cup of rage. The goblet, the cup causing reeling, you have drunk, you have drained out. (Isaiah 51:17)**
- **There was none of all the sons that she brought to birth conducting her, and there was none of all the sons that she brought up taking hold of her hand. (Isaiah 51:18)**
- **Those two things were befalling you. Who will sympathize with you? Despoiling and breakdown, and hunger and sword! Who will comfort you? (Isaiah 51:19)**
- **Your own sons have swooned away. They have lain down at the head of all the streets like the wild sheep in the net, as those who are full of the rage of Yehowah, the rebuke of your God. (Isaiah 51:20)**
- **Therefore listen to this, please, O woman afflicted and drunk, but not with wine. (Isaiah 51:21)**
- **This is what your Lord, Yehowah, even your God, who contends for his people, has said; Look! I will take away from your hand the cup causing reeling. The goblet, my cup of rage, you will not repeat the drinking of it anymore. (Isaiah 51:22)**

- **And I will put it in the hand of the ones irritating you, who have said to your soul, Bow down that we may cross over, so that you used to make your back just like the earth, and like the street for those crossing over. (Isaiah 51:23)**
- **Because of Babylon's harsh treatment of God's people, Babylon, the king of Sheshach, drank the same cup 68 years later.**
- **For this is what Yehowah the God of Israel said to me; Take this cup of the wine of rage out of my hand, and you must make all the nations to whom I am sending you drink it. (Jeremiah 25:15)**
- **And they must drink and shake back and forth and act like crazed men because of the sword that I am sending among them. (Jeremiah 25:16)**
- **And I proceeded to take the cup out of the hand of Yehowah and to make all the nations drink to whom Yehowah had sent me. (Jeremiah 25:17)**
- **Namely, Jerusalem and the cities of Judah and her kings, her princes, to make them a devastated place, an object of astonishment, something to whistle at and a malediction, just as at this day. (Jeremiah 25:18)**
- **Pharaoh the king of Egypt and his servants and his princes and all his people. (Jeremiah 25:19)**
- **And all the mixed company, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines and Ashkelon and Gaza and Ekron and the remnant of Ashdod. (Jeremiah 25:20)**
- **Edom and Moab and the sons of Ammon. (Jeremiah 25:21)**
- **And all the kings of Tyre and all the kings of Sidon and the kings of the island that is in the region of the sea. (Jeremiah 25:22)**
- **And Dedan and Tema and Buz and all those with hair clipped at the temples. (Jeremiah 25:23)**
- **And all the kings of the Arabs and all the kings of the mixed company who are residing in the wilderness. (Jeremiah 25:24)**
- **And all the kings of Zimri and all the kings of Elam and all the**



kings of the Medes. (**Jeremiah 25:25**)

- And all the kings of the north who are near and far away, one after the other, and all the other kingdoms of the earth that are on the surface of the ground, and the king of Sheshach himself will **drink** after them. (**Jeremiah 25:26**)
- And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; **Drink** and get **drunk** and puke and fall so that you cannot get up because of the sword that I am sending among you. (**Jeremiah 25:27**)
- And it must occur that in case they refuse to take the cup out of your hand to drink, you must also say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; You will drink without fail. (**Jeremiah 25:28**)
- For, look! It is upon the city upon which my name is called that I am starting off in bringing calamity, and should you yourselves in any way go free of punishment? You will not go free of punishment, for there is a sword that I am calling against all the inhabitants of the earth, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. (**Jeremiah 25:29**)
- Symbolic Babylon the Great is depicted in the Bible as a **drunken prostitute**, having in her hand a golden cup full of disgusting things and the unclean things of her fornication.
- Earths inhabitants have been made **drunk** with **the wine of her fornication**. She herself is **drunk** with the **blood of the holy ones** and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. Her debauchery will result in her everlasting destruction.
- And one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying; Come, I will show you the judgment upon the great harlot who sits on many waters. (**Revelation 17:1**)
- With whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, whereas those who inhabit the earth were made **drunk** with the wine of her fornication. (**Revelation 17:2**)
- And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a

- scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. (**Revelation 17:3**)
- And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and was adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls and had in her hand a golden cup that was full of disgusting things and the unclean things of her fornication. (**Revelation 17:4**)
  - And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. (**Revelation 17:5**)
  - And I saw that the woman was **drunk** with the blood of the holy ones and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. Well, on catching sight of her I wondered with great wonderment. (**Revelation 17:6**)
  - And the ten horns that you saw, and the wild beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her devastated and naked, and will eat up her fleshy parts and will completely burn her with fire. (**Revelation 17:16**)
  - And another, a second angel, followed, saying; She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, she who made all the nations **drink** of the wine of the anger of her fornication! (**Revelation 14:8**)
  - 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**)

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