

## "THE LORD WHO SMITES"

"And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth."

~Ezekiel 7:9

Smite: A blow; to strike, slay, execute; action or expression of judgment; deliberate, delegated response; conditional.	NOTES
The Lord who smites? Is this not a contradiction with the Lord of love, supply, comfort, healing, longsuffering, and forgiveness?  Never forget that our God is a <sup>(1)</sup> He is separated, pure, and undefiled by sin. Our God is a <sup>(2)</sup> The Bible declares that His judgments are pure and righteous all together.	
Psalms 19:7-10 God hates sin (due to His Righteousness.) God must judge sin (due to His Holiness.)	
ALL SIN MUST BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO GOD'S JUDGMENT. NO SIN IS EVER EXCUSED. ALL SIN MUST BE DEALT WITH. THE PENALTY FOR SIN IS UNDER THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. IT MUST BE PAID.	
There is another law of "Sowing and Reaping", and this too requires the $^{(3)}$ and $^{(4)}$ of God.	
(Ezekiel 7:9) Israel had disobeyed God. Instead of influencing the nations for God, the nations had influenced Israel away from God, and God's "patience" (grace, mercy, longsuffering) had been exhausted. (Ezekiel 5:8)	
Israel was to learn God's wrath upon sin, but more than that, they were to learn (5) it was that would (6) them.	

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	God reveals Himself to them in their sin as the (7)	
NOTES	There is to be no mystery.	
	We are not speaking here of the wrath of God against an ungodly, unbelieving world, nor of God's judgment against the nations who influenced Israel. Rather, we are dealing with God's determined punishment of His people who have gone away in sin. (Ezekiel 9:5-6; 1 Peter 4:17; Revelation 2:16)	
	God's wrath is always associated with (8):  idolatry, witchcraft, sorcery, sodomy, perversion, ungodliness.  God's anger is mentioned at nearly every point of reference to the wickedness of sinful men.	
	Jehovah-Makkehis the revelation that God is <sup>(9)</sup> even His own in this matter of sin. He will recompense evil for evil, even among His own.	
	Salvation is being made (10), or having a right stand with God. It is a ceasing of God's "againstness" to man, a change in standing. To be justified: Definition – "just as if I'd never sinned." If a child of God chooses to go back against God and enter again into sin, God will find His child and bring him/her back to Himself.	
	Jehovah-Makkeh "The Lord shall smite thee" is always  [11] by opportunities to [12] and [13] from sin to the Lord.	
	Israel was (14) for not (15) to the Lord. ( <i>Leviticus</i> 26:14, 18, 21, 24, 27, 28) We know that God is (16), (1 Peter 3:8-11) but we also know He will judge sin.	
	Illustration: Noah/Lot/Israel/Churches/Jews/Gentiles	
	Ezekiel over <sup>(17)</sup> times states, "Ye shall know that I am JEHOVAH." There is an obvious concern on the heart of God to clarify that this <sup>(18)</sup> " is purely a family matter."	

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We are referring not to the judgment of the lost, wicked, dying, ungodly world, but the of a loving father upon of a loving father upon children.
JEHOVAH is the one who (21) thee.
Illustration: The chiding of the shepherd, the staff or the rod. Used on an enemy in wrath and anger to their destruction, used on the flock to restore, realign, and return the wandering to the fold. The New Testament equivalent is Hebrews 12:5-11.
Jehovah-Makkeh of the Old Testament is revealed as "He that chastiseth thee." God is still making it known to His children (22) smites thee, or who it is that administers the rod of correction!
Never forget, it is our loving Heavenly Father who chides us, goads us, corrects us—not in fierce wrath and anger, but in love.
Conclusion: If we are His and He is ours, then we should willingly submit to His divine chastisement, for it is in our best interest. We are not to despise or deny His divine intention in our chastisement.
We are not to faint under the rod of correction, or lose heart, faith, and hope. We are to remember
who applies the rod of correction, and seek His divine purpose when the blow comes: sickness,
physical disability, bereavement, disappointment, loss, sufferings, or heartaches. Let us remember
Jehovah-Makkeh is our Loving Heavenly Father. He still knows what is best.

## JEHOVAH MAKKEH ANSWER KEY

1. Holy God	9. Against	17. 60
2. Just God	10. Righteous	18. Smiting
3. Judgment	11. Preceded	19. Chastisement
4. Justice	12. Repent	20. Disobedient
5. Who	13. Return	21. Smites
6. Smite	14. Smitten	22. Who
7. God who smites them	15. Harkening	
8. Unbelievers	16. Longsuffering	