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Smoke

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SMOKE

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OVERVIEW

Depending on the context smoke symbolises:

- God's acceptance, covering, favour and awesome power.
- God's righteous judgment and wrath being poured out.
- God's majestic Holy presence and His protection over the faithful.

Smoke coming up out of the bottomless pit signifies:

- Spiritual darkness that blinds the mind from understanding God's word, and fills the earth with spiritual error.
- Total-destruction and utter-annihilation of all things.

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SMOKE WENT UP LIKE THE SMOKE OF A FURNACE

- **Genesis 19:78-8:** The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven --- NOW GO TO VERSE TWENTY-SEVEN -- ²⁷ And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. ²⁸ And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace. Gen. 19:23-28).

The destruction and devastation of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire and smoke was a result of God's wrath upon these enormously corrupt cities (Gen. 19:23-28). This same great displeasure of God is represented by the same figurative expressions David uses of smoke and fire in the following verses:

- Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. ⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. (Psalm 18:7-8).

Sodom was destroyed and in David's Psalm, the foundations of the earth reeled and rocked; and the mountains trembled and quaked, which means, smoke rising-up out of the pit may also signify total-destruction and utter-annihilation of all things.

MOUNT SINAI WRAPPED IN SMOKE

- **Exodus 19:18:** Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

Here the smoke served two purposes:

1. It manifested the awesome power of God descending on Mount Sinai.
2. It acted as a covering of the LORD'S glory and brilliant majestic light, protecting the people of Israel from being struck dead should they see the fullness of God's glory.

SMOKE AND GOD'S PRESENCE

- **Isaiah 4:5-6:** Then the LORD will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. ⁶ There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

Prior to these verses we read, those who are left in Zion and remain in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, when the LORD has cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment. Then we read of God creating a cloud over Mount Zion.

The image is of the LORD creating a cloud of smoke and of shining flaming fire over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies, signifying God's favour, His presence, and His protection being over the entire mountain, and not just the city of Jerusalem. This by extension carries the idea of God's favour, His presence and His protection being over all the faithful.

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Smoke and flaming fire: the smoke signifies protection, for it provided shelter from the heat of the sun, and shelter from storms and rain, likewise, the flaming fire signifies protection, for it gave light and heat during the night, and protection from the cold.

SNAPSHOT: the smoke and the cloud over the tabernacle was a visible sign that God was always near to Israel during the day and the night, and signifies that His presence is always with His people. It is certain there were times when Israel had comfortably settled in their camp, but when the cloud moved, they moved, no matter how comfortable they were, for it was leading them to the Promised Land. Likewise, when God calls us, we should always be willing to follow, for whatever path He leads us on, will be a path that is leading us to our true homeland.

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FILLED WITH SMOKE

- **Isaiah 6:4-5:** The foundations of the temples thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

In this context smoke signifies, God's righteous judgment about to be poured out upon the unclean people Isaiah is dwelling amongst.

SMOKE RISING FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

- **Revelation 9:1-2:** The fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. ² He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. (Rev. 9:1–2).

The sun: signify the Gospel that brings light to the mind and heart.

The air: signifies those who receive the light of the Gospel.

The smoke: in the context of this verse smoke can be taken to symbolise the following two things:

1. Thick smoke darkens the sun and the air, and hinders the eyes from seeing the light of the sun, which means, smoke coming up out of the bottomless pit signifies spiritual darkness; worldwide false doctrines; deceptive teachings; and false religion that blind the mind from understanding God's word and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and fill the earth with spiritual darkness and religious error.
2. Proudful, hypocritical false teachers who have a form of godliness and speak lies, and by skilful oratory and positive motivational speeches deceive the hearts of those seeking God, and influence the world toward ignorance, error, superstitious worship, and wickedness. Sadly powerful, authoritative deceptive rulers and leaders will continue to increase from generation to generation, accumulating in the latter days in the ten horned beast nations, the false prophet, and the man of lawlessness.

Smoke rose from the bottomless pit and darkened the sun: carries the idea, the light of God's word has been greatly obscured by extremely powerful, false, and deceptive rulers, of which the following two would be the most powerful:

1. **The Papal Roman church:** and the Pope taking upon himself to be head of the global church, and to be the infallible interpreter of Scripture.
2. **Mahomet:** who represents Jesus only as a mere man, and exalted himself above him as a greater prophet.

By the decrees of the Popes, the teachings of Mahomet and the Koran, and false teachings of many others, the light of the Gospel and the teachings of Christ have been darkened as smoke darkens the light of the sun.

NOTE: the faithful are assured that good will win over evil, and that the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Revelation 11:15:** The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

SMOKE FROM THE GLORY OF GOD

- **Revelation 15:8:** and the sanctuary (temple in KJV) was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary (temple in KJV) until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

NOTE: this is not like the cloud of glory, that filled Moses' tabernacle and Solomon's temple for that was a cloud of God's awesome Holy presence and a sign of His favour, acceptance of His people and protection. In contrast to this, the smoke in this verse prevents anyone from entering the sanctuary/temple. The smoke signifies the majestic and awesome Holy divine presence of God, and His judgment and wrath, for no one could enter the sanctuary, until the seven vial plagues were completed. This carries the idea,

No one would be permitted to enter God's presence to make intercession to turn away His wrath or dissuade Him from His purpose. Once the angels are sent, they cannot be recalled. The time for obtaining access to the mercy-seat is past, the cup of iniquity is overflowing, it is the time of judgment, the threatened punishment on the ungodly anti-Christian beast power that has so long stood up against the truth, the Gospel and against Christ and his people has gone forth; and no intercession will avail to turn God away the impending judgment and wrath to come.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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