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Molech.

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The chief deity and national god of the Ammonites.

INTRODUCTION

The following shows why Gehenna the Valley of Hinnon where the statue of Molech stood became a very appropriate symbol for the horror and total destruction of the human body, soul and spirit.

THE STATUTE OF MOLECH

From the statute of Molech a column of smoke would billow high into the air and be seen from some distance the statute was so tall it appeared as though Molech was staring down from a throne of brass. Fire in the pit beneath the hollow statute would blaze with a loud roar and tongues of flame would reach up and lick around the edges of Molech's open mouth. The arms of Molech's reached out as if waiting to be filled and formed a steep incline that ended in Molech's open mouth. Priests would bring a child to be sacrificed to Molech and chant, "Molech, Molech, Molech" and the frenzied crowd would also chant, "Molech, Molech, Molech" to the throbbing beat of drums. While the priests and the crowd chanted to the pounding rhythm of drums, the chief priest faced Molech with his arms raised, pleading with the god in a frenzied cry. When the chief priest finished his prayer, he would lower his arms and lift the child sacrifice in the air then toss the child into the monsters waiting arms, the child would roll down the hot and smoothly polished arms and into Molech's open mouth and the roaring fire and flames would devour the sacrificial child.

It is easy to see why Gehenna the Valley of Hinnon where the statue of Molech stood became a very appropriate symbol for the horror and total destruction of the human body, soul and spirit. The following verses begin with the LORD telling his chosen people not to worship or offer their children to this horrific so-called god. It seems almost impossible to comprehend that God would even need to say such a thing (especially to His own people) yet the verses end with the men of Israel and of Judah their kings and officials, their priests and prophets and the inhabitants of Jerusalem turning their back on the LORD and offering up their sons to Molech (Jer. 32:30-34).

- The LORD spoke to Moses and told him to tell the people of Israel, You shall not give any of your children to offer them to MOLECH, and so profane the name of your God (Lev. 18:1-2, 21).
- The LORD told Moses to say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to MOLECH shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. ³I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to MOLECH, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name. ⁴And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to MOLECH, and do not put him to death, ⁵then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, and all who follow him in whoring after MOLECH (Lev. 20:2-5).
- Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for MOLECH the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem (1 Kings 11:7).
- Josiah king of Judah defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to MOLECH (2 Kings 23:10).
- Israel and Judah built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to MOLECH, though I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination (Jer. 32:35).

The children of Israel and of Judah their kings and officials, their priests and prophets and the inhabitants of Jerusalem turned their back on the LORD and offered up their sons to Molech (Jer. 32:30-34).

Molech: comes from the Hebrew word (malak) it means to reign, to set up as the chief deity or as a king to ascend the throne. It carries the idea of inducting into royalty and by implication to take counsel. Molech was the chief deity and national idol and god of the Ammonites.

Gehenna: (Ge-Hinnom) is Hebrew for Hinnom it is the valley of (the son of) Hinnom which was a valley of Jerusalem and the valley in which the statute of Molech stood.

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