

WHICH CITY IS CALLED SODOM AND EGYPT?

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In Revelation 11:8, we read:

"And their dead bodies [will be] in the square of the great city, which, spiritually, is called Sodom and Egypt, where our Lord was also crucified." (AT)

Explanation of verse 8

Can we identify the city that is described here?

Of course, we can! Our Lord was not crucified in Sodom neither was he crucified in Egypt but in Jerusalem! Therefore, the *"beast"* will kill the *"two witnesses"* in Jerusalem and their dead bodies will be on public display in the city's square!

Why does the above verse call Jerusalem "Sodom"?

Jerusalem was supposed to be the centre of worship of the True God! However, YHWH said that Judah and Jerusalem **apostatized** from Him and He called them **"Sodom"**. Let us read His words from Isaiah 1:1,2 and 10:

"¹The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. ²Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth! For Jehovah has spoken: I have nursed and brought up sons, but they have rebelled (HOT: 'apostatized') against Me ... ¹⁰Hear the Word of Jehovah, rulers of Sodom. Listen to the Law of our God, people of Gomorrah." (Author's parenthesis)

Also, in Ezekiel chapter 16, YHWH speaks to Jerusalem and calls her a **“harlot”**. Let us read a few verses:

“¹And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying, ²Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations ... ²⁸You have fornicated with the sons of Assyria without being satisfied. Yea, you fornicated and yet you were not satisfied ... ³⁰How weak is your heart, declares the Lord Jehovah, since you do all these, the work of a woman, an overbearing prostitute ... ³⁵Therefore, O harlot, hear the Word of Jehovah,” (Please read the entire chapter 16.)

From the above cases, we realize that God called Jerusalem **“Sodom”** because of her **spiritual sexual immorality!**

Why is Jerusalem also called “Egypt”?

In Galatians 4:21-31 the apostle Paul likens Jerusalem to a **“slave woman”!** Let us read his words:

“²¹Tell me, those desiring to be under Law, do you not hear the Law? ²²For it has been written, Abraham had two sons, one out of the slave woman and one out of the free woman. ²³But, indeed, he of the slave woman has been born according to flesh, and he out of the free woman through the promise, ²⁴which things are being allegorized, for these are two covenants, one, indeed, from Mount Sinai bringing forth to slavery (which is Hagar, ²⁵for Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, and she slaves with her children), ²⁶but the Jerusalem from above is free, who is the mother of us all; ²⁷for it has been written, “Be glad, barren one not bearing; break forth and shout, the one not travailing; for more are the children of the desolate rather than she having the husband.” ²⁸But, brothers, we are children

of promise according to Isaac. ²⁹But then, even as he born according to flesh persecuted the one according to Spirit, so it is also now. ³⁰But what says the Scripture? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for in no way shall the son of the slave woman inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹Then, brothers, we are not children of a slave woman but of the free woman."

Paul's words about Jerusalem's **religious slavery to the Law of Moses**, also reminds me of Israel's **slavery in Egypt!**

From all the above, we conclude that verse 8 calls Jerusalem "**Sodom**" and "**Egypt**" because these names refer to **spiritual sexual immorality and spiritual slavery!**