

Jews, Deicide and the Book of Tobias Pt 2



This will be part 2 in my series on the book of Tobias. And first of all, I want to thank Laura from Ireland for sending me this very nice drawing she did for art class of Mary and her Son and I thought this would be a good backdrop for this particular program. Last time I pointed out that Tobias being blinded by bird droppings symbolized the Old Testament Jews who were spiritually blinded and they failed to accept Jesus as their Messiah. However, we discover through the symbolism of this story, that it was not entirely the Jews' fault. This blindness of spirit actually came from the Holy Spirit, it came from above in the form of those bird

droppings and it came as a test. In other words, some of the Jews were not guilty of deicide which is the murder of God.

But how does this square with the rest of the Bible? Because we know that the scribes and the Pharisees shouted out: ***'His blood be upon us and upon our children.'*** However, they really did not have the right to bring this curse upon all of the Jewish people and certainly not a generational curse even until the End Times. And if we understand the book of Tobias, we realize that many Jews are not guilty, and in fact, it was a gift from God that they crucified Jesus. Now, I realize that is a radical sentiment but that is what the book of Tobias is prophesying.

You might say, *'How can the Bible be confusing? God is not the author of confusion.'* We know on the one hand that Vashti, who was banished, symbolized the Old Testament Jews. She was a queen. Michal, the Queen of David, also symbolized the Old Testament Jews and she was barren for the rest of her life because she did not appreciate David's dancing and David symbolized Jesus on the cross. They were both queens and they represented the elite of the Jewish society. By contrast, Tobias tells us that he is very poor. Is Scripture telling us that it was only the rich and powerful Jews who knowingly rejected Jesus?

So now, let's read chapter 4, verse number 23, and by the way, I'm using the Catholic Douay Rheims Bible which is far and away the best translation. In fact, I will put a link to an audio version below and I urge you to listen to the entire book of Tobias. I listened to it and I realized that there are more than four 7's, as I reported in my last video. There are in fact seven 7's, however, they are broken down into 4 plus 3 combinations which I will get into on my next video.

Chapter 4, verse 23: ***'Fear not my son, we lead indeed a poor life but we shall have many good things if we fear God and depart from all sin and do that which is good.'*** So now we see that not all Jews were guilty of deicide. The elite Jews, represented by Queen Vashti and Queen Michal, were guilty of deicide. They were queens whereas Tobias was poor, in other words, the poor Jews who have rejected Jesus as their Messiah for two thousand years were not guilty. They had been spiritually blinded by God Himself and here is the reason, as we read in chapter 2, verse 12: ***'Now this trial, the Lord therefore permitted to happen to him that an example might be given to posterity of the patience as also of holy Job.'*** In other words, the Jews for the last two thousand years waiting for their Messiah in anticipation have exhibited extreme patience, and, in fact, at the end of this book, we see Sarah go out to the top of a hill and look for the return of her son every day. She represents the Jews of today yearning for their Messiah, and of course, He will return in the form of Jesus whom, as Zachariah says, ***'they will look upon as one whom they have pierced.'***

And another indication that this book of Tobias is indeed a prophecy regarding the Jews in these End Times. Let's look at verse number 4 of chapter 3: ***'For we have not obeyed thy commandments therefore, are we delivered to spoil and to captivity and death and are made of fable.'*** Certainly the Jews have suffered for the last two thousand years, ***'and a reproach to all nations amongst which thou has scattered us.'***

And now I want to continue with this summary from Wikipedia and in the last program, we looked at the first three chapters of Tobias which I believe marked off the first part of the book and now the second part of the book consists of the next three chapters. ***'Meanwhile, in far away Media, a young woman named Sarah had prayed for death in despair. She had lost seven husbands to the demon of lust, Asmodeus, who abducted and killed every man she married on***

their wedding night before the marriage could be consummated. And we talked about this on the last program. The seven husbands also symbolize the 7 End Times apostate churches. I don't think I mentioned that; and the suffering of Sarah symbolizes the suffering of the True Church in these End Times.

'God sent the angel Raphael disguised as a human to heal Tobit (Tobias) and to free Sarah from the demon. The main narrative is dedicated to Tobit's son Tobias,' now some Bibles distinguish between the father and the son. I think it is better to give them both the name Tobias because they symbolize God the Father and God the Son, ***'who was sent by his father to collect a sum of money that the latter had deposited some time previously in the far off land of Media.'*** This 'far off land of Media' symbolizes Heaven, and when the elder Tobias sends his son to 'Heaven', that symbolizes the crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of God. Consequently, you can see that the crucifixion is presented in a very benign manner in this particular book, much different than in other depictions of the crucifixion where the Jews are guilty. In this case, the Jews are fulfilling their destiny by God. It is not an evil act on their part, it is not deicide.

'Raphael represented himself as Tobit's kinsman Azariah, and offered to aid and protect Tobias on his journey. Under the guidance of Raphael, Tobias made the journey to Media accompanied by his dog.' As I said before, this personage of the dog is very important. Who does the dog symbolize? And we'll get to that in the next program, ***'...and over the objection of Tobias' wife, Anna, who was already discouraged by Tobias' nagging,'*** and I mentioned before how the friction between Anna and the elder Tobias symbolizes the friction between God the Father and the Israelites in the Old Testament.

'Along the way while washing his feet in the river Tigris, he was attacked by a fish,' this is the younger Tobias, ***'which tried to swallow his foot. By order of the angel, he captured it. The heart, liver and gallbladder were removed to make medicines by order of Raphael,'*** and as I said before, those three organs symbolize the three Mysteries of the Rosary, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious and this refers back to Genesis 3:15 where the Woman crushes the head of the serpent.

'Upon arriving in Media, Raphael told Tobias of the beautiful Sarah whom Tobias had the right to marry because he was her cousin and closest relative.' As I said, this marriage symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his Church. ***'He instructed the young man to burn the fish's liver and heart to drive away the demon when he attacks on the wedding night.'*** This wedding night is an End Times prophecy of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, in other words, this is when Christ marries His Raptured Church.

And I welcome your comments on the book of Tobias. Listen to the audio version which I add a link to below. And now I want to read from an email I got from Denis Fleury in France and he has been helping me on understanding this prophecy. ***'Dear Mr. Tapley, the book of Tobias is definitely addressed to the Jewish people,'*** I agree 100 percent, ***'for example, the long introduction of this book describes the charity of burying the dead. Tobias buried the dead at night even at the peril of his own life. This charity towards the dead by the Jews is a great part of their culture. How Abraham purchased a cave to bury Sarah, how the Jews of today repeat the name of the dead in their prayers, etc. are examples of this Jewish charity of not forgetting the departed ones. This particularity of the Jews was given by God for one specific reason: the Jews as a whole are like a living memory vessel. They are the preservers of Holy Scripture and consequently, the unwilling preservers of the memory of Jesus Christ.'*** This is interesting what Denis writes, and thank you very much Dennis. I appreciate it.

The blindness of Tobias symbolizes the blindness of the Jews of today and that will be removed by Jesus when he returns. He will remove their blindness just as Tobias removed the blindness of his father by using the gall of the liver. Incidentally, I believe the gall of the liver symbolizes specifically the Sorrowful Mysteries and I think it represents the suffering of the Church which will have a distinct impression upon the Jews of today. And, of course, the book of Revelation says they will be converted by the two witnesses, Enoch and Elijah.