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Symbol - Hail

Isaiah 28:15-17: 15. *Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with a grave (KJ - hell) we have made a vision [agreement]; when the overflowing whip [KJ - scourge] shall pass through, it will not come to us: for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood have we hidden:* 16. *Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a founded foundation: the one believing will not make haste.* 17. *Judgment (decisions) also will I lay to the (measuring) line, and righteousness to the plummet (for checking trueness of a wall): and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. (Hebrew Interlinear)*

These verses will be the source of the symbols in this and perhaps future studies. The various symbols used are underlined. When these symbols are understood, the meanings can be applied in a way that the scripture will be understood more clearly. The study will review water, then continue with the word hail as a symbol.

Review of Water: **Proverbs 18:4:** *The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain ^(H4726) of wisdom is a gushing stream* (RSV). The words people speak express their thoughts. **Jeremiah 17:13:** *O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain ^(H4726) of living waters.* Water is a symbol of thought expressed by words. Man's source of water is out of the earth, while the source of water from God, who a fountain of "living waters," is from the heavens (Dt 32:1-2). His word is likened to rain and snow. Rain can come anytime, but snow comes only in winter. The whiteness of snow is most often associated with purity (Lam 4:7; Isa 1:18; Dan 7:9; Rv 1:14). In the time of snow, the sap (understanding) of the trees (people) goes down (diminished) exposing (removing excuses) the righteous (evergreens) and the wicked (deciduous trees). (cf Ps 1:1-3)

Those who depart from God are said to be *written in the earth*. This is opposite to what Jesus told the 70 disciples after they returned from preaching. They were rejoicing because the demons (unclean spirits) were subject to them in the name (character) of Jesus. Jesus said: **Luke 10:20:** *Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.* **Proverbs 10:11:** *The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life...* (RSV, cf Jn 7:38-39). The Father has made His only Son a source of living water (Jn 4:10), which, when we receive, our names (characters) are written in heaven, or in God's way of understanding.

Hail: Hail is frozen water that usually comes in the Spring of the year. In Isaiah, it is said to sweep away lies. Therefore, hail is a symbol of words of understanding from God (from heaven) to expose wickedness in the heart of man. **Psalms 18:13:** *The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.* While the righteous have their lies swept away with living water, the wicked refuse the cold, hard facts which reveal the falsehoods in which they hide themselves. So, scriptures using hail are always negative.

Lightning is the cause of thunder. So the coals are caused by the fire of the lightning. This can be ascertained from the plagues in Egypt: **Exodus 9:23-24:** 23. *And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent*

thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. 24. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. The fire that ran along the ground are bolts of lightning (Job 37:2-4; Eze 1:13), which looks like a ball of fire rolling along. Figuratively speaking, lightning is a flash of truth from God, and His word is likened to fire (Jer 23:29).

As a very young child, I witness this phenomenon first hand when a severe thunderstorm surrounded our home. I have a vivid memory, with just a short glance out the window, of several lightning strikes. As the bolts of lightning struck the ground, they rolled along the ground like a balls of fire, about 12 inches in diameter.

Revelation 11:15-19: *15. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. 16. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17. Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. 18. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou should give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and should destroy them which destroy the earth. 19. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.*

When the Jews come in (Rv 11:12-13) and they die to the old way of thinking and they give the seventh trumpet with *great voices in the heaven* - i.e. they are listening to the voice of Christ. Notice verse 19: first comes lightning (flashes of truth received from God), then they speak (voices), rebuking (thunder - Ps 104:7) the hearers, who are shaken (earthquake) by what they are told because they have believed error. These truths are like a great hail (sweeping away the lies they have been taught) and a rebuke to anyone hearing their message.

The Jews, having received truth, then give to the world the seven last messages (plagues). Here is the final message: **Revelation 16:17-21:** *17. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out (Christ, Rv 1:10) of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*

The vial is poured into the air - i.e. no one is listening anymore. So the Lord says, "It is done." **Revelation 22:11-12:** *11. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 12. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.* The Jews continue to tell the people (voices), rebuking them (thunders) with flashes of truth (lightnings). *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel (chief messenger), and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first (1Th 4:16).* A great hail out of heaven creates a great shaking (earthquake) among the people like never before - it can only be the resurrection of the dead to sweep away ALL lies forever. Amen.