יהוה corrects people a little at a time, hoping to provide for more opportunity to lead them to repentance...the opportunity for their salvation!

¹ For thine incorruptible Spirit is in all things. ² Therefore chastenest thou them by little and little that offend, and warnest them by putting them in remembrance wherein they have offended, that leaving their wickedness they may believe on thee, O Lord. ³ For it was thy will to destroy by the hands of our fathers both those old inhabitants of thy holy land, ⁴ whom thou hatedst for doing most odious works of witchcrafts, and wicked sacrifices; ⁵ and also those merciless murderers of children, and devourers of man's flesh, and the feasts of blood, ⁶ with their priests out of the midst of their idolatrous crew, and the parents, that killed with their own hands souls destitute of help: ⁷ that the land, which thou esteemedst above all other, might receive a worthy colony of Elohim's children.

יהוה *is in all, but also beyond all*. Just like I experienced myself in death and life recently: The Ruach Elohim, Genesis 1:2 – The Spirit hovered over the face of the deep.

John 1:3 Through Him all things were made... in Him was life...

Romans 8:11 *The Spirit that raised Moshiach dwells in you.*

As believers we need to emanate that to others in this dark world, every room we walk into, we should bring something they can't see—but they feel it. Because real power is *felt, not seen!*

Little and little (me'at me'at) V.1 echoes Deut. 7:22 – *gradual conquest to prevent collapse*.

Deut 7:22 And the יהוה thy Elohim will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

Hebrews 12:10 He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.

יהוה doesn't just punish–He forms character.!

If a man errs, he's not instantly destroyed—but warned through minor disturbances, un-settlings in himself, or failures. The Ruach itself chastens the unclean until repentance or correction.

Verses 3–4 references the Canaanites and Amorites - their destruction is ritual due to blood-based idolatry - the perversion of spiritual law.

The Canaanites and Amorites were the shells of broken vessels that rejected version divine light.

Remember in Acts 19:19 where the new believers burnt their magical books after encountering Yahusha's power?

The apostles confronted these systems of spiritual manipulation, not merely political domination.

If we build on corruption, we'll eventually be removed.

Verse 5 condemns child sacrifice and cannibalistic rites the hallmarks of spiritual wickedness. This is the antithesis of Torah and Gospel: where life is sacred, here it's consumed.

Blood is the carrier of life—and misusing it corrupts utterly. Ritual murder creates spiritual contamination, requiring full banishment or death.

Matthew 18:6 Whoever causes one of these little ones to stumble...

Romans 1:29–32 speaks to a depraved society that celebrates evil...that society becomes subject to divine judgment.

Wisdom of Solomon like the book of Romans reminds us to be wary of the company we keep. Some people don't just fail you they poison everything around them - <u>cut them off, or be buried with them!</u>

There are evils that require <u>not</u> rehabilitation <u>but eradication</u> for the sake of the future. Think about it!

Our duty is to protect the innocent; honor the unseen cost of corruption! Be wise.

Verse 6 The parents... killed with their own hands souls destitute of help...

This is the ultimate perversion of stewardship - parents become murderers.

The structure of creation is inverted—love becomes ritual violence.

James 1:27 True religion... is to care for orphans and widows...

יהוה cleansing of the land was not just about judgment—it's was ultimately about planting righteousness.

Which is where the Hebrew phrase Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) comes from, it requires clearing impurity to allow divine indwelling יהוה 's Kavod!

The land must be free of defilement for all 12 tribes to dwell.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

1 Peter 2:9 A chosen generation, a royal priesthood... to declare the praises of Him...

יהוה clears space not just to remove the wicked-but to make room for you!

Our calling is to be a "worthy colony"—those who walk in the Ruach -<u>steward</u> power with precision...and live clean in a land inundated by blood.

Be like Solomon: bind what's unclean, release what's holy.

⁸ Nevertheless even those thou sparedst as men, and didst <u>send wasps</u>, forerunners of thine host, to destroy them by little and little. ⁹ Not that thou wast unable to

bring the unElohimly under the hand of the righteous in battle, or to destroy them at once with cruel beasts, or with one rough word:

V.8 refers to Ex.23.28. The word wasps follows the LXX.

Masoretic reads: And I will send hornets [tsir-aw'] before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

Connected to the word TsRAh) to Infect, a Welt An infection of the skin, usually leprosy, that causes welts. Hornet: From the welt when stung.

"Wasps" are symbolic of minor affliction, pre-judgment, a "sting" that prefigures divine invasion if you will.

These weren't meant to be instruments of annihilation, but agents of warning!

Revelation 9:3 – "Locusts like scorpions" – again, symbolic preliminary judgment, not full wrath.

יהוה's restraint isn't limitation, but intentional moral discipline *"One rough word"* V.9 echoes Genesis 1: creation and destruction both rest on speech acts.

¹⁰ but executing thy judgments upon them by little and little, thou gavest them place of repentance, not being ignorant that they were a naughty generation, and that their malice was bred in them, and that their cogitation would never be changed.

Verse 10 – By little and little... thou gavest them place of repentance...

Reminds me of *Romans 2:4 Do you not know that the goodness of Elohim leads to repentance?*

People don't change from punishment. They change from pressure. Consistent spiritual pressure molds character better than immediate judgment יהוה doesn't react-He forms through <u>calculated tension in our life</u>.

¹¹ For it was a cursed seed from the beginning; neither didst thou for fear of any man give them pardon for those things wherein they sinned. ¹² For who shall say, What hast thou done? or who shall withstand thy judgment? or who shall accuse thee for the nations that perish, whom thou hast made? or who shall come to stand against thee, to be revenged for the unrighteous men? ¹³ For neither is there any Elohim but thou that careth for all, to whom thou mightest shew that thy judgment is not unright.¹⁴ Neither shall king or tyrant be able to set his face against thee for any whom thou hast punished. ¹⁵ Forsomuch then as thou art righteous thyself, thou orderest all things righteously: thinking it not agreeable with thy power to condemn him that hath not deserved to be punished. ¹⁶ For thy power is the beginning of righteousness, and because thou art the Lord of all, it maketh thee to be gracious unto all. ¹⁷ For when men will not believe that thou art of a full power, thou shewest thy strength, and among them that know it thou makest their boldness manifest. ¹⁸ But thou, mastering thy power, judgest with equity, and orderest us with great favour: for thou mayest use power when thou wilt.

V11. Cursed seed" signals spiritual DNA resistant to repentance (Gen. 6:5)

Some people are just intrinsically rebellious and will be destroyed *Matthew 23:33 You brood of vipers... how shall you escape the damnation of hell?* Or as Yahuahs says, "incorrigible generations."

Romans 9:20 *Shall the thing formed say to Him who formed it, 'Why have you made me thus?'*

Verse 18 Mastering thy power... thou judgest with equity.

יהוה governs Himself before He governs others. Equity (Greek: isotēs) is a measured, unbiased application of justice.

We have to master ourselves first-fasting, cleansing, resisting temptation

because power is only given to those who demonstrate internal discipline.

Galatians 5:23 Self-control... against such there is no law. 2 Timothy 1:7 Spirit of power, love, and sound mind The hardest thing to control is yourself. But if you can do that, nothing else can control you!

Like Solomon, we need to know our nature.

¹⁹ But by such works hast thou taught thy people that the just man should be merciful, and hast made thy children to be of a good hope that thou givest repentance for sins.

v disciplines in order to teach mercy, not merely justice.

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Luke 6:36 Be merciful, as your Father is merciful. The strongest attribute isn't power—it's mercy when you could destroy someone.

Mastery isn't domination—it's knowing you don't have to break someone to teach them, יהוה is forming kings, not tyrants.

²⁰ For if thou didst punish the enemies of thy children, and the condemned to death, with such deliberation, giving them time and place whereby they might be delivered from their malice:

Even those condemned to death are given space for repentance. So יהוה justice isn't impulsive; it's deliberate and redemptive. Many demons were once angels who fell from their station—yet they are given the chance to speak truthfully before being bound.

Mark 5:1–13 – Yahusha and the Legion is a great example of this.

When he saw Yahusha from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, What have you to do with me, Yahusha, Son of the Most High Elohim? I adjure you by Elohim, do not torment me.'

The demon recognizes Yahusha's divine identity and confesses it publicly. The demon speaks the truth even before being judged or cast out.

Look at the dialogue before judgment:

And Yahusha asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion, for we are many. (Mark 5:9)

Yahusha allows a response, engaging the spirit before casting it out, interrogating spirits under divine authority before binding them.

And they begged him, saying, 'Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.' So he gave them permission. (Mark 5:12)

The spirits ask for mercy to be sent into pigs rather than into the abyss Yahusha grants this request before ultimately bringing about their destruction.

The demons are fallen, yet their spiritual nature still responds to divine order and hierarchy.

They're allowed to speak, confess truth, and even petition before they're cast out—spirits are given opportunity to speak the truth before being sealed or exorcised... so judgment isn't arbitrary; it's preceded by exposure, confession, and sometimes even intercession!

יהוה shows His nature as judge, interrogator, and restorer – even with fallen beings.

Divine judgment includes due process-even for demons.

2 Peter 3:9 יהוה is patient... not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance.

You don't have to crush your adversaries—sometimes the best move is to give them a chance to show themselves. Mercy can be a test: *Will they change? Or expose themselves?*

²¹ with how great circumspection didst thou judge thine own sons, unto whose fathers thou hast sworn, and made covenants of good promises? ²² Therefore, whereas thou dost chasten us, thou scourgest our enemies a thousand times more, to the intent that, when we judge, we should carefully think of thy goodness, and when we ourselves are judged, we should look for mercy.²³ Wherefore, whereas men have lived dissolutely and unrighteously, thou hast tormented them with their own abominations. ²⁴ For they went astray very far in the ways of error, and held them for Elohims, which even among the beasts of their enemies were despised, being deceived, as children of no understanding. ²⁵ Therefore unto them, as to children without the use of reason, thou didst send a judgment to mock them. ²⁶ But they that would not be reformed by that correction, wherein he dallied with them, shall feel a judgment worthy of Elohim. ²⁷ For, look, for what things they grudged, when they were punished, that is, for them whom they thought to be Elohims; [now] being punished in them, when they saw it, they acknowledged him to be the true Elohim, whom before they denied to know; and therefore came extreme damnation upon them.

YHWH's discipline of His own people isn't necessarily harsher, but more attentive because of the relationship and the promise.

Hebrews 12:6 Whom יהוה loves, He chastens... for what son is not disciplined by his father?

Divine judgment teaches us how to lead with equity by being recipients of measured mercy. We're supposed to judge from a recollection of mercy. Think of the mercy He has shown you and me...

It's not just about justice...but balance, clarity and purity of motive before rendering judgment.

James 2:13 Judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

If you've been through fire, don't act like people who haven't should burn too.!

We need to behave <u>like someone who's survived</u> because living a life born from mercy is stronger than an action born from vengeance - vengeance is mine sayeth יהוה.

*Verses 23–24 is interesting – "Men… tormented with their own abominations… deceived, as children of no understanding"**

יהוה lets sinners be tormented by their own idols -they're enslaved by the false things they serve. This is spiritual poetic justice.

Romans 1:24 יהוה gave them over to their own desires... who worshipped the creature more than the Creator."

V. 23 False pursuits consume their worshipers. The thing you idolize will become the thing that judges you.

Divine judgment isn't always destruction—it's often revelation. The "mockery" is the humiliation of their false confidence.

1 Corinthians 1:27 יהוה chose the foolish things to shame the wise...

Sometimes failure is the heavenly Fathers way of showing you your real priorities.

When your ideas fail you, it's not necessarily rejection—it's redirection.

Finally we come to see: repeated rejection of mercy results in a judgment that is no longer instructive, but ultimate.

When a person resists divine order persistently - banishment is the only remedy.

Hebrews 10:26 If we sin willfully after receiving the truth... there remains no more sacrifice, but a fearful expectation of judgment.

Everybody gets an opportunity, but not everybody gets a second one.

Finally, rejection of grace exhausts opportunity, there's a point of no return— <u>don't find it.</u>

In conclusion: True authority lies not in swift punishment but in measured formation.