

HEAP, HEAPED, HEAPETH, HEAPING, HEAPS

When Laban told Jacob that he wanted to make a covenant with him, Jacob's relatives took some stones and made a **heap**.

- **Genesis 31:43-46:** "And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born? Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap."

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The reason the heap of **stones** was named "heap of witness" was because it served as a witness that Jacob and Laban had made a covenant with one another.

- **Genesis 31:48:** "And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;"

Laban also named the **heap** of stones "Mizpah" (which seems to mean "lookout"). It seems this is because Laban wanted God to watch over him and Jacob when they were absent from one another.

- **Genesis 31:49:** "And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

When Laban made a covenant with Jacob, he said that the **heap** of stones was a witness that Jacob wouldn't go beyond those stones and hurt Laban (and that Laban wouldn't go beyond those stones and hurt Jacob).

- **Genesis 31:52:** "This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm."

When the frogs (from the plague of frogs) died throughout the land of Egypt, people gathered the dead frogs into **heaps**.

- **Exodus 8:13-14:** "And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the

villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank."

When the Israelites crossed over the Red Sea on dry ground, the waters stood up as a **heap**.

- **Exodus 15:8**: "And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea."

Under the Mosaic Law, if the Israelites discovered that a city was idolatrous, they were required to burn the city and turn it into a ruined **heap**.

- **Deuteronomy 13:12-13, 16**: "If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the Lord thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying, Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; ... And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again."

In the song that Moses taught the Israelites, he said God was going to **heap** mischief upon the Israelites (meaning He was going to send trouble upon them as punishment for their sins).

- **Deuteronomy 32:23**: "I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them."

God told Joshua that when the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant set foot in the Jordan river, the waters of the river would part and stand up in a **heap**.

- **Joshua 3:13:** "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap."

As soon as the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant set foot in the Jordan river, the waters that came from above stood and rose up in a **heap**.

- **Joshua 3:15-16:** "And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho."

After Achan (who caused God to curse Israel by stealing merchandise from Jericho) was stoned to death and his corpse was burned, the Israelites raised a large **heap** of stones over him.

- **Joshua 7:25-26:** "And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the Lord shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire,

after they had stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day."

The large **heap** of stones that the Israelites raised over the burned corpse of Achan still existed when the book of Joshua was written.

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Joshua turned the city of Ai into a **heap**. (It was still a desolate ruin when the book of Joshua was written.)

- **Joshua 8:28:** "And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, even a desolation unto this day."

Once the sun had set, Joshua buried the king of Ai under a great **heap** of stones. (That heap still existed when the book of Joshua was written.)

- **Joshua 8:29:** "And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day."

Samson said that with the jawbone of a donkey he piled up **heaps** of dead bodies. (He used it to kill 1,000 Philistines.)

- **Judges 15:14-16:** "And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men."

Boaz lied down at the end of the **heap** of corn. (That's when Ruth came and asked him to perform the duty of the near kinsman.)

- **Ruth 3:7:** "And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down."

After Absalom's body was cast into a pit in the forest, a great **heap** of stones was put on top of it.

- **2 Samuel 18:17:** "And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent."

When Jehu was told that someone had brought the heads of Ahab's sons, he told them to lay them in two **heaps** at the entering in of the city gate.

- **2 Kings 10:8:** "And there came a messenger, and told him,

saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning."

In God's message against Sennacherib, He said it was His will for Sennacherib to lay waste to the fenced cities and turn them into ruined **heaps**. (That's why he had been so successful. He was carrying out judgments God had ordained long ago.)

- **2 Kings 19:25:** "Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps."
- **Isaiah 37:26:** "Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps."

When the tithe was brought to the temple during the reign of Hezekiah, it was laid in heaps.

- **2 Chronicles 31:6-7:** "And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month."

When Hezekiah and his princes saw the **heaps** the people of Israel and Judah had made when they brought their tithes to

the temple, they blessed both God and the people.

- **2 Chronicles 31:8:** "And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel."

During the reign of Hezekiah, the people of Israel and Judah brought more food to the temple than the priests and Levites needed. There were entire **heaps** left over.

- **2 Chronicles 31:10:** "And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store."

Sanballat called Jerusalem "**heaps** of rubbish which are burned". (Nebuchadnezzar had set Jerusalem on fire, and the city hadn't been rebuilt.)

- **Nehemiah 4:2:** "And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?"

Eliphaz claimed the wicked live in houses that are on the verge of collapse and are about to become **heaps**. (However, that's not always true.)

- **Job 15:28:** "And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps."

Job said his three friends were **heaping** up words against him. They were condemning him for things he had never done.

- **Job 16:4:** "I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you."

Job said there are times when the wicked **heap** up silver as if it was as common as dust. (In other words, some wicked people are very wealthy.)

- **Job 27:16:** "Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;"

Elihu said that hypocrites **heaped** up wrath for themselves.

- **Job 36:13:** "But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them."

The enemies of the psalmist tried to **heap** shame upon him.

- **Psalm 4:2:** "O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah."

There may be times when others **heap** scorn upon us. (This seems to be a Messianic psalm.)

- **Psalm 22:7:** "All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,"

There may be times when fools **heap** reproach upon those who have sinned.

- **Psalm 39:8:** "Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish."

When God divided the sea, He made the waters stand up as a **heap**. (This is referring to the time He divided the Red Sea and the Israelites crossed over on dry land.)

- **Psalm 78:12-13:** "Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap."

Helping our enemies when they're in trouble is compared to **heaping** coals of fire on their head (which brings tremendous pain).

- **Proverbs 25:21-22:** "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee."

Solomon compared his beloved's belly to a **heap** of wheat that was in a setting of lilies.

- **Song of Solomon 7:2:** "Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies."

God said that when Damascus was destroyed, it would become a ruined **heap**.

- **Isaiah 17:1:** "The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap."

God has turned cities into ruined **heaps**.

- **Isaiah 25:2:** "For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built."

God said that He was going to turn Jerusalem into **heaps** (ruins).

- **Jeremiah 9:11:** "And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant."

Jeremiah **heaped** curses upon the man who brought tidings to his father that he had been born. (In other words, he hated his life and wished he had never been born.)

- **Jeremiah 20:16-17:** "And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me."

Micah said Jerusalem would be turned into **heaps** (ruins).

- **Jeremiah 26:18:** "Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest."

God said that one day the cities and palaces that had been destroyed would be rebuilt upon their **heaps**. (This seems to refer to rebuilding Jerusalem on top of the old ruins.)

- **Jeremiah 30:18:** "Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof."

God told Israel to make high **heaps**. (He was commanding them to repent.)

- **Jeremiah 31:21:** "Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities."

When God spoke against the Ammonites, He said after He turned Rabbah (an Ammonite city) into a desolate **heap**, Israel would once again be heir to that which belonged to them. (In other words, the Israelites would regain their land.)

- **Jeremiah 49:2:** "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD."

When God spoke against Babylon, He called on her enemies to cast her up as **heaps** (destroy her).

- **Jeremiah 50:26:** "Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left."

When God spoke against Babylon, He said that Babylon would be turned into **heaps** (ruins).

- **Jeremiah 51:37:** "And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant."

When God spoke against Jerusalem, He commanded that wood be **heaped** up to serve as kindling. (In other words, God wanted the city of Jerusalem to be burned with fire.)

- **Ezekiel 24:9-10:** "Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great. Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned."

God compared the idolatrous altars of Israel to **heaps** in fields.

- **Hosea 12:11:** "Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields."

God said that He was going to turn Samaria into a **heap** of the

field (ruins).

- **Micah 1:6:** "Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof."

Because of the wickedness of Israel's leaders, Jerusalem would be destroyed and turned into **heaps**.

- **Micah 3:9-12:** "Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest."

Blessing our enemies instead of cursing them is an act of judgment upon them. It **heaps** coals of fire on their head.

- **Romans 12:19-20:** "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

The rich have **heaped** treasure together for the last days. One

of the reasons they're amassing wealth is because the end is coming.

- **James 5:1-3:** "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."