

Their stronghold will fall because of terror;
at the sight of the BATTLE STANDARD their commanders
will panic, declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem
--Isaiah 31:9 (NIV)

HOW GOD USES RODS / STAFFS / SCEPTERS / STANDARDS / POLES

<p>AUTHORITY & RULERSHIP <i>Also: Is 14:5; Ps 2:9, Ps 125:3</i></p> <p>"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his." Genesis 49:10</p>	<p>CARRYING THE PRESENCE OF GOD</p> <p>"Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it. The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark." Exodus 25:14a</p>	<p>COMFORT</p> <p>"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4</p>
<p>CONSUMING THE SACRIFICE</p> <p>"With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread." Judges 6:21</p>	<p>COVENANT, PLEDGE & PROMISE <i>See also: Gen 38:18</i></p> <p>"Then I took my staff called Favor and broke it, revoking the covenant I had made with all the nations." Zechariah 11:10</p>	<p>DISCIPLINE, CORRECTION & WISDOM <i>See also: Pr 22:15</i></p> <p>"The rod of correction imparts wisdom." Proverbs 29:15a</p>
<p>FAVOR, UNION, DIRECTION, PROTECTION & PROVISION</p> <p>"I took two staffs and called one Favor and the other Union, and I pastured the flock." Zechariah 11:7</p>	<p>FRUITFULNESS & ZOE-LIFE <i>See also: Num 17:8</i></p> <p>"When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them." Numbers 13:23a</p>	<p>HEALING (OF SIN-CAUSED SICKNESS)</p> <p>"The Lord said to Moses, 'Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.' Numbers 21:8-9</p>
<p>IDENTIFICATION & BELONGING</p> <p>"The Israelites are to camp around the Tent of Meeting some distance from it, each man under his standard with the banners of his family." Numbers 2:2</p>	<p>JUDGEMENT (JUSTICE) <i>See also: 2 Sam 7:14</i></p> <p>"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom." Psalm 45:6</p>	<p>MERCY</p> <p>"Any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned, the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life." Esther 4:11b</p>
<p>RIGHTEOUSNESS</p> <p>"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom." Hebrews 1:8b</p>	<p>SIGNS & MIRACLES <i>See also: Ex 4:17</i></p> <p>"The Lord said to Moses, 'Put back Aaron's staff in front of the Testimony, to be kept as a sign to the rebellious. This will put an end to their grumbling against me, so that they will not die.' Numbers 17:10</p>	<p>STANDARD (MEASUREMENT, GAUGE)</p> <p>"I saw a man whose appearance was like bronze; he was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring rod in his hand." Ezekiel 40:3</p>
<p>STRENGTH & FURY <i>See also: Pr 22:8; Is 10:5</i></p> <p>"I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath." Lamentations 3:1</p>	<p>THRESHING & PURGING <i>See also: Ezekiel 20:36-38</i></p> <p>"Caraway is not threshed with a sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled over cummin; caraway is beaten out with a rod, and cummin with a stick." Isaiah 28:27</p>	