

An illustration depicting the biblical story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea. Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a red and blue robe, stands on a rocky outcrop on the right, holding a staff aloft in his right hand and gesturing with his left. The sea is turbulent, with large, white-capped waves crashing against the shore. A large group of people, including men, women, and children, are gathered on the rocks and the beach. Some are carrying bundles on their backs, and one woman in the foreground is holding a baby. The background shows a hazy landscape with mountains under a blue sky.

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May the name of Yahweh be glorified.
In Yeshua's name, amein.

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Preface

Some ask what English version I use. I begin with the New King James Version, and change the names to Hebraic forms. When it will help, I display the source texts alongside the English. The Hebrew is from the Hebrew Masoretic Text and the Greek is from Textus Receptus (TRG).

Some ask why I would reference Greek texts when I believe in a Semitic inspiration. I believe the Renewed Covenant was inspired in Hebrew or Aramaic, but I do not see how the two existing Aramaic texts (Peshitto and Peshitta) can be the originals, since there are so many Hellenizations (“Greek-isms”). The Greek texts appear to be older, and are therefore more valuable for textual analysis.

I believe Scripture is the highest and best authority on all matters of doctrine. Rather than list a bunch of footnotes from other authors, I simply try to show what Yahweh’s word states, giving only what commentary is needed to show how the verses relate to each other. My hope is that you will focus on Yahweh’s words, rather than my own.

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May Yahweh lead us all into His perfect truth.

Norman Willis.

Parasha Shemote

*Exodus 1:1-6:1; Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23;
Luke 9 (all)*

We are very thankful that Yahweh is making it possible for us to begin our new Nazarene Israelite Parashah or Torah portion series now. It is also a real praise here that He is having us get started in Parasha Shemote (or Parashah Exodus). We are even taking it as a confirmation of sorts because it fits in with the house of Ephraim's prophetic role and our needs so perfectly. It seems to us like the perfect place to begin the Parashah series. And we give Him thanks and praise for that.

The reason we are so excited about this is that in the last Parashah reading (in the [2022 Parashiot Schedule](#)), we finished the book of B'reisheet (Genesis). In that book, Israel (Jacob) and his children become a family which we are also a part of if we seek to serve the same Elohim (God) of Avraham, Yitzhak, and Yaakov (Jacob/Israel) through Mashiach Yeshua's Spirit.

In B'reisheet, Israel (the nation) went down into Egypt (which we know is symbolic of the world in the world system). There they go into submission to the king of Egypt who was the king of the world at that time. These days, we know that there is a certain Sabbatean-Frankist (Jewish) sect that controls the world's finances and who is effectively the king of the world in the world economy.

Shemote (Exodus) 1:13-14

13 The Egyptians used violence to compel the sons of Israel to labor;

14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they violently had them perform as slaves.

We are going to see there are certain parallels because Yahweh works in patterns. Again, it is in B'reisheet that Israel has effectively taken down into the Egyptian system. That which is effectively the same as the Babylonian system (since Babylon is effectively just a different manifestation of Satan and a different system for controlling the world).

In the Egyptian system you have a man pretending to be Elohim and in the Babylonian system they worship false Elohim that secretly serve the goals of men otherwise known as *the elite*. The point is that in B'reisheet, Israel goes down into Egypt and is taken captive by that system. We might say that Israel goes into spiritual captivity in Egypt, and we are going to see a lot of parallels to that throughout this whole Parasha series as it continues.

One of the things that we find so auspicious about Yahweh beginning our study series in Exodus especially with our new schedule is that the nation of Israel leaves Egypt (symbolic of the world system) and becomes a set-apart nation devoted unto Yahweh Elohim. If we think about it, is this not also what we in the house of Ephraim want; to leave the world system and to leave the Babylonian systems behind and become a set-apart nation devoted unto Yahweh Elohim once again? Is this not what the prophets say will happen? That Yahweh will take Ephraim and those of Judah who are presently sojourning with him and bring them back to his land in the end times?

Yehezeqel (Ezekiel) 37:21

21 “And say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh Elohim says: “Behold, I am going to take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;”

Well, if so, let us see that which we can learn about that process by studying the patterns contained in the Torah.

His Order and the Kingdom

We begin Parasha Shemote in Exodus chapter 1. Together we are going to see how scripture says Yahweh plans to take His people (Israel) out of the world system to become His set apart people.

Only, unlike what is taught in messianic Israel, in Nazarene Israel we do not believe it is a free ride. We understand there is a great big job to do; to build Yeshua’s kingdom (the great commission).

Marqaus (Mark) 16:15-16

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

16 The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved; but the one who has not believed will be condemned.”

If you have read the [Nazarene Israel](#) study, you would know why Yeshua our Messiah expects us to be active in doing this for Him. As His body on earth, we need to come together in the right order (as outlined in our [Acts 15 Order](#) study) so that we can do this job for Him together. We are going to see multiple parallels to this idea throughout our Parashah series.

If we genuinely love Yeshua and we want to serve Him as His disciples, then we absolutely need to pay strict attention to what he says to do. What we are going to see as this Parashah series goes along is that just as our ancestors in Israel were commanded to leave Egypt and to leave the spirits of Egypt behind, they were also commanded at the same time to order and organize themselves according to Yahweh's instructions. So that when they left Egypt, they would be an ordered nation and a people. We will also see parallels to this in the Renewed Covenant as well.

We also are going to have to learn to leave Egypt behind spiritually and to organize ourselves according to Yeshua our Messiah's instructions (or what we call Yeshua's Torah). We are also going to see how this is the exact same order and organization that we are going to need in the day that Yahweh takes us out of Egypt (the world system); bringing us back to the land of Israel. And how Yeshua our Adon wants us to be in order today.

Disclaimer: Will You Take Up Your Cross?

Full disclosure let me give you a good warning:

Do not read this Parashiot series unless you genuinely want to know what Yeshua says we are supposed to be doing today and how it parallels the bigger concepts and precepts that are contained in the first five books called the Torah of Moshe.

Do read this Parashiot series if you want to become a true disciple of Yeshua HaMashiach. And similarly, do read this study if you have truly sat down and counted the cost and are willing to know what it takes to cross over from the comforts and ease of the world and from the comforts and ease of mystery Babylon to start doing

the righteous work of the kingdom. If that is the case, then join us as we journey together through this Parashah series starting in Parashah Shemote where we show the critical lessons we truly need to learn.

For those who have ears to hear, Nazarene Israel's goal is to help every true disciple know what Yahweh wants them and their family to do. So that together we can build the kind of unified global kingdom that Yeshua tells us that He wants in the Renewed Covenant.

On Leaving Egypt

It is good to understand the situation at the start of the book of Shemote or Exodus. Israel (Jacob) had taken his family down into Egypt 430 years earlier at the invitation of his son Joseph (Joseph) who had become the number two man in all of Egypt by Yahweh's favor.

Shemote (Exodus) 1:1-5

1 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came, each one with his household:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;

4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

5 All the people who descended from Jacob were seventy people, but Joseph was *already* in Egypt.

But Israel, Yoseph and all the patriarchs now slept, while a new Pharaoh arose. Pharaoh did not know Joseph and he did not want to.

Shemote (Exodus) 1:8

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

He was afraid of our ancestors and out of fear he commanded all male Israelite children killed.

[Now, if Scripture works in cycles and in parallels are there perhaps any parallels between this Parashah and the weekly news of our day (June 2022)?]

After Pharaoh begins killing all the male Israelite children the people cry out. Yahweh then remembers His promises to the patriarchs.

Shemote (Exodus) 2:23

23 Now it came about in *the course of* those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of *their* bondage ascended to Elohim.

So, Yahweh then sends His humble servant named Moshe (Moses) to help His people, who at that time are slaves of Pharaoh; to leave Egypt and find their way to the promised land flowing with milk and honey.

Shemote (Exodus) 3:10

10 “And now come, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”

After Yahweh did many great miracles in Egypt against Pharaoh, Israel was released from Egyptian governance, and they really had no leadership. The only leadership they had was from families. Yet since Israel and the patriarchs were no longer living, there was no real system to unify the families together as one nation. They needed a government. Because if you cannot hold the nation together then how can you serve Yahweh?

We can see that there is a need for governance among the various families of Israel (even today); to unify them and to bring them together around the worship of their Elohim.

When our forefathers left Egypt, they had no internal structure between them. So, Yahweh had to give them some order and organization. That is because Yahweh is the Elohim of order and does not want us to come to His land as a disorganized mob. Rather, Yahweh wants His mob-like children to transform themselves into becoming a well-ordered, well-organized, and well-disciplined nation of Israel. He wants His nation well organized because we can serve him so much better together that way.

In addition to having a separated priesthood, Israel was also to be ordered by their tribes. Within the tribes, they needed a system to order themselves so they could be an orderly nation. That is why four Parashiot (Torah portions) from now we are going to come to Parashah Yitro, in Exodus chapter eighteen. We will give a lot more details there, but we are going to see that Moshe's father-in-law Yitro is going to advise Moshe to order and organize the people by thousands, by hundreds, by fifties and by tens. Later we are going to see how Yeshua uses this exact same system in the Renewed Covenant.

Application of Torah in the Melchizedekian Order

I have been in what you call the Messianic movement (the two-house, or the Ephraimite movement) since 1999. During the past couple of decades, I have been watching a lot of things happen inside the movement I have seen that we have a lot of what we might call Torah-obedient Ephraimites and others who are not really so Torah obedient because (for some reason) they believe

that there are certain portions of the Torah that do apply to them, and other portions do not.

We at Nazarene Israel understand that we cannot perform the ceremonial or the sacrificial law at this moment. Right now, we understand that temple law is for when there is a temple. But there is a lot of people who are really confused as to what the Torah itself is and what we are supposed to be doing. We are hopeful to be able to clarify some of these things in this Parashah series. For example, we are going to see how we are not supposed to be operating under the Levitical order at this point in time. We are also going to see the parallels to the Levitical system, but we are going to see how we are supposed to be obeying the Melchizedekian order at this time. It has the same rules, concepts, and precepts, just a different ordering. That is because we are in a different phase of the operation.

I have heard it remarked that in the Christian church nothing of the Torah applies except tithing and the need for organization. While conversely, in the Messianic movement it is apparent that they believe that all the Torah still applies except for tithing and the need for order and organization. In that manner, the Christian and Messianic movements are mirror images of each other. They have the same issue with disobedience in that neither one of them wants to surrender completely to His Word; not simply doing every single thing that Yeshua said to do and that we can do in the dispersion.

[We talk all about that in our studies on [Acts 15 Order](#) and we also cover it in [Torah Government](#).]

For those people who talk against order and organization they talk about it as if we at Nazarene Israel are somehow preaching from the wrong mountain (or

something). What we hope to show rather, is that we at Nazarene Israel, strive to do everything that Scripture says; ordering and organizing ourselves as the book of Acts implies.

We are following Scripture as closely as possible and, in that book, we see grounds for organization, tithing, in addition to other support, to build Yeshua a kingdom in the Melchizedekian order. That is what we see, and that is the point and the purpose of the body of Messiah.

On Being His Disciples

Yeshua spoke to the people in a parable, and He said a certain nobleman went off to a far kingdom to receive that kingdom and return. When he left, he gave all his servants a mina and said do business until he come. In this parable, Yeshua is the nobleman, and He wants us to use the mina (life) given to us to acquire more minas (saved lives) to grow His kingdom before He returns.

Luqa (Luke) 19:12-13

12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

That is what we are supposed to be doing. While He is going off to get a kingdom for Himself, He wants His proverbs 31 bride (Israel) to be busy building Him a kingdom. He wants us to be active in His work just as He is in His Father's work. In addition, He wants us to be organized to accomplish our Father's work as well, since we can do so much better as a unified body.

Again, that is why we are praising Yah, because this Parashah series begins in Parashah Shemote. Since in this book is when Israel initially comes together to become a kingdom. Laying the foundations for the new instructions Yeshua would later bring which apply while we are in the dispersion under the Melchizedekian order. We talk about all that in our studies.

The question is: How is it possible to build a unified global kingdom for Yeshua without tithing, order, and organization? Without these integral systems it will not work. It does not make any sense to not have these things in place, yet some people believe that it can work, and some people even teach as if they are not important whatsoever.

We all have important decisions to make in life and we all must sit down and count the cost of being Yeshua's genuine disciple if we want to partake in His promise. As we are coming into these end times it is truly clear that we are going to need to stand up for what we believe.

Luqa (Luke) 14:27-28

27 "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it"

Going forward, we want to use this Parashah series to clarify things for people, but we also want you to make up your own mind. Additionally, we would love for you to get the most out of this commentary and want you to be like noble Bereans (Acts 17:11) in that we want you to study things out for yourself.

For you to do that and before we go any further, first we hope that you would read (or listen to) Parashah Shemote for yourself (which you can find in our [2022 Parashiot Schedule](#)).

We want you to be able to receive any insights or revelations that Yahweh has for you. Then, once you have read it for yourself and once you have asked Yahweh what messages He has for you and pray about those messages, then we encourage you to resume this commentary.

Parashah HaShevua: Shemote (Exodus) 1:1-6:1

Now, let us catch up with the history of this book. At this time in the story, it has now been 430 years since Israel's children went down into Egypt. Israel the father of the nation has long since died. In Shemote chapter one in verse six tells us that Yoseph and all the other tribal leaders were now dead as well.

Shemote (Exodus) 1:6

6 And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.

What that means is that Israel no longer had a single surviving ancestor in common to serve as the unifying government of the nation. Since, if we think about it, when your father is alive, he serves effectively as the government for your family. Therefore, when one of the patriarchs was alive, he served as the government for the extended clan. So then, what can you do when all your fathers sleep?

When enough generations pass there is no longer a single surviving ancestor in common to serve as the government. Consequently, the extended clan becomes

headless. Although the heads of the houses can get together and come to an agreement, it may not always work in tricky situations. The people of Israel needed leadership and they need direction.

In much the same way, once Israel had left Egypt's malicious government behind, effectively Israel now had no government. Which left Israel in much the same condition as the Ephraimite movement of today.

We will go more into depth into this topic in some other place, but humans naturally need hierarchy and to serve someone. Here at Nazarene Israel, our decision in life is that we choose to serve Yahweh our Elohim with all our heart, all our soul and all our strength.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:5

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

The decision everyone here needs to make is: are we going to use all that we are given to help build His Son's kingdom or will we end up by default serving some other kingdom? This is the situation that many in the Ephraimite movement find themselves in today. It is our firm belief that for our own survival we need to build Yeshua's kingdom.

There are a lot of people that like the Messianic movement because they can rest on Set-apart days, they can read Scripture and they can tell themselves that they are keeping the whole Torah, but they are not. In reading Scripture, can we not see Matthew twenty-four knocking on the door; can we not understand the signs of the times?

Mattityahu (Mathew) 24:12-14

12 And because lawlessness [Torahlessness] will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Brothers and sisters, this is the time to get it right. Only our Father knows the hour in which Yeshua will return. Therefore, there is truly never a moment that is better than this to do all we can for Him and His kingdom.

Mattityahu (Mathew) 24:42-44

42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Master is coming.

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Adam is coming at an hour you do not expect.

It may be as clear to you as it is to us at Nazarene Israel, how obvious it is that the new world order is coming and what will happen us if we do not do as our Master Yeshua says.

[Please check out [Revelation News](#) on our website if you are interested to know where we are on the Revelation timeline.]

A lot of people are fine with serving Yahweh just so long as it does not take any of their time or any of their money. If we want to be Yeshua's disciples, then we need to genuinely walk as He walked. Being disciplined in doing the things Yeshua says to do in the Renewed Covenant.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:6

6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

The problem is that people have gotten away with things for centuries, but in these end times it is not going to work for much longer. Either we need to serve Yahweh the way He says He wants to be served or we are going to have to face tribulation and correction. Is it not going to be a lot easier to do things His way from the beginning?

Continuing in Shemote

In Shemote chapter one, we have a situation in which Israel is effectively headless because they will soon leave Egypt. They are crying out for deliverance from being under Pharaoh's yoke.

In addition to being leaderless, now in Shemote chapter one in verse eight, we are told that a new Pharaoh arose, and he did not know Joseph.

Shemote (Exodus) 1:8

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

Pharaoh tried to convince the midwives Shiprah and Puah to kill off all the male Hebrew children. What we see is a parallel that there is a worldly Egyptian/Babylonian government that is run by the elites for the elites. Which is the opposite to how it is in Yeshua's kingdom where the strong are the ones serving the weak.

At a certain point, these kinds of governments can turn on their own subjects in this case Pharaoh tries to tell

the Hebrew midwives Shiprah and Puah to kill all the Israelite male children; thus, inciting genocide.

[Are there any parallels here for what is going on today? He who has ears to hear, let him hear.]

Then, the government of the elites, by the elites and for the elites arranges for the people to be worked to death. Therefore, the nation of Israel cries out and Yahweh sends Moshe as a messenger to the Israelite people who are trapped in bondage.

In Exodus chapter three we have the burning bush in which Yahweh appears to Moshe. Then in verse thirteen Yahweh tells Moshe to go to his people in Egypt to tell them that the Elohim of their fathers has sent him. Moshe then says that they are going to ask for His name.

Shemote (Exodus) 3:13

13 Then Moshe said to Elohim, "Indeed when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

People tend to get wrapped up in the exact pronunciation of His name and we do believe there is a correct way, but we will talk about that in other places. It is good to try to pronounce His name correctly, but the only thing is in Hebrew the name represents so much more than just the sound of a name. It also represents the person and their character and the understanding of that person.

Back when the Israelites had been in slavery for 430 years, they did not even know what Yahweh's name was. I know that many of us can relate to this since we

did not know what Yahweh's name was when we were lost in the Babylonian/Egyptian system.

What we need to see here is that just like the house of Ephraim would later forget who Yahweh Elohim was, Israel had also forgotten who Yahweh was and what He was all about. They understood that Israel had an Elohim, but they did not even know His name. They did not know His name, how they could know his character, or how to walk humbly with Him. Helping Him to get what He wants the way He wants it.

Brothers and sisters now that we are coming to know His name should we not walk together humbly with Him and help Him get what He wants, which is a kingdom for His son? That, my brethren, is our job. That is what the great commission's all about.

Then we come to Shemote chapter five in verse eight. In this chapter, the Egyptian/Babylonian government is beginning to persecute the Israelites trying to get them to stop wanting to serve Yahweh. When the people ask to serve Yahweh by going to make sacrifices to Him, they begin to get even worse treatment than before.

Shemote (Exodus) 5:8

8 And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. For they are idle; therefore they cry out, saying, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our Elohim.'

Finally, by exodus chapter six in verse one, Israel has cried out. Yahweh now says that He is ready to act.

Shemote (Exodus) 6:1

1 Then Yahweh said to Moshe, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

In the next parashah (Parashah Va'era) we are going to see how Yahweh will begin to plague Pharaoh and tear down all the idols of Egypt. We are also going to see, as this Parashah, series progresses that once Yahweh frees Israel from Pharaoh's kingdom, Yahweh is going to give Israel instructions that help lay the groundwork for His Son Yeshua's coming kingdom.

On Prophetic Portions

In a separate study, we are also going to explain why it is that, while we maintain the same Torah portions as the orthodox do, we do need to reserve the right to change the prophetic portion as needed. We also need the right to change the Brit Chadasha (Renewed Covenant) portion as needed to make the points that we need to make to help Ephraim with the Parashah. We do assign the prophetic portion and we can stay with it if we want, or we can also depart from it if it is necessary.

For people who think that we do not have the authority to do that we will look to Leviticus Chapter twenty-three in verse three. This verse tells us that we should assemble and while it implies that we read Scripture, but there is no Torah commandment from Yahweh to read the assigned prophetic portions (that some orthodox rabbi produced however many years or centuries ago).

Vayikra (Leviticus) 23:3

3 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a Set-apart gathering. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath to Yahweh Elohim in all your dwellings.

Rather, the commandment in Leviticus twenty-three in verse three is that we might have a called-out assembly to read the word of Yahweh and to study the His Word together to form communities and learn about Yahweh and His word so that we can all know who He is. We seek to know what His word says not just so that we can know it but so that we can also do it as one organization. That is what Elohim really wants.

Parashah Haftarah: Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 27:6-28:13

In verse 6 Yahweh is talking about what brother Judah calls the *messianic age*. This is also what Ephraim sometimes calls *the millennium*. We know that *the millennium* comes after the tribulation and after Armageddon. As we show in the [Torah Government](#) study, that is when we as Yeshua's bride will finally become one flesh with Him, which is during this *messianic age* or during the *millennium*.

As we show in [Revelation and the End Times](#), the millennium is when we are going to be serving as Yeshua's body; working as His hands and His feet. While our Head (Yeshua) directs His body from the heavenly realms.

We begin our prophetic reading in book of Yeshayahu (Isaiah) in chapter twenty-seven, verse six in which he says that Yahweh shall cause those returning gentile Ephraimites to take root in Jacob. Meaning, as Ephraim we are going to be returning to the land of Israel.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 27:6

6 Those who come He shall cause to take root in
Yaakov; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the
face of the world with fruit.

Again, Yeshayahu is talking about what are called the returning gentile Ephraimites. Ephraimites are sometimes alluded to as the house of Ephraim or the house of Israel. In other places in Scripture, they are also sometimes called the lost ten tribes, colloquially. When Yeshayahu says that Yahweh shall cause them to take root in Jacob what that means is that when the returning gentile Ephraimites come home they are going to merge into what is left of brother Judah (the Orthodox Jewish nation) after Armageddon. When Yahweh spoke through Yeshaya saying "Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit," here Yahweh is making a play on words between the different names of the northern house of Israel which is also called the house of Ephraim.

Strong's Hebrew Concordance tells us the term *Ephraim* means a dual (or a doubling).

H669 Ephrayim (ef-rah'-yim); And it is a dual (or a doubling, or an intensive form) of a masculine form of H672; double fruit; Ephrajim, a son of Joseph; also the tribe descended from him, and its territory:
- Ephraim, Ephraimites

Now we will look at the reference because it helps to know what all the words mean. We see that it is Strong's Hebrew Concordance H672 and that is *ephraim* or *ephraim* which is a remarkably interesting word because it comes from H6509 meaning: fruitfulness.

H672 efrath (ef-rawth) or ephrathah (ef-raw'thaw), from H6509; fruitfulness; Ephrath, which is another name for Bethlehem [Beit Lechem which translates as "the house of bread."]

However, there is also something implied which we need to understand. In Hebraic thought, bread and war are both related concepts because war is what comes from bread (energy/calories). When a kingdom has a surplus of bread, they can fuel a war. Similarly, when you do not have enough bread (energy/calories), then strife ensues over the bread or grain in the land. Because of this, the term *Beit Lechem* can also be properly translated as the *house of war*.

The point here is that *Ephraim* and *ephrathah* are closely related concepts in Scripture and in Hebraic thought. Let us just bear that in mind and we will see it pop up again later.

Then in Isaiah chapter twenty-seven and verse twelve he prophesies about the borders of the millennial land of Israel and how they are going to be expanded to make room for the returning gentile Ephraimites.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 27:12

12 And it shall come to pass in that day that Yahweh will thresh, from the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.

The channel of the river that is referring to the great river of Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt. There is a long-standing discussion if, in this verse, the Brook of Egypt refers to the Nile (as we believe) or if it refers to the Wadi El-Arish which is the traditional southwestern border the of land of Israel.

The millennial kingdom is going to be much larger than it is today. Then Isaiah also talks about our eventual gathering back in the land of Israel after the great tribulation after Armageddon.

[If you want to know more about these things, we have covered that in some detail in our study on [Revelation and the End Times](#). On YouTube our video series is called [Revelation Simplified](#)]

In this last verse, when Isaiah says “*you will be gathered one by one you children of Israel*” he is talking about the house of Ephraim (the children of Israel, the children of Ephraim or sometimes referred to as the lost 10 tribes are all pointing to us who are lost in the dispersion in the Egyptian/Babylonian system).

Isaiah goes on in chapter twenty-seven in verse three prophesying about those who are lost spiritually in the world, to which Yahweh will bring back to worship Him in the Set-apart Mountain in Jerusalem.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 27:13

13 So it shall be in the day: The great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship Yahweh in the Set-apart mount of Jerusalem.

In this verse He is promising that His people who are lost in the dispersion and are captives of the Egyptian/Babylonian system will be coming home. That is us (praise Yah!).

Parashah Haftarah: Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 29:22-23

The next part of our prophetic portion is also extremely fitting for us at Nazarene Israel since these also speak about when His children come home.

In chapter twenty-nine verse twenty-two, Yahweh speaks by the mouth of Isaiah the prophet, explaining that some of the house of Yaakov (brother Judah/Orthodox Jews) who are in the land of Israel will survive the great tribulation and they will be alive to receive the lost ten tribes when they come home. Although it will come at a terrible price to pay, they will survive, and they will not become ashamed, nor grow pale.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 29:22

22 Therefore thus says Yahweh, who redeemed Avraham, concerning the house of Yaakov: "Yaakov shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face grow pale;

Then in verse twenty-three, Yahweh says that when the remnant of the Orthodox Jews who made it through the great tribulation witness the returning Ephraimites coming back to the land, that they will praise the Elohim of Israel and fear Him.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 29:23

23 But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My name, and hallow the Set-apart One of Yaakov, and fear the Elohim of Israel.

Let us do all we can to help bring all the Ephraimites back home. We know that everything is going to turn out

well for everyone who genuinely loves Elohim and obeys Him.

Brit Chadasha Chosen by Messianic Rabbis: Matthew 2:1-12

This passage talks about the wise men who followed the star in the east to visit Yeshua at His birth.

Now, I am not exactly sure how the messianic rabbis who added this New Testament portion would link Yeshua's birth with Parashah Shemote. You could say that Moshe came as a deliverer and then Yeshua came as an even greater deliverer. That may be their connection, but I am not sure. It seems like good insight, but it does not really tell us anything we can use to further the great commission. That is what we are going to be held responsible for at the day of judgment, is did we do all in our power to help further Yeshua's Kingdom?

We could also make the connection that first we meet Moshe who came to bring Israel out of Egypt. This would come to pass in order that Yahweh could then give Israel His Torah at mount Sinai; resulting in our forefathers unknowingly beginning to establish Yeshua's ordered kingdom.

Also, as an interesting side note: Since Yahweh has never left the throne room, it had to have been Yeshua who was speaking to our forefathers in the wilderness. [We talked more about that in [Yeshua: Manifestation of Yahweh](#) which is part of the book on our website called: [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One.](#)]

What many Messianic and Ephraimites need to understand is that the Levitical instructions or what is called the Levitical Torah does not do much for us when we are outside the land of Israel; in the dispersion under the Melchizedekian order. Similarly, the Melchizedekian order Torah does not apply in the Levitical order. The two things are distinct and yet both still serve Yahweh. Since the death and resurrection of our Messiah we have been under the Melchizedekian order. Yeshua gave us His Renewed Covenant, Melchizedekian Torah or otherwise referred to as Yeshua's Torah.

A lot of believers do not seem to realize that Yeshua Himself is the one who commanded the five-fold ministry of Ephesians chapter four. In which He explains that we are supposed to unify the five-fold ministry on a unified foundation of apostles and prophets.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:11-12

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah.

That is how Yeshua wants us to fulfill His great commission. Through the five-fold ministry; unified on a global scale with a single foundation of apostles and prophets. Which we also refer to as the foundation of apostles and elders.

[Find more information on that in our study: [Torah Government](#) as well as in [Acts 15 Order](#).]

We ourselves need to walk as closely as we can to Yeshua's example to fulfil the great commission. In that

we associate with the other brethren who want to do the same thing. Working together while submitting first to Yahweh Elohim and His Spirit. Then submitting next to one another. That is how we will establish Yeshua's global kingdom here on this earth.

That is why we say in the disciple's prayer that His will be done, and that the kingdom of heaven will come. That is why we pray that He will use us as His hands and His feet to do His will on earth as it is in heaven.

Mattityahu (Mathew) 6:9-10

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We do not use the temple law outside the land of Israel in dispersion because there is no cleansed temple outside the land. Also, there is no cleansed Levitical priesthood and the one they are cooking up right now in the temple institute is far from clean. The temple law does not go away when we are outside the land of Israel, it is just that we do not need it because we have a different mission right now. We have a different mission meaning the great com-mission (get it?). Which is His commandment to us to raise up his kingdom in every nation on earth. We need to go into every nation to find all the lost Ephraimites and all of Judah who is sojourning with Ephraim.

Mattityahu (Mathew) 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in My name,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amein.

The exciting part is that we are not alone. Yeshua our Savior has an active plan for how we are to do that. That is what Yeshua's instructions in Ephesians four, Ephesians two and in other places are all about.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:19-22

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of Elohim,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah Himself being the chief cornerstone,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in Yahweh,

22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of Elohim in the Spirit.

Just as the Levitical order needed to become organized to serve Yahweh so too do, we in the Melchizedekian order.

I hope it is obvious at this point that we do not really need to follow the Brit Chadasha (New Testament) portion that some messianic rabbis produced because it is not appropriate for us to use. The Messianic rabbis have a different world view, different eschatology, or different goals that they are going for. They preach a broader easier road (or a more difficult road depending upon the version).

While the Messianic rabbi prescribed portion may offer some interesting insight, in Nazarene Israel what we need is a Brit Chadasha portion that gives us some tools we can use. We are here in these end times and if there was ever a time to get our walk right and to be found doing what Yeshua says it is now.

Nazarene Israel Assigned Brit Chadasha: Luqa (Luke) 9

For those reasons that we shared above we decided to assign Luke chapter nine as the Brit Chadasha reading. We chose this specific chapter because Luca (Luke) chapter nine is when Yeshua fed the five thousand. More specifically, it is also where Yeshua begins ordering and organizing His disciples. He begins training them to become the new priests of His kingdom.

Luqa (Luke) 1:32-33

32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and Yahweh Elohim will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom there will be no end.

I want you to notice that we are going to see a lot of parallels in the structure between the Levitical order and the Melchizedekian order. Just as Yahweh would establish a Levitical order through Moshe's blood brother Aharon (which later fell away), in this chapter in Luke, Yahweh is now re-establishing the original renewed Melchizedekian order. That which His son came to bring, which is Nazarene Israel. Notice that Yahweh is doing that through the spiritual brothers of Yeshua.

Well, things got a little off track for a time, times, and half a time as the faith migrated outside the land of Israel, and the concept of Torah as the bride's marital covenant became lost and replaced with Catholic and Christian doctrines that de-emphasized the Torah. About the concept of the Torah there was no possibility. There had to be a Great Falling Away. If the Bride does not have her covenant, then she has nothing to come to. So, she scatters and disperses.

Now it is Yahweh's time for Ephraim to begin to re-establish himself as a nation. It is time for Ephraim to begin coming out of Egypt. As we continue in this Parashah series, we are going to watch Moshe lead the children of Israel with Yahweh's instruction morphing the nation of Israel from being merely an extended clan (as they were in Genesis) to becoming an organized lawful set-apart nation. A nation of kings and priests that is dedicated to serving Yahweh the way He says He wants to be served. Is this not that what we in Ephraim really want? To become a nation unto Yahweh Elohim once more?

What better way than to read this Parashah series and to study the patterns that took place in the beginning. These are the same patterns that we are going to see repeat themselves over and repeatedly throughout Israel's long history. This is not always an exact parallel, but usually there is similarity. Or as they say, "*history doesn't always repeat itself, sometimes it only rhymes.*" In any case, there are certain patterns in the Torah that we are going to see play repeatedly.

Trust me, the more of Yahweh's Word that we know the better we can see those patterns and thus the better off we are.

Notice for example how Yeshua has His disciples order and organize the people in Luke chapter nine in verse fourteen. Yeshua told the disciples to make the five thousand men sit down in groups of fifty. There would have been about a hundred groups of fifty.

Luqa (Luke) 9:14

14 For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples "Make them sit down in groups of fifty."

Briefly notice now that in four Parashiot from now in Parashah Yitro in Exodus chapter eighteen we are going to see Moshe's father-in-law Yitro, advise Moshe to appoint righteous rulers as judges over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. In that way they are better able to judge (meaning rightly lead) the people at all times. And if Moshe would organize the people as Elohim so commanded him that he and all the children of Israel would be able to endure. Eventually being able to go home to their place in Shalom. All that, just because they organized.

The point of organizing is to become a unified organism. So that the whole of the people can all work together as one body. Enabling them to endure and be able to go back home to their place in Shalom as the Renewed Covenant also says.

If the purpose is so that we can endure and go back home to our place in shalom, then why are there so many Ephraimites reluctant to organize? Why are there so many leaders and teachers speaking against organization when the commandments to organize according to the ancient Beit Din structure are found all through the Renewed Covenant?

Brothers and sisters, I ask you, is this not what we all need in these end times; to be able to endure so we can go back home to our place in Shalom? Can we now see how organization would benefit us in that? Can we see how we are going to need organization to help find all the lost Ephraimites in order that we can go home?

If you understand that Yeshua Himself was the one that commanded these things, then what are you willing to do with that information?

Brothers and sisters, our day of judgment before the great white throne has to do with what we knew and what we did with what we knew. Let me ask you then, why are some people so against organizing according to the letter of Scripture?

Since Yeshua died for us then how much of our lives are we willing to give up for Him?

How can we expect a reward if we are not willing to obey His words regardless of what they are?

What we are going to see throughout this Parasha series is that disorganization is wrong. Disorganization is neither a principle of Elohim nor of Yeshua's Torah. That is because Yahweh is an Elohim of order, and the same goes for all the assemblies of His set-apart ones.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 14:33

33 For Elohim is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the set-apart ones.

Please join us for Parashah Va'era in which we are going to see how if we will remain faithful to Yahweh that He will take care of us during these end times. We are also going to see that He does not accept the worship of foreign elohim (gods).

Thank you for reading our weekly Parashah series.

Dear brothers and sisters may Yahweh please be with you.

Shalom.

Yochanan (John) 15:9-10

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you;
abide in My love.

10 **If you keep My commandments, you will
abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's
commandments and abide in His love."**

Parasha Va'era

*Exodus 6:2-9:35; Isaiah 66:1-24;
Matthew 12 (complete)*

In "[Parasha Shemote](#)", we saw that, in the days that the nation of Israel was in Egypt, the authorities were scheming to kill off all the Israelite male children and work the rest of the people to death.

When Yahweh sent Moshe (Moses) to deliver the people, Paro (Pharaoh) punished the people for asking permission to go and serve Yahweh their Elohim.

Shemote (Exodus) 5:8

And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. For they are idle; therefore, they cry out, saying 'Let us go and sacrifice to our Elohim.'

At the end of "[Parasha Shemote](#)", the people cried out and then Moshe prayed to Yahweh, and He said that He would begin to deal with Paro, such that Paro himself would drive the children of Israel out of his land with a strong hand.

Shemote (Exodus) 6:1

1 Then Yahweh said to Moshe, "Now you shall see what I will do to Paro. For with a strong hand, he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

This week, in Shemote (Exodus), Elohim spoke to Moshe and explained to him that He had only revealed Himself to Moshe's fathers, Avraham, Yitzhak and

Yaakov as El Shaddai (Elohim Almighty), but that His name is Yahweh.

Shemote (Exodus) 6:2-3

2 And Elohim spoke to Moshe and said to him: "I am Yahweh.

3 I appeared to Avraham, to Yitzhak, and to Yaakov, as El Shaddai, but by My name, Yahweh, I was not known to them."

In "[Parasha Shemote](#)", we talked about the importance of knowing someone's name. In Hebraic thought, a name is much more than just a specific sound.

In Hebrew the word *name* is Strong's Hebrew Concordance H8034 *shem* or *shame* and it's a primitive word for an appellation/name; referring to a person's honor, authority or character.

H8034 shem. (Or) shame. A primitive word (perhaps rather from H7760 through the idea of definite and conspicuous position; compare H8064); an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character: - + base, [in-] fame [-ous], name (-d), renown, report.

As we saw, when the children of Israel were in Egypt, they did not even know Yahweh's name. So how could they have known Yahweh's character?

Brothers and sisters, may I ask, do all of us know Yahweh's character? This is not a trivial question, because if we are going to be His Son's bride and we are going to go back to His house, we need to know how to conduct ourselves in order to please Him.

Yochanan Alef (1 John) 2:3

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

At the start of the exodus, Yahweh is finally telling Israel His name.

Shemote (Exodus) 3:15

15 Moreover, Elohim said to Moshe, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'Yahweh, Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Avraham, the Elohim of Yitzhak, and the Elohim of Yaakov, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'"

This is important because, (as we show in our studies on the [Ancient Hebrew Marriage](#) model) Yahweh is getting ready to take Israel as a bride for His Son Yeshua.

Israel; Yeshua's Bride

In ancient times they had an ancient Hebrew wedding model. In that model, two families would agree on a match between a bridegroom and a bride. In Hebrew, the match is called the *shidduch* and the process is called *shidduchim*. When the shidduch (the match) is made, the two families celebrate with a celebratory meal. Later in this book we will learn how, between Elohim and Israel, the celebratory meal is the feast known as *Pesach* (*Passover*).

Being Yeshua's bride, if you are to be wed, and you are going to leave spiritual Egypt to live in your Husband's Father's house then you might as well know your Groom's Father's name, right? Now, consider if the Groom's Father just so happens to be the King of the

universe and He sets the rules. We might as well get to know His name and we ought to develop the habits of doing things that He likes. Otherwise, why would the Son want to take us as His bride, back to his Father's house (new Jerusalem)?

We should realize that Yahweh does not just give gifts gratuitously; He gives them for a purpose and for a reason. Knowing Him personally is an amazing gift, and what an exciting thing it is to get to know His character like no one else!

This is an encouraging sign since He does not just reveal His name to anyone unless He wants them to have an intimate relationship with Him.

We are going to need this information to get chosen as His bride, because becoming part of Yeshua's kingdom is anything but easy or automatic. You cannot keep Torah by accident. It is truly a constant effort that we must make each moment, or else we can become disconnected from Him.

As we can glean from His third commandment; we should know that Yahweh takes His name very seriously.

Shemote (Exodus) 20:7

7 "You shall not take the name of Yahweh your Elohim in vain [or brings it to naught], for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain [or brings it to naught].

Who is our Father, and how do we please Him?

There are many times Yahweh is called *Yahweh of Hosts* (*Yahweh of Armies*), as in verse ten. What can we

understand about is His character in that He takes the name Yahweh of Hosts?

Tehillim (Psalms) 24:10

10 Who is this King of glory? Yahweh of Hosts, He is the King of glory.

Selah

We can see in this book that Yahweh refers to the children of Israel as armies (which insinuates order of some kind, at this time by their heads of households or patriarchal heritage).

Shemote (Exodus) 6:26

26 These are the same Aharon and Moshe to whom Yahweh said, "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies."

As most (if not all) of us are living under democracy, most of us imagine a leader of the nation being a president or a prime minister which can also be known as the *commander-in-chief* of the armed forces. Sometimes the leader of your country is a military man, but in a democracy the commander-in-chief is normally a businessperson, a lawyer or someone from the controlling *elites* (since that is what it takes to mobilize the support that it takes to win an election). Today's reality is that a president or prime minister is a successful fundraiser. In Scripture, the king is always a military man, much like King David was a military man or like Yehoshua (Joshua) was also a military man.

Shamuel Bet (2nd Samuel) 8:13

13 And David made himself a name when he returned from killing eighteen thousand Syrians in the Valley of Salt.

In Scripture, the king must be a military leader since his occupation is primarily about consolidating and keeping power; organizing military actions and accumulating resources.

As we show in the [Torah Government](#) study, Yahweh is the Almighty King. Keeping this in mind, let us look at the book of Yeshayahu (Isaiah) where he tells us that Yahweh sent His son Yeshua to us as the Prince of Peace.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 9:6

6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty Elohim, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

If we look up *Prince* in Strong's Hebrew Concordance, it is H8269 *sar*, meaning a *field marshal*.

H8269 *śar* - *sar* From H8323; a head person (of any rank or class). KJV Usage: captain (that had rule), chief (captain), general, governor, keeper, lord, ([-task-]) master, prince (-ipal), ruler, steward.

If we think about it, Yeshua is the *Field Marshal* of peace. What that means is that He is going to establish long lasting peace as the result of an extraordinarily successful spiritual military campaign. In that, He also wants us to work for Him as His body on earth. This means that He wants a bride who wants eagerly to establish for Him a literal spiritual military kingdom. As we show in [Torah Government](#), the way He plans to create peace is for His people to establish His literal spiritual kingdom on earth through His Spirit; according

to all the things He commands for the Great Commission, as per the fivefold ministry order.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:11-13

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah;

As we show in the [Torah Government](#) study, the Renewed Covenant is the next phase of a multi-generation prolonged process to establish a literal unified kingdom for Yeshua. It is based on love and not control, but it is no less than a great big spiritual military campaign. Since Yeshua is the Field Marshal of peace, He is going to establish His peace by successfully winning the campaign.

If someone does not believe that Yeshua's bride wears combat boots, I hate to break it to you, but she does. Since your Husband is going to be a great military leader, what kind of a queen does He want? We must be all things for Him in service.

In First Corinthians, chapter fifteen in verse twenty-four the apostle Shaul (Paul) tells us that when the end times come, Yeshua will deliver the kingdom that we, His body have built for Him; putting an end to all earthly (meaning Egyptian or Babylonian) authority and power and begin to rule. Yeshua is going to reign until He has put all His Father's enemies under His feet.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 15:24-25

24 Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to Yahweh His Father, when He puts an end to all rule and authority and power.

25 For He must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet.

Then, Yeshua Himself will also be subject to Yahweh His Father, King and Commander; so that Elohim may be all in all. Again, if we know these things then what kind of people should we be? What kind of a bride is He looking for?

Lots of people imagine that the life of a queen is full of the fine things in life such as leisure, feasting and wearing costly clothes and jewelry. These kinds of things are what they practice in the Babylonian kingdom, but it takes a lot of hard work and diligence to be a good queen.

Luqa (Luke) 13:23-24

23 Then one said to Him, "Adon, are there few who are saved?" And he said to them,

24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able."

You must be aware of the things that are going on in the kingdom. You cannot be blind to any plots that are being hatched. There is always some kind of rebellion afoot. If a queen loves her husband and she wants him to remain king, then she would do her absolute best to help him. He is without a doubt under challenges and pressures from all sides. He needs her to help him so he can run the kingdom the right way. If he does not have her help and support, it is going to be much harder for him to do his job.

Romim (Romans) 12:11

11 Not delaying in diligence, fervent in Spirit,
serving Yahweh Elohim;

The Great Deliverance

In Shemote, chapter seven, Yahweh tells Moshe that He is going to do three things:

1. He is going to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.
2. He says He is going to do so by great judgments which show His power and His name.
3. He is going to do it in such a way that the Egyptians shall know that He is Yahweh Elohim. Meaning, that He is the One and only Elohim.

After this, Paro and the Egyptians are going to know who He is and what He wants.

Shemote (Exodus) 7:2-5

2 You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Paro to send the children of Israel out of his land.

3 And I will harden Paro's heart and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Paro will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them."

We can see that Yahweh's name is especially important to Him because that is how people judge Him. That is His reputation. If we look closely, the way that Yahweh executed judgment on Egypt was effectively on Egypt's

elohim (gods) If we look at the ten plagues that Yahweh used, they correspond to ten of the *elohim* that the Egyptians worshipped.

For example: The Egyptians worshipped the Nile River as an *elohim*, and so the Nile River was turned to blood in judgment on that *elohim*. So on and so forth with the other nine plagues.

The number of judgments being ten is that ten indicates completion or a complete unit. In the same way the Ten Commandments would later come to symbolize a perfect set of ethics and principles. Yahweh's Ten judgments upon Egypt also symbolized a perfect set of ten judgments upon Egypt's *elohim*.

In "Parasha Yitro" we are going to see the very first commandment before anything else is to realize that Yahweh is our *Elohim*. He is our Mighty One. He is our Strength, our Shield, and our Strong Tower. He is Yahweh who brought us up out of the land of Egypt. Not *the Lord (Baal)*, but Yahweh is the One to who we owe all allegiance.

Shemote (Exodus) 20:2-3

2 "I am Yahweh your *Elohim*, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 You shall have no other *elohim* before Me.

Not only do we need to know who Yahweh is and what He expects, but that we are also not supposed to have any other false *elohim* before Him. He takes that very seriously because He wants all our attention, our allegiance, and our service.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is One!

5 You shall love Yahweh with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

As we show in the [Torah Calendar](#) study, service is effectively anything we pay attention to. Yahweh wants us paying attention to Him and that is it. He wants us to place building His Son's kingdom as our top priority. He wants it to be something that we are eager to do, like our hobby.

Since we must help Him in this spiritual military campaign, we are not only His bride, but we are also His body, and He is our Head in the heavens directing our actions. We are the ones walking these things out on earth according to His Word. To accomplish this job, we must come together as one body in Spirit with Yeshua HaMashiach.

As we see in the study on [Revelation and The End Times](#) she must learn to endure hardship as a good soldier of Yeshua Messiah. When you consider that we are in the end times, it is going to get a lot worse, and enduring hardship is not a small thing. Although comparatively, it is a small thing to give our lives in exchange for the privilege of becoming the bride of the King of the universe.

Timotheus Bet (2 Timothy) 2:3-4

3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Yeshua Messiah.

4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

The Rabbinic Haftarah (Prophetic Portion)

For the Haftarah portion the rabbis (Pharisees) chose to assign Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 28:25-29:21 as the prophetic portion of this Parasha.

At the start of this portion, Yahweh Elohim tells us that when He gathers the House of Israel, otherwise known as Ephraimites (that is us), He will manifest His Set-apartness (holiness) in us. This is something He is going to do right in the sight of all the nations. That is when we are going to get to go home and dwell in His land again.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 28:25

25 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "When I have gathered the House of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered and am hollowed in them in the sight of the gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Yaakov.

However, in the meantime He gave the land to His servant Yaakov (Jacob), in this case meaning Judah of the southern kingdom. Yahweh gave the land of Israel to the Southern House of Judah (the Jews) while Ephraim's job was to go into all the nations looking for the lost Israelites and bringing them back to the covenant by faith and belief in Yeshua HaMashiach.

What that means is, as we saw last week and as we are going to see again, there is still going to be a remnant of Judah in the land (Jerusalem) after Armageddon. They are already going to have their own government when we come home, and we are going to end up merging into that government.

There are a lot of Ephraimites that do not like it that we will be merging nations with the Jewish people in the land, but it is not negotiable. Yahweh's Word is going to walk out just exactly as it is written whether we like it or not. Surprisingly, it is one of the very few rabbinic doctrines that I agree with. The fact that when the lost ten tribes come home, they will effectively have to convert to Judaism. A lot of Ephraimites are outraged over that comment saying, "*We are not Jews we are Ephraimites!*", but in certain passages the Scriptures say that we must merge into Judah.

We must convert to Judaism. The Good News is it does not say in Scripture what kind of Judaism. That is why when I was talking with the Orthodox Sanhedrin back in 2017 (which is when they thought that I was going to be their mashiach-ben-Yosef character, but that is a whole separate saga), I offered that we would be happy to convert Christians to Nazarene Judaism (Nazarene Israel). Since we are already doing that, we wanted to create ties with them. Then I had the Nasi (head judge) of the Sanhedrin bellowing at me over the phone saying, "*No! No Christian can be a Jew!*". Then, because of my time (ten years) in the Messianic movement, I realized what I had been told by an Orthodox rabbi was correct. Which was that there will never be a time when the rabbis will not need to oppose Messianism. After much meditation on what he had said, I realized that he was correct. There will never be a time when they are not going to have to oppose us. Fortunately for us, Armageddon will change that.

Our Pharisee (Rabbinical) brothers may have their opinions, but no matter what they think, in verse twenty-six, Yahweh tells us that we who serve and fear Him shall dwell securely in the land of Israel. Just like our

forefathers dwelt securely in the land of Goshen in the days of old.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 28:26

26 “And they will dwell safely there, build houses and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgements on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I am Yahweh their Elohim.”

While this passage is very reassuring and it is useful information, it does not really give us anything we can use to help build Yeshua's kingdom. It does not really show us His direction. That is why, instead, we have chosen Yeshayahu (Isaiah) chapter sixty-six for this week's Haftarah prophetic portion.

Nazarene Haftarah: Yeshayahu (Isaiah) Ch.66

In this chapter, we are going to see special blessings for those of us who are already trying to keep the Torah through obedience to Yeshua's spirit.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of Elohim and the faith of Yeshua.

If we look closely, we are going to see that there are also some important things that not only tell us what is coming, but can also help us know how to prepare for that time. Just from the context of our knowledge of the book of Revelation, we can tell that Yahweh is talking about the upcoming third temple in this chapter.

What many do not realize is that the upcoming third temple (the rabbinic temple) is not Ezekiel's temple or

what is called the millennial temple in the book of Ezekiel in chapters forty to forty-six. Rather, Yahweh is talking about the coming anti-messiah temple that the Sabbatean-Frankist rabbis are getting ready to build after this next war (World War Three). They intend to do this by co-opting the governments of the world through owning their money, supplies and things of that nature.

My understanding is that, in this chapter, what Yahweh is saying is, *“Judah, it is great that you guys are building Me a temple, but the problem is you have this legalistic thing going on but you are getting the focus all wrong. Your legalistic priorities are very backwards. If you do not start listening and if you do not start doing what I tell you to do you are going to have some great big problems coming up. You need to start paying attention now.”*

He is saying, *“Now first let's get some perspective on the issues here. You want to build Me a temple?”*

Shamuel Bet (2 Samuel) 7:5

5 “Go and say to my servant David, thus says Yahweh, will you build a house for Me to dwell in?”

Yahweh is saying, *“You want to build Me a temple, not by My Spirit, but by your own power and might? You, My creation, want to build Me this temple by the power and strength of your own hand. By the evil of your hearts, you seek to establish your own footsteps. In what way does this glorify Me, you brood of adders? You have done all sorts of evil all over the world to gain control of the money supplies and to gain power with your illuminist and masonic control grids. That does not glorify Me, that glorifies you.”*

Tehillim (Psalms) 127:1

127 Unless Yahweh builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless Yahweh guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Again, Yahweh is saying, *“Judah, if I had to choose between having a corrupt Sabbatean-Frankist temple filled with corrupt money, or having a people who are poor and of contrite Spirit who walk humbly with Me and who tremble at My Word, who would I chose? Would I not choose those who are trying to do My Word and not their own made-up rules like the Talmud? I am going to choose the humble and not the boastful.”*

Tehillim (Psalms) 51:17

17 The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart – these, O Elohim, You will not despise.

Moreover, in this chapter Yahweh says that whenever someone sacrifices to Him in this kind of polluted temple which honors human power and corruption rather than submission to Yeshua HaMashiach and His Spirit, it is abominable.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:3

3 “He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog’s neck; he who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine’s blood; he who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.

Our brothers in the House of Judah are not doing what Yahweh told them to do; diligently guard and keep all His commandments without changing them.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 4:2

2 “Do not add to the Word which I command you, and do not take away from it, so as to guard the commands of Yahweh your Elohim which I am commanding you.”

Unfortunately, Orthodox Jews have made themselves their own torah (called the Talmud) in which they add or subtract anything they want. They vainly pretend that their commandments still come from Yahweh because they believe that He gave them the authority to do so (even though the Torah of Moshe is the wedding contract between Yahweh and Israel).

Marqaus (Mark) 7:13

13 “making the Word of Elohim of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

They have forgotten that they must fulfill Yahweh’s commandments without adding and subtracting anything, to be in His favor.

Yehoshua (Joshua) 1:7

7 “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.”

In verse four of Yeshayahu chapter sixty-six, Yahweh explains to Judah that He has been trying to get his attention, but instead of answering Him, they have done evil in His sight.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:4

4 “So I will choose their delusions and bring their fears on them; because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not hear; but they did evil before My eyes and chose that in which I do not delight.”

Sadly, brother Judah has continued to turn away from Yahweh. Doing that which He considers to be evil; taking advantage of the world and choosing to change Yahweh’s Torah, to follow their own laws.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 25:7

7 “Yet you have not listened to Me”, says Yahweh, “that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands, to your own destruction.”

Then in verse five, Yahweh is now addressing those of us who tremble at His Word. Saying that all our brothers in Zionist, rabbinic, one house Judah (Which includes Orthodox, and Zionist rabbinic Messianists) who hate us in Ephraim, will be ashamed because they are doing what is not His will.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:5

5 Hear the Word of Yahweh, you who tremble at His Word: “Your brethren who hated you, who cast you out for My name’s sake, said, ‘Let Yahweh be glorified, that we may see your joy.’ But they shall be ashamed.”

Then Yahweh’s wrath burns against Zionist Judah in verse six, when He refers to them as His enemies.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:6

6 The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of Yahweh, who fully repays His enemies!

If anyone is with Zionist one house Judah, they do not love the Spirit, the truth, and Yahweh's Word, this is a suitable time to switch teams because there is a hard whacking dead ahead.

We tie this passage to the tribulation in Armageddon. And we know that it is not going to go too well for those who are in the land of Israel at that time.

[You can read about that in the study [Revelation and the End Times.](#)]

Carrying on in verse seven there is what is called a *remez (hint)* in which Yahweh is talking about how the nation of Judah was reborn in one day, May the 14th 1948, with the recognition of the state of Israel.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:7

7 "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child."

Here Yahweh is telling us that He does love Judah. In fact, He loves them so much that He is willing to put the masses of Judah through this horrible refinement, of the sons of Levi. Since they have not chosen His ways, He seeks to save a remnant of them that will genuinely submit to Him.

Zacharyah (Zechariah) 13:9

9 "I will refine them as silver is refined and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is my

people'; and each one will say, 'Yahweh is my Elohim.'"

He must first refine them as silver and gold are refined, in the fire. Refining in any capacity is not a pleasant process (a lot of crushing, scraping, and melting to get out impurities). This is not a very pleasant process which is going to be going on in the land of Israel.

After this process, Yahweh will bless those who survive. We know this because in verse twelve He tells us that after the tribulation (after Yeshua has revealed himself to the entire world at Armageddon), every knee shall bow.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:12

12 For thus says Yahweh: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on her sides shall you be carried and be dandled on her knees."

This means that brother Judah will repent for their sins, and they will be comforted.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:13

13 "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

Everything is going to change in those days because, as we have seen in our study on study [Revelation and the End Times](#), Babylon will have fallen, and Yeshua's empire is going to be set up for a thousand years. All this which we are discussing corresponds to the period in which Ephraim comes home and merges into the remnant of Judah (who has already come to believe in

Yeshua) after Armageddon. In *Revelation and the End Times* we show that this scenario is in the Armageddon period because that is when Yeshua will appear in the clouds; in which every eye shall see Him, and every knee shall bow.

We also tie this to Zechariah (Zechariah) 12:10, which tells us that somewhere in the tribulation/Armageddon period, Yeshua will appear in the clouds. Then brother Judah will look upon Yeshua and they will realize who He is and what they did.

Zechariah (Zechariah) 12:10

10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one who mourns for his only son and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

All the destruction that they will have just gone through will be just repayment for their sins as a house for what the Sabbatean-Frankists have done. They will mourn for Him as one mourns for the loss of a firstborn, and it is going to be the greatest mourning ever when they realize what they had done.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:30

30 Then the sign of the Son of Adam will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Adam coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Even though they may have done it with the best of intentions, they were not stopping and letting Yeshua's Spirit lead. They will have tried to build the kingdom in

their own power and strength instead of opening their hearts to Yeshua and letting Yeshua's Spirit lead.

It is going to be a terrible thing, but that is what happens when you do not submit completely to the Spirit and let Her be the one to lead you day by day.

Brother Judah should know this, because submitting to the Spirit originates in the Tanach (Old Testament), which they are accountable for; even without faith in Yeshua.

Mishle (Proverbs) 8:4-6

4 "To you, o men, I call, and My voice is to the sons of men.

5 O you simple ones, understand prudence, and you fools, be of an understanding heart.

6 Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of My lips will come right rulings;"

Carrying on in the book of Yeshayahu, when we return home back to the land of Israel, we are going to merge into what is left of the southern kingdom of Judah. And as we mentioned earlier, this means that when we come home, Judah is going to have his own government that already believes in Yeshua. Their government will change from what it is now because they will have just realized who Yeshua is at Armageddon, when He will appear in the clouds.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:19

19 I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the gentiles.

What we do not know is if they convert straight away to Nazarene Israel or if they make a pit stop at Messianic Judaism (or whatever Yahweh intends). The Good News is that they will be looking for answers. All we truly know about that time is that there is going to be a great reorganization in that day.

For you to understand the context of this next verse, we are talking about Ephraim coming home. Keeping that in mind, in the last verse Yahweh says that His glory will be declared among the gentiles. Then speaking in the next verse to brother Judah, Yahweh says that when the end gathering takes place, they (meaning the gentile nations of current spiritual Egypt) shall bring all of Judah's brethren (Ephraim) for an offering to Yahweh, out of all nations. Ephraim will come home in cleansed vessels meaning they keep the original first-century Nazarene Israelite faith that was once for all the disciple believers delivered to the saints.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:20

20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to Yahweh out of all the nations on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says Yahweh, as the children of Israel bring and offering in a clean vessel into the House of Yahweh.

Then in verse twenty-one He says that He will also take some of the Ephraimites for priests and Levites. This is when the Melchizedekian and the purified and refined Levitical orders will be merged. This is also when Ezekiel's temple (or what is called the millennial temple) will be built (Ezekiel 40-46). The renewed and cleansed temple will be staffed by a renewed Levitical Order in which the sons of Levi have been purified and refined by fire; now believing in Yeshua.

Those from the Melchizedekian Order (that is us) shall be joined and merged with them. The result will be that those with Yeshua's heart will be serving in Ezekiel's temple that Yahweh foretold. In that day, the living temple (His body) will serve inside of Yahweh's renewed physical temple.

[If you want more details about this, we have a whole chapter on the in gathering in the millennium in our book [*Revelation and the End Times*](#) or on our YouTube series [*Revelation Simplified.*](#)]

Brit Chadasha (Renewed Covenant) Portion

The traditional Messianic Jewish reading (if we can call it that) is Luqa (Luke) chapter 11:14-22. This is where the Pharisees accuse Yeshua of casting out demons by Beelzebub (Baal), the prince of demons. The Messianic Jewish rabbis could have chosen this passage because even though Yahweh gave Moshe and Aharon legitimate power to do miracles, Paro did not take those miracles seriously. Rather, because Paro's magicians and sorcerers could also conjure up the same kinds of plagues (although the magicians and sorcerers could not cure or even stop the plagues from happening), his heart was hardened. He figured that there was no need to take Yahweh's messengers seriously.

In the same way that Paro and his magicians did not want to take Moshe and Aharon seriously, the Pharisees in the first century also felt that there was no need to take Yeshua seriously; even though He was also doing genuine miracles.

Nazarene Israel Brit Chadasha Portion: Matthew 12

Luke chapter eleven and Matthew chapter twelve are similar since they are both part of the synoptic writings, in the Renewed Covenant. Although they are similar, the passage that we chose includes more key details for our purposes.

In this chapter, the Pharisees accuse Yeshua of casting out demons by Beelzebub (Baal).

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:24

24 Now when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”

In response, Yeshua tells us something that every anarchist Messianic who refuses organization should sit down and think long and hard about.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:25

25 But Yeshua knew their thoughts and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.”

Brothers and sisters, is this not the case with the kingdom of Ephraim today? The House of Ephraim is divided right now. Moreover, we are divided because some of us are following our own hearts; not unifying behind the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Looking Forward to Unity

What we need to realize right now is that when Israel will be called out of Egypt, in a few Parashiot, we are going

to see Yahweh beginning to organize them. Since, once they grow beyond a single common ancestor, they will need a governmental structure or else they cannot hold the nation together.

Yahweh tells us how He wants us to do that, and we will also see Yeshua tells us how He wants us to do that when we are in the dispersion under the Melchizedekian order.

Also, one of the things we are going to see in the chapters coming up is that Israel had to have a common faith, because in Scripture a nation is defined as a group of disciples or group of people who all worship the same way together. For example, the Israelite sect of the Nazarenes is a nation (biblically speaking), because it is a group of disciples who all seek to worship together in the same way. Anything less than that and you do not have a nation (biblically speaking).

Since the requirement is not to live like voters under a democracy with rights and privileges that are guaranteed by law; elections that can get stolen (and this kind of thing). Rather, the requirement is to live like a righteous bunch of citizens and subjects in a righteous kingdom. A group of like-minded people who all pull together for their king, because they love him; with all their heart with all their soul and with all their strength.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-5

4 "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is One!

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."

If we do not unite and pull together behind our King, the kingdom becomes divided. Eventually the kingdom falls, which is what has happened to Ephraim already.

We must use wisdom in this because the Sabbatean-Frankists know how to unite under one cause. They want us all to either convert to Orthodox Judaism or get out of the way. And they have been working on plans for that since at least the *enlightenment* (if not long before). The reason they have gotten as far as they have is because they are disciplined and organized. What they are focused on is the wrong mission and they have wrong execution, but they are implementing it under the right concept (unity). When I look at what they have been able to accomplish, merely because they are organized, I realize that if we organize as Yeshua tells us to, we can accomplish much more than they. If we order ourselves according to the five-fold ministry of Ephesians four; built on a single foundation of apostles and prophets, which is the Bait Din structure that is in Ephesians chapter two.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:20

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua HaMashiach Himself being the chief cornerstone...

As we prepare to leave spiritual Egypt today and go back home to the land of Israel in fulfillment of the prophecies let us realize that Yahweh is calling His people to organize. He wants us to do this because we can do many more things for His Son's kingdom in that way.

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

When we stop to consider that Elohim's Son asks us to do it in Ephesians two and four, how can we say no? Are

the things of this world more important to us than serving Yeshua? Is our time and money not better spent on serving our King who will reward us according to our works, with everlasting life? Imagine how much better we can serve and glorify Yeshua together; working as a team; as a family.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 12:12

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Mashiach.

Even though brother Judah's numbers are small, look at the vast influence they have because they are organized; working together as a military-like operation.

If we organize according to Yeshua's instructions our influence will expand worldwide. Scripture says we are going to rule and reign over the nations with His rod of iron, but He wants us to organize according to His instructions first.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:27

27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' as I also have received from My Father;

Furthermore, Yeshua tells us that when we abide in Him, it establishes the connection with Elohim that we lost in the Garden of Eden; the connection in which we can bare much fruit.

Yochanan (John) 15:3-5

3 "You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you.

4 “Abide in Me, and I abide in you. As the branch is unable to bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither you, unless you abide in Me.

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit. Because without Me you are able to do naught!

If we listen for the voice of the Spirit and ask Him to show us how to submit to Him, He will show us. First, how to submit to the Spirit and then submit one to another in the Spirit. Brothers and sisters, that is the living temple that we are supposed to form for Him. That is the Tabernacle of David which is being restored.

Amos 9:11

11 “In that day I shall raise up the Tabernacle of Dawid which has fallen down. And I shall repair its breaches and raise up its ruins. And I shall build it as in the days of old,”

Yahweh be with you.

Parasha Bo

*Exodus 10:1-13:16; Jeremiah 46:13-28;
Mark 3 (complete)*

In this chapter, we will be discussing Parasha Bo, according to our [2022 Parashiot Schedule](#), in which we want to share with you some especially important things that all believers in the Hebrew Messiah Yeshua ('Jesus') the Nazarene, must be aware of.

We are rapidly entering into the End Times and there are things to know that genuinely make a difference as to whether we live or die. More importantly, these things determine whether we please Yeshua our Messiah or not.

Torah Portion: Shemote 10:1-13:16

We rejoin the history of our forefathers in the beginning of Shemote (Exodus), in chapter ten. This is where Yahweh is getting ready to bring even more plagues on Paro (Pharaoh).

The first few plagues did not impress Paro because his magicians and sorcerers could do similar things through their dark arts; causing the same kinds of destruction. However, by the time we reach the eighth plague (locusts, Exodus 10:1-20) Paro's diviners can no longer duplicate the plagues, turn the plagues back nor stop them from happening.

Shemote (Exodus) 7:11

11 But Paro also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so, the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments

In fact, they could not even stand before Moshe because of the boils.

Shemote (Exodus) 9:11-12

11 And the magicians could not stand before Moshe because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians.

12 But Yahweh hardened the heart of Paro; and he did not heed them, just as Yahweh had spoken to Moshe.

Yahweh strategically and progressively hardened Paro's heart by upping the ante a small amount at a time with each plague; making each plague a little more unbearable than the last. Thus, deceiving Paro into becoming increasingly confident that he could get through Yahweh's attacks. Therefore, because Paro thought of it as a mere trivial challenge, he would not admit defeat.

[Yahweh of hosts effectively used a *psy-op* (*psychological operation*) against Paro.]

Need for Priestly Covering

In this Parasha we arrive at the tenth plague which is the death of the first born. This is the plague in which Egypt will thrust Israel out suddenly, after the first occurrence of the feast of Pesach (Passover).

[If you want to know more about the Pesach that we are supposed to be keeping while we are in the dispersion, please watch our video [Melchizedekian Pesach](#), or read chapter seven of our study [Feasts of the First Month: The Melchizedekian Pesach](#).]

At the start of Exodus, in chapter thirteen, Yahweh establishes the first-born priesthood inside of Israel. He commanded that just as Paro's nation lost all their firstborn of their children and livestock during Pesach, Israel was therefore to set-apart all their firstborn unto Him. Thus, creating the very first priesthood inside of Israel; the priesthood of the firstborn.

Shemote (Exodus) 13:2

2 “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine.”

Elohim ('God') first established this set-apart priesthood inside the nation at this juncture in Israel's history; just after leaving Egypt. Before coming to Egypt, the nation of Israel had the patriarchs serving as the priests of their households. Even earlier in history, in B'reisheet (Genesis), Avraham paid tithes to the king and high priest Melchizedek who served as the external priesthood (which is something completely different than the Melchizedekian Order we have now).

B'reisheet (Genesis) 14:20

20 “And blessed be Elohim Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he [Avraham] gave him a tithe of all.

When Israel went down into Egypt, the Egyptian priesthood served as their covering (an awfully bad priestly covering, but none the less it was a priestly covering). Then, Elohim brought Israel out from under the covering of the Egyptian priesthood. Next, Yahweh implemented the order of the first-born priests for Israel to have their own priesthood (since Israel must always have a priestly covering). Even though the man of the

house serves as the priest of the house, it does not negate the need to have a priesthood for the nation.

[That is what the independent Messianics keep forgetting, is that even though we are a nation of kings and priests, that does not mean we do not need a priesthood for the nation.]

This situation of Israel leaving Egypt clearly parallels what we as Ephraimites are experiencing spiritually and eventually, even physically. We are leaving the Egyptian/Roman/Babylonian system behind and like the Israelites at the time of Exodus, we must come back to a fully Hebraic model to satisfy our Adon Yeshua. As those wanting to be a part of His body on earth, we must understand that if we are Israelites, we must adhere to the Israelite model that is patterned in Scripture.

This is one of the things that our brothers in Judah (Jews) do get correct (although they use voting inside of their council meetings which is incorrect since they are supposed to hear from the Spirit inside the council meetings instead of adhering to Babylonian democracy, as they follow).

Refining in Egypt

Surprisingly, there are some particularly important reasons why it benefited Israel in the long run, to go into slavery in Egypt.

Consider, before going into Egypt, Israel (the person) was both the priest and the governor of the nation (which was, at that time, essentially just his twelve sons and their families). While Joseph was alive, they were all well provided for, but after his death a new Paro arose who

did not understand the need to provide for the nation of Israel.

Shemote (Exodus) 1:8

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

As difficult as living in the iron furnace was, being in Egypt for 430 years helped transform Israel from a heap of different family lines with no single common ancestor, into the strong, singular nation that we read about in the Torah. With Moshe HaNavi (the prince) operating as the governmental office and the firstborn priesthood (later replaced with the Levitical Order) as the internal priestly office.

[It is important to notice that, as we progress in this Parasha series, each Parasha takes us one step closer to true organization of the internal Melchizedekian Order established by Yeshua HaMashiach.]

Those who consider themselves Ephraimites or Messianic must consider the parallels in this Parasha to the House of Ephraim's situation today. We want to leave spiritual Egypt, so we need to organize just like they did in Torah times, during Exodus.

Yahweh has sent Moshe (Moses) to act as a governmental figure as the anointed judge. Historically, there has always been three main offices in Israel.

1. The king.
2. The priests and prophets.
3. The anointed judge (which is a special combination of all three offices).

However, it is better to have a separate set-apart priesthood which solely serves Yahweh. Elohim is always going to give Israel their own separated priesthood because Israel must always have a priestly covering in order to be accountable to Yahweh.

The man of the house serves as the priest of the house, but that does not change the fact that you must have a priesthood as a nation to unify all the families. Similarly, even though we are a nation of kings and priests (1 Peter 2:9) that does not mean that we do not need to follow Yeshua's instructions to establish the kind of global government He wants.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 5:23

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Mashiach is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

If we will follow the prophetic pictures of Moshe's Torah (Instructions) as well as Yeshua's Torah, not only will we grow Messiah's true unified kingdom, but it will also turn into a government that lasts forever and ever.

Daniel 2:44

44 And in the days of these kings the Elohim of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

The Firstborn Priesthood and Listening in The Spirit

Since Yahweh slew all the firstborn in Egypt, the Israelites were to offer their firstborn males to Yahweh; redeeming every human child so that their lives would be dedicated to serving Yahweh.

Shemote (Exodus) 13:15

15 'And it came to pass, when Paro was stubborn to let us go, that Yahweh killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of men and the firstborn of beasts. Therefore, I sacrifice to Yahweh all the males who open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons, I redeem.'

Although we do not have a lot of detailed instructions regarding the firstborn priesthood, what we do know is that Yahweh emphasized that those dedicated unto Him should hear and obey His voice. Just like in any priestly office, if they could not hear and obey His voice, they had no business being in any part of leadership.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:1

1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you high above all nations of the earth.

This also is the key thing that we, as His body, are all supposed to strive to do and that is what unifies the nation. We must all abide in the vine.

Yochanan (John) 15:5-6

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."

What we need to learn from this is what Yahweh really wants; for us to hear and obey His voice. It is so important to remain in connection with Yeshua. There

needs to always be an awareness of Him. When we stay in connection with Him, we stay conscious of Him; no matter what we are doing. We have righteous fear of Elohim, but we also love Him and want to serve Him.

It must be our pleasure to stay connected to Him and to know that we are in His favor; which is like the most valuable riches you could ever have.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:44

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

If you want to be set apart unto Yahweh Elohim, then it is essential that we do the things that Yeshua says to do and nothing contrary to that; especially with regards to the faith.

We are supposed to seek all spiritual gifts, but especially the gift of prophecy.

Qorintim Alef (1 Corinthians) 14:1-3

1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to Elohim, for no one understands him; however, in the Spirit he speaks mysteries.

3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

To prophesy is to hear Yahweh's voice and it takes a lot of discipline to speak only according to it. To do that we have to differentiate between our thoughts and what we are hearing. The heart is desperately wicked and plays tricks on all of us.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 17:9

9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

[If you are interested in learning more about how to differentiate between Yahweh’s and Satan’s voice, please read “[Satan Attacks Us Through Our Minds](#)”, in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Four](#).]

When Torah Changes

It is vital to understand that the Torah has always changed slightly with the implementation of each new priestly Order (since each order has their own specific instructions). However, the main principles and precepts have always remained the same and is never altogether abolished (as many Christians would like to believe).

That is why King David said in the Spirit that he could walk at liberty; because he obeyed Yahweh's precepts.

Tehillim (Psalm) 119:44-45

44 So shall I keep Your Torah continually, forever, and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.

We understand His precepts by the voice of the Spirit and by our conscience. We know when we are doing right and wrong when we are paying attention to Yahweh Elohim, because He lets us know in our conscience when we are walking righteously or when we do not truly have Shalom.

Firstly, Israel had the Firstborn priesthood with the Torah (instructions) to listen and obey Yahweh’s voice (which is the foundational command that He expects all His people to strive for). Secondly, The Levitical Order took

over as the internal priestly covering for the nation of Israel after the rebellion of the golden calf at Mount Sinai. They were given the Levitical Torah which includes sacrificial laws that can only be followed when in the land of Israel, when there is a Temple in Jerusalem. Lastly, after the death and resurrection of Messiah Yeshua, the priestly covering was transferred to the saints of the Jewish sect of the Nazarenes, under the Melchizedekian Order; in which the command was to go into all nations and immerse disciples in the name* of Yeshua.

[*For why we immerse in Yeshua's name only, please read "[Immersion in Yeshua's Name Only](#)", in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Three](#).]

Elohim's greater overall mission for us is that we establish a kingdom for His Son, and it has always been our mission; to serve as His Son's helpers. Depending on what phase of that mission Israel happens to be in, Yahweh can modify the Torah accordingly, to help further the mission.

As a foundational precept, Israel has always been commanded to band together as a nation and organize itself internally. Yahweh seeks a single unified ministry where all His lovingly-committed-ones work together to serve Him according to the five-fold ministry protocols and according to the foundation of apostles and prophets of Ephesians chapter two.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:20

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua HaMashiach Himself being the chief cornerstone,

Haftara Prophetic Portion: Jeremiah 46:13-28

This portion is particularly important to study if you are from the Jewish side of the house. If you are not genetically Jewish, then let us get to know our brother in Judah through this Parasha, because we are eventually going to be merged and unified with this remnant of them (the purified sons of Levi) after the tribulation (in Armageddon).

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 37:19-22

19 say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Surely, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."

20 And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 "Then say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "Surely, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

Sadly, until that point in time (until they recognize Yeshua as Messiah) they are going to be at enmity with us. All the things that we see happening in the news is the result of a jealous envy that Judah holds toward Ephraim/Joseph/House of Israel, because Yahweh has shown Ephraim much favor for simply believing on

Yeshua (even though most have not obeyed the Torah).
In that way, Ephraim is the prodigal son of Luke 15.

Luqa (Luke) 15:11-32

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So, he divided to them his livelihood.

13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it and let us eat and be merry;

24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

25 “Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

26 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’

27 “But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore, his father came out and pleaded with him.

29 So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

31 “And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

Judah is the kingship tribe which means that they control the gold, the guns, and the governments.

In 2 Kings 23:29 the King of Judah, Josiah, had formed an alliance with the king of Assyria (which is a kind of sin for a King of Jerusalem to do because he is supposed to

rely on Yahweh his Elohim and not make earthly alliances). Then, Assyria went to war with Egypt and King Josiah went out to battle against Egypt in support of Assyria. The Egyptian king ended up killing Josiah in battle at Har-Megiddo (Armageddon) (which is also prophetic, but we will cover that another time).

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:29

29 In his days Paro Necho king of Egypt went to the aid of the king of Assyria, to the River Euphrates; and King Josiah went against him. And Paro Necho killed him at [Har-] Megiddo when he confronted him.

In punishment for Paro Necho having killed King Josiah, by the mouth of Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) the prophet, Yahweh now prophesied that he would bring Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon against Egypt in judgment and punishment against them and against all her false elohim (gods).

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 46:25

25 Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, says: "Behold, I will bring punishment on Amon of No and Paro and Egypt, with their elohim and their kings, Paro and those who trust in him."

Now we can see a parallel here with the first exodus from Egypt. Yahweh says he is going to bring punishment upon Egypt as in days of old. Keep in mind that *Egypt* is symbolic of those who are lost in the world system.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 46:26

26 "And I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of

his servants. Afterward it shall be inhabited as in the days of old,” says Yahweh.

Before Yahweh brings His people back home to the land must become be purified. Just like it was the garden of Eden, if we want to live in His land, we must do things His way; applying the highest standard to ourselves. That is why discipleship is such an important process.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:48

8 Therefore, be perfect, as your Father in the heavens is perfect.

Yahweh then says that His servant Jacob (referring to the House of Judah) should not be afraid. Then He says the House of Israel (Ephraimites) also should not fear, because Yahweh will save them from far away (because they are outside the land of Israel).

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 46:27

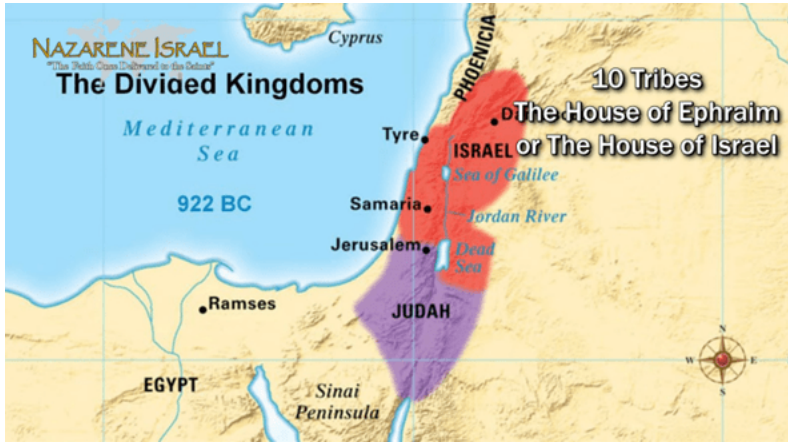
27 “But do not fear, O my servant Jacob, and do not be dismayed, O Israel! For behold, I will save you from afar, and your offspring from the land of their captivity; Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease; no one shall make him afraid.

Even though both the House of Israel and the House of Judah are outside the land of Israel in spiritual captivity, Yahweh promises that their offspring shall again return from the land of their captivity and come back to His land.

The House of Judah, which is referred to in this passage, as well as the House of Israel are clearly not in the land of Israel when this prophecy comes to pass, because it says that their “*offspring will return from the land of their captivity.*”

[If you want to learn some more basic foundational principles on what is called the *two-house* theory of Israel and Judah, please read the [Nazarene Israel](#) study in which we cover it in more detail.]

History of The Two Houses



There was a division of the nation of Israel into two parts. The northern part consisted of ten tribes, and it was called the northern House of Ephraim (or the northern House of Israel). It was named after one of Joseph's two sons (Ephraim). They are also sometimes called the lost ten tribes of Israel, the lost ten tribes of Ephraim, or the lost 10 tribes of Joseph, because they have become lost to secular history. However, even though the secular historians do not know where the tribes are Yahweh knows where all the tribes are, and the prophecies say that they will return one day. And as we outline in the [Nazarene Israel](#) study, we see the time for that to happen is right about now.

Hoshea (Hosea) 14:7-8

7 Those who dwell under his shadow shall return;
they shall be revived like grain and grow like a vine.
Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

8 “Ephraim shall say, ‘What have I to do anymore
with idols?’ I have heard and observed him. I am
like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me.”

The northern kingdom of Ephraim was not obeying the Torah correctly. They started establishing idols, as well as changing the places and the dates of worship. This is a point for point prophetic picture of what the church system would later do after the death and resurrection of Messiah.

Melachim Aleph (1 Kings) 12:28-29

28 Therefore the king asked for advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your elohim, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!”

29 And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

Yahweh continually sent prophets to try to get the people of the northern kingdom to turn back and repent, but the people did not listen. Rather, they continued to break the Torah.



The Assyrians take the Israelites captive (734-732 BC and 724-721 BC) → Israel scatters and blurs in the world

That is why, starting around 722 BCE, Yahweh sent the Assyrians to take the Ephraimites into both physical and spiritual captivity in what is called the Assyrian captivity (or dispersion); in which Yahweh allowed this scattering to take place so the northern House of Israel or Ephraim might be mixed into the world like seed, thus fulfilling the prophecies given to the patriarchs. That every family, and every nation and every clan would have their genetics.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 26:4-5

4 "And I shall increase your Seed like the stars of the heavens, and I shall give all these lands to your Seed. And in your Seed, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,
 5 because Avraham obeyed My voice and guarded My Charge: My commands, My laws, and My Torot [plural of Torah]."

For this reason, those of all nations and tongues could be heir to the promises of salvation in Yeshua HaMashiach. It is indeed a two-way salvation, but it is open to everyone.

Galatim (Galatians) 3:15-16

15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

16 Now to Abraham [genetic component] and his Seed [faith-based component] were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Messiah.

In addition to taking the northern House of Israel (Ephraim) into captivity, they undoubtedly also took many Jews from the southern kingdom into captivity in Assyria at that same time.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 18:13

13 And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.

This will explain a lot as we go through prophecies concerning this topic of leaving Babylon. We are going to see that there are a great many Jews from the southern kingdom who are sojourning with the House of Ephraim in the Assyrian Dispersion. They might not even know that they are Jewish. That goes for most of the heirs of the promise made to Avraham, in Babylon. They either do not know they are Ephraimites, or they do not know they are Israelites, yet there will be many more coming to that realization after Armageddon. In addition, using the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, we calculated that ninety percent of the Jews who went into exile in Babylon never returned.

They are lost now, but Yahweh's plan has always been to call them back as a refined remnant who love Him and submit to His Spirit.

The principle take-away from all this is, while Yahweh does historically use certain ethnic groups or certain families to fulfill certain prophetic roles in Scripture, but in the end our genetics are not the thing that is important because what matters in the end is going to be our obedience to the Spirit of Elohim.

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

General prophecy tells us that during the tribulation it will not be safe either in the land of Israel or in the United States. It would be wise to plan on not being in the either of those places during the tribulation period because of the judgments that will come upon those two lands as Yahweh cleanses His land and His people (Judah and Ephraim). While we delve into the topic of how to stay safe during the great tribulation with more detail in our study [Revelation & The End Times](#) (and also, in our YouTube series [Revelation Simplified](#)), the safest place to be is always in Yahweh's will.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:17

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of Elohim abides forever.

Continuing in Shemote verse twenty-eight, Yahweh only addresses Judah who is in the dispersion. We do not know exactly which Jewish groups Yahweh is addressing in this verse. He could be addressing the Jews in the Assyrian dispersion, the Jews in the Babylonian exile, or Jews still in the Roman exile. However, Yahweh is clearly addressing Judah here and not Ephraim, but we do not know why.

As we explain in *Revelation & The End Times* and in *Revelation Simplified*, Elohim promises to cleanse His land by fire. He will purify and refine the sons of Levi as silver and gold (that is a lot of heat and a lot of flame).

Malaki (Malachi) 3:3

3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to Yahweh, an offering in righteousness.

During the tribulation and Armageddon, the land of Israel as well as the United States are going to get nuked hard. This takes place about the time the world system collapses. When the Babylonian system comes down, the world is going to be looking for new spiritual leadership. Keep in mind that this is part of His plan. That is why we have such important things to do together before that time.

It is after that destruction when the stone is cut out of the mountain, without hands, smites the image of king Nebuchadnezzar on the feet. The statue is then blown away and the image then grows to become a great mountain or great government that fills the whole earth.

Daniel 2:34, 44

34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces.

44 And in the days of these kings, the Elohim of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall never be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

It is before this great tumultuous period that we need to be getting ready for when Yahweh brings His people home. Both Ephraim and Judah.

Brit Chadasha

The traditional Messianic rabbis (if we can call them that) have chosen Yochanan (John) 19:1-37 for the Brit Chadasha (Renewed Covenant) portion.

I am not exactly sure why they chose that passage, except that verse thirty-six tells us that not one of Yeshua's bones was broken, which almost relates to the Pesach (Passover) in the Torah portion in Shemote.

Yochanan (John) 19:36

36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."

Although, the verse that tells us that none of the Paschal animal's bones would be broken, is given in Bemidbar (Numbers).

Bemidbar (Numbers) 9:12

12 They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Pesach they shall keep it.

About Apostles

Since we are here in Mark chapter three, we just want to answer a frequently asked question, regarding the use of the term "*Apostle*". I am not sure where the doctrine originates, but a lot of churches teach that there were only ever twelve apostles, and that there can never be any more. While it is an exceedingly popular teaching, it

is undoubtedly wrong. It is wrong in a bad sort of way because it leads us as a people away from the structure and organizational style that our Husband and King Yeshua commands us all to use.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:19-20

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of Elohim,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua HaMashiach Himself being the chief cornerstone,

Firstly, there are more than twelve named apostles in the Brit Chadasha and there is a reason for that. Here in Mark 3:13-14, we see what are called the twelve pre-ascension apostles.

Marqaus (Mark) 3:13-14

13 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those who He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.

It is true that there will never be any more than twelve pre-ascension apostles, because these are the apostles that Yeshua chose as apostles before He ascended (and went back up to heaven). There cannot ever be any more.

Marqaus (Mark) 3:16-19

16 [1] Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter;

17 [2] James the son of Zebedee and [3] John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder";

18 [4] Andrew, [5] Philip, [6] Bartholomew, [7] Matthew, [8] Thomas, [9] James the son of Alphaeus, [10] Thaddaeus, [11] Simon the Canaanite; 19 and [12] Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.

[In Hebrew, Judas' name would have been Yehudah (Judah), and that is symbolic of a greater struggle between the Two Houses of Israel (and we talk about that in the [Nazarene Israel](#) study).]

In Acts 1:26, the disciples were casting lots to replace Judas Iscariot, and the lot fell on Matías. So Matías was numbered with the 11 apostles, so that there would still be 12 (which is undoubtedly symbolic of the 12 tribes, to which they would later be sent).

Sometimes people say "*Well, okay, sure, Matías was a 13th named apostle...but after him there weren't any more!*", but that is wrong again, because in Acts 14:14, we see Shaul, and Bar Naba are named as apostles (so that is 15 named apostles).

Ma'asei (Acts) 14:14

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Shaul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out,

Let us look at the Strong's Concordance definitions, to see what the words mean (so we can know what we are talking about, since that is always a good thing).

We do not believe that the Greek texts are the originals, but we also do not believe that any of the Hebraic or Aramaic sources that we have (such as the Peshitta Aramaic) are the originals, for several reasons (and if

you are interested, we have more information on the website). Although, we do believe in a Hebraic or Aramaic inspiration of the Renewed Covenant; which soon had to be translated into Greek, because that is what the Church fathers all spoke (besides Hebrew). Keeping that in mind, it does seem like the Greek texts are the oldest texts that we have still with us, so we use them for textual analysis.

In Strong's Greek Concordance, the word for "*apostle*" is G652, *apostolos* which is from G649 meaning a delegate.

G652 *apostolos* (ap-os'-tolos) from G649; a delegate; specifically, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Messiah ("apostle"), (with miraculous powers): -apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

A messenger (or a runner) can also be an *apostolos*. That is because, while a runner may not have been sent out by Elohim, the runner is always sent out, or dispatched with a message to deliver (whether by Elohim or from someone else).

When we look up the root word at Strong's Greek 649, we see that it is *ap-os-tel'-lo*, which refers to someone who is set apart for a certain mission and is sent out on that mission; literally or figuratively.

G649 *apostello* (ap-os-tel'-lo); from G575 and G4724; set apart, i.e. (by implication) to send out (properly, on a mission) literally or figuratively: -put in, send (away, forth, out), set (at liberty).

When the Spirit puts someone in a certain place, appoints them, sends them away, or sends them out on

a mission (or to do something for Elohim), that is an *apostello*, or an *apostolos*.

That can refer to an apostle like we think of an apostle, or it can also refer to a messenger (or a runner).

Ma'asei (Acts) 22:21

21 Then He said to me [Shaul], "Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles."

Because we believe in a Hebrew inspiration of the Renewed Covenant, we recognize that this Greek word *apostolos* corresponds to the Hebrew word *shaliach* (which is Shin, Lamed, Yod, Chet). The word *shaliach* is derived from the root word *shelach*, which means simply, "to send". And *shaliach* can refer to anyone who is sent, for any purpose, such as a messenger (or even an angel), an emissary, an agent, a courier, or a runner. By logical extension, it can refer to a missionary, a delegate, or a legate (which is someone appointed to handle matters of law).

Notice that in Acts 13:3, the apostles Bar Naba (or Barnabas) and Shaul (or Paul) were selected by the Spirit to be sent out, to complete the work that the Spirit had for them.

Ma'asei (Acts) 13:2

2 As they ministered to Yahweh and fasted, the Set-Apart Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Shaul for the work to which I have called them."

That is exactly the definition of a *shaliach*, in the biblical sense. The Spirit (or Elohim) selected them for a work, and then they were set apart for that work, and then they were sent out.

Ma'asei (Acts) 13:3-4

3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So, being sent out by the Set-Apart Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

When Babylon falls at trumpet seven, the set-apart apostles and prophets are supposed to rejoice over her fall. The fall of Babylon at trumpet seven is still a future event (at the time of this writing, 2022), so by logical extension, we will have apostles and prophets that are set apart unto Yahweh during that time. Otherwise, how can we fulfill this verse?

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:20

20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for Elohim has avenged you on her!"

Here in Mark 3:13, Yeshua called those to Him that He Himself wanted.

Marqaus (Mark) 3:13

13 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

Keep in mind that He will have favor on whom He has favor (and it does not always make sense to human beings, but He always has perfect reasons).

Shemote (Exodus) 33:19

19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of Yahweh before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be

gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”

Most Christian and Messianic ministries get the offices and the gifts completely wrong. There is also no office of a “*pastor*”, in Scripture. There is a gift of pastoring, and any one of us can have it—but there is no “*office*” of a pastor. That means, pastoring is not a position, it is something you do.

In Orthodox and Messianic sects there is an office of a *rabbi*, and no gift of being a *rabbi*. Furthermore, in Yeshua is clear that we are not to take the title of *rabbi* for ourselves because the term means, *my Great One*, and Yeshua is our only Great One.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 23:8

8 But you, do not be called ‘rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Messiah, and you are all brethren.

If pastoring is not a position, and we are not to be called *rabbi* how are we supposed to order ourselves in the Renewed Covenant?

In Ephesians chapter four, Yeshua Himself gave us five main ministry gifting’s that any one of us can be given.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:11

1 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Now, just because He gives you a gift, you still must receive it, and once you receive it, then you must develop it. But the five main ministry gifts are those of apostles, and prophets, and evangelists, and pastors, and teachers.

[We discuss the offices and the ministerial gifts in more detail in [The Torah Government](#), and in [Acts 15 Order](#) and in other places.]

The apostolic gift is like the gift of being a spiritual CEO. The most important thing is that the apostle hears in the Spirit, and speaks according to the Spirit continually, which makes his position like an extension of the prophetic office.

[For those who are interested, we explain this prophetic gift in our study, "[About Speaking in Tongues](#)", which is found in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One](#).]

In addition to speaking according to the Spirit, an apostle also has a special gift for establishing the correct doctrine. These two things together are what give him the ability to do work independently for lengthy periods of time, and still end up building the same kingdom the same way, even under different circumstances.

For example, Shaul and Bar Naba were apostles. Because they also heard in the Spirit, and spoke according to it, they could out into the Dispersion, and take independent action. Since they both heard from the same Spirit, and spoke according to it, they still ended up building the same kingdom, and the same body of Yeshua. And, because they understood the doctrine, they were able to go places, and raise up well-ordered congregations. The only difference between an apostle and a prophet is that a prophet does not necessarily have the same gifting for working with the doctrine that the apostle has.

Why might some believers NOT want there to be apostles and prophets for today, when Revelation 18:20 clearly commands the set-apart apostles and prophets

to rejoice at Babylon's fall (which is still a future event)? Why does the church NOT want there to be apostles and prophets today? Is it perhaps because apostles and prophets hear in the Spirit, and speak according to it—and the Church finds that threatening, somehow?

And why do the Messianic rabbis prefer the Babylonian title of "rabbi", rather than using the terms and the organizational structure that Yeshua commands, in Scripture?

Is it not amazing that we look at the children of Israel disobeying and grumbling in the wilderness, and we wonder how anyone could be so hard-hearted, and so stiff-necked, as not to obey the letter of the word of Yahweh? Then look at what we do...

Yeshua clearly tells us how He wants us to be organized, and time after time we do something else. Then we teach against the model that Scripture says and how our Adon Yeshua commands us. Oy!

Ephesians 4:12 tells us that the reason Yeshua gave us these five ministerial gifts is so that the saints could be well-equipped for the work of ministry, and for building up the body of Messiah.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:12

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah,

Then verse 13 tells us that the fivefold ministry model is designed as a catalyst for unity. That we are supposed to order ourselves by the fivefold ministry catalyst until such time as we all come to the unity of the faith (which we have not come to yet!).

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:13

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah;

Is the body unified all around the world? No, not yet.

Then Scripture says Yeshua wants us to continue ordering and organizing ourselves according to the fivefold ministry model.

[Does some Pope or some Church pastor or some rabbi think he knows better than Yeshua?]

May Yahweh please show us all how He wants us to organize and help us to reorder and reorganize ourselves according to suit His Word. To please Him and not to please ourselves.

In Yeshua's name,

Amein.

Parasha B'shalach

Exodus 13:17-17:16; Judges 4:4-5:31

Matthew 5 (complete)

If you are a believer in the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua of Nazareth, then join me and let us go back in time and back in the pages of Scripture.

Let us go back to the days of our forefathers when Moshe (or Moses) was leading our forefathers out of Egypt and into the wilderness for the very first time.

As we go back in the pages of Scripture let us see if we can spot any patterns and let us see if those patterns in the ancient Hebrew writings have anything to say to us about the news today and how we can survive these End Times.

I have been in this walk since 1999 and I am always asking Yahweh about how to communicate what He wants His people to know, and it seems like one of the themes that keeps repeating, keeps coming up, is that Yahweh's people do not really seem to understand: Why they are asked to do the things that Scripture asks them to do.

And perhaps that is part of the reason they do not do it.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 12:32

32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

Because I know myself when I do not understand the need for something I do not really want to do it and even if I do it I do not necessarily do it right, because I do not

know even with the best of intentions, I do not know what I am trying to accomplish.

So, how can I get it right?

And I am sure that there are just some plain slackers in Ephraim who do not really pay attention to what Yahweh wants for His part in this whole deal.

And it is kind of hard to please Yahweh though if we do not even know what He wants. Do you know what I mean? So, if we want to please Yahweh we have to know what it is that He wants, and we have to be helping Him to get it.

So, I am just a student; I am learning. I was called in 1999 and Yahweh gave me a vision and I am attempting to walk that vision out for Him. And along the way, I am learning a lot of new things every single day, but I just want to share with you the things that I have learned because when I was praying and asking Yahweh, what it is that He wants me to communicate to His people. What I heard is that I am just supposed to talk and try to help Yahweh's people understand what is truly going on in this Parasha.

Well, again, we talk about paradigm shifts, so if you are a Messianic, or an Ephraimite, or a Two-House person, it may take some time to understand the shift to the Nazarene Israel paradigm.

But what we need to do here, is what we find is there are a lot of people that have a lot of knowledge, but they do not seem to have a lot of wisdom in walking that knowledge out in a comprehensive way that keeps with all of Scripture.

So, what we are going to try and do in this Parasha is, we are going to try to weave a lot of various threads together to make kind of a tapestry (so to speak), uh, if you know what I mean.

But, we are just going to talk about the Parasha and try to understand what Yahweh wants, and how does Yahweh expect us to approach things versus how our ancestors are approaching things. Then, hopefully it is going to help some people connect the dots because they are going to see the difference between how Yahweh wants us to do things and how our ancestors did things.

But that is how our ancestors did them. Is there any possibility that we also are making the exact same errors because we are not learning from their mistakes of history?

So, now come with me on a journey and let us remember all the way back in time. Let us put ourselves in our forefathers' sandals (so to speak), just for a moment.

Now, our forefathers came down into Egypt in the days of Joseph and life was good when they lived in Goshen, which was the best of all the land of Egypt. And Joseph who was number two in the land provided for them.

But now it is 430 years later and the new Paros (or the new Pharaohs) they do not remember Joseph. And one of them tried to kill all our male children.

And if Paro is not trying to kill us, he is working us to death (basically). We came down into Egypt as Joseph's family; as his honored family and guests, but now 430 years later we are Paro's slaves.

And that is a drastic situation that you really, we really need to get saved from, because as a slave we do not own anything.

In other words, in Egypt we are supposed to own nothing and be happy in our work for Satan's servant Pharo. Does anything sound familiar?

Perhaps any kind of pattern repeating itself?

And the thing about being a slave is that you do not even own your own body. You do not even own your own reproductive rights.

Your reproductive rights belong to your master (or your governor or to the state, so to speak). Does anything about this sound familiar to anyone?

Well, sometimes you can hear it said that Yahweh works in patterns or in cycles. That is also how we can know the end from the beginning, is that the patterns in Scripture tend to repeat themselves in a cyclical fashion over and over and over again.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 46:9-10

9 Remember the former things of old, for I am Elohim, and there is no other; I am Elohim, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'

Uh, so, if we study the patterns in the first five books of Moshe (or what is called the Torah), we can see important patterns and trends and cycles in how the news progresses.

And perhaps we do not see the patterns week by week, but certainly year by year and decade by decade. And, one pattern is that Israel's children went from freedom to slavery down in Egypt. They were there for 430 years, right?

So, when they went there, they were free and then later they were slaves, for 430 years.

Shemote (Exodus) 1:11

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Paro supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

So, if we want to talk about any possible parallels at least for those living in the United States of America especially those who are of Christian European descent, the United States was originally presented to the Christian European pilgrims as this wonderful land where they could establish a new life in the “new world” and practice Scripture their way without government meddling and interference.

And, then, about 430 years after the people began settling in what would later become the United States. Uh, what was that pattern? How is that going, anyway? Are there any patterns; any cycles?

One thing we need to be aware of is: what kind of government does Yahweh like? And lot of people think very highly about democracy (ironically, particularly in Christian circles).

But as we talk about democracy in the [Nazarene Israel](#) study, in the chapter on the End Time sequence, we see that one of the great many ironies is that so many

Christians and Messianics and Ephraimites seem to think of democracy as a good thing.

But Scripture never advocates democracy anywhere. In fact (as we show in the [Revelation](#) study), Scripture is against democracy.

Yahweh (let us put it this way) always places power in one man or in a small group of men who have order between them so they can act as one man.

That is how it is done in Scripture. Now, the European settlers did need to break away from the Babylonian European kingship system, because it was Babylonian.

But democracy was not the solution. Democracy is basically mob rule. Democracy is basically people voting for what seems good and right in their own eyes.

And in Scripture, we are told not to do that. We are told not to seek after what seems good and right in our own eyes, but to (in every case) seek diligently after what Scripture says.

Well, democracy works on the principle that the wisdom of the majority is always right, but the problem is that in Scripture the wisdom of the majority is usually wrong.

So, in order to make Scripture work, (basically) Yahweh gives (what you might call) a benevolent dictator role. Either to one man or a small group of men who are ordered, and who are responsible and responsive to Elohim; much like a Moshe or like a Joshua (or perhaps like a King David type).

Tehillim (Psalms) 89:20

20 I have found My servant David; with My set-apart oil I have anointed him,

Now, that kind of leadership that is what Scripture speaks of and it really does not work any other way in Scripture. Scripture is geared for a benevolent dictator.

As we show in [Revelation and The End Times](#) and also in [Revelation Simplified](#) (the YouTube version) and in other places, democracy itself is a Babylonian concept.

So, when we did the research, what we found is that democracy was first used in Babylonian council meetings and then the idea was later seized upon and expanded. First by the Greeks and then later by the Romans. And, what we know is that all three of these kingdoms are in Daniel's vision or king Nebuchadnezzar's vision in Daniel about the End Time beast.

So, those are all three Babylonian nations that have used that concept.

Daniel 2:39-40

39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

Now, Hebrew is an amazing language. You can analyze words because it is both alphabetic and pictographic.

Now, in Hebrew, the name “*Babylon*” is “*Bavel*”. It is spelled, “*bait*”, “*bait*” and then “*lamed*”. The “*bait*” stands for a house and the second “*bait*” represents a second house and “*lamed*” symbolizes a staff (or a goad) which symbolizes authority. So, democracy is basically when you have power or authority divided between more than one house; “*bait*” & “*bait*” sharing a “*lamed*”.

Well, uh, (you know), for example, the United States and many other countries have a similar separation of powers. The United States’ power is separated into three parts: The executive, the legislative, and the judiciary.

Now, the problem is that Yeshua tells us quite plainly in Mattiyahu (or Matthew) chapter twelve in verse twenty-five that any house that is divided against itself will eventually fall.

Mattiyahu (Matthew) 12:25

25 But Yeshua knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Because rather than seeking to rally behind their king (rather than seeking to rally behind their benevolent dictator/leader), the people will all be seeking their own personal good as if they themselves were sovereigns.

And for those of you living in the United States, there is a strong sovereignty movement that claims to be based in Scripture, but Scripture speaks of us as slaves. Scripture speaks of us as willing servants. Not as, well we are a nation of kings and priests as well, but not in that sense.

We must submit to Yahweh, in His Spirit. So, for those who are a part of the pro-democracy movement, how is it going right now, 430 years later in those pro-democratic United States?

How is it going in the country where democracy was first introduced to the world in the modern day?

So, it is true the Christian pilgrims from Europe did need to turn away from the Christian kingships of Europe, because the Christian kingships were Babylonian and Roman (basically mixed with paganism).

However, it is a huge mistake to replace Babylonian Christian kingship with democracy, because the Bible never advocates democracy anywhere. The Bible is antithetical to- to the democratic principle. Those two things do not work together. Those two things do not compute and neither does a democratic republic, either.

So, it is one of those difficult things for men to humble themselves and realize that the Bible (Scripture) advocates a benevolent dictatorship. Now, whether we are talking through an anointed Judge (like Moshe), or a hereditary King, (like David), or a constitutional Prince (like the coming Nasi of Ezekiel chapters forty to forty-six). That is what Scripture speaks of; a benevolent dictator who is directly responsible to Elohim.

And then some will say, "*Well, yes, but Yeshua came as a suffering servant*" and that is true, but He will return as the conquering King. And Kings like order within their kingdoms. They want their subjects (meaning us) to establish this order for them.

So, then someone is going to ask about Acts chapter fifteen, in the so-called "*Jerusalem Council*". And that is

because a lot of Christians (and some Messianics) seem to think that Acts chapter fifteen is where a bunch of Christians (or Messianics, or whoever) just got together in a room and talked all the issues out using their own common sense.

And a lot of people might think (or might like to think) that sounds a lot like democracy. And a lot of people might think that is what they did in Acts chapter fifteen, but that is not what they did in Acts chapter fifteen at all.

As we show in our studies, (especially in [Torah Government](#)) the so-called “*Jerusalem Council*” was really just a meeting of the Council. It was a meeting of what Judaism calls the “*Beit Din Gadol*” (the “big council” or the “big court”). We call it the “*Nazarene Sanhedrin*” (if you want), but we prefer the Hebrew terms.

So, the Nazarenes were just Jews and they continued to organize by the form of Judaism that they understood in their time; trying to get rid of any Babylonian influences and just going strictly on what the Scriptures say to do.

But the Beit Din model is a classic manifestation of the commandment given in Deuteronomy (or Devarim) chapter sixteen in verse eighteen, which tells us that we are to appoint judges and officers within all of our gates (so that there will be order) which Yahweh (or Elohim) gives us, according to our tribes. And, that these Judges and Officers should judge (meaning to lead or to govern) the people with just judgment. Meaning that they are supposed to give them just government; they are supposed to be good governors.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 16:18

18 “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which Yahweh your Elohim gives you,

according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

So, there is a government commanded right there in Scripture and that is what they were doing in Acts fifteen. But, somehow, some people get the mistaken idea that it was just some town hall meeting or some town council meeting (or something like that) and that is not what it was. It was not a populist voting club.

Rather, the *Beit Din* operates really more like a military tribunal than anything else, because that is what the Firstborn Priesthood Order, the Levitical Order, and later the Melchizedekian Order (they are all spiritual military orders) they require order; and you have to have leadership (basically to a single man or a small group of men with order between them), so that there is accountability in the kingdom.

And it is completely appropriate, because that is what Yahweh call- that is why He calls us "*The armies of the living Elohim*". So, and a lot of people have a hard time with this because we have images of Yeshua as this soft, cuddly lamb (and this kind of a thing), but really, Yahweh is a war man; He is a war Elohim and He has a job He wants us to do for Him (if you know what I am saying).

Shemote (Exodus) 15:3

3 Yahweh is a man of war; Yahweh is His name.

So, we need to be busy with it. We need to be about our Father's business, just as our Master and King, an example, Yeshua was about His Father's business. And if we have His Spirit, we are going to want to be about our Father's business.

So, what is our Father's business? What does He want us to know? What does He want us to be doing for Him?

Because we are supposed to treat Yahweh like our King. And this is the thing sometimes people forget because we have lived under democracy for so long. We have forgotten what kingship is really all about. It is not just that the king had the final say. It is that every citizen, every subject in the kingdom had to be loyal and pulled together behind the king.

And, to not do so was considered treason and the punishment was death (it was capital punishment). The death penalty for treason and that is just for not being on the king's side. That is for being on someone else's side. That is a death penalty offense.

So, that is how we are supposed to treat Yahweh our Elohim and King. And we just need to talk about things because we are here, there is a small number of us, who are trying to understand the need to actually do something for Elohim; to actually build something for our King.

That is what He wants. He wants us to be a Proverbs thirty-one bride busily helping Him build His kingdom. That is what He wants from us. But sometimes I wonder if we have lived under democracy for so long that maybe certain people have forgotten what righteous kingship looks like and why we need one. I have heard more than one person argue in favor of anarchy because they have this picture that we are supposed to be leaderless and headless. And there are certain verses that you can take out of context (we deal with those in the [Torah Government](#)).

But we need to remember Scripture does not command democracy because democracy is one of the devil's traps. There is a reason that the Illuminati celebrate the American revolution of July the 4th, 1776, and that is because that is the date when Yahweh's people (Ephraim) broke away from the European, Christian kingships of England.

And there are certain protocols that say that was really their only defense and that without a Christian kingship they can easily be manipulated and controlled because the black horse can easily control the red horse (If you do not know what that means we've covered it in [Revelation and The End Times](#) or in [Revelation Simplified](#)).

Turning away from the Christian kingships was the beginning of the end for the Christians, but they still do not know it today.

The problem is that, as bad as a king might be (especially a Babylonian king), but even a bad Babylonian king they are still required to teach the people Scripture, because that is where he gets his base of power from.

Because people do not believe Scripture, they are not going to support a Christian king. So, the American revolutionaries did not support a king. And let us take a look. Now, (less than 250 years later) how Christian is young America? How Christian is democratic, young America?

In fact, America is attempting to destroy the Christians. So, and that is because (as we explained in our study on [Revelation and The End Times](#)) America is the land of

Babylon of Jeremiah chapters fifty and fifty-one. And we are commanded to leave the land of Babylon.

There is a whole lot we can say here, but the point we are trying to make is that the whole concept of voting makes no sense from a Scriptural perspective.

Okay, let us say that you are going to have a nation of people. They are all seeking what is good and right in their own eyes, so they are all seeking their own selfish good. And somehow the collective selfish good is supposed to somehow lead to the selfless good of the nation?

How does that work? Every man voting his own private good is supposed to build a strong healthy, unified nation with a sense of camaraderie and common purpose? And that is going to provide for the common good of all?

The whole idea makes no sense. So, what you want in Scripture is a nation that is going to rally behind their king, so everyone comes together to support the king. In times of war especially. So, are you going to trade that away for a nation of people doing whatever seems good to them; whatever seems good and right in their own eyes?

So, if you still believe democracy is a good thing, then I still do not understand the concept. How does everyone seeking his own selfish, private good lead to a unified nation that seeks the common good of all?

If you establish a system based on selfish interest, then how do you end up with a system in which everyone is loved and taken care of like a community? How do you get a community spirit in that kind of environment?

And why are Yahweh's people, Judah and Israel (or Ephraim), adopting a style of government that was originally developed in Babylon, and then was later seized upon and developed in Greece and Rome?

Why are Yahweh's people adopting government systems that come from Israel's traditional enemies Babylon, Greece and Rome?

It makes no sense to me.

So, I know we have got to see a lot of themes open at the same time, but what is really happening here in Parasha B'shalach is that Paro is sending us out, but we are leaving Satan's government behind, that is great.

Shemote (Exodus) 12:31

31 Then he called for Moshe and Aharon by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve Yahweh as you have said.

So, we have been serving Satan's servant Paro (I was about to say, "*Satan's serpent Paro*") now, for 430 years and it has been getting progressively worse and worse and worse and worse. But now it is finally Yahweh's time; It is finally time to go home.

So, once we leave Satan's government behind then, now we can start to set up Yahweh's form of government. We can have Yahweh's form of government, His righteous government for ourselves and our families and our whole nation. Does that not sound great? Does that not sound like something we want to do today?

Okay, but now, before we left Egypt, Yahweh had the Pesach (or the Passover) with us, so we shared that private meal and (as we show in our studies on the [Ancient Hebrew Wedding Feast](#)) the Pesach corresponds to the first phase of the Hebrew wedding ceremony, which is called *shidduchim* and refers to the match, a match is called the *shidduch*.

But, so, a *shidduchim* is the stage where a groom takes his bride (and in this case Yahweh takes Israel for His Son Yeshua). So, they have had an agreement to marry, so to celebrate the match, their families get together and hold a celebratory meal and that private celebratory meal makes the deal official.

So, Yahweh came to redeem His bride Israel from slavery and there was a shidduch (or a match) with Israel and we celebrated the shidduch as the Pesach meal. That is what the Pesach was, it was a celebration of our agreement to marry Yahweh Elohim.

So, if we think about it, the Pesach is kind of like an anniversary of us getting asked to marry Yahweh. That is not the anniversary of the celebration, but it is when Yahweh came and selected those who would be a faithful bride for His Son Yeshua.

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 23:1-2

1 And Yahweh spoke to Moshe, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them:

'The feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.

So, originally, He wanted all Israel to qualify, but as we go further and further on in the story, it seems that the vast majority of people disqualify themselves by their lack of zeal and enthusiasm.

So, if we understand what the Pesach is we should want to keep the celebration, yes? Because, whoever heard of a bride that did not want to keep her own wedding celebrations? It does not make sense. So, Yahweh wants us to celebrate the day that He came and asked us to be His bride. Great! Wonderful! Let us do that.

And we are going to see in the very next Parasha, in Parasha Yitro, we are going to see where Yahweh will now lead us to the foot of Mount Sinai. And Yahweh is going to give us His bridal instructions (the Torah).

Now, in the ancient Hebrew wedding tradition, the groom gives His bride what is called a *Ketubah*. And the *Ketubah* is the bride's wedding covenant which spells out all the duties and all the responsibilities. It spells out what the groom is going to do, and it spells out what the bride is going to do. It says that the husband's family is going to provide a land flowing with milk and honey.

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

But now the bride must live up to these kingly standards. These high, heavenly, kingly standards. (And the rules for the bride are this and this and this and this and other duties as assigned as we go on down through time because the plan is going to change from time to time.)

Israel does not know, but Yahweh already knows, that the firstborn priesthood will be succeeded by a Levitical priesthood. And the Levitical priesthood will be succeeded by a corrupt rabbinical priesthood. And then the corrupt rabbinical priesthood will be succeeded by a

Melchizedekian priesthood; a restored one. And then ultimately, it will be merged with the refined Levitical priesthood after the tribulation and Armageddon and the in-gathering. So, Yahweh knows there is going to be this progression of priesthoods.

So, it is always understood that we need to hear and obey His voice. If you are on board a ship (or perhaps a commercial or a military airliner) you know, you cannot just do your job, you also must listen to the commands of the captain, you must do things as crises emerge. You also must do other things you have to remain in communication and good relationships with the rest of the crew. That is all part of the job; doing your part on board the ship (or the airplane). That is all part of the job.

So, if the bride will be faithful and do her part as a helper, as a help meet, learn what her Husband and King loves and does not love, they will be married. If she will do her part, He will lovingly help guide her and lead her along the way.

Shemote (Exodus) 19:8

8 Then all the people answered together and said, "All that Yahweh has spoken we will do." So Moshe brought back the words of the people to Yahweh.

There will be a lot of refinement for every one of us, but can you, just, can you imagine being married to the Son of the Creator of the universe (just for a moment), can you imagine what that is going to be like?

And think about how unworthy we are, because if you think about it we are really not much more than just bags of dirt. He took the dirt of the ground and breathed the breath of life into us and here we are and (for some

reason) now He wants to clean us up and give us His Spirit and marry us to His Son.

We are just bags of dirt, right? Okay, I am in! If that is what He wants. And I do not care what, I do not care what it costs. That is the thing and I think that is the difference. I think for a lot of people they do care what it costs, because if it costs their money or it costs their time they are gone or they are going to stay on the periphery. They do not really want to help their King establish His kingdom. They would really rather stay back in slavery, back as part of Paro's kingdom, back in Egypt. They would rather stay in the world.

We saw the same thing happen when Judah went to the Babylonian exile. Only ten percent of the Jews came back when the Babylonian exile was done. So, periodically, Yahweh does this winnowing and threshing; He gets rid of the extra. Like there was a time when Yeshua turned extra disciples away. He was like, "*These are not really dedicated to Me, you need to eat My flesh and drink My blood*", but what He is really saying is, "*I am testing you*". And many of them turned back. It was only the twelve. It was, "*Where else are we going to go? There is nowhere else to go, You are the, You are the One that has the words of eternal life, so I hope that you will explain what you mean*". And He did. But are you in?

We need to sit down and count the cost before we begin because all of us are going to be required to humble ourselves. And all of us are going to be required to abase ourselves, and all of us need to remain in an attitude towards learning and knowledge.

It is not about us being right, it is about us all learning what is right, because we have to agree with Him if we are going to walk along the way with Him.

So, we want to agree with Him and then we want to agree with each other, in Him. Once we are submitted to His Spirit, then we can submit one to another in the Spirit. And then we can get something done according to His Spirit (that is the step most of the churches and the synagogues miss).

But the thing is, most of us, we have this quite different idea of marriage. And I do not know if it comes from marriage in the modern day, or if people want to turn marriage into something that it was never meant to be and never can be, (you know), but today, people get married for romantic love. So, you let teenagers fall in love (and it is fine if they want to choose within the faith, wisely within the faith, that is great), but back in the day, you got married for family survival and reproduction (back in the days we are reading about here in the Parasha), your ultimate safety is always in Yahweh, but we still must do things in a wise way. Just because we believe in Yeshua does not mean we do not need to be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

But, just consider that, back before they had nation states, your family was literally your nation. So, before they went into Egypt, Israel was your family, your nation. When they went down into Egypt their family was still their nation. Now they are being pulled out of Egypt there is no longer a single common ancestor. So, no longer really truly primary nuclear family.

So, now they need another form of government so they can stay together as a family, as a nation, but back in those days who you chose for marriage was a huge, huge deal. Even once the nation of Israel was formed you still want to choose someone who is in the faith. You do not want to be unevenly yoked. That is a good way to

fall away. It is a good way to have a hard time in life is to be unevenly yoked.

So, you know marriage represented vital strategic and commercial ties and commercial alliances and strategic alliances. And in a sense, family still does for families that still consider these kinds of things and those kinds of strategic alliance relationships were so very important to your survival back then and let alone your financial health.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 28:1

1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

So, you did not just leave the choice over which other family line to marry into up to kids, do you know what I am saying? When families live together in the modern day, when children live apart maybe that can be something different, but if you are going to come live under your father's roof (because families lived together back in those days) you did not leave, you could, if your son has a recommendation (there is someone he wants) you can make the introduction, you can meet the family, you can check it out, but you do not just leave the decision up to the children, (you know).

You remember what it was to be a teenager right? So, you are going to let your teenage son or your teenage daughter with raging hormones so, your teenage son is going to decide who the woman is that is going to come live in your home and whoever she is, you are now in strategic and commercial alliance with that family? Whoever they are?

No. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. We are not going to do that here, okay? This is not “*whatever*”, this is “*forget about it*”, okay?

In the patriarchal system there are a lot of Messianics who are in rebellion to the fact that it is a patriarchal system. That is what Scripture speaks of. So, you made the rules for your house, but it was an extended house.

So, marriage was not just about children it was (again) also about strategic alliances, and marriage was about duty. It was about responsibility, taking personal responsibility and raising up the next generation of your family in the way that they should go, and it is still that way today.

So, the thing is both- well both in ancient times and today in marriage, both bride and the groom need to obey every single part of the marital covenant and all it implies.

When we are talking about the Torah, we need to obey all it implies under penalty of death because what we are really doing in a marriage is we are weaving another family into the mix.

So, you know what happens in the house is going to impact everyone else's life in the house and the way the marriage is run is going to impact everyone else's life in the whole community.

And in Israelite society, this is something that is impossible in the Messianic movement because they do not have any kind of headship. The Messianic movement is just a mess. It is a disorganized mess.

But in true Israelite society (as we explain in [Covenant Relationships](#) and especially in our study on "[Yahweh's Heart in Marriage](#)"), in Israelite society, in Hebrew society, how you run your marriage is very much your neighbor's business because he is going to be impacted by it.

So, in the Torah if you, if you do something wrong the nation will suffer as a result. So, in Israelite society you get to know everyone and you talk with everyone and you get to know your neighbors in a very deep and loving and intimate way because these are the people that you and your children are going to go through the next war with and the war after that and the good times and the bad times and the feasts and the famines.

And to do that successfully as a community and as a nation you have to love the people that you know in your nation, that is very much a focus in Israelite society. But today, under democracy, uh, well, a lot of things are different and sometimes it can seem like the husband and wife are kind of a solo team.

It can be that way, um, but that is ideally when we are trying to get back to the concept of community. We are trying to prepare End Time communities because we know they are going to cut our communications during—at least during the second half of the tribulation. But really there is more to it even than just safety. The community thing is part of Israelite life and getting to know and love each other in a very real way, that is an integral part of Hebrew culture.

And this can be difficult in dispersion because we are so scattered, but if you have others that you are truly connected with you that are truly helping each other walk better day by day as iron sharpens iron, well this can

lead to fellowship for you and your family. If you are helping Nazarene Israel perhaps by translating and you are republishing the word in your language, this can help spread the truth in your area.

And it can also lead to fellowship for you and your family.

But getting back to the wedding agreement. So, when you get married you receive a Ketubah which we know in our case is the Torah.

Now in Parasha Yitro, in the very next chapter, we are going to see where we receive the 10 Commandments. Now, bride does not get to obey nine of the commandments and break the tenth, okay? and the bride in the marriage, she does not get to do 90% of the things her husband says to do and then blow off the 10th, okay? You do not get to cook and clean and raise up children then go off and have an affair.

It does not, it does not work like that, okay? And it is the same with Yahweh's Torah. We do not get to keep 90 percent of the commandments and blow off the other 10 percent.

Now, our Husband is a very great King, and He is very zealous for our attentions, and He wants what every great king wants which is a good name and the very best queen for Him.

Mishle (Proverbs) 31:11

11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain.

So, if we are going to get married to Yeshua then we ought to get to know Yeshua, perhaps?

So, what kind of queen does Yeshua want?

Well, I do not know, but I imagine He wants a queen who truly loves Him and who wants to help Him get what He wants. And since what He wants is a kingdom, I would suspect that what He wants is a Proverbs 31 bride who is eager to help Him build His kingdom so she can see Him happy sitting on His set apart throne.

Mishle (Proverbs) 31:12

12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Why would He not want to sit on His throne? Why would He not want a Proverbs 31 bride? Because bride is described as a helper, right?

Mishle (Proverbs) 31:13

13 She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands.

So, people think of the queen's life as being very relaxed and nothing to do but her hair and her nails (or something like that). No, queens are very active, very busy people. Sometimes queens rule when their husbands go off to war. Queens, it is a different role than many people think.

So, if we want to be His bride and He is looking for someone to help Him get what He wants, then are we helping Him, perhaps to get what He wants? Hello?

Are we helping our Husband in His work of pleasing His Father by bringing the kingdom of heaven down to earth? By bringing the earth first into spiritual subjection to Yeshua, who then will turn and yield spiritual subjection to His good heavenly Father?

So, are we helping Him with that? Are we helping to bring the kingdom of heaven down to earth? Or are we simply praying for that and then not doing anything about it.

So, I mean, are we helping our Husband build His kingdom by performing the Great Commission? How important is it to us?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in My name*

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amein.

[*For why we immerse in the name of Yeshua only, please read "[Immersion in Yeshua's Name Only](#)" in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Three](#).]

So, (I mean) for me, my understanding is that is what this life is all about is that He gives us something to do for Him. He is the war Elohim, He gives us a mission, a campaign to perform for Him and then He sits back and sees how much we do to see how much we care about what He wants. That is how kings operate. This is not democracy this is a kingship.

And He says the following in Hitgalut or Revelation chapter 22 and in verse 12.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 22:12

12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

So, now let us notice something really important here. So, in Shemote (or Exodus), it seems like there is really

only a very few people that Yahweh is truly happy with to the point that you might suspect that Yahweh might want to take them either for His Son's bride or some other important role (however, you want to say that), but He does seem to be generally happy with Moshe, with Joshua, with Kaleb, because it seems like their commitment level is very high. It seems like they are doing their very level best. Even though they could (perhaps) slack off and be like one of the people, but they are actually doing their level best to serve Yahweh faithfully.

But what about the majority? So, I guess what we really need to say here is that if we want Yahweh to be pleased with us the pattern that we are seeing here is that Yahweh our Elohim wants us to love Him with all of our heart, with all of our mind with all of our soul, with all of our strength. He wants us to truly commit to Him and He is going to place tests and trials in the way, and He wants us to trust in Him.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-5

4 "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is One!

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

So, are we doing that? (You know). I mean, if Yeshua was here (to look at things a different way), Yeshua could say something like: *"Well, (you know) I am a very great King, or I will be very soon. And I am looking for a queen who shows Me how much she loves and respects Me, and that she is trying to help Me with My work. My Father has called me to bring the earth into spiritual subjection."*

"So, bringing them first into subjection to me and then I will be in subjection to My Father. So, I am going to be

in heaven for a thousand years while she is My body here on earth ruling and reigning in My stead so if she is going to be My hands and My feet and she is going to wield My rod of iron then she has always got to be connected with Me.”

“And if she has got My Spirit truly, then she has got to be looking for ways to help Me get my job done. So, I need a bride I can truly feel one flesh with, because she lets My Spirit manifest (move through her).”

“So, I am going to want her to serve as My body while I am the head in heaven for a thousand years, and yet she and I are going to be one flesh because she will be My hands and My feet. She will be My body while, I am in the heavens.”

“So, if anyone is going to wield My rod of iron then they have to have My Spirit, and they must be fully and completely submitted to My Spirit.”

“Only if she abides in Me and I and her, that is the only way she can rule for Me. And also really, that is the only way that the tabernacle of David is truly going to get built. Because that is a world, spiritual government that is centered on Me and centered upon My Spirit.”

“So, if she does not manifest My Spirit then that is not the kind of bride I am looking for. She has to manifest My Spirit.”

So, here in Shemote, the situation is, we have already been picked as the bride. We already had the Pesach, the shidduch deal, and we are official. We are engaged to be married we are going to make the announcement, we will come up, shortly, we will see that in the very next

Parasha, but we have already seen Yahweh cast down and bring judgment upon ten of the Egyptian gods.

Right, so, we have already seen miracles. Now, we are leaving Mitzrayim for the very first time. We are the promised bride-to-be nation, okay? This is the time when the whole bride, the whole nation is supposed to be talking with the Groom's best friend, in which in our case is Yeshua's Spirit or Elohim's Spirit. And learning about what the Groom likes so that we can please our Husband when we get to the consummation in the wedding week, which is symbolized by the feast of Sukkot (or Tabernacles).

Um, but... (how shall we say), Israel is not really acting like a very mature bride at this point. Instead, she is like our forefathers are acting really (basically) very childish and immature. And Yahweh does not like that. There are other religions that like child brides, but not this one. Yahweh wants a mature bride for His Son.

So Qorintim Aleph (or First Corinthians), chapter 14 and verse 20, tells us not to be children in understanding. So, we should be babes in malice and evil (should not be developed in those things), but in understanding we are to be mature.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 14:20

20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

And really, when our forefathers came out of Mitzrayim (or Egypt) they were not mature. Really, they behaved more like spiritual children.

And it is embarrassing, but they are our forefathers, and can we see some parallels to today? because, well, you can tell how old someone is spiritually. There is a correspondence to the nuclear family they grow up in, and the spiritual family that we hope to bring them into.

So, in a nuclear family, when you have children, first you have to feed them, and clean them, and wash them, and change them and do all those things. Keep them warm, and keep them cool, and take care of everything just so, and then, eventually they grow to a phase where they are grown up. And hopefully, if you wean them correctly, then they want to start helping out around the home.

When you train them correctly then that is something that they should do. They should behave like young adults and want to help out around the home. But still, for young children it is natural to ask a lot of questions, “*Can I have this?*” and “*Can I have that?*” “*Can we do this?*” “*Can we do that?*”, (you know) they have a lot of interest in these kinds of things.

And that is good for children. They are in a receiving mode but then when they become adults then they need to shift. With adults it is more, “*How can I help?*”, not just *my* family, but the people around *me* in my community and in *my* nation.

So, it is more of a heads up thing with children, because with children it is all about getting what we want, whereas as an adult it is all about helping out in the family and also in the community and in the nation.

And, as a wife it is all about helping the Husband serve Yahweh (at least in our case with Yeshua), and to raise up the family in the way it should go. So, every Israelite family should be raising its children in the way they

should go. To serve Yahweh and serve Yeshua the way They want to be served, and that is the difference.

So, is it possible as we go through the pages of Shemote, is it possible that Yahweh was kind of expecting Israel, (His Son's newly selected bride) to behave a little bit more like a mature bride and not like a child bride?

Because, in ancient Israel, a bride tries to see how she can help her husband with his works. It is hard work, so she is used to work, so, she fits in with the rest of the family and she helps out with the work in the ancient Hebrew model.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of Adon, knowing that your labor is not in vain in Adon.

But children, they are not looking to help out with the work. You have to train them into wanting to help out with the work. So, yes, you want to feed them, and clothe them, and educate them, and do all those things, but at the exact same time there are physical tasks to get done in ancient times.

And here is Israel, here are our forefathers, (basically) just asking for things like children, "*We need food, we need protection, we need safety, give us water*", like, Yahweh did not already have a plan to provide for all those things. That is the thing, the faith aspect was not there.

So, I just do not know, but I just kind of imagine Yahweh just kind of taking everything in watching as He does. Waiting for us to ask Him what we can do to serve Him.

Can you tell when your children really love you because they want to do something to help you?

So, you can tell what an employee really wants to help because they are looking for things they can do to serve.

But that is all (you know), you cannot buy those kinds of things, those things just kind of have to exist, but what are our forefathers like? Like, *“Hey.” “Hey there king, you are so great. Thank you for giving me that list of things that I asked you for. Here is another list of things that I would like to ask you for.”*

They behave like this, if it is the “bless me” club (you know what I mean), they are not here to serve their King.

They are here to see what they can get for themselves and that is the extent of their caring. That is the extent of their concern, because they never stop to think what can they truly give back.

When Yeshua healed the ten lepers only one came back even to give thanks (let alone to help the ministry somehow).

Luqa (Luke) 17:15-16

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified Elohim,

16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

Only one came back to give thanks and if we are willing to receive it that is the difference between the 4,000 and the 5,000 and the myriads and the multitudes the crowds and the throngs and the 12 that Yeshua actually spent His time with is the 12 that were dedicated to helping

Him build His kingdom. So, what about us, brothers and sisters?

You know, I mean, sometimes you have to wonder. Take a look at all the people out there who are just really not involved. They just effectively cannot be bothered to help set up Yeshua's kingdom and you just have to wonder, do they not think that Yahweh can see our hearts? Can, could He not tell what we are thinking in our hearts?

Let us see, He can just sit back and make a selection. I just kind of imagine Yeshua, sitting back and pondering what bride He wants to take and so He is pondering one bride and He says, *"Hmm...let us see. So, she never stops to ask what the Groom or His Father want, she does not even really pay her tithes. Hmm...now, what kind of a bride is that going to make? So, is she always looking or only comes when she wants something?. Hmmmm..."*

You might say, *"Well Yeshua will never know the difference between that and someone who is eager to help build His kingdom."* He is like, *"What can I do for you; now what can I do next; how can I help you?"*

And a lot of people, you hear always, the Christians and the Messianics will say, *"Well He knows my heart, that is why I do not do anything, that is why I do not help, that is why I do not give anything."* Yes, He does know our hearts because He looks at the fruits.

Because a tree is judged by its fruits. And that is why Yeshua says, *"Behold, I am coming quickly and my reward is with Me to give to everyone according to his works."* Because the works are the good fruits. That is the good fruits of repentance as we want. We do not

want to serve Satan's kingdom anymore. We want to serve Yeshua. We want to build His kingdom.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7:12, 17-19

12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"Oh, there is work involved?" "Oh, there is tithing involved?" "Oh, well..." (you know).

Did you ever think about getting married to someone and you never stop to ask them what they want or how you can give it to them?

If you do not really love them enough to ask them what they want, then why do you want to get married?

Yahweh called me to repentance in 1999, June the 6th of 1999, and gave me a vision for what we should be doing. I just can never quite understand why people have such a hard time with the concept that Yeshua wants a dedicated Proverbs 31 bride who loves Him enough to want to help Him build His kingdom.

Why is that so hard to understand? He is a King, He can have anyone He wants... (you know). I mean, are any of us ever praying that He will make us into a Proverbs 31 bride worthy for His Son?

Because that is what He wants. That is what His will is. So, if we want to be in His will, then do we not need to become Proverbs 31 brides who are eager to come together and organize so we can help give Him, the kingdom that He so eagerly desires and deserves?

I mean, that is, that is the whole reason why He commands the Great Commission. That is the whole reason for the five-fold ministry and the unified foundation of apostles and prophets...

And if we think about it, it is all for our good anyway, because do we like living in Satan's Kingdom?

So, Yeshua (our Husband) wants us to build His kingdom by performing the Great Commission and building a single unified body on a single foundation of apostles and prophets according to the five-fold ministry protocols.

So, if we will follow those we will build His kingdom, but if we do not follow those how do we leave Satan's kingdom?

It is like leaving Egypt. *"Oh, and we do not want to do the things it takes to build a kingdom."* So, we have no kingdom. So, we have no government, so now the family will disperse. Why do we want that?

We will end up servants in Satan's kingdom, again. Because any nation divided against itself, any nation that does not unify around its king and around its Elohim, is not going to survive.

So, really, at the end of the day, either we can serve Yahweh the way He says and build His Son's kingdom, or we are still in Egypt.

So, and people, like, they want to stay in spiritual Egypt, and they say, *“Well we do not want to do that we...what you are talking about requires work, requires money, requires time effort energy.”*

“Mmmm, brrrr...No, we would rather watch Saturday Night Live. We do not want to pay tithes, we do not want to organize, we do not actually want to have to submit first to His Spirit, and then one to another in the Spirit, so that we obey every Word of Scripture.”

“Oh, no we are not up for that. We know we were bought with a price. We know what that price cost Him, but we do not want to do that. No it takes time, and money, and energy, and effort. No...”

Well, you see a lot of that, and we know that it was, as it was in the days of Noah, *“So shall the coming of the son of man be”* and only eight people were saved through the flood, and the prophecies speak about great destruction coming upon the children of Ephraim. Such that only a tiny remnant will return to the land.

We have to know who our Father, Yahweh is. So we need to know who He is and what He wants. And we need to figure out how to organize in order to give it to Him, because what He wants to do requires organization.

And He is a Man of war; Yahweh is a Man of war. So, and as we explain in [Torah Government](#) (and in other places), He sent His Son, Yeshua, to bring the earth into spiritual subjection to Him. So, that His government can then rule and reign. And it is a big multi-phase operation that lasts as long as the earth lasts. There is a lot to do.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 15:28

28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that Elohim may be all in all.

A lot of people, they are very ignorant of the fact that there is something to do, okay? That if we have truly sat down and we have counted the cost we ought to know there is something to do. That is how Yeshua can give us our reward according to our work. Is there something to do for Him.

So, and that is why Yahweh says He wants us to love Him with all of our heart, with all of our soul, and with all of our strength. So, He is looking for that kind of dedication that Moshe, Joshua, Kaleb, all had. And that is the kind of dedication we need to have if we want to survive the tribulation, because that is the only way to be one of the few that He is pleased with.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:37-38

37 Yeshua said to him, “You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and great commandment.

There are a lot of ways to walk a broad easy road and there is only a very few to walk a narrow an afflicted one.

So, let us look at this another way. Okay, so, if you are a sister and you are a bride, you are someone's wife. Okay, if your husband is not happy, are you happy? If he is unhappy; he does not have what he wants, are you okay with that?

Okay, so what about Yahweh? All of us, brothers and sisters, if Yahweh does not have what He wants yet, are we happy? But, yet we want the claim to be His bride. We care about Him so much that we do not care that He did not get what He wants, yet?

So, or do we find it a fascinating challenge to figure out? Oh well, Yeshua does not have what He wants yet so we are His hands and His feet, we are His body, so our children are going to be the ones to rule and reign over this, His global spiritual empire anyway, so why do we not want to help him?

I think that is more the kind of attitude He is looking for. More like a Joshua and Caleb kind of a Spirit (you know). That is who He is looking to get married to. Now, again, so they have made the agreement with the Pesach and now our forefathers are coming to the foot of Mount Sinai (we will get there in the next Parasha).

And the thing is, once the marriage vows are made public, we will be lawfully married to Yahweh in the next Parasha, "Parasha Yitro".

Okay, so we are going to take a special look at this. We got some special information. We are gonna talk about why the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai was a public Ketubah and a public witness of the marriage.

That is not all the commandments that there are by any means, and we will explain that in this, and in other Parashiot, but what we are going to see there with the giving of the Ten Commandments we are going to see Yahweh make a public, written and visual witness to the whole world that He was taking us as His bride.

Shemote (Exodus) 24:12

12 Then Yahweh said to Moshe, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

So, now He is given a public witness and there is a written testimony so now the whole world knows that Yahweh and Israel are a thing, right? Well, okay, so sometimes the discipline gets a little rough, but let us consider things from His perspective.

Have we ever sat and looked at things through Yahweh's eyes, and pondered what to pray about, "*Yahweh, please show us what do You want*"?

Okay, well, He is the greatest King of all time, ever. If He cannot even get His bride Israel to live up to her wedding vows, what is that going to look like to the rest of the heavenly council? What does that do to Yahweh's name?

You know what I am saying? You know how important Yahweh's name or His reputation or His fame or His renown is to Him? How does it look on Him for His bride to adulterate away from Him and not truly keep the whole wedding Ketubah?

Not like the Messianics. Not like resting and reading on Sabbath and saying, "*I kept the whole thing!*" You did not keep the whole thing. I guarantee you did not keep the whole thing. You are hearing only and not doing, deceiving yourself.

And the problem of our forefathers and the blessing is, our forefathers made a solemn covenantal oath at the foot of Mount Sinai (we are going to see it in the next

Parasha). And they made a deal and there was a public announcement (that is what the Torah is, the public announcement).

So, our forefathers made a deal, and we need to live up to it and it is what we want.

But the thing is if we say we are keeping the Torah, but we do not actually do the things that are written in the Torah. Then it is not safe to have us in the community because the words that are coming out of our mouth are different than what Yahweh says.

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 20:10

10 'The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

We are not taking every thought into captivity, okay? We are letting Satan's thoughts come out of our mouth, we cannot do that, okay?

Sin must be purged from the camp. The alternative is you have a little bit of leaven leavening the whole lump. That principle still applies in the Renewed Covenant. That is what they were dealing with in First Corinthians chapter five.

So that is why the penalty for idolatry is also death, because idolatry is a form of spiritual adultery.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8:19

19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget Yahweh your Elohim, and follow other elohim, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

And that is why no idolatry is the very first of the five principles of Acts chapter 15, because we are supposed to be a chaste bride who focuses every thought upon her Husband.

Ma'asei (Acts) 15:19-20

19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to Elohim,

20 but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.

We are supposed to be waiting on our Husband not getting distracted by Satan and thoughts of this world.

So, every time we or our forefathers disobey command, or every time we or our forefathers serve any kind of false Elohim, or do anything for any reason other than Him, that is spiritual adultery. That is prohibited.

Every time we serve our own sense of vanity or our own ego or our own pride saying Yahweh told us to say something that Yahweh did not really say it. Especially if you know because it is contrary to Scripture, that is self-idolatry. That is just excessive hubris and pride; to say that Yahweh said something that is contrary to His Word.

That is putting self above Yahweh Elohim; It is pure pride. So, in modern psychology they call it narcissism.

Pride, some consider pride to be the worst sin of all - pure egotism. It is because we are paying attention to what we want rather than paying attention to what He wants. So, if we are going to be a good bride, we must decrease so that He might increase.

So, what kind of servant pays attention to what He wants and ignores what His Master wants? Is that a good servant?

Okay, so here we have our forefathers in the wilderness and Yahweh has just brought us out of Egypt; He is just given us our own prophet, Judge, servant, leader, Moshe, to lead the temporal armies of Elohim.

Okay, the 12 tribes that carry the swords and shields was the temporal, or the real, or the physical armies of Elohim. So, Moshe fulfills the kingship role in that sense. He has also got the prophetic gift.

But now Yahweh has also given us a first born priesthood as a spiritual army, because that is effectively what a priesthood is - a spiritual army.

So, Israel had 12 physical armies, one for each of the tribes, but Israel also had (with the firstborn priesthood), a spiritual army for the nation.

But the battle belongs to Yahweh. So, if you want to win in war, first you need to be successful with Elohim. Priesthood is very important if it atones for the whole nation, not just for the household.

And you need to do it because if Elohim is not pleased how are you going to win the war? You are not going to win if Elohim does not help you win. So, the priesthood (at least in a certain sense), a priesthood is actually more important than the physical armies, because you are not going to win the physical war if the priesthood is not doing its job.

And to extend that thought, if Elohim is not truly pleased with us right now (because we are not helping to build a

kingdom for His Son), then how do we expect to survive the great tribulation?

Let us think about this. If you are one of the ones who is just hanging back and you are enjoying Nazarene Israel's teachings and you are not doing anything to build His kingdom, how are you going to survive that?

Because the prophecies tell us that only a tiny minority of Ephraim is going to survive the tribulation. It says that that will be a judgment overflowing with righteousness. Scripture also tells us that the number of Judah, that will remain at the end of Armageddon, will be so few in number that a child can count them.

Well, in the first month we have the Pesach (which is a half day event in the afternoon followed by seven full days of unleavened bread). Okay, well, in the seventh month we have the mirror image. Now, we have seven full days of Sukkot (or tabernacles), followed by a half day event on the eighth day called the eighth day assembly, in the morning.

Okay, so now our forefathers in Shemote just went through a sudden exodus from Egypt. And now they are going to wander in the wilderness for 40 years while attrition occurs and their bones drop in the wilderness because they did not show faith. Without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Bemidbar (Numbers) 32:13

13 So Yahweh's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of Yahweh was gone.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to Elohim must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Well, those of us who do not please Yahweh, our forefathers who did not please Yahweh, our bones are just going to drop in the wilderness. There is going to be very few who actually reach their objective. Moshe did not make it into the land, but you know he is in Yahweh's favor.

Joshua and Caleb, they were the only two who made it into the land. Why? Because they had Elohim's Spirit. They had a different Spirit about them.

Bemidbar (Numbers) 14:24

24 But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

So, and as we explained [Revelation and The End Times](#) and in the [Torah Calendar](#) study, there is a mirror imaging in the calendar. There is also a mirror imaging in the prophecies.

All right, so, in the first exodus you had a sudden exodus and then 40 or so years of wandering in the wilderness and the attrition. Okay, well, now we are going to see the opposite. We are going to see 40 or so years of attrition and then a sudden in-gathering in the land.

So, but the point is, there is going to be a lot of attrition happening in these End Times and if we do not work hard to truly please Him; to do our very best to be

towards Him as a Proverbs 31 bride, how is He going to take delight in us?

What if we do not have to go for the bride, can we choose another position? but (you know) forever is a very long time.

And if He is trying to purify His people-, He is going to purify the sons of Levi. What, do you mean Ephraim is going to get off scot-free? I do not think so.

So, how are we going to survive the tribulation process if we do not do the things He wants us to do? Because one of the main points of the tribulation is to weed out those who are only lukewarm.

Well, we do not have to worry, Yahweh is so completely in charge that not even a sparrow is going to fall to the ground apart from the will, (or at least the consent) of Our good heavenly Father.

So, it is like the old teaching says, "*The best place for us to be is in His will.*" And that's 100 percent, completely true. The best place to be is in His will. I mean, but again, what have we been talking about? What is His will?

We have already talked about His will. We already know what He wants. He wants a Proverbs 31 bride who trusts Him and shows faith in Him and that she wants nothing more than to help Her Husband build His kingdom the way He says to do it.

He wants you to be filled and moved by His Spirit. He wants you to be constantly in connection with Him. Constantly in touch with the Vine.

Well, so now what happens to us though, uh, if we do not help Him get what He wants, (do you know what I mean)?

Is He going to take some bride who eats His bread, and she rests on Shabbat, and she feels all refreshed, and she had a nice time fellowshiping with her friends, but she does not contribute to His cause, and she never volunteers any time for Him?

She is resting and reading. She is getting relaxed. She is having a good time with her friends, but is she helping Him?

Is she His *help-meet*?

(You know.) I do not know what some people think, but you go to some of these Messianic assemblies, and you think, "*Mercy!*"

In some of these home fellowships it is like they think that Yeshua wants a bride who goes to her friend's house once a week and they break bread they have a good time of fellowship.

But the subject of how to fulfill the Great Commission never comes up. They never talk about how to unify on a single foundation of apostles and prophets. They never talk about anything Yeshua says to do.

So, I do not know. I am not Yeshua, but if I were, if I were Yeshua, if I had to make a choice of a bride (you know). Do I want a bride who already shows Me that she does not really care about Me, because I do not see the fruits of her love? She wants to be queen, but does she really care about me as her King? Hello!?! Knock, knock, knock is Ephraim's-body home?

I mean...listen, here is the thing: Do not accept the wedding engagement with Yahweh coming up in the next Parasha and then say you are going to keep His Torah, but then you do not keep it. Because once you say you are going to keep the Torah and you do not...now you are accountable.

How would you like to be Yahweh? Well, just think about this. Just put yourself again in Yahweh's shoes (or in His throne so to speak). How would you like to be Yahweh and you send your Son to redeem some bride from horrible slavery in Egypt; they do not even control their own bodies, they do not even control their own reproductive rights.

So what kind of gratitude is that? And she treats you like this? What does He want that for? Does He want that for a bride?

You do not want that for a bride. There we go, so again, can we imagine Yeshua debating with Himself about which of the Israelites to pick as part of His set-apart bride?

And He could say, "Well, I could have this sister; I could have this bride. She has been faithful and she has been zealous. She tithed, she helped build My kingdom ever since she knew that is what I wanted. I revealed to her that I had a kingdom, and a Great Commission, and five-fold ministry, and she is on it."

"She has been faithfully giving over time and money and it seems like she is really thrilled to do it just like it is-, like there is nothing she would rather do, or something like that. It is kind of like she loves Me. I see the fruit of her love for Me."

“Well, I suppose I could also have this other sister for a bride. Well, so she does not tithe and she does not help with her time she does not volunteer anything. But she always brings a dish when she goes to her friend's house to talk Scripture with her friends on Shabbat.”

“And they have a great time of fellowship, they share Scriptures. But neither one of them is really helping Me build a unified global kingdom for My Father. So, neither one of them is really helping Me get My work done. So, neither one of them is helping me please my Father.”

“They are just always asking Me for stuff now let us see. Which one of these two brides do I want to take as My wife unto Me and take back to My Father's house forever and forever?”

“Hmm...I want to take the one who is doing her best to try to help Me according to My writings and My rules? Do I want the one that does not really do much of anything for Me?”

“Hmm...”

Another example I have is have you ever had children? We are trying to help people understand here. Have you ever had children, and can you tell when your children do something nice for you because they truly love you?

You did not ask them to, but they just help with the dishes, or they took out the trash, or they maybe they cooked a meal (or something). Or maybe they handled some project. You did not have to ask them they just did it because they love you and they want to help out around the house.

Likewise can you tell when they cleaned up their room because you made them? Or can you tell when they not only made their room, but they helped out around the kitchen, and living room, and they helped with all the kind of things?

Can you tell as a parent when their hearts are really in it and when they are not really in it?

Have you ever been a business owner, have you had employees, or maybe even soldiers working for you? And can you tell when one of them is trying to do their very best job, trying to do the very best they can for you? And can you tell when one of them does not really care. They are just sort of there for the paycheck (kind of). And if we can tell the difference then can Yahweh not tell the difference? Can He not tell whether we really love Him or not?

So, remember when our forefathers left Egypt it was a sudden exodus with 40 years of attritions with the bones of the ones who did not please Him dropping in the wilderness. There were only a very few who were found faithful, only a very few were found pleasing.

And we are coming up on shakedown time again with the great tribulation in Armageddon. As it was in the days of Noah so shall the coming and the Son of Man be. And in Noah's time only eight people were saved through the flood. That is not many.

Luqa (Luke) 17:26-27

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah

entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

And in Moshe's time Yahweh was not happy with the majority.

So, you know I ask Yahweh every week how to get the people's attention and what to say to them. And I really do not know what else to do. I know it is a long talk, but you see so many people wasting their one and only lifetime golden opportunity to serve our Creator and King the way He says He wants to be served.

And I see so many people not getting that. I see so few people say *"Oh hey you know what? That is right. I better live up to everything that I know."*

Well, I do not know, I do not know what to say brothers, sisters. We have to serve our Husband the way that He wants.

And I see so many people not getting it. Or maybe they get it, but they just do not want to do it. Because the cares and worries of this world they choked out the good seed like the second kind of soil; like the third kind of soil.

Well, the thing is, He is a King. When will we understand He is a King? He needs to be treated like a King. We have only been out from under kingship for 250 years, but it used to be before that.

So, I know this is a very long presentation. I would apologize for it except there is so much good information that needs to be covered from this unknown original sect of the Nazarene's paradigm (so to speak). Because I just see so many Messianics not getting it, Ephraimite, Two

House people just not getting the fact that we have but one life, and one opportunity; one golden opportunity to serve Yahweh Elohim the way He says He wants to be served in His Word.

I was looking for a ministry to join back in those days I thought I was going to apprentice. But the idea was I was going to learn first, before I began teaching and I was not able to find a ministry that matches one for one what Scripture says. Still cannot.

We are finding people who are discovering Nazarene Israel and they have a heart to give something back to Yeshua because they know that is what He wants. And you would think that would be obvious to people in Hebraic Roots, but apparently not.

Apparently, people in the Hebraic Roots do not yet understand that a bride is there to serve her husband. And we are here to serve our Husband, ever since we were taken as a bride...at the Pesach.

Yahweh is our King long before Yeshua is our Husband. And according to the ancient eastern ethic you are supposed to be willing to die for your king if it will help advance and further his kingdom. That is the eastern code of honor. And Israel lies in the Middle East, not in the Mid-West.

So, here in Shemote we see what our ancestors did. And in Shemote chapter 14 and verse 10 we read that when Paro drew near the children of Israel lifted up their eyes and behold here come the Mitzrites.

Shemote (Exodus) 14:10

10 And when Paro drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians

marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to Yahweh.

Okay, now look at the faith our forefathers exhibited in trials. Did they give joy in trials? Do they take joy?

In verse 11 they cry out to Moshe and they wail! *“Is it because there are no graves in this Mitzrayim that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?”* It is like you would accuse them of too much drama, except they really mean it.

Shemote (Exodus) 14:11

11 Then they said to Moshe, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?”

So, *“What have you done and bringing us out of Egypt?”* They really mean it because they do not have any faith. They have not put on the whole armor of Elohim.

“Is this not what we said to you in Mitzrayim? ‘Leave us alone that we may serve Satan’s servant Paro and build his kingdom instead of Yahweh’s.’”

“Because it would have been better for us to serve Satan’s servant Paro and to build Satan’s kingdom, rather than Yahweh’s, than for us to die in the wilderness. We were so comfortable in our flesh. Oh! You took us away from all that good slavery just so we could go and serve Yahweh and build our King’s kingdom.”

Shemote (Exodus) 14:12

12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the

Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

"And we saw Yahweh cast down 10 Mitzrite elohim and bring judgment upon them, but still we do not have any faith that He plans to save us."

We have to do everything He says to do and with all the zeal that we have. But we can expect inconveniences here. Our forefathers like, *"We have inconveniences!"*

"What? What? You expected us to have some faith that our Husband would provide for us? What? we are supposed to endure hardships like good soldiers of Yahweh of hosts? What? What are we doing wrong? Oh!"

Oh mercy that is some interesting faith our forefathers had. But do not some of us act just like our forefathers did?

"Oh, no! We thought leaving spiritual Egypt was going to be easy! No! We did not expect any inconveniences, or any challenges, or any trials, or any tests, or anything. No! But we thought the life of a queen was going to be a breeze. We thought this was going to be a cake walk."

"We did not expect we would have to do anything. We did not expect we would actually have any spiritual wars or physical wars back in those days to fight for Yahweh our Elohim. Even though He is called us out of Egypt as the armies of the living Elohim. Oh! We do not have water! Oh! We have just seen Him bring judgment on ten elohim and cast them down."

Some real faith. So, then in chapter 13 and verse 17 it says, No. Elohim did not lead the people straight to the land by way of Philistines, even though that would have been much easier, quicker, nearer, simpler, because Elohim said *“These people, they are going to change their minds when they see war. Just like the third and the second and the first kinds of soil, they do not stick around through thick and thin. They will not stick around through thick, they do not stick around through thin”*.

Shemote (Exodus) 13:17

17 Then it came to pass, when Paro had let the people go, that Elohim did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for Elohim said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”

Yahweh says, *“Perhaps the people are going to change their minds when they see war, (if it is easy to go back to Egypt) they are going to go back because they value their comfort more than they value helping Me establish My kingdom for My Son”*.

So, because of that, Elohim led the people around by the way. The wilderness of the Yam Suph (or the Reed Sea). He did not dare take him direct because they did not have enough commitment.

Shemote (Exodus) 13:18

18 So Elohim led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Reed Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

But even so, the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks (or it also reads sometimes in battle formation) out of the land of Egypt.

And in Hebrew, the word for *orderly ranks* is H2571. It is *chamuch* or *khaw-moosh*. In Hebrew it is “*chet*”, “*mem*”, and “*sheen*”. And it is the passive participle of H2570 and it refers to able-bodied soldiers.

H2571 chamuch. (or) khaw-moosh'. Passive participle of the same as H2570; staunch, that is, able bodied soldiers: - armed (men), harnessed.

Okay, that is nice, that is good. But some people also see it as the past participle of the number five, which is *khamesh*. And there are some references some people think it means that Israel went up by fives which in those days referred to a kind of a battle formation from moving through wadis and such; going five abreast.

So, clearly there was an understanding that Yahweh was bringing them up as the armies of the living Elohim. He says this many times. So, why was there no expectation on the part of the armies of the living Elohim, that they would see adversity?

You know, in the army you suffer adversity. That is what you do. And He called all of Israel as a bridal nation. Out of Israel, how many were able to face adversity?

You know, our forefathers just thought He was going to take His armies right there. I do not know...riding on camels or maybe chariots and litters? (You know.) Maybe they are going to have a big cake walk something like that. You know, life of a queen it is going to be easy street, it is gonna be a breeze.

Oh, hey and let us not forget the prosperity gospel. No, no, we do not need to do any battle for Yahweh. We do not need to suffer any adversity for Yahweh. Oh, no, no, no. Yahweh is a genie in a bottle that we can call on any time we need for help. He does not actually have any kind of a program for us to follow.

Oh no, we do not need any actual discipline to be disciples of Yahweh Elohim. No, no, and we do not have to perform the Great Commission. Just as long as we know what it is, we do not actually have to build on a foundation of apostles and prophets. Just as long as we read that chapter sometime long ago (because we did not like what it said so we did not read it again).

I mean Elohim wants us to have nice happy comfortable convenient lifestyles, enjoying the benefits of the first world while believing on Him without doing any battle for Him, right?

Because we are special, right? Are we not? Are we not? Yes, we are special. I mean (you know) He does not really want us to fight His wars or build His kingdom, does He? So, we do not really have to do anything for Him, do we?

So, the apostles did all that work, so we do not have to now, right? Yeshua died so we can watch *Saturday Night Live*, right? And patronize book sales ministries, right? That is really what Yeshua died for.

So, we do not need to do things the way Yeshua said to do them in Scripture, right? Wait, wait, wait...excuse me? Okay, we do not need to do what Yeshua said to do? We do not need to do 100% eagerly of what Yeshua said to do?

That sounds right to you? But is that not how most of us actually treat Yeshua; both on the Ephraimite and on the Jewish side of the house?

So, brother Judah's rebellions against Yahweh come in different flavors than the Ephraimite versions (so to speak), but still Judah has their rebellions. When brother Judah left out the land of Israel to go into the exile to Babylon, he left out with a Levitical priesthood, but when he came back he came back, with a rabbinical priesthood.

Now, if you ask any Orthodox Jew, they will justify everything and (they have got their rules and), but they cannot justify it from Scripture. They will try to tell you that Moshe was the very first rabbi, but we never see that term connected with Moshe. In fact, we never see that term anywhere in the Tanach (or the Old Testament).

So, the first time the term "*rabbi*" appears is in the Renewed Covenant and Yeshua tells us (in no uncertain terms) not to use that term for ourselves because that term only applies to Him. He is our only *Rabbi*; our One and only.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 23:8

8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Messiah, and you are all brethren.

So, someone needs to let the Messianics in on the secret, because the Messianic rabbis will make up their justification for why it is okay for them to call themselves "*Rabbi*" and why it is okay for them to do other things Yeshua said not to do. But you beloved, be wise you do not have to do the wrong thing just because someone else is doing the wrong thing. We are going to follow

what is written in the Word. We are going to follow what is written in Scripture.

So, can we see that our forefathers in the wilderness accepted the wedding invitation with Yahweh and His Son without really understanding what it was they were getting themselves into? You ever get that impression?

So, what about us? Did we perhaps accept Yeshua in our hearts and take the immersion; but we have not really yet sat down and counted the cost? May not really know completely what we got ourselves into when we said that we would die to our flesh and our desires in this world? We would dedicate ourselves to Yeshua, that we were to die to ourselves and let the old man of sin be symbolically washed away in the waters of the immersion just like our forefathers coming through the Red Sea or the Reed Sea or the Yam Suph?

They were supposed to be a renewed nation, dedicated to Him. Just like we are supposed to be renewed disciples of His; dedicated to Him. Sometimes you have to have a job in this world, but He needs to be first throughout your life. He is not something we put second, He is something we put first.

So, if He is someone we put first, if we love Him with all of our heart, with all of our soul and with all of our strength, then why not obey all of the bridal Ketubah? Why not obey all of the instructions in the Torah?

Luqa (Luke) 10:27

27 So he answered and said, “‘You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

Because now, if we jump to the Brit Chadashah (or the Renewed Covenant) portion for this week, that is exactly what Yeshua tells us to do at the start of His very first sermon.

So, Yeshua's very first and most famous sermon is called "*the sermon on the mount.*" It is right there in the "*be-attitudes*" in Mattityahu or Matthew chapter 5 and verse 17. Yeshua tells us not to think- do not think- do not think that He came to destroy the bride's wedding contract.

Mattityahu (Mathew) 5:17

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

He did not come to do away with the bride's wedding contract or with any of the prophecies over His return. There are also prophecies over our coming marriage. He did not do away with those prophecies over His return or over our coming marriage. In fact, He tells us plainly He did not come to destroy any of those prophecies, but only to fulfill the first part of them. You are not going to do away with any of the prophecies, because they speak of His return.

They speak of Him taking us as His bride. Why would He do away with any of the prophecies of Him returning to receive His kingdom and taking His bride unto Himself?

And why would He do away with any of the prophecies that have to do with Him coming to spiritually subdue the earth; so, then He can turn and be in submission to His Father so that everything may be all in all?

Why would He do away with those prophecies?

From what we see, Yeshua has two main goals: The first of which is to bring the kingdom of heaven down to earth (in other words) to spiritually subdue the earth so that Elohim's kingdom reigns. And the second is to find a bride who's truly eager to help Him build this kingdom according to the commandments He Himself gave us in the Great Commission and the fivefold ministry protocols, building on a single foundation of apostles and prophets.

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Marqaus (Mark) 16:15

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:11

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:20

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua HaMashiach Himself being the chief cornerstone,

So, He is looking for a Proverbs 31 bride who is eager, who loves Him, who wants to help Him build His Father's kingdom, because she loves Him.

Brother, sister, are we trying to be that bride? Are we truly, with all of our heart, trying to love Him and help Him get what He wants?

You know, we are not promised tomorrow. Most people are not doing the right thing; most people are treating

Yahweh's kingdom like a thing of the world. Now, most people are trying to see how much they can get from Yahweh and then how little they have to give back to Him. Because that is what you do in the world, right?

In this world it is fair game, in the free market you try to see how much you can get for how little. That is part of the bargaining process, right? It is part of sales, but to do that to Elohim's kingdom that is backwards, brother.

It robs Elohim's kingdom of the things it needs to actually build the kingdom.

Okay, if you are reading this study and you have learned you are benefiting from Israel Nazarene and you know Yeshua wants you to plug yourself in to the protocol and the framework of the living tabernacle or the living temple made with living stones. That is a grass-roots effort. We are the grass-roots. That is a bubble-up, crowd-funded effort, and we are the crowd.

Kepha Aleph (1 Peter) 2:5

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Yeshua HaMashiach.

If we are going to actually serve Yeshua it is pay to play. We are supposed to bring our A-game and be happy to do it.

Now, I know I have had hobbies in the past. I used to belong to a search and rescue group. I spent all my time and all my money thinking about that search and rescue group and how to do a better job in search and rescue; how to be a better searcher and rescuer for other people.

And I eagerly, willingly spent my money and spent my time to do that.

What about Yahweh? Do we have any hobbies that are not Yahweh or Yeshua? Because we need to be disciples about this thing, brother. Because the promises and the rewards are not to the believers.

Because even the demons believe and they tremble, but the promises and the rewards are not to the demons. The promises and the rewards are not simply to the believers only, but the promises and the rewards are for the disciples; the ones who were actually doing everything that Yeshua said to do.

Yaakov (James) 2:19

19 You believe that there is one Elohim. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

Why? Because that is how we build His kingdom together; when we plug in and shoulder the load and give our fair share. That is what builds His kingdom, according to the fivefold ministry protocol, building a single ministerial building. A single ministerial kingdom (say that three times fast) on a single foundation of apostles and prophets.

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20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua HaMashiach Himself being the chief cornerstone,

What He wants is a Proverbs 31 bride who excels all the other brides, okay?

We take a look at Shemote, we can see that in Moshe, we can see Joshua, we can see Kaleb going for it, but look at where the rest of our forefathers are. And now, if we are going to learn the lessons of history, how are we doing, really?

Now, it is just my opinion (this is not Scripture), but from what I have read, what Yeshua wants is a Proverbs 31 bride who excels them all. That is what He wants. And why would He not want that? He is the greatest King! Why would He not want the best of the best of the best of the best?

So, if that is what He wants, then how are we doing? Okay, well, let us take a look at our forefathers. Let us see how they did.

And now, in Shemote chapter 16, Yahweh is starting to train our forefathers with the manna from heaven. He is pretty plain with His instructions. He says, six days we go out and gather it. We just get just enough for that day (there is a lot of spiritual implications, we can talk about those some other time).

Shemote (Exodus) 16:26

26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none.”

He says, and then on the sixth day we gather twice as much. We are going to cook what we are going to cook, because on the seventh day of the week (on the Shabbat) there is not going to be any, okay? So, whatever you are going to get it on the sixth day (on the

day of preparation) because on Shabbat, there will not be any.

Shemote (Exodus) 16:29

29 See! For Yahweh has given you the Sabbath; therefore, He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.”

And I do not know, but I think if an earthly husband said to his earthly wife *“Let us not do this? Let us gather enough, just get enough food each day for five days and on the sixth day we are going to get twice as much and cook what we are going to cook. And on the seventh day (on the Shabbat) we are going to take a break. We are not going to go out anywhere we are just going to go to the assembly, but that is it we are not going to work we are just going to go to the assembly and home and that is it.”*

We probably get it, right? But when Yahweh tells us what do our, forefathers do...okay?

So, first our forefathers get more than they need and then they wonder *“Why the excess rots?”* And then they go out looking for it on Shabbat and then they wonder *“Why He gets upset?”*

Just because He said not to. And we could talk about this and that, but you could summarize the whole thing: Yahweh is saying (basically) “We just had the agreement, we just had the Pesach, we just brought you out of Egypt. I just brought judgment on 10 Egyptian gods. Why do you not just be a good bride, Israel? Why do you not just listen to what I am saying? And believe Me and then help Me by doing what I ask you to do?”

“Okay, I am trying to make it simple. I am trying to break it down it is like paint, the paint by numbers, or connect the dots (or something), okay? It is not that hard. It is not that complicated.”

“Okay, you want to become a Proverbs 31 bride of the King-of-the-universe's Son. You cannot miss, but you have got to do it. That means you have got to humble yourself to do it.” To me, that is what Yahweh is saying through His Spirit.

I see a bunch of Ephraim, and I do not mean to point fingers, and I am not trying to be high and mighty; I am learning like everyone else. But from what I am seeing, I am learning to separate myself from the vast majority who do not really care, because that is what Yeshua did. Yeshua let the four thousand, and the five thousand, and the myriads, and the multitudes, and the crowds, and the throngs go. Why? Because they did not commit to Him. They did not commit to their King.

They were not willing to lay down their lives for Him, if it could help further His kingdom; they did not follow the same ethics.

So, how are we going to please Elohim? We cannot even get simple little instructions like *“rest on the seventh-day Sabbath”*, right?

And you say, *“Well come on, we all know what the Sabbath is now.”* Oh, really? Okay, so we got people teaching the *Lunar-Sabbath*, we have got two people teaching equinox-theory, we have got people teaching conjunction-moon, we have got the Karaites (or the Sadducees) teaching some complete other calendar they have a completely off definition of aviv barley.

Breaks this verse, that verse, Deuteronomy 16 and verse 9. They do not care.

And it is wildly popular among the Messianics. Even though Yeshua said not to listen to the Sadducees. And even though their calendar is completely wrong. Okay, well, how obedient is it of Yeshua's people not to do what He said? And they think they are all disciples, right?

Okay, well, then the rabbis have their own calendar (which is more popular still). Then you have Ephraim's, Ephraim's got the Christian calendar (the Roman-Gregorian-Christian calendar) which is even more popular.

And then there are many people they consider themselves to be Nazarenes, but they do not want to do what Yeshua said because it takes their time and it takes their money. It is like those professional slackers at work. They do not want to do their best job; they just want to collect their best retirement paycheck (you know what I am saying?)

So, a lot of Ephraim, I mean, we are talking about 40 years of attrition first. If you do not make the 40 years of attrition, your children do not go to the land.

So, in chapter 17 Yahweh gives us another test; another opportunity to excel; to see how His army handles it. So, now this time it is another inconvenience (what a surprise). So, this time, there is no water. So now, instead of praying to Yahweh (having faith in Yahweh, petitioning Yahweh), now there is wailing and crying and there is no faith that Yahweh is going to deliver His armies.

We just saw Yahweh cast down the ten Egyptian gods and bring judgment, we just saw Yahweh part the Yam Suph, still they do not believe. They are the armies of living Elohim. What are they going to do when they see an actual war?

Well, so brothers, sisters, when we are in His will, when we are either working for Yahweh or making our contributions, or we know we are working for Him we know we are doing His will, how many of us will hit a snag when something goes wrong (like it did in the wilderness), how many of us lose faith in that moment? How is He going to deliver? How many of us despair in that situation? How many of us worry that He is going to give the victory to Satan, when it is His battle that we are fighting?

So, my reason for bringing this up is: I hope we can see the parallels between when our forefathers came out of Mizrayim and how our people do, in general, today. And I pray that He is pleased; He is going to help us become the kind of people He wants us to be, doing the kinds of things He says in His Word He wants us to do to build a unified global ministry for His Son.

There is a lot more that we could say, but that is all the time we have for this week. There are some very good things we would love to cover next year, in the beatitudes and also in the half prophetic portion. Hopefully we can cover that next year because there are some very important things there.

But my prayer for all of us today is that we are going to be real with ourselves and be real with Yahweh and sit down and count the cost. And hopefully we are going to be able to see any parallels between our forefathers, when they came out of Egypt and today. Because if we are able to repent of our sins, we are able to see what

we are doing wrong, then we are able to understand that if we do not reform then we are beginning a time when it is going to be 40 years of bones dropping in the wilderness for disobedience (if we disobey Him). And people (I think), tend to take this not so seriously because there has been generation after generation after generation where you got by with it. But now we are coming to a certain point in history where we have got the shakedown going on.

We have got to believe that the word for tribulation is related to the word for when they sift wheat and they- the chaff, gets blown off. So we are coming into a portion of our history that is a lot like when our forefathers left Egypt. They were not a nation, now they have to learn to become a nation. They have to learn some basic rules. They do not want to do it.

Well, we are in a very similar situation. We are in the world (spiritual kind of Egypt), Yahweh is now calling us to come together and to begin forming a nation. That is what we are supposed to be doing all along, with the great commission in the five-fold ministry that all builds a nation together; weaves a tapestry (so to speak).

That is what we are really doing when we are serving Him. We are weaving things together. We are creating a global network. And Father willing, sometime we will have time to explain how that will integrate with the government in the land of Israel (in the millennium). If you think about it (probably you can figure it out but), we need to learn the lessons of our forefather's history. We start getting things right ourselves when you start helping His Son build His unified global kingdom, which is a unified global ministry.

And may He help us to do it with some kind of zeal like Moshe, like Joshua, like Caleb, so that we serve Him truly; with all of our hearts, with all of our souls, and with all of our strength. Not taking thought for ourselves (looking for what we can get out of things, how much can we get for how little), treating Yahweh's ministry like a thing of the world.

It is disgusting the way most people treat Yahweh. They say "*He is a great King*", they go to Him with their needs, when it comes time to help Him get what He wants (which is a kingdom for His Son and His Son died for us!), they say: *Oh, no, no, sorry, I don't have money or time.*

Well, it is time for people to sit down and count the cost and to realize the times and the seasons that we are in now.

Briefly about the Haftara: There is also there is a lot of things we could say here, (Father willing) hopefully we can cover it next year, but we do not have time this year because we need to talk about some things that are even much more basic.

I am not really sure why the rabbis chose this passage except again it is Yahweh delivering. But if you want to know about Devorah the prophetess, we cover her extensively in two studies. The first one is called "[Gender Roles in The Kingdom](#)" and that is found in the [Covenant Relationships](#) collection and then there is also our study called "[Junia: Woman Apostle or Courier?](#)" and that is located in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Three](#).

But briefly, uh, and I hope we can treat this subject with sufficient respect. The sisters do not always get a lot of

credit for what they do, but the sisters play a very important supporting role. And without the sisters playing that supporting role there is no next generation of Israel. And a lot of other stuff does not get done.

B'reisheet (Genesis) 2:18

18 And Yahweh Elohim said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

The sisters have a very important job to do and are part of a patriarchal system. So, Yahweh did create the man to lead, and he did create the sister (his wife) to help. He created her for a role and that is good!

So, I do not know how it has been that people have denigrated the helper role. If anyone has felt slighted because they only have a helper role. You really need someone very capable in the helper role and in fact, the more capable your helper is, the better.

And so, one of the things that is commendable about Devorah though is that, even though she was created as a helper, when none of the men were doing the job, she stepped up to fill a lead role. But the thing is (and this is what so many sisters forget is) that she only did so when there were no men who were able and willing to do the job. So, she is to be very much commended, but the problem is her example is misunderstood because we can also see from the text, she did not want to lead Israel.

Shophetim (Judges) 4:6-9

6 Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "Has not Yahweh Elohim of Israel commanded, 'Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you

ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun;

7 and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?"

8 And Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!"

9 So she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for Yahweh will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

And so, from verses six through nine she tried to get Barak to fill the man's role; she tried to get Barak to do the man's job saying, *"I will go with you if you really want me to but there's not going to be any glory in it for you because that is your job so a Woman is going to go with you. I realize I am a prophetess but still that is military business that is your job"*

So, and she pointed this out right there in the text and so the whole difference, you get into with the modern red horse women in leadership and women in ministry crowds is their red horse. And you can read all about the red horse in the [Revelation Study](#). Red horse is deadly; do not mess around with the red horse. There is one appropriate place for the red horse and that is Yahweh's priesthood. There is a red horse organizational structure, but that is the only place.

Now, the women in leadership and the women-apostles-crowd, they want to use the fact that Devorah stepped up to do the job (when no men were willing to do the job) as an example of why women should always be allowed to serve as priests, and apostles, and elders, ministers

(etc.). And that is just not right. That does not follow – it does not compute.

And now you look through Scripture and we do have examples of women in the kingship. We also have-, women prophesied; prophetesses (say that three times fast). Women prophetesses, but we never see any example anywhere of women priests (does not happen).

Now there are some Renewed Covenant examples of women who help their men in ministry, but they do not serve in the priesthood. And according to the law-of-first-mention, in the Renewed Covenant you can modify the rules slightly, but not in leadership roles.

So, we see Priscilla and Aquila, we see Junia and her husband; so, a lot of people, they have questions about that. So, if you have questions on that score, I would encourage you please to check out our study on "[The Ahab and Jezebel Spirits](#)" that is in [Nazarene Scripture Studies Volume Five](#). And in that study, we see how the assembly of Thyatira allows the woman Jezebel to preach (or to teach).

She is actually a prophetess, that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess and the whole assembly of Thyatira dies because they do not repent of it.

Well, brothers and sisters, we are coming into the End Times; we are about to have our 40 years of attrition before the sudden, second exodus and the in-gathering with Armageddon coming first.

And with that 40 years of attrition, those who do not truly obey Yahweh's Word will die outside the land.

And if you want more, we could point out that Thyatira is one of only seven assemblies in the book of Revelation. So, does that mean that perhaps one brother and one sister out of seven is going to believe it is okay for women to preach and teach and lead? That one brother or sister in seven is going to believe it is okay? Maybe they do not have a Jezebel or an Ahab spirit them self or maybe they do, but for whatever reason it is okay with them, if Jezebel teaches it is okay with them. If Jezebel calls herself a prophetess, it is okay with them, if Jezebel pretends to be a very spiritual person, but somehow her words do not always line up with what Scripture says.

So, I do not know, I have been in this walk since June the 6th of 1999 and that kind of matches with my experience of about one in seven, both men and women. It does kind of seem like about one in seven are okay with the idea of women apostles, women priests, women elders (and that kind of thing). And if you are one of them, I would really recommend that you read that study and then pray seriously, and then repent of a Jezebel spirit because it is very common. A lot of people have a Jezebel spirit, one in seven (approximately) in my experience. And that is what Revelation says, there is seven assemblies and that is one of them.

So, verse 22 says that those who commit spiritual adultery with her, go into great tribulation (unless they repent of their deeds).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:22

22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

I do not know...are we talking the great tribulation? Because we are entering that season right now. We are

out of time. Yahweh is calling us all to repent. Yahweh winks at times of ignorance past, but now He is calling all men everywhere to repent.

So, we are out of time. Yahweh is calling us to close this session. I would ask you please, if you love Yeshua and you want to hear the truth spoken, please join us next week for a very important Parasha, "Parasha Yitro". There we are going to talk about all sorts of good things that pertain to anyone who wants to survive the great tribulation and the attrition period that is coming in these times.

So Shabbat Shalom!

I hope to see you the next time and may Yahweh be with you and your family, and may He lead and guide you all and help you to develop a heart to build His unified kingdom; so that you can get your reward, so that your children can continue on to the land

Shabbat Shalom.

Parasha Yitro

Exodus 18:1-29:23; Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

Matthew 6:1-8:1

It is often said that we want to learn the lessons of history so that we ourselves do not need to repeat the same mistakes. Well, if we are hoping to learn from the mistakes of history, then what better group to follow than our own beloved forefathers? The children of Israel who left Mitzrayim (or Egypt) as a nation betrothed unto Yahweh's Son.

And yet, still they missed their old lives in the world. They never sat down, they never counted the cost, and they never truly made a commitment to love and to serve Yahweh their Elohim the way He wanted to be served.

Luqa (Luke) 14:28-29

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—

29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

(Seems like serving Elohim was not their idea of a good time; was not their idea fun.)

Well, in Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 14 and verse 11 our forefathers asked Moshe, *“Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Oh, poor us! Oh, we must trust in Yahweh to deliver His armies.”*

Shemote (Exodus) 14:11

11 Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die

in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us,
to bring us up out of Egypt?

And then, in Shemote chapter 16 and verse 3 our forefathers cried out, *“Oh that we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt when we sat by the pots of meat, and we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to make us suffer inconvenience and to kill this whole assembly with hunger!”*

“We want to be like the third kind of soil; we put the cares of this world ahead of devotion to Yahweh Elohim.”

Shemote (Exodus) 16:3

3 And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

And then in Shemote chapter 17 and verse 3 our forefathers thirsted for water. And so, they complained against Moshe and said, *“Why is it that you brought us out of Mitzrayim to kill us and all our children and all our livestock with thirst? We have just seen Yahweh do so many miracles, and we have just seen him cast down all the false gods of Egypt and bring judgment on them.”*

“Even parting the Sea of Reeds, so we walk through on dry ground; delivered us from Paro. But we do not really trust that if we will serve Yahweh with all that we have; with all our heart with all our soul and all our strength, we do not believe He is going to take care of us.”

“We do not trust Yahweh. And besides, we love our creature comforts. Why did Yahweh not warn us that we might have to go without our creature comforts? Why did He not warn us we might have to suffer inconveniences, as the armies of the living Elohim?”

Shemote (Exodus) 17:3

3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

Ah, well, seems like Yahweh brought the children of Israel out of the land of Mitzrayim, but for some reason the land of Mitzrayim did not want to come out of the hearts of our forefathers, the children of Israel. And they never really did dedicate themselves to Yahweh; they never really did sit down and make a true commitment. Not at the same level as a Moshe or a Joshua or a Caleb or someone who pleased Yahweh in that scenario.

Bemidbar (Numbers) 14:22-23

22 Because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice,

23 they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.

Most of the people just did not have the same Spirit. So, most of our forefathers never truly committed their lives to Yahweh. They never realized, *“Hey! Wait...yea! Whoa! I know, since I love Yahweh, I should really make a commitment to Him! I should really dedicate my life to serving my King and Husband the way He wants to be served. Of course, I want to keep all His*

Commandments", because He says, 'If you love Me, then keep My Commandments.' So, I love Him so I should keep all His Commandments! Yea, that should be my main thing. That should be my reason for being. I will show Him how much I love Him by walking out His Commandments in love, following His example. That is perfect because that is our reason for being anyway; that is why we exist."

Now, most of our forefathers never really stumbled to that. So, obeying and serving their Husband Yahweh, seemed like one big inconvenience for most of them. That was like one big, long nagging complaint.

Bemidbar (Numbers) 14:2

2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moshe and Aharon, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

(Oh! Oh! And are there no parallels for us in the House of Ephraim today?)

Join us as we talk about how most Ephraimites, most Jews, (especially Messianic Jews and most Two-House believers) are making the exact same kinds of mistakes as our forefathers made in the wilderness when they were coming out of the land of Mitzrayim (or Egypt).

And just like our forefathers, they did not even know anything is wrong. Most Ephraimites are unaware that by putting emphasis on their lives in the world (in spiritual Egypt) they are no longer able to serve their Husband and King the way He says He wants to be served.

Yochanan (John) 4:15

15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

And so doing, they become lukewarm, and they effectively make Him want to vomit them out of His mouth.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 3:16

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

So, if you love Yahweh and if you want to know the full truth, no holds barred, join us for this commentary on Parasha Yitro 2022.

In Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 18 and verse 5 we see that Israel is camped at the Mountain of Elohim, which is Mount Horeb (or Mount Sinai) which we also know as Jebel Al-Lawz in Saudi Arabia. And Moshe's father-in-law Yitro (or Jethro) the priest of Midian has come, and Yitro sees how Moshe is trying to do everything by himself and it is just too much for him.

Shemote (Exodus) 18:5

5 And Yitro, Moshe's father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moshe in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of Elohim.

So, now we get to see what a humble person Moshe is and how his humility benefits Israel.

Shemote (Exodus) 18:14

14 So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, “What is this thing that you

are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?”

Yitro advises him that he really needs to select good servant leaders from the people who are honest and not greedy for gain and place them as leaders and judges over tens, fifties, hundreds, and thousands. And that way, Moshe can teach what the standards are and then the leaders will all handle the lesser cases.

Shemote (Exodus) 18:21-22

21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear Elohim, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

22 And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So, it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.

So, if we are willing to receive it, Yitro effectively advises Moshe to set up what looks like a military tribunal system; to lead the armies of Elohim and to lead the people and to take care of their needs.

And in verse 23, Yitro says that if Elohim commands this kind of order and organization then Israel would be able to endure and then all the people would be able to come to their place in peace.

Shemote (Exodus) 18:23

23 If you do this thing, and Elohim so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace.”

Well, let us note the timelessness of Yitro's advice because Yeshua commands the very same type of organization in Luqa (or Luke) chapter 9 and verse 14 in the feeding of the five thousand. Yeshua tells His disciples to make the people sit down in groups of 50.

Luqa (Luke) 9:14

14 For there were about five thousand men.

Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty."

So, Yeshua still used this ordering and organizational technique some 1,500 years after the Torah was first given; and that Yeshua instituted organization in the Renewed Melchizedekian Order in His day is just one more indication that organization is a good (and necessary) part of serving Yeshua.

Now, Moshe could easily have said, "*Why do I want to listen to my father-in-law for? He is from Midian. Yahweh is talking to me; Yahweh gave me the victory over Paro. So, what do I want to listen to my father-in-law from Midian.*" But he does not do that.

Rather, Moshe listens humbly to see if there is anything he can benefit for the mission or for the people. Because with Moshe, the thing is it was never about him. Moshe was all about serving Yahweh first and then second, serving Yahweh's other people and Moshe put himself last and he put Yahweh first.

That was the kind of thing that pleased Yahweh. Most of the people never served like that. Now, the thing is, even though Moshe's father-in-law Yitro was a Midianite he was also a priest. And how interesting that a priest would tell the leader of Israel of the need to order and organize

the nation as it emerged from Mitzrayim so that they could all arrive at their destination in Shalom.

So, if even a Midianite priest can recognize the need to order and organize a nation as it is coming out of the world, then what's Ephraim's problem? (Uh) why can most of the Ephraimites not see it?

Now, in Shemote chapter 19 and verse 1, it tells us that it was the third month after the children of Israel come out of the land of Egypt that they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. So, we know that they are here at Mount Horeb (or Sinai) in the third month. And Shavuot (or Pentecost) also happens in the third month.

Shemote (Exodus) 19:1

1 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

We also know that the next phase of the ancient Hebrew wedding ceremony after the Pesach is called erusin, which is the public betrothal.

And we know that the groom customarily gives his bride a *Ketubah*, which is a written wedding contract that spells out the duties and responsibilities of the groom and bride. It also spells out any special instructions for the bride and that is how we know that the Torah serves as our marital contract; that the Torah serves as our Ketubah because it tells us what to do if we want to be taken as Yeshua's bride. That is the context it was given in, and everything is right there.

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be a special

treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

So, just like Asaph, in Psalm 73 (we will look at later), all we really need to do is let Yahweh lead us, and if we let Him, He will take us by our right hands (so to speak) and show us the way so He can take us up in glory.

Tehillim (Psalms) 73:23-24

23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

That is what He promises to do. It is amazingly simple. It is not easy, but it is simple.

We just need the discipline; to discipline ourselves to do what Yahweh says. Just do what He says, hear His voice and follow His Commandments. And then, one day we also can be married to the Son of the King of the universe.

So, can you even imagine what it will be like to be married to the Son of the King of the universe? I can barely imagine it.

Now, especially for those of us who are coming to the truth from the Jewish side of the house, let us remember, in Shemote chapter 12 and verse 38 it tells us there was a mixed multitude that came up out of Mitzrayim with Israel, but what happened with this mixed multitude?

Shemote (Exodus) 12:38

38 A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock.

Well, the simple fact is that when they integrated, they became part of the nation of Israel. This is very hard for people who have racial bias and racial bets but let us remember that Ephraim and Manasseh are both two tribes, they are both half Egyptian and they were taken to Israel as his sons.

So, one thing that we see is there has always been genetic (uh) in grafting; in and out grafting, in the nation of Israel. And there is a lot of people who will tell you the opposite, but do not let anyone tell you that there has not been genetic in grafting and out grafting from Israel, because that would be a lie.

Now, what is so amazing is that not only could the children of Israel choose to refine themselves according to Yahweh's Torah, to become the bride of the son of the king of the universe, but anyone of the mixed multitude could do so as well.

Ephraim and Manasseh were free to do so as well because they had been taken to the nation of Israel. So, we are told there will be one Torah for the native born and for the stranger.

Well, now even though the mixed multitude did not have to have Israel's genetics, what they had to do was to dedicate themselves to Yahweh Elohim and to serve the Elohim of Israel with all their hearts with all their soul and with all their strength, and that is it.

Marqos (Mark) 12:29-30

29 Yeshua answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is One.

30 And you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.

Then, they were to worship the Elohim of Israel and then they became Israelites because they worshiped the Elohim of Israel. And that is because in Scripture, your religious belief is your nationality because Yahweh cuts to the chase (basically).

So, what happened? What went wrong in our history?

Well, the mixed multitude saw how Yahweh delivered the children of Israel from the plagues. They also saw how Yahweh cast down the false elohim of Mitzrayim in judgment. And the mixed multitude made the wise choice; they decided that if Yahweh could do all that, they wanted to follow Him.

And there was no rabbinical giur (or Gentile conversion process). Back in those days, if you wanted to convert you simply made it like Ruth; you simply made the decision to convert and follow Yahweh and be one of His people and to worship Him. So, it was a simple change of allegiance and subsequent obedience that was required.

You had to hear His voice and do what He said. So, all you had to do was just believe on Him and hear His voice and do what He said, and you were an Israelite. And in fact, Yahweh emphasizes this fact.

For example, in Shemote chapter 19 and verse 3, Moshe went up to Elohim and Yahweh; called to him from the mountain saying, *“Thus you shall say to the House of Yaakov (or Judah) and tell the children of Israel (or Ephraim).”*

Shemote (Exodus) 19:3

3 And Moshe went up to Elohim, and Yahweh called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Yaakov, and tell the children of Israel:

So, Yahweh Himself is referring to both houses here, right after the first Exodus, so we already see a difference between the two houses. And He says:

Shemote (Exodus) 19:4

4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

And then, Yahweh says the most important thing that we need to focus on right now- He says:

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

What an amazing thing that is. But let us notice that there are two components here. The first one is, we need to hear and obey His voice. So, if we do not hear His voice, how can we obey His voice? Or if you do not hear His voice, then at least you should follow someone who does hear His voice; that is the prophetic and apostolic gifts.

Because only once we hear His voice, that is the only way we can submit to it, except for the example of the apostle and the prophet. Now, that is step one; is following His voice, moment by moment.

And the second step is to keep His Covenant (namely meaning His Commandments). Also, His statutes, His ordinances, His judgments; the things that He says to do the things His word says to do. But just like our forefathers in Scripture, Ephraim today has a really hard time with this.

And I am also just learning. My walk is not perfect. I am just trying to keep my eyes on the upward call; trying to keep my eyes on the prize. But the thing is, this is not a point that anyone in Ephraim can afford to miss because this effectively makes the difference between life and death in the coming tribulation.

The main thing is that Elohim wants to restore the broken communication that was lost in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Havvah (or Eve) disobeyed. And the solution is that we do what Yahweh says to do, through the leading and guiding of His Son Yeshua's Spirit.

So, once we believe on Yeshua and we abide in Him; and Him in us and Him in the Father and the Father in Him. Once we are abiding in Him, brothers, and sisters, we need to listen carefully for His voice and then we need to do everything He commands us to do.

And again, if we cannot do that then we need to be listening to someone with the apostolic or the prophetic gift. That is what the Word says.

Either we are going to do what Scripture says, or we are not going to do it. If we are not going to do it, then goodbye...

We are in the End Times, brothers, and sisters. So, it is like Yahweh says in Yirmeyahu (or Jeremiah) chapter 7 starting in verse 21; it is exactly like this, He says, "Thus

says Yahweh of hosts the Elohim of Israel, 'Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices. Eat meat the same, eat good, get full. Roast up every animal you have, because I was never really impressed with sacrifice and burnt offerings in the first place. That is never really what I wanted. "

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 7:21

21 Thus says Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat.

"I only gave you the Levitical system because you failed miserably at the Firstborn Priestly system. You could not handle it, so I had to give you the Levitical system where I spelled things out to you in more detail; connect the dots style, because all you could handle was paint by numbers and step by step at that point.

"Because why? Because you have peanut butter in your ears. I did not speak to your forefathers, and I did not command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Mitzrayim concerning: 'give me this burnt offering and that sacrifice and this oblation'. None of that; I did not say anything of the sort."

"You know what? I am Spirit, so blood and barbecues do not really do much for Me. You could roast Me all the cattle you got; you could sacrifice a river of blood, that does nothing for Me because that is not even what I wanted from you in the first place. And if you knew Me, you would already know that."

Hoshea (Hosea) 6:6-7

6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings.

7 “But like men they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt treacherously with Me.

“How much time do you spend trying to get to know Me? If you knew Me, you would know that already. I gave you guys Levitical Order to try to help you understand; to try and give you some symbolic references and some pictures and just look at what you have done with it. You got all legalistic on Me and you turn this into something I never desired.”

“I do not want a checklist religion. I do not want a checklist faith, but this is what I commanded your forefathers, in that day saying, ‘Obey My voice and then I will be your Elohim and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you that it may be well with you, because the Torah is given to us for our own good. Meaning you do not just have to know what I say to do. You actually have to do it.”

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

“But your forefathers they did not obey. They did not even incline their ears. They did not even listen. Rather, they followed the councils and the evil dictates of their own evil hearts. And they went backward and not forward because they created false systems of worship that I did not command. They set up a substitute system of worship to confuse all the people.”

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 7:24

24 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts and went backward and not forward.

“Because what I really wanted was to restore the lost and broken relationship with you, the communication that we had in the Garden of Eden, before you decided to disobey me. I must restore this communication with you before I can use you as My body.”

“If you are going to be My bride, then can we really be one flesh together? Are you really pulling for Me? Are you trying to help Me get this kingdom set up?”

“Cause, really when I stand back and look, it is like you guys just do not even really care about a relationship with Me. Do you just want the status?”

Because brothers and sisters look at us today do, we all hear His voice? Is it our number one tip-top priority in life, to learn to how to hear His voice and obey it?

And if we have His Spirit and we are hearing His voice then do we obey all His Commandments?

If we love Him, do we keep His Commandments? I mean, at least do everything we can (we cannot do the sacrificial law at the moment because we need first a cleansed Temple and a cleansed Levitical Order).

But where is our commitment level really? Are we just going to keep the easy Commandments? We are just going to rest and read and do what is easy and free?

We are going to come into His house, we are going to eat His spiritual food on Shabbat. And somehow, we are

going to let ourselves into His house, and we are going to clean out His fridge for Him. And somehow, we are just never really going to get around to doing anything to build Yeshua's global unified kingdom, are we?

A lot of talk, a lot of learning; not a lot of commitment. Yahweh promises, "If you will do both of these things, obey My voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests in a set apart nation."

But we have been explaining this for years. This takes order and organization, because you still must fulfill all the offices; you still need to fill the kingship, the priesthood, and the office of the Prophet within the nation; and that does not come without organization. And the thing is, Yahweh has already given the organization, we just must acknowledge it. We just must accept it.

And to have a nation, brothers, and sisters, it takes all of us doing Yahweh's Word together. We must do His Word and not just be hearers of the Word only, like most of the Messianic movement; deceiving ourselves watching Saturday Night Live. Telling ourselves, "*Oh, we are in Yahweh's favor, even though we are not really applying ourselves at building a kingdom for His Son.*"

If we are not hearing and obeying His voice or if we are not helping Yeshua to build His kingdom (either one of those two) then Yahweh is going to have no delight in us, because we are effectively lukewarm, brothers and sisters.

And Yeshua promises to vomit out of His mouth all those who are lukewarm because they received the fullness of His sacrifice for them, but it seems they do not really

care enough about Him to help Him build His kingdom, so He can fulfill the mission for His Father.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 3:15-19

15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent.

So, if we receive salvation and we receive the immersion (the immersion of the Spirit), we are willing to take the free gifts, we are going to learn all the good things, we take the free schooling, but then we do not really care enough to give anything back to our King? Our Husband, the one who died for us suffered a miserable horrible death? What is that going to look like in the judgment? They knew all the things to do, they just did not want to do it.

If they ever write a third Testament, we should ask ourselves, "*How are we going to be recorded?*" If they write about these times (which we imagine they will), what is going to be said about us? Is the Scriptural record going to record that we were truly the kinds of people, faithful obedient servants who only wanted for

ourselves what was good for our Husband and King Yeshua?

Will Scripture record that we only wanted what Yahweh wants like a Moshe or Joshua or a Caleb? Will we be one of the ones dedicated and devoted to Him, giving our lives in service? Or will Scripture record that we went the same way as our forefathers did, who were called out of the land of Egypt (or Babylon or Mitzrayim) to marry the Son of the King of the universe?

And they went all the way through with the public betrothal ceremony *erusin* (Pentecost) and they became liable to the death penalties of the Torah for adultery. Oh! Oh, so they took the vow, but then they did not really want it enough to do it because it was not easy? Is that not how it really went?

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 12:15

15 However, if you do not obey the voice of Yahweh but rebel against the commandment of Yahweh, then the hand of Yahweh will be against you, as it was against your fathers.

They did not really care about being married to the Son of the King of the universe if it was not easy: *“Oh if there's work or sacrifice or inconveniences involved in being Yeshua's bride, we do not want it anymore because it is not easy”*, right?

I am a repentant sinner like everyone else, but when you see something that people are just not getting, and it is going to make the difference between surviving the tribulation or not surviving the tribulation...

Please forgive me for caring enough to speak so boldly and directly with you, but one time I was with another

brother, and I was having dinner with him, and his wife and I were explaining the vision; how Scripture says we are supposed to serve one another. And the wife was halfway jumping out of her chair. She could hardly contain herself. You know what the brother said? He just said, *“Oh man, that just sounds like a lot of work.”*

So, here is an Ephraimite brother who thinks of himself as a faithful servant of Yeshua HaMashiach, even though he does not tithe, he does not volunteer, does not want to do anything to build Yeshua's Kingdom. He wants the revelations; he wants the knowledge because knowledge puffs up. But he does not have enough love to help build up Yeshua's Kingdom.

I mean, you just sometimes, you do not have the words and then later you think *“You think I should ask that brother if he means to be lukewarm?”*

Is this goal to be lukewarm? That is the vast majority of the Ephraimite movement today, because they are busy watching Saturday Night Live and deceiving themselves.

So, what do you do? You realize that Yahweh promised to let the bones of all the unfaithful drop in the wilderness in the Bemidbar (or Numbers) Chapter 14 and verse 29.

Bemidbar (Numbers) 14:29

29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

And do we realize (as we covered last week) that the prophecies also tell us that the vast majority of the Ephraimites are not going to make it home? The vast majority of Ephraim and Judah, that sojourns with

Ephraim, are going to die during the tribulation because they are not obeying Yahweh Their Elohim; they are not keeping Yeshua's Commandments.

For one example, Yeshayahu (or Isaiah) chapter 10 and verse 22 tells us that, *“Although your people, O Israel (here meaning Ephraim), be as the sand of the sea, yet only a remnant of them shall return.”* This says, *“The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.”* It is like, what?

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 10:22

22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them will return; the destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

Okay, so we are looking at right here, in this verse, we are looking at the death of most of the House of Ephraim and that is going to overflow with righteousness? Now, can we understand this?

Well, Yeshua came to die for us so that we might live for Him. Not for ourselves, but for Him. And the problem is He gives a lot of free gifting's that go along with that. And most of the people receive the free gifting's and they abuse the favor; asking for things just to spend them on their own lusts.

And they do not really care. They do not care about Yeshua's Kingdom; they do not care about the Great Commission. The Great Commission does not get done and Yeshua's unified Kingdom never gets built. What is it to them? What do they care?

They think falsely that they have salvation and eternal life because they are deceiving themselves. They are

not doers of the Word they are hearers only, deceiving themselves.

Yaakov (James) 1:22

22 But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Brothers and sisters, I am talking about groups, synagogues, churches, where they discuss the Word. Home fellowships, people gathering, having a shared meal, reading Scripture, and doing nothing more than that? How does that build Yeshua's kingdom?

Brothers and sisters, if we allow ourselves to be deceived, then are not we giving place to the Deceiver? And who is the Deceiver but Satan?

And so, why are we giving place to Satan when all we must do is to resist Him and focus on the kingdom; focus on what we are called to do; hear His voice and obey it and obey His written Word?

Yaakov (James) 4:7

7 Therefore submit to Elohim. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Why are we giving place to the devil? Why are we not organizing?

We do not know what goes on in each person's heart, but is it possible that some of the Ephraimites are being disobedient for the same reasons as our forefathers were disobedient? And for the same reasons that our forefathers' bones dropped in the wilderness?

It is because Yahweh does everything for us. He gives us everything we have, and we are only willing to go so far in serving Him?

“No, we are not going to tithe, we are not going to volunteer time. Oh no. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. My time and my money is mine.”

Brother, let me ask you. Have you received salvation in Messiah Yeshua, but perhaps you have not yet really sat down to count the cost of what it means to be His servant or His slave?

Have you really sat down to count the cost of what it takes to please Him? And have you received the immersion of the Spirit? Have you received a new life and eternal life? Have you been immersed into Yeshua's death so then you can be raised in newness of life in Yeshua's salvation?

Laying down our lives for Him? Have we decided to make a commitment to help our King get what He wants? Have we decided to make a commitment to help our husband get His unified Global Kingdom?

Or perhaps are we not willing to give our money? We are not willing to give up our time? We do not really want to do any work to build Yeshua's Kingdom? We are not really supporting those who are?

How do you get through to people?

But may I please ask those of you directly to whom this pertains, how do you expect to please Yahweh in the day of judgment with an attitude that says, *“I do not really care about your Son”*?

“Thank you for eternal life. Yes, I want to be Yeshua’s bride. Yes, I want to serve Him. I did not serve Him. I do not have any money. I do not have any time for Him. It is not my number one priority in life. I have other things to do. My children have soccer. I have investments. I got the house to maintain. Come on, give me a break! What do you want from me here? What do you expect?”

It has been about 3 500 years since Yahweh gave us His bridal contract (His Ketubah) the Torah and it has been about 2 000 years since we received Yeshua's Spirit so that we know now how to walk the Torah out in love, in Yeshua's Spirit. We claim to be faithful disciples, we claim to be filled with Yeshua's Spirit and we claim not to be quenching it, but then we are not found doing the things that Yeshua's Spirit is already doing.

How does that match? Hmm...let us see. How can we truly have Yeshua's Spirit and yet we are not doing the same things as what Yeshua's Spirit is doing. But we are not quenching His Spirit.

Thessaloniquim Aleph (1st Thessalonians) 5:19-22

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not despise prophecies.

21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.

22 Abstain from every form of evil.

So, how does that fit together?

Well, we need to pray about it because some people believe that quenching His Spirit is the unforgivable sin. If we do or say something wrong, that is forgivable, but if we are not trying to follow His Spirit, are we not trampling on the grace? On His favor?

And brother, sister, if we are not doing the same things as Yeshua's Spirit is doing, then are we even really connected to the Vine, Yeshua, in the first place? Because Yeshua tells us that a tree is known by its fruit.

Luqa (Luke) 6:43-45

43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

If you bear good fruit that means you are eagerly helping to build Yeshua's unified global kingdom according to all He commands, because that is what He wants. That is His will. We know that we are in His will when we are doing His will and He wants to build a unified global kingdom which He will then submit to His Father.

So, if we are not eagerly doing that; if we are not actively helping him to build His unified global kingdom then how are we showing good fruit?

And if we are not showing good fruit; if we are not eagerly helping Yeshua to build His unified global kingdom so He can serve His Father, then how are we connected to the Vine?

Building Yeshua's unified global kingdom on a single foundation of apostles and prophets, that is the good fruit that He wants. And He will help us to produce good fruit, but we must follow His Spirit; we must obey all His instructions and not just the ones we like.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:20

20 Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua HaMashiach Himself being the chief cornerstone,

It is like that old saying, if Yahweh is your co-pilot, switch seats! Hand Him the steering wheel! Let Him lead you!

We promised that we would look at Psalm (or Tehillim) 73 and the psalmist Asaph, tells us that Yahweh is continually with us. It is as if He leads us by our right hand (so to speak).

Tehillim (Psalms) 73:23-24

23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

So, if we will just follow His leading and guiding and obey the still small voice which we hear in our inner ears, He is gladly going to take us by our right hand and lead us up to glory and take us up to Him. All we need to do is to let Him lead us by the right hand and then He will show us how to be His Proverbs 31 bride. That is all we need to do; we just need to let Him lead and do everything He says. That is the catch.

Though, we need to do it eagerly and with lots of love for Him. He wants to lead us like that. He wants to help us learn to become His Proverbs 31 bride. He wants to help us grow spiritually in Him. He wants to lead us to victory in Him, but we need to let go of the world; we need to let go of Egypt (or Mitzrayim).

When we come out of spiritual Mitzrayim, we come into His service. Do we not need to sit down and count the

cost and place Him and His Son truly first? Tithing first, giving of our spare time first, because that is the only way to please Him it says in Scripture.

Do we think He does not mean what His Word says? We are willing to stand on the promises, but we are not willing to stand behind the responsibilities?

Listen...yes, I am a sinner like everyone else, but the thing is, does He really want a bride who is half stepping for Him? Does He really want a bride who is dragging her heels; does not want to do anything? Why does He want that when He could have a Moshe or a Joshua or a Caleb or an Eliyahu or a Shaul or whoever He wants?

Do we realize what it means when Shaul counsels us that, do we not know that all those who run in a race indeed all run but only one receives the prize? We are to run in such a way as that we may obtain it and the reason is that it is the Spirit, that is the commitment, that is the eagerness He is looking for and anything else seems lukewarm to Him.

He wants a bride for His Son that wants to serve His Son, that is what He is looking for.

Well, I do not know why the rabbis chose to end the Parasha at the conclusion of the Ten Commandments. We could easily go for a whole year just on the Ten Commandments (or the Ten Words or they call them the Ten Things in Hebrew) but let us remember that we are still under the Firstborn Priesthood at this point when the Ten Commandments are given.

So, what we see is that this is the wedding ceremony. This is *erusin*, this is the public betrothal. And so, the Ten Commandments are the bride's Ketubah.

Now, and that is because the Levitical Order will not be called for four more Parashiot. So, at this moment in time (at the time of the wedding) it is the 10 words or the 10 things that is the Ketubah; that is our bridal Covenant.

Now, be careful! It does not mean that we only need to follow the ten things, because these ten things (or ten words) really are much more like ten principles (or ten precepts) because the very first of the ten precepts is the idea that Yahweh alone is our Elohim.

We are to serve Him first; in Him only. He is our Elohim He is our Commander; He is our King. He could direct us however He wants to do, whatever He wants and that is just like a military general is in charge. They have the authority to issue new directives and new strategies when the operation changes or progresses from one phase to the next, to the next, to the next. They can change the operating instructions however they see fit.

So, if it is the time for the Firstborn Priesthood and Yahweh tells Israel to organize a certain way, then we do it that way. And if it is the time in Levitical Order and Yahweh tells us to unify the nation around a blood altar three times a year, then we need to follow the specific instructions that Yahweh gives for unifying the nation around a cleansed blood altar three times a year; if we are under the Levitical Order (which we are not right now, we are under the Melchizedekian Order).

And if we are in the time of Yeshua establishing A Renewed Melchizedekian Order, then we are to re-raise (or to re-stand back up) the Tabernacle of David which has fallen down. And if that is the case (it is the case), then we need to follow Yeshua's instructions for organizing and operating outside the land under the Melchizedekian Order.

So, it is really very simple and while the specifics of how we operate can change from one priesthood to the next, to the next, to the next, we never ever violate the 10 words (or the 10 things). We never lose our zeal for building the coming kingdom of Mashiach. If we lose our zeal for building Yeshua's coming kingdom, then is there not a problem that needs to be resolved?

If we want to be a helper for our Husband and if we want to survive the Great Tribulation, then do we not need to learn to help Him?

Well, to talk about the Haftara a prophetic portion: I could not figure out why the rabbis chose this section, so I looked it up on Wikipedia and under Parasha Yitro; under the section Haftara connection to the Parasha it says, *“Both the Parasha and the Haftara recount Elohim's revelation.”*

Okay, well that is nice, but so what? Kind of...

It says, *“Both the Parasha and the Haftara describe divine beings as winged”*

I am like, *“Are you kidding me?!”*

And it says, *“Both the Parasha and the Haftara report Elohim's presence accompanied by shaking and smoke, and both the Parasha and the Haftara speak of making Israel a set-apart community.”* But they do not give us any instructions on how to do that. They have their own ideas how to make a set-apart community apart from the ideas that Yahweh gives in his Torah?

Okay, well, if the rabbis do not really have a message in this passage, then what is Elohim trying to say here?

So, when I read it, I get the message that Yahweh's people think they are doing a splendid, spectacular, great job of serving Him they think that, just like the House of Ephraim thinks, they are doing a great job of serving Him today. Just like our forefathers thought they were doing a really great job of serving Him back in the wilderness when they had nothing, but complaints and no trust in faith.

Yaakov (James) 1:22

22 But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Well, perhaps they were serving Him by even bringing their tithes, but they were not serving Him in a transformative way and that is the key point. If we are not transformed by the infilling of His Spirit, what is it all about? A checklist of Commandments that we are going to kind of half-heartedly do? We are going to (kind of) give our tithe because we must.

Like, "*Well I suppose I should donate some work to the set-apart community*", that kind of a thing, but not in a transformative way. Not in a happy, joyful way. That Yahweh has chosen us of all people. Why us as His bride? Like, are you kidding me?

And Yahweh says because these people do not get that He is going to burn the place down. And the reason Yahweh is still going to burn the place down is that His treasured daughter-in-law whom He redeemed personally from Egypt, He betrothed to His Son, and then He sent His Son to die to redeem her.

What is it to them? They are not really putting Him first in their life. We all know what first is. We all know what it is to put Yahweh's tithe first. We all know what it is to put

Yahweh's Word first. By the time we are three years old we know the difference between right and wrong. Now, it is just a matter of choices. We need to make those correct choices for Him.

Well, Yahweh says, His people - they are hearing His Word, but they are not really getting it. They keep on seeing great things in His Word, but they regard them as strange; they do not really understand "*What is Yahweh on about?*" They do not understand what Yahweh is on about because they are not truly committed to Him. Their heart is not truly with Him.

They even know Him? How can they say they know Him when they do not care about the same things He cares about?

Brother, sister, in your own relationship with your own spouse, how well does the relationship go if you do not care about what your spouse cares about?

Well, most of our brethren in the Ephraimite movement, again I am a repentant sinner, but what I see is, most of Ephraim both in Scripture and today, they do not want to enter into a real family relationship with Him. They do not want to be real with Him. They do not want to be real about the extent of the sacrifice His Son made.

I do not know, but I just imagine that, with what amounts to utter disrespect and complete lack of honor, coming from His Son's bride to be. Maybe Yahweh is thinking, "*Okay, fine, whatever. She does not want to be My Son's spouse, or excuse me, she wants to be My Son's spouse, and He died for her, but she does not want to come together and work for Him. She does not want to tithe, she does not want to help, she does not want to do anything. She does not even want to leave spiritual*

Babylon in Egypt. Do not ask her to endure hardship as a good soldier of Yeshua Messiah. Do not ask Ephraim of old to endure hardship serving our King, the Commander of our army.”

I do not know how He is thinking, “*if that is how she is, then forget her. She wants to be subject to the Torah, she wants to be subject to the punishments for adultery, she just wants to be lukewarm. Fine, let her heart be dull.*”

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 44:18

18 They do not know nor understand; for He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand.

“And while we are at it, let us stop up her ears with peanut butter and put scales on her eyes because if I am going to do all that for them - I am going to plan this whole thing around them and then I am going to send My Son and He is going to die a miserable, horrible, gruesome death to redeem them from death and they still do not even care enough to find out what My Son wants? They do not even care enough to make a real commitment to put Me and My Son in first place?”

“Okay, I will tell you what. You just watch as I burn this place to the ground and start over with the faithful remnant. But the problem is, things are so bad, things are so impure with My children, I am going to burn it down again because they are not listening for My voice, and they are not doing the things I say to do in My Word. They are picking and choosing; they are doing the part of The Commandments that they want to do. That is not the same as faithfully obeying Me.”

I am also not sure what the rabbis are trying to say when they decided to include Isaiah chapter 9 verses 5 and 6.

Now, clearly this is a Messianic passage. This passage clearly speaks of Yeshua, but if you are from the Jewish side of the house (specifically rabbinical and you believe the Talmud version), can you please explain to me how a human can fulfill the requirements here in verse six? Because I am not seeing it.

It tells us, “*For unto us a child is born and unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder.*” And that is how we know it is a Messianic passage, “*And His name shall be called wonderful counselor, El Gibbor (which means Mighty Elohim), Everlasting Father and Sar Shalom (or Prince of Peace).*”

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 9:6

6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty Elohim [El Gibbor], Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace [Sar Shalom].

Now, how can a human man be named *El Gibbor* (or *Mighty Elohim*), unless He is a manifestation of Elohim? And how can a human man be named *Everlasting Father*, unless He is a manifestation of the Everlasting Father?

Well, the rabbis have their ways to explain these things away, but we are not going to spend time on them here. If you want to know how we understand Yeshua as a manifestation of Yahweh, please see our study on [“Yeshua Manifestation of Yahweh”](#) found in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One](#).

But as long as we are here, I personally believe that a much better passage, a much better match for this Parasha would have been Yirmeyahu (or Jeremiah) chapter 11.

Now, here Yahweh is speaking to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and He says, *“Thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel, ‘Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of this Covenant which I commanded your forefathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Mitzrayim; out of the iron furnace’ saying, ‘Number one, obey My voice. And two, do according to all that I command you. Then you shall be My people and I will be your Elohim that I may establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers; to give them a land flowing with milk and honey as it is this day.’”*

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 11:4-5

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Mitzrayim, from the iron furnace, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so, shall you be My people, and I will be your Elohim,’

5 that I may establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them ‘a land flowing with milk and honey,’ as it is this day.””

And that is exactly what He wants; He just wants us to take Him at face value here. You do not need to reinterpret Him. You do not need to make fence laws. You just need to read what He says and then do it, that is all you need to do.

He does not say He wants a third Temple that denies His Son, Yeshua. He does not say, *“Give it a hybrid Rabbinical/Levitical priesthood and rewrite the Torah.”*

He does not command anything like that not anywhere; He specifically commands the opposite.

He commands us not to change His Word, but if we do not change it, brothers in Ephraim, do we not still need to obey it?

Now, He tells us what He wants in verse 7. He says, "*For I earnestly exhorted your forefathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Mitzrayim until this day. Rising early and exhorting saying, 'Obey My voice!'*" And from the language here it sounds like Yahweh was saying this for a very long time.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 11:7

7 For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Mitzrayim, until this day, rising early and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice."

The Spirit is always calling out. In Proverbs 8, the Spirit cries out and He says, "*I am trying to talk to you!*" He says, "*Yet they did not obey, they did not even incline their ears. They were not listening, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart. Therefore, I will bring upon them all the words of this Covenant which I commanded them to do but which they have not done.*"

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 11:8

8 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore, I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done."

And here He is talking about the blessings and the cursings. Blessings for obedience, cursings if you do not

obey everything contained in the Torah. That is what He is saying. Just like today in the House of Ephraim, our forefathers who are not obeying the Torah back in those days.

Well, here in this context, the problem Yahweh is speaking about, to brother Judah, is that brother Judah is following a Torah; it is not really *the* Torah. Judah instead follows what they call, rabbinic *Torah Law*. But it is not Yahweh's Torah, it is Talmud dressed up to look like the Torah. But it is not the words of Elohim, it is a modification of the words of Elohim. So, really, Yahweh says it is the words of men.

Well, in verse 9 Yahweh continues. Listen closely to what He says:

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 11:9

9 And Yahweh said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

[Oh, no! Is Yahweh a conspiracy theorist?]

He says, "*They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers in the wilderness who refuse to hear My words. They did not do what I said. They have gone after other elohim to serve them (such as Adonai and HaShem, among others).*"

Well, Yahweh says both houses are violating His will. He says, "The House of Israel and the House of Yehuda have both broken My Covenant which I made with their fathers. Therefore, thus says Yahweh, 'Behold I will surely bring Calamity on them. (He is talking to both houses) which they will not be able to escape. And though they cry out to Me, I will not listen to them.'"

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 11:10-11

10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other elohim to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers.”

11 Therefore thus says Yahweh: “Behold, I will surely bring calamity on them which they will not be able to escape; and though they cry out to Me, I will not listen to them.

He is talking about both houses here. He says:

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 11:12-13

12 Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

13 For according to the number of your cities were your elohim, O Yehudah; and according to the number of the streets of Yerushalayim you have set up altars to that shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal.

[We show in our studies about the names, that HaShem and Adonai, those are the names of Baal, they are not Yahweh's name.]

Well, does that sound like Yahweh is pleased? Okay, so what is He not pleased about?

Is He not pleased because His people are not eagerly listening for His voice? And they are not eagerly doing all that He commands in His Word as an eager Proverbs 31 fiancée should do?

But what, Ephraim? We think we are special just because we have Yeshua and just because we know about Shabbat and the feast, and we know about the Torah? We read from it every week at our friend's house.

Great... How do you plan to survive the tribulation? How do you plan to survive the destruction we are talking about here because He is talking to both houses.

Okay, let us forget about the rest of the house, let each man save his life as it says in Jeremiah 50-51.

We are talking personal, okay? I am a repentant sinner trying to walk in repentance. Are you walking truly in repentance? If Yahweh was standing right here, are you walking in repentance? Are you truly obeying everything that you know how to do? Or are all these warnings against Ephraim and Judah disobeying falling on deaf ears?

Because we think we are *"too cool for school"* (or something like that). We do not really need to do anything to serve our King, is that it?

Well, in the Brit Chadasha (or the Renewed Covenant) portion it is the same thing. Yeshua keeps trying to tell us not to focus on the things of this world; do not set your sights on spiritual Mitzrayim; do not set your sights on material things (money and material goods). Set your sights on how you can lay up spiritual treasures for yourself in heaven.

But it costs! You must put your time, your money, and your life energies into building Yeshua's kingdom. That is the only way it can get built, because it is not easy.

Look, Yahweh gave us brains. He expects us to use them, so let us sit down for a minute and let us count the cost, okay? Let us decide if we can overpower Yahweh Elohim of hosts with all the forces that we have at our disposal.

Maybe we are stronger and mightier with our armies than Yahweh Elohim of hosts. So, maybe we do not really need to obey all His Commandments like He says to do. Maybe we are stronger than Him; such that we do not need to hear and obey His voice.

Maybe we do not need to do what He says because..."
Oh! Oh, I know. Yea, the judgment, it does not apply to us! Yea, that is it! That is the ticket yes because we know who Yeshua is, right? We already rest on the Shabbat and feasts just like Yeshua rested on Shabbat and feasts and we bring a dish to our friend's house, and we have some light duty Torah discussion."

"Because that is enough, we do not need to obey all of Yahweh's Commandments. No, we do not need to be active in the Great Commission. No, we do not need to unify in a single foundation of apostles and prophets. No, because we are superior, we are not like those mere mortals that Yahweh says He is going to judge in Scripture. You know, those people Yahweh writes about that are disobeying Him. That is not us. He is not talking to us; He is talking to someone else."

Hello... Ephraim, is anybody home?

What are we saying here? *"Maybe Yeshua will know that we love Him even though we do not keep His Commandments and we do not do anything He said. We do not help Him build His kingdom?"*

Is that what we think? We think we do not need to make a living sacrifice because that was all done by Yeshua and the apostles back in the first century? Is that what we think deep in our heart of hearts?

These are those who say in their hearts, *“I do not really need to do anything, I have Yeshua's blood covering my sins, so I do not actually have to do anything for Him.”*

Yea, yea... I mean, is it not amazing how so many of Yeshua's followers seem to want to misunderstand completely what Yeshua said in His very first sermon? We are talking *the Beatitudes*; the first time He taught Yeshua tells us not to focus on the world and on spiritual Mitzrayim. If we are going to come out of Mitzrayim, we need to come out of Mitzrayim. We cleanse the Mitzrayim leaven from our hearts.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:5

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Rather, I mean, does He not say to make building His kingdom our number one priority in life? Does Yeshua not tell us to spend our time with our spiritual family that they are our brothers and our sisters and our mothers and to spend our riches building His kingdom?

I mean we should behave like we actually love Him and want to build Him a kingdom, because we know Him, and we know that is what He wants? We read His Word, we try to make Him happy by doing the things His Word says to do, (you know) like building the kingdom?

Really, it is our pride and joy; it is our labor of love; we enjoy building the kingdom for Him because we love

Him? We want to see Him happy; do you know what I mean?

Well, in Matthew (or Mattityahu) chapter 6 in verse 19, Yeshua tells us not to focus on earthly treasures such as nice cars, nice homes, nice clothing, vacation packages, because these are not truly treasures that last; moth, fire, rust, flood, mildew, war, are going to destroy all those earthly treasures. Thieves can break in and steal, they can take our diamonds, our gold, our jewelry, our silver, all our valuables.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:19

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

But why spend money on those things if they are not essential? Why not spend our money instead on laying up spiritual treasures in heaven, because there is no way that moth or rust or even war is going to do away with anything we have done for Yeshua. These are not going to break in and steal treasure we have laid up in heaven.

So, then Yeshua says something very key that we need to understand. He says, “*For where you spend your treasure there your heart will be also.*” And what that means is where you spend your money, that shows where your heart really is.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:21

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

So, we can talk a great game about what great disciples we are and what faithful servants of Yeshua, but do we

put our money where our mouth is? Are we doing all the things that are written in His Commandments? Or are we just all about lip service and empty talk, a bunch of malarkey?

Yeshua tells us plainly, He says, *“No one, none of us can serve two masters. Where they are going to hate the one and love the other or we are going to be loyal to the one and despise the other.”* He says we cannot serve both Elohim and money; it does not work like that. Money is a thing of the world; Elohim is of the Spirit; Elohim is Spirit.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:24

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve Elohim and mammon.

Well, it is like Yeshua is trying to get people's attention. He is trying to say, *“Look, would you just please snap out of it?”* in the very nicest, most loving way possible. It is like He is trying to say, *“Okay, look, you need to put Me and my Father first. And do not think we cannot tell the difference between whether you are really putting Us first and when you are not putting Us first, because We can tell.”*

It is up to those of us who truly love Him to do something good with the clues He is given us in Scripture. It is up to us to build the kingdom for the next generations.

So, when we plan our time are we stopping and considering the eternal consequences of what we are planning? Because sooner or later we are all going to come to the end of our lives and then we will be in the judgment.

Either we walked correctly, or we did not walk correctly. Either He was our first and only priority or He was not our first and only priority.

And Yeshua says He is coming quickly, and His reward is with Him to give to every one of us according to our work.

So, what are we doing for Him? Are we doing much of anything for Him? Because being an obedient disciple, that is something we must walk out step by step and day by day. We do not get to just be obedient by showing up at our friend's house and reading Scripture. We must remain obedient to Him in every moment in every decision that we make.

We must use stewardship in our lives to steward the resources of our lives to help build His Son's kingdom. That is what He wants to see.

He is going to say, "*Did you read My book? Did you do what it said?*"

Well, our forefathers did not want to obey Yahweh when they were coming out of Egypt, but did they not think they were obedient Israelites? Did they not think they were doing just fine? But the fact is, their hearts were not really turned to Yahweh; they did not have the same Spirit as Moshe or Joshua or Eliyahu or Caleb or King David.

They did not really serve Him with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their strength; and it reflected in everything that they did.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:5

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

So, brothers and sisters, the point is what about us? Are we going to do everything that Yahweh's Word asks us to do like being a good and loyal Proverbs 31 bride? And if we want to be part of the bride, are we helping Yeshua to get His kingdom set up for His Father?

Because a bride is described as a helper, so are we helping Him? Or are we perhaps lying to ourselves, telling ourselves that we are doers of the Word when really, we are hearers only, deceiving ourselves?

Yaakov (James) 1:22

22 But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Are we truly walking a broad easy pathway that anyone who does not really want to give of himself or his time or his life energy or his money can walk that broad easy road?

Or perhaps walking in narrow and afflicted pathway that leads unto life? It just seems like very few there are, whoever really find it, because there is very few who are willing to sit down and count the cost and still choose for Elohim.

Well, our forefathers used to say a word of the wise is sufficient, so I hope this information will be helpful to those of you who truly love Yeshua and want to serve Him the way that He says.

He who has ears let him hear.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:29

29 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Shabbat Shalom.

Parasha Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18; 2 Kings 11:17-12:17

Luke 7:1-8:3

Welcome to Nazarene Israel my name is Norman Willis, and this is “Parasha Mishpatim” for 2022.

And the term *mishpatim* is usually translated as *judgments* or *rulings* (sometimes *laws*). These are basically the judgments or the house rulings that Yahweh makes for His family and His kingdom, in His house.

So, if we want to be taken as Yeshua's bride then we need to make sure that Yeshua's Father, Yahweh, will accept us. And one way we can do that is by obeying all of His Father's, Yahweh's, house rules (even the ones that are not easy or free).

So, if we want to be approved of in the day of judgment then these are His house rules; this is the way He wants things done (period, exclamation point)!

And there are many rules, and judgments, and laws in Parasha Mishpatim. We are going to zero in on one set of laws that shows up again in the Haftara prophetic portion.

But mostly, instead of focusing on the specifics of this or that rule in this Parasha, we want to focus on getting to know the heart of who it was that gave us these house rules. Meaning who was it really who met with our forefathers in the wilderness?

That is to ask: Who was it who really gave our forefathers a Torah? Because Yahweh the Father has

never left the throne room in heaven so it could not have been our heavenly Father, Yahweh.

So, then who was it who gave the Torah to both Houses of Israel at Mount Sinai? Who gave the Torah or the wedding covenant, both to Israel (or Ephraim) and also to the House of Judah?

In this Parasha we are going to see that it was the Father's Son, Yeshua. And we will also see what that means for us if we want to survive the coming Tribulation.

And along the way we are also going to see what Scripture has to say about slavery and why the prophecies tell us that there will be slavery again in the future. So, we need to learn what are the real rules for that so that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past.

Now, before we get to our main subject area of talking about who is Yahweh and why we know that it was Yeshua who led our forefathers out of the land of Mitzrayim (or Egypt), first we need to talk about the difficult subject of slavery.

Now, slavery is a theme, both in the Torah portion and in the Haftara portion, and it is a very important theme, and we need to talk about it. However, it does seem difficult to talk on this theme. It is one of those themes that, the moment you mention the topic *slavery*, everyone's blood pressure jumps up 30 or 40 points (if not more). And some people get downright hostile, so let us be careful what we are and are not saying here.

What we are saying is that, in general, Yahweh hates slavery; He does not like it at all, especially not for Hebrews. However, there are times when slavery is not

only permitted, but it is actually a preferable alternative; such as when you have been attacked by an overwhelming number of enemies, you have taken a bunch of captives and either you need to put them to death because you cannot release them (because they will attack you again), or you can take them captive and give them an opportunity to convert.

We are going to see how Yeshayahu (or Isaiah) chapter 14 tells us that we or our children are going to be placed in precisely just such a situation in the foreseeable future (probably after the Great Tribulation in Armageddon).

So, Yeshayahu (or Isaiah) chapter 14 and verse 1 tells us:

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 14:1

1 For Yahweh will have mercy on Yaakov [or Judah], and will still choose Israel [or Ephraim], and settle them [meaning both houses] in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the House of Yaakov.

That is just like Yeshua said in Luke chapter 13 in verse 29, He says, *“And many will come from east and from west and from the north and from south and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Elohim. Whereas the sons of the kingdom will be cast into the outer darkness.”*

Luqa (Luke) 13:29

29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of Elohim.

Now, let us continue in Yeshayahu 14 in verse 2. It says, *“Then people will take them and bring them to their place*

in the land of Israel and the House of Israel or Ephraim will possess them” meaning their oppressors for servants and maids in the land of Yahweh. It says, “They will take them captive whose captives they were, and they will rule over their oppressors.” That sounds pretty good does it not?

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 14:2

2 Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the House of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of Yahweh they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

I mean, really, but is it not also talking about slaves here because what else does it mean that we will take captive those whose captives we were and that we rule over those who oppressed us? What else could it mean?

So, now let us look at Revelation (or Hitgalut) chapter 2 and verse 27 when Yeshua says He will hand His rod of iron to His body, meaning His bride, Nazarene Israel (that is us). And we will use His rod of iron to rule and reign over the nations in His stead.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:27

27 ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—

Now, I do not know about for you, but for me that is an amazing promise. Right there, that is a jaw dropper. Basically what He is saying is, if we will submit to His Spirit and stay in connection with Him, stay in connection with the Vine and let His Spirit lead us and guide us and if we will just follow His instructions (how He wants us to

conduct a five-fold ministry model), then He will help us to grow His kingdom for Him.

And what is even more amazing, both we and our children whom He will help us to raise up the right way (if we will let Him), we and our children will rule and reign over the nations as His body for one thousand years with His rod of iron.

Now, I wish I could share it with you so briefly as that, but Yahweh has given me a vision for this thing and Yahweh has a whole plan for this and we hope to share it with you as we get time, but the point is that we need to begin thinking again as the nation of Ephraim as Israel had to begin thinking as a nation when they began to leave Mitzrayim (or Egypt).

We need to realize that as we begin to leave spiritual Mitzrayim (spiritual Egypt); as we begin to leave the world spiritually, we are going to be called to face a situation like in Yeshayahu chapter 14 very soon. Either we will have to face it, or our children will have to face it.

So, how are we going to face it and do things the right way? What do we need to know in that day so we can do the right thing?

Well, we need to know what Scripture says about slavery because this prophecy is going to happen to us and to our children one day very soon; it is going to happen to our people. What are we as His people going to do? What does Yahweh want us to do?

Well, okay, again Scripture tells us that Yahweh does not generally like slavery. However, it also says that Yahweh allowed our forefathers to go into slavery so that one day when we would rule, that we would be compassionate

masters since we ourselves know what it is like to be slaves in Mitzrayim (or Egypt).

So, it is a difficult subject because slavery generally indicates that you are making someone do something that is against their will; you are forcing someone to do something. So, it is not a pleasant subject to begin with, but again we need to consider that following scenario.

Now, in our study on [Revelation and the End Times](#) (or you can check [Revelation Simplified](#) on our YouTube channel), what we see is there going to be a lot of war in the Middle East. Again, probably either at the end of the Tribulation or Armageddon (which comes right after the Tribulation), but in that time frame there is going to be a lot of war in the Middle East.

And we also know from our study on [Torah Government](#) that what Elohim's goal is – it is that we will help His Son build a kingdom over which His Son will rule which spans the whole globe.

But that is one of the mysteries of these things; we as His body will be the ones to rule and reign in His stead; that is the meaning of the stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands that smote the image on the feet and then it grows into a great mountain (or a great government) that fills the whole earth. That is us; that is Nazarene Israel.

Daniel 2:45

45 “Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great Elohim has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

But obviously there is some doing involved here; we cannot just sit and wait for Elohim to do things and we have not done all that we know how to do. So, what does He want us to do?

Well, in that day, Yeshua's people (Nazarene Israel) will already be in the land of Israel, but we are also going to be effectively running His global, spiritual government which is based on Yeshua's five-fold ministry protocol in Ephesians chapter 4.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:11-13

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah;

So, now here is the thing almost no one thinks about: Right now, while we are still in the dispersion, under the Melchizedekian Order, the weapons of our spiritual warfare are not physical right now. Meaning, right now (under the Melchizedekian Order in the dispersion) we have a nation of people who believe the same way, but we do not have any countries.

However, we do not have our own, effectively, a physical (or a temporal) government. Because of that, we do not have guns, or tanks, or nukes, or anything like that right now. In contrast, all of our weapons are spiritual and that is where our focus needs to be at the moment.

So, we submit to His spirit 24/7; we speak the truth of His Word in love. And this practice of courageously speaking the truth in love to those who have ears to hear is (effectively) mighty in Elohim and it tears down ancient customs and ancient strongholds and false traditions and ideas that keep Yeshua's people away from hearing the truth.

And courageously speaking the truth in love is a very powerful tool for casting down arguments in every high, pompous, arrogant, exalted thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of Yahweh Elohim, and submission to His Son's Spirit.

Qorintim Bet (2 Corinthians) 10:3-4

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in Elohim for pulling down strongholds,

So, these are our weapons right now and again that is where our focus needs to be; speaking the truth in love, but to be as wise as serpents, yet harmless as doves, there are some things we need to know.

Now, as we show in our study on [Revelation and The End Times](#) (and elsewhere), in Yeshayahu (or Isaiah) chapter 66 starting in verse 20, it lets us know that when the Tribulation and Armageddon are over, Ephraim and the Melchizedekian Order in the dispersion will be called home and will be brought into what is left of the purified and refined Levitical Order (or the Rabbinical Order).

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:20

20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to Yahweh out of all nations, on horses and

in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says Yahweh, “as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the House of Yahweh.

But in that day, after being purified and refined after the fires of the tribulation Armageddon, there will be nothing left of the corrupted Rabbinical Order.

But, so then what should we as a nation do if we are leaving Mitzrayim, we are leaving spiritual Egypt, we are leaving the world system?

And we know that when the Tribulation and trumpet seven are over, that Yahweh is going to bring us back home to the land of Israel. And some of our Melchizedekian priesthood is going to get taken for Levitical priests and Levitical Levites, and that we are going to revert back to a renewed Levitical Order in which there is also a physical army.

Meaning, in that day, the weapons of our warfare will be both spiritual and physical, just as they were in the days of King David. And that is just like, you have a priesthood which is the spiritual army, and you also have the people (or the assemblies, or the tribes), and they host the physical (or what is called the temporal) armies of Elohim.

We could talk a lot about the circumstances surrounding this verse but let us notice what we need to see here is that Ephraim was originally taken captive by the Assyrians.

Now, that is, our forefathers went into what is called the *Assyrian Diaspora* (or you could call it the great seeding or the great sowing), and we explain this in the [Nazarene](#)

[Israel](#) study. This refers to how Avraham and Israel's children would be sown and scattered into the earth like seed, later to be recovered one day. You can read all about that in the [Nazarene Israel](#) study.

But this is what Yahweh is talking about when He prophesies to those who are in Assyria. As you read the prophecies, sometimes you will see He is talking to those who are in Assyria, talking to them or saying what they will do. Who He is talking about is the northern House of Ephraim that was taken into the Assyrian Diaspora (the Assyrian Captivity).

Melachim Bet (2nd Kings) 17:6

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

And in [Nazarene Israel](#) we also explain how it was that, after Ephraim was taken into the Assyrian Diaspora, brother Judah also got taken into a captivity, but this time he was taken to an exile in Babylon.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 25:21

21 Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

Well, while the northern kingdom of Ephraim is only just now getting ready to return to the land of Israel, some 10% of our Jewish brothers and sisters return to the land of Israel in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. And we will surely have an opportunity to talk about our Orthodox Jewish brothers at some point, but mostly what we need

to see here is that some 90% of brother Judah never returned from the Babylonian Exile.

Well, the prophecies tell us that they will return one day, so then who are they, and where are they now?

Well, Yahweh clearly knows who they are and where they are, and He tells us in certain verses like Yirmeyahu (or Jeremiah) chapter 3 in verse 18, that at least some of the 90% of Judah who went out into the Babylonian Exile and has not yet returned; is currently sojourning either with, or near the House of Ephraim (or Israel).

We will talk a lot more about that, but what we need to see here is that at least some of the 90% of Judah who got taken into the Babylonian exile and never returned are today either with or near the House of Ephraim.

Except there is one wrinkle here, in prophetic terms. You say, well, someone will say, *“Wait, I thought that the House of Ephraim was taken into the Assyrian Dispersion.”*

Okay, so how do we reconcile the fact that the Assyrian Dispersion is not part of the sequence of king Nebuchadnezzar's dream statue of five Babylonian empires manifesting?

So how do you get from the Babylonian Exile to the Assyrian Dispersion? Prophetically speaking, what is the connection?

Okay, well, in our study on [Revelation and The End Times](#), in the chapter [“A Restored Islamic Caliphate”](#) (you have to log in to view that one), we show that king Nebuchadnezzar's dream of five Babylonian empires is really part of a larger sequence of eight empires that

includes Babylon, but also goes all the way back to Egypt (or Mitzrayim).

So really, it seems fair to say that the Babylonian system is effectively an extension of the Egyptian system. Therefore, those of brotherhood Judah who went into the exile to Babylon and never returned, are today, (effectively) sojourning with the House of Ephraim (there are several verses that tell us this).

Now, we could potentially say that they entered the Egyptian-pyramid system at node number three, which is Babylon. And right now, they are sojourning either with, or near, the House of Ephraim, who entered the Egyptian system at node number two (Assyria and Nineveh).

There is a lot more that we hope to say about this graphic as time goes on because it shows us effectively the origins of the New World Order system as being in Egypt.

But as we saw, Yeshayahu chapter 66 tells us that, after the fires of the tribulation Armageddon are all burned out (the leaven is burned out by the fires of the tribulation), then comes the in-gathering.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 66:20-21

20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to Yahweh out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says Yahweh, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the House of Yahweh.

21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says Yahweh.

What we will see in prophecy is that the tiny remnant of Ephraim in the Melchizedekian Order, who actually love Yahweh enough to obey the Torah (not just the parts they like but the whole of the Torah), they get to return back home to the land of Israel. And they will be merged with the tiny remnant of what is left of the purified and refined Levitical Order.

So, in other words, after the fires the tribulation of Armageddon have burned the leaven (the sin) completely all the way out of the children of Israel, the Rabbis are going to see that, when Yeshua comes in the clouds, that it was Him that they put to death. And then, and only then are they going to convert back to the originally commanded Levitical system.

That is probably what that means; they are going to have to go all the way through the tribulation so they can get all the leaven burned out of them so they can obey Yahweh's Torah once more and not obey the Talmud.

Okay, so if we are ready to move on beyond milk, there are several great big things that happened during the Tribulation and Armageddon time frame.

Now, we expect some very big wars between Ephraim and Judah, or the United States and Israel teaming up against the combined forces of Esau (or the Catholic church or the red horse) and Cousin Ishmael (or the green horse).

Now, as we show in our studies on [Revelation and The End Times](#), and also in [Revelation Simplified](#) on YouTube, prophecy also tells us that Esau (or the Catholic church; the red horse) will effectively be obliterated, and that cousin Ishmael is effectively going to lose the war and then in the end he will convert.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:1-2

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

But in talking about slavery in that day, we are going to be back in the land of Israel, or perhaps in transition to the land of Israel. And then, once we are back in the land of Israel, we come again under the Levitical system.

Now, we are just talking hypothetical scenarios here: Now, what if green horse (Cousin Ishmael), should perhaps attack black horse Israel (whether as part of Armageddon or some other event in that time frame)?

Prophecy says that this is going to happen. So, we really, as a people (as a nation), we need to figure out: what is our response going to be in that day so that we can respond appropriately? Right?

Okay, so now we talk about slavery in the Torah portion of Parasha Mishpatim; we also end up talking about it in the Haftarah prophetic portion.

Although, I think the real importance of talking about these things is to help the House of Ephraim get ready to leave Egypt and to get ready for all the many changes that anyone who wants to leave the world system and survive the Tribulation while being in Yahweh's favor, I believe, needs to begin making and implementing in their lives right now, because today is the day of salvation, but we are talking about a future event.

In that day, either in the end of the Tribulation or in the Armageddon time frame, if Israel gets attacked and the attack is very severe (which Scripture promises to be, but Yahweh does give Israel the ultimate victory), then what if Israel has a whole bunch of enemy soldiers, they have taken captive?

Now, just to be realistic (and this is not something we want particularly, we only want to see Yahweh's Word fulfilled), but in an Armageddon, or a post-Armageddon time frame with Babylon, the whole Babylonian system having fallen already at trumpet seven, why would you want to release an enemy who has just attacked you? They are just going to attack you again.

So, during the millennium, after trumpet seven, there is going to be no need to let our enemies attack us endlessly, because the Babylonian system will already have fallen at trumpet seven. And at that point, that is when we are given Yeshua's rod of iron and we will then suddenly have the power and we will be tasked with ruling and reigning for a thousand years with Yeshua's rod of iron.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:6

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Now, we need to ask ourselves would King David put up with this kind of nonsense?

Okay, so we need to remember: Again, moving beyond the milk, if the goal is to build a global kingdom for Yeshua that will literally last for a thousand years, if King

David would not have released enemy combatants because they would just attack Israel again, what would he do to them? Would he put them to death? Would he enslave them? Or perhaps, maybe would he do a little of each, like he did in Shemuel Bet (or 2nd Samuel) chapter 8 in verse 2?

That is where it says that King David defeated Moab and then forcing them down to the ground. He measured them off with a line; with two lines he measured off those to be put to death and with one full line he measured off those to be kept alive.

Shemuel Bet (2 Samuel) 8:2

2 Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So, the Moabites became David's servants and brought tribute.

So, what we see is that two-thirds of the enemy combatants (the forces attacking King David's armies) were put to death and one-third would be kept alive as slaves (perhaps also as hostages). And that is how the Moabites became David's servants, and they ended up bringing tribute, that is what their punishment was, for attacking Israel.

It also causes others to think twice before attacking Israel. That is the way kings used to think before the Babylonian system took over.

Now, in our case (and again this is something we hope to say with as much compassion as is possible), in a scenario like this, it is either going to be us or our children who are going to be facing this situation. We are

going to be having to take a large number of captor's captive. We are going to have to rule over those who ruled over us.

That is a different group, that is not Ishmael. We will talk about them some other time.

But how do we hope to do that as a nation unless we are organized as a nation? And how do we hope to please, (possibly) Yahweh of hosts unless we are organized as a host?

It is Yahweh of armies. Unless we organize like His spiritual army and implement His spiritual weaponry together, how can we hope to please Him?

It is sometimes you just wonder. It is like, a lot of the Messianic, they read these prophecies and they have good little sound bite verses and sayings, but is anyone really stopping to connect the dots of what it is that we are being called to do for Yeshua?

And do we truly understand that Yeshua is calling us to organize so we can build Him a kingdom, and then we and our children can rule and reign for Him in His stead?

Yochanan (John)17:21

21 That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

I mean, can we grasp what that is about? Can we grasp what that says?

Now, to get ready for that is not going to be either easy or free, but can we imagine serving as the bride of the King, or the Son of the King of the universe?

Well, now the thing we need to know is that the way it is supposed to work with slaves is that if we have a situation where you capture an enemy; he attacked you - you do not really want to set him loose because he has already shown that he hates you; he has already shown that he is willing to kill you. If you let him go, he is just going to attack you again.

Now, you can put him to death and that is an option, but again, Yahweh does not like slavery. But Yahweh does not like unnecessary killing. It is Yahweh's will that all should be given an opportunity to come to the knowledge of the truth and repent and receive His Son's Spirit and be unified with the commonwealth of Israel.

So, if you do not just want to put him to death, then an alternative is that you can take him into captivity, and he will remain in slavery unless or until he converts.

However, once he converts, this is what Parasha Mishpatim says: Yahweh's mishpatim (or Yahweh's rulings, or His judgments) regarding slaves is that - it is okay if someone is a hostile, they are not a Hebrew; they have attacked you, tried to kill people, or perhaps they have succeeded in killing people; it is okay, you can treat them with rigor. Meaning you can effectively force their hand; you can make them do things as long as he is a non-Hebrew, all right?

That is the key; that is what got forgotten in the past. Once a non-Hebrew converts and becomes a Hebrew, you no longer treat him with rigor. Now you are supposed to let him serve six more years, and in the meantime, you are starting to train him in something because he is no longer going to be your slave. Now he is your brother.

So, he serves you six more years, and then in the seventh year he goes free, and you send him out with things because now he is your brother.

Shemote (Exodus) 21:2

2 If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing.

So, we start to get into the details: We come to Shemote chapter 24. It starts out talking about how we treat slaves who are hostile; we can treat them with rigor, versus slaves who are Hebrews.

And basically, what we see, male or female, is that you deal in a much nicer manner with Hebrew slaves. Really, Hebrew slaves, you are not supposed to treat them like slaves; you are supposed to treat them more like hired servants.

And remembering that, what Yeshua wants is a Proverbs 31 bride who eagerly wants to do all she can to help her Husband establish His kingdom.

Mishle (Proverbs) 31:10, 17

10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

17 She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms.

Perhaps we can look at Yeshayahu chapter 14 like a kind of a difficult evangelism opportunity. So, in that case, if anyone converts, then you begin treating him much better. And then, in the seventh year, he goes free, and we send him out with possessions.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 14:2

12 Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the House of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of Yahweh; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

Now, the whole thing to modern ears probably sounds very harsh and barbaric, but that is the reality that we have to deal with that Yeshayahu chapter 14 speaks of. And these time frames are coming right up.

So, whatever we do we need to remember that our Husband, Yeshua wants a kingdom and that what we really want if we are His Proverbs 31 bride is to help Him get it, because that equates to saving souls for Him however we can.

So, if you have a security risk, you do not want to put them to death, you give them an opportunity to convert. That is the way slavery is supposed to be done.

Now, we will come back to the Torah portion in a moment, but now let us jump to the Haftara prophetic portion.

And I apologize, if there was some confusion about what the Haftara prophetic portion was (that is a long story), but apparently there is more than one traditional reading for the Haftara prophetic portion, and we listed the other one. But this time we want to focus on the other one which is Yirmeyahu (or Jeremiah) chapter 34, starting in verse 8.

And here in Yirmeyahu 34, we have a great big mess. And this is where King Zedekiah, and all the officials of Jerusalem, and the eunuchs and, everyone, they all took

a vow in the House of Yahweh to set all of their Hebrew slaves free in order to win Yahweh's favor, to remove the armies of king Nebuchadnezzar and to send them away.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 34:8

8 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem to proclaim liberty to them:

The thing is, Yahweh does not really mind when you take captives of someone who attacks you, that is just fair punishment, but He does not like the slavery of Hebrew slaves for anything.

The only time He allows you to have a Hebrew slave is if you are going to treat them like a hired servant. The rules are very much different for how you treat an enemy that is taken captive versus how you treat one of your brethren that has fallen poor. Only if you treat your brother well is He going to consent to it.

Well, speaking frankly, I have met people - they like that lifestyle; they just want to show up, do what they are told. There are no worries, no headaches, no bills, no problems. They do not have to know how to manage their own affairs, and if someone likes that or they do not know what else to do with that, then okay. That is good. So long as the treatment is good.

But the point is that, once someone is a Hebrew and he is your slave, the point is he is your brother now. The point is not to control your brother or to gain power over your brother. The point is to help your brother, because we are our brother's keepers.

So, here in Yirmeyahu, King Zedekiah, and the officials of Judah, and Jerusalem, they do not get it because they went into the House of Yahweh to cut a covenant with Yahweh in His House. That means they cut an animal, separated the parts and then passed between the parts.

Well, and so, after a covenant was cut, they went and released all their male and female slaves and then that is why Yahweh delivered Judah from the hand of king Nebuchadnezzar (king of Babylon) and sent him away.

But, so, of course, now that king Nebuchadnezzar is sent away, what do the officials and officers of Judah do? They went right back out and retook their Hebrew slaves, back into captivity again.

So, they gave their word to Yahweh and then they just went right back on it and do not seem to think anything of it.

And so, verse 13 begins:

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 34:13-14

13 “Thus says Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel: ‘I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Mitzrayim, out of the house of bondage, saying,

14 “At the end of seven years let every man set free his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to him; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you.” But your fathers did not obey Me nor incline their ear.

“But your fathers did not listen to Me or even incline their ears to Me; they were not listening. You recently repented and did what was right in My eyes by proclaiming liberty each to his neighbor and you made a

covenant before Me in the house that is called by My name, but then you turned around and profaned My name when each of you took back his main male and female slaves whom you had set free according to their desire. And you brought them back into subjection to be your slaves again, even though you cut this covenant with Me.”

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 34:15-16

15 Then you recently turned and did what was right in My sight—every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and you made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name.

16 Then you turned around and profaned My name, and every one of you brought back his male and female slaves, whom you had set at liberty, at their pleasure, and brought them back into subjection, to be your male and female slaves.’

“Therefore, thus says Yahweh, ‘You have not obeyed Me by proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother and to his neighbor. And you are going to treat Me like that? Really? You are going to treat me like Paro treated Me? He is going to say he is going to do something just to get Me to relieve the plague, but then he is going to go back on his word? You are supposed to be My people, called out of spiritual Egypt. You are supposed to be My people who are setting an example and setting My standard for all the world to see. And you are going to behave no better than Paro?’”

“Behold, I proclaim to you liberty to the sword and to pestilence and to famine’, declares Yahweh. That I will make you a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. And the men who transgressed My covenant and did not keep the terms of the covenant that they made before

Me I will make them like the calf that they cut into and pass between its parts.”

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 34:17-18

17 “Therefore thus says Yahweh: ‘You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother and every one to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim liberty to you,’ says Yahweh, ‘to the sword, to pestilence, and to famine! And I will deliver you to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it.’

“The officials of Judah, the officials of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf. It will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their lives.”

“Their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth.”

“And Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their lives. And into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which I have earlier caused to withdraw from you.”

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 34:19-21

19 The princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies shall be for meat for the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth.

21 And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army which has gone back from you.

"Behold if you are going to shame Me like that, and disrespect Me, and cut covenants in My name, and go back on them. Then I will command, declares Yahweh, that I will bring the army of Babylon back to this city, and they will fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire!"

"That will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant, because you made a covenant when you needed something. And then, when I gave it to you, you went back on your word, and you broke it. That is how you show Me you respect Me?"

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 34:22

22 "Behold, I will command," says Yahweh, "and cause them to return to this city. They will fight against it and take it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant."

So, then someone will say, *"Well that is fine. You are talking about Judah way back when. What about us? The House of Ephraim today. Because we are not cutting any covenants in the temple, and we are not releasing slaves just to get Yahweh to send king Nebuchadnezzar away. Going back on his word like Paro did. We are not taking slaves back after Yahweh*

gives us what we want. No. We do not do anything like that in the House of Ephraim."

Really? Oh, no? No.

No one in the House of Ephraim has ever received Yeshua's free gift of salvation, and been so willing to do everything for Yeshua, and then later decided, "*It is a lot of work and we do not really need to do all the things that Scripture says*", right?

No. There is not a single Ephraimite watching this video or listening who knows deep in his heart that Yeshua wants us all to help fulfill his Great Commission and build him a unified global ministry.

But there is not a single Ephraimite who knows that we are supposed to do that, but just does not want to sit down and count the cost or pay the cost, right?

Oh, oh, and, well, so why does he not want to pay it? Is it perhaps because he mistakenly believes that he does not need to do what Yeshua says to do, and Yeshua will still act as an intercessor for him in front of His Father in the day of judgment, right?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 16:24

24 Then Yeshua said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

So, why pay the cost for what Yeshua says to do when you do not have to? Why buy the cow when the milk is free (so to speak)? Why wait, why actually serve Yeshua according to His Word when we can fake it, and we still get the same reward, right?

Hey, brother and sister, have you heard there is a syndrome in Christianity called “*trampling on the grace*” (or “*trampling on His favor*”)?

And you may have heard of it, that is where we accept Yahweh's forgiveness for all the things we did wrong in breaking His Torah in the past, but then we do not really want to make all the changes we need to make to live up to His standards right now, right?

Because it is just like King Zedekiah and the officials of Judah in Jerusalem; we have this idea that we can go to Yahweh for what we want and promise that we are going to do things for Him, and we just know that, because His nature is so very compassionate, that He is going to help us out.

So, perhaps some people think they do not really need to come clean, right? As if Yahweh does not see, right?

And there are no Ephraimites anywhere who do not believe that we do not really need to get serious today because we are not standing in front of the judgment seat today, right?

The thing is, Yahweh gives us all the rope in the world to hang ourselves, and He gives us every opportunity in the world to do the right thing and to make right, and to make the effort and energy to do what is right. They will never force us to do what is right.

But you know what? If we believe Him; we believe in Him, then we have got to believe Him when He says He is watching everything that we do, and everything that we fail to do for Him gets recorded in a book.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:12

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before Elohim, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

You know, brothers, sisters, I am a sinner like anyone else and I rely on His unmerited favor just like anyone else, but I do not expect to be able to abuse that favor; I do not expect that just because I say I believe on Yeshua that I do not need to obey everything Yeshua says to do like the Israelites coming out of Egypt; like the officials of Judah in Jerusalem in King Zedekiah's day.

Brother and sister, what I know is, what it says in Maasei (or Acts) chapter 17, in verse 30, which is that Yahweh winks at our times of ignorance past, but now He commands all men everywhere to repent and that we begin to do the things that we know are right because He says they are right.

Maasei (Acts) 17:30

30 Truly, these times of ignorance Elohim overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

And if we do not feel that we need to give Him the loyalty of doing everything that He says to do, with all of our heart, with all of our soul, and with all of our strength, back in the days of kingships that is considered treason; that is considered disobedience, and the penalty for that is death.

So, it is one thing to be doing our absolute best for Him, but still we do not make it; still we fail and it seems reasonable that Yahweh would understand that.

It is like if you have a son or if you have an employee, can you tell when they are doing their very best for you? And if your son is doing the very best, or if your employee is doing the very best that he can, then when he makes a mistake, you forgive him, right? Of course, you do. That is what Yahweh would do.

But what if he is not really trying his best? What if he makes a mistake and figures, it is okay and he doesn't really need to improve, because he knows you are compassionate, and he believes you are going to forgive him? So, really there is no need to try to do everything to your standards, right?

Because really, he does not respect you, or else he would do everything to your standards, right?

So, if you have a son or an employee who does not do what you ask, how do you feel? So, how do we figure Yahweh feels when we take His Son's blood for granted and trample on the blood?

Well, brothers, sisters, do we really know how Yahweh feels? Or perhaps do we maybe never really stop to ask ourselves how Yahweh feels? Because we love Him so much, we do not need to ask Him how He feels, right?

And it is okay, He knows that we are not being disrespectful and disobedient. If we do not care about how He feels about our performance, it is okay. We can behave just like the Israelites coming out of Egypt, or we can behave like the officials and officers of King Zedekiah's court. We just cut a covenant with the King

of the universe that cost our Creator, His Son, an unimaginable suffering.

And we entered into that covenant with Him, right? So, we entered into that covenant with Him to get the gift of eternal life and we said that we would obey and do everything with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our strength, to get away from physical death. But now we have to obey Him in His Spirit to achieve that spiritual life.

Marqaus (Mark) 12:30

30 And you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

I mean, we all believe Yahweh, right? We all believe in Yeshua, that is why we are all watching, right? We entered into that covenant with Him.

So, are we really doing the things that we all know that we are supposed to do? Are we really helping truly to build His kingdom the way we know we ought to be building it?

Or are we perhaps depending on His unmerited favor even though we know in our hearts that we are secretly in disobedience to His Son's Spirit; even though we know in our hearts we are not really doing everything we can to build His kingdom?

Well brothers, as we show in the study on [Revelation and The End Times](#), there is going to be, what I see is just almost, unimaginable destruction and unimaginable suffering and death in the years ahead.

And I am talking about in our lifetimes and in the lifetimes of our children. And when I try to wrap my mind around all the destruction I see written in the pages of Scripture; and when I see how that matches up with the weekly news that we analyze. Every week we post (again you have to be logged in to the [Nazarene Israel website](#), but) when I see what Scripture says, that I the news is matching what Scripture says, all I can think of is: *“I am sure glad I am trying my very best to serve Yahweh. I am sure glad I am trying my very best to serve Yeshua.”*

And you hear some people they have this glib saying: *“Well, the safest place to be is in Yahweh’s will.”* And that saying is very true, but what that means is: The safest place to be is to be doing exactly what His Son says to do.

Because we know from our studies, that Yahweh promises to protect the assembly of Philadelphia, the assembly of true brotherly love. That is actually loving their neighbor and doing the things it takes. Not just saying they love their neighbor, but actually doing everything that He asks us to do.

And His Word says He is going to save those who are truly doing their best for His Son. But we have to lay down our lives in this world in order to obtain His renewed, spiritual life.

Yochanan (John) 14:15-16

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

I do not know; I do not know why? We talk about this every week; we talk about it again and again. For years now, we have talked about this.

Do we really know Yahweh? Do we really know who He is? Do we really know who Yeshua is?

We know a lot of things about Yahweh; we know a lot of things about Yeshua, but do we really know them? Like we could know lots of things about Yeshua, but is that really the same thing as knowing Him?

The people who come to the Messianic movement are trying to glean knowledge; knowledge, knowledge, knowledge, but they do not want to do the things Yeshua says to do. What are they worshipping?

They worshipping knowledge, or they are worshipping Yeshua? That is why; they know lots of things about Yeshua that they are not doing and not obeying.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:3-4

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Well, knowing things about Elohim is not the same thing as knowing Elohim. And here is a thing that I hope is going to help at least some people rethink about how important it is to enter Yeshua's program: Yeshua has a program.

It is like you go join the armed forces; you go down to the induction station, you sign your name on the dotted

line, you are taken into their program. Yeshua has a program. He wants us all to be working for Him.

Okay, well, we have already talked about how Yahweh expects any prospective bride to obey His written Torah to the letter, because it serves as the bride's Ketubah (or the written wedding contract). And right here in the Ketubah it tells us who Elohim sent to lead our forefathers out of the land of Egypt, and to bring them safely to the land of Israel.

And lo-and-behold, surprises, surprises. Guess what? Guess who it is? It is the Good Shepherd, Yeshua.

Okay, so here in Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 23 starting in verse 20, Yahweh tells us that He would send a Messenger (or an Angel) before our forefathers to guard them on the way and to bring them to the place that He had prepared for them.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:20

20 "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

In other words, Yahweh of hosts is saying He is going to send His Messenger to lead His armies. First to conquer the land of Canaan, and then to begin training Israel into setting up a prophetic prototype of Yeshua's coming kingdom.

Now, let us look very carefully at what Elohim commands us to do here because it is going to show us a lot and there is a key, what is called a *remez* (or a hint), here.

Because in verse 21, Yahweh told our forefathers of both houses, both Ephraim and Judah, to pay careful

attention to Yahweh's Messenger and to obey His voice and not to rebel against His Messenger; for His messenger would not pardon our transgressions. Why? Because Yahweh's name is in Him.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:21

21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

Now, if you want all the details then I highly recommend that you check out our study in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One](#), it is entitled "[Yeshua Manifestation of Yahweh](#)." That gives all the details; it explains why Yeshua is a manifestation of His Father, Yahweh.

We do not have time to do the whole study here, but the idea is (basically) that Yahweh the Father is pure Spirit and (as we show in that study) Yahweh the Father has never left the throne room in heaven. So, that means He was not here on earth.

Yochanan (John) 4:24

4 "Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Yochanan (John) 1:18

18 No one has seen Elohim at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

So, if Yahweh the Father has never left the throne room in heaven, then who have we seen here on earth but Yahweh's manifestation Yeshua?

Yochanan (John) 14:9

9 Yeshua said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

Now, consider in B’reisheet (or Genesis) chapter 19 in verse 24, at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (we cover this in the study), Yahweh the Son, (down here on earth) rained down brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from His Father, Yahweh, out of the heavens.

B’reisheet (Genesis) 19:24

24 Then Yahweh rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from Yahweh out of the heavens.

So, can we see the two Yahwehs there? One Yahweh the Son here on earth and Yahweh the Father up in heaven. So, Yahweh the Father had His Son manifest; come down to earth to do a job for Him.

[If you have more questions on that please check our study on [“Yeshua: Manifestation of Yahweh”](#) in [*Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One.*](#)]

Well, let us see something important here in verse 20. Here Yahweh tells us that He would send a Messenger (or an Angel), which again is a type of a manifestation of Yahweh.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:20

20 “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

Then in verse 21, Yahweh the Father warns us all to beware of His Messenger and to obey His Messenger's voice. He even commands us not to provoke His Messenger, Yeshua because (get this) His Messenger will not pardon our sins. Of course, unless we first repent of our sins and submit ourselves completely to Him and His Spirit. Any of this sound familiar?

Shemote (Exodus) 23:21

21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

But what does it mean that Yeshua has His Father Yahweh's name in Him? Well, as we also explained in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One](#), we talk about Yeshua's Set-apart name in our study titled simply: "[Set-apart Names](#)".

What we see in that study is that Yeshua's name is the same as the name of Joshua, the son of Nun. We give all the details in that study, but in Bemidbar (or Numbers) chapter 13 in verse 16, we see that Moshe renamed Hoshea the son of Nun as Yehoshua (or Yahushua, or we would say Joshua).

Bemidbar (Numbers) 13:16

16 These are the names of the men whom Moshe sent to spy out the land. And Moshe called Hoshea the son of Nun, Yehoshua.

Now, the other almost 200 times (and I believe it's 198 times or something like that - close to that), Joshua's name is spelled in an abbreviated five-letter form. And again, that is all right, you can do abbreviations in ancient Hebrew because it was really a blessing to conserve on work. Scrolls were expensive; hides were

expensive. Everything had to be done by hand. If you could use a contracted short form that is perfectly fine to do in Hebrew.

So, they used the full letter form, the full six letter form twice. They used a contracted five letter form 198 (or something) times: יהשוע (Yod-Hay-Shin-Vay-Ayin). They just use different vowels to indicate the contraction.

Now, if you want to get technical (we covered this in study), technically they took out the second “ו” (vav) and then they put in a vowel point to make the sound of the second “ו” (vav) so they could contract it.

Now, and lots of English-speaking brethren freak out when they see this because, even though they will use contractions daily in their own speech (in English or, German, or Spanish, or whatever other language), they believe you cannot do that in Hebrew. They believe you cannot use contractions in Scripture.

Okay, well, just look, it is not a big deal; it is not a huge thing. We do not need to freak out.

It is like with the English name Richard; we can call him Richard, or we can call him Rich, we can call him Rick, we could even call him Dick, depending. All of those are legitimately Richard's name because they all refer to him as other names.

Joseph, short form of Joe (that is the same name). It is not a big deal.

So, someone will say, *“No. Hold up. The issue is not that there is a six-letter name and there is a contraction from six letters to five in the Tanach; that does not bother us*

because the pronunciation of Yeshua's name did not change."

Okay they are going to say, *"Rather, the issue is that the pronunciation did change after Judah went into the exile to Babylon."*

So, the name changed from Yahushua (יהושוע) (or Yehoshua) to Yeshua (ישוע). And they say, *"We do not trust it the way that Yeshua's name is pronounced differently now."*

Okay, let us take a look at that now. In our study on the Set-apart names we show how the third commandment is not to let Yahweh's name lie in ruins (or to lie desolate).

That does not matter whether we let it lie desolate through misuse, or substitution or we just did not get around to using it, or we prefer to say some other name. The problem is, Yahweh tells us He wants His name known and not some other name.

Shemote (Exodus) 20:7

7 "You shall not take the name of Yahweh your Elohim in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Well, okay, for example, in Bemidbar (or Numbers) chapter 6 starting in verse 27, Yahweh tells us to put His name on His people and to speak it in blessings; is to make His name known.

Bemidbar (Numbers) 6:27

27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

Okay, so we are supposed to advertise the greatness of Yahweh's name. Well, we do not know exactly why things changed, but whether it was due to some policy change that took place during the exile to Babylon, or whether it was the fact that the Greeks would put the Jews to death if they pronounced Yahweh's name aloud. But somehow or other, brother Judah got into the habit of hiding Yahweh's name, substituting other names for it like *HaShem* or *Adonai*.

So, rather than publicizing Yahweh's name and making His name known, they substituted it; they hid it.

So, for some reason, brother Judah seems to think that the best way to keep people from taking Yahweh's name in vain is to hide His name, and use other pronunciations, and other made-up names like *HaShem*, *Adonai*.

Those are not really names; these are titles that have been taken as names. And this is what brother Judah does even though Yahweh specifically says many times to make His name known.

Okay, well, someone will say, “*Well what is the problem? What happened?*”

Okay, well, all right. So, first we saw how Moshe changed Hoshea's name from four letters to a six-letter form *Yehoshua* (יהושוע) (or *Yahushua*).

Bemidbar (Numbers) 13:16

16 These are the names of the men whom Moshe sent to spy out the land. And Moshe called Hoshea the son of Nun, *Yehoshua* [יהושוע].

Okay, then we also saw how the same six-letter name was spelled in a shortened five-letter form that has different vowel points; so, it is still pronounced the same.

So, the Hoshea's name has gone from four letters to six, not down to five. So, now, finally Hoshea's name will be shortened to a simple four-letter form in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah and that four-letter form is *ישוע* (Yeshua). And that is the form that is recorded in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah post-Babylonian Exile.

Ezra 2:2

2 Those who came with Zerubbabel were Yeshua [*ישוע*], Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

Nechemyah (Nehemiah) 12:1

1 Now these are the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Yeshua [*ישוע*]: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

And people say, *“Well, the issue is that you have to have Yahweh's name in the messenger's name.”* And they are going to say, *“The shortened four-letter form does not begin with a Yod-Hay-Vav combination.”* They are going to say, *“You must have a “יהו” (Yod-Hay-Vav) combination, or at least a simple “יה” (Yod-Hay) in order to have the Father Yahweh's name”*. That is not true; that is false.

Okay, so Yeshua's name in the four-letter, post-Babylonian exile form only begins with a “י” (Yod). Okay, so, it is not a “יהו” (Yod-Hay-Vav) it is just a “י” (Yod).

Okay, the thing is, though you can do that in Hebrew. For example, Joseph's name is really not “יוסף” (*Yosef*) but “יהוסף” (*Yehoseph*), meaning Yahweh shall add. But we do not say “יהוסף” (*Yehoseph*), we just say “יוסף” (*Yosef*), and that is because the “י” (*Yod*) at the start of a name works in place of the “יה” (*Yod-Hay*) combination.

Okay, so this is just like in English (or some other language). You can call a man named Ezekiel, Zeke; it is okay, it is not a problem. You can call a man named *Joseph*, *Joe*; it is okay, it is not a problem.

So, first Hoshea's name was four letters, then it became six letters *Yehoshua*. And for whatever reason, maybe just because it is easier, it was shortened to five letters. And then, now after the Babylonian Exile, it is shortened to four letters in keeping with the ethics of the time. They are shortening things up, they are saving time, they are saving effort.

So, this is just a time in history when they started calling Joshua by the name Josh. And it is okay, that is what Yeshua's mom called Him, is Yeshua. You do not have to call Him Yahushua, we just call Him Josh; that is what He went by in the first century.

Okay, so now with these details let us refresh; let us look again at what it says in Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 23 starting in verse 20. Yahweh tells us here that He would send His Messenger (or His Angel) which we know would be a manifestation of Yahweh the Father but not Yahweh the Father Himself because Yahweh the Father has never left the throne room in heaven.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:20

20 "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

Nonetheless, Yahweh the Father warns us all to beware of His Messenger and to obey His voice. He warns us not to provoke His Messenger, Yeshua because (get this) Yeshua will not pardon our sins unless we first repent of our sins and change our ways. And the reason why that is, is because His Father, Yahweh's name is in Him. So, does any of this sound familiar?

We know in a lot of places and a lot of ways we have heard the wrong things from the Babylonian Christian church. The Babylonian Christian church has taught us that it is okay to trample on Yahweh's unmerited favor or Yahweh's grace.

Somehow, the church manages somehow to teach the idea that, one way or another, Yeshua came to do away with the requirement to loyally to obey the bride's marital covenant.

It is just amazing I am always dumbfounded, but for some reason a lot of brothers and sisters in Ephraim, in the Hebrew Roots Movement, they still are affected by this syndrome of greasy grace.

This just seems like there are a lot of people out there (the vast majority maybe) that do not seem to believe that we need to be wary of Yeshua or even obey what Yeshua has commanded us to do for Him. Even in the coming out of the land of Egypt.

And a lot of our forefathers and a lot of Ephraimites today seem to think they have the authority to pick and choose

which ones of the Father's commandments we want to keep.

Well, we have alleged Nazarenes today thinking that they can provoke Yeshua by choosing and picking which parts of the bridal covenant we feel like keeping, and what parts we do not like, we do not have to keep those. *"We are under the grace; we are under favor."*

Well, so how do we do brothers? It seems we as a people, as a nation, we really like the resting and reading part and we really like the parts where we get to feed on Yahweh's spiritual food. We are just going to let ourselves into Yahweh's house on Sabbath and eat all His spiritual food, but for some reason we never get around to actually growing His kingdom actually working to build His kingdom?

We know Him, right? And we love Him, right? And that is because we love Him so much, we would keep His commandments (especially the free ones that don't take any money or any time). But we have other priorities than the wedding feast. We have other priorities in being obedient to the bridegroom, right?

So, we can let ourselves into the wedding feast without the bridal garment of obedience to the bride's wedding contract?

Hey, brother and sister, how far are we going to go for Yeshua? Do we realize what lukewarm looks like? Do we have any commandments in Scripture that we feel are too difficult, or they cost too much of our money, or they take too much of our time, or something like that?

I mean, there is nothing like we are going to make promises to do things to get what we want and then as

soon as we get what we want we are going to forget to pay our vows?

I mean, it is Yahweh, right? And the Messenger has Yahweh's name in Him. So, Yahweh of hosts, He is merciful, right? He is going to pardon whatever transgressions we make because His Father's, Yahweh's name is in Him, right?

Shemote (Exodus) 23:21

21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

So, we are just going to blow off everything what Yahweh's Messenger tells us to do to try to guide us successfully into the land of Canaan to establish a prototype kingdom, but we do not need to do all that stuff, right?

Well, Yahweh the Father warns us to beware of His manifestation and not to provoke His manifestation because He would not pardon our sins unless we first repent and submit ourselves to His Spirit. And the reason we need to do this is precisely because Yahweh's name is in Yeshua.

Mishle (Proverbs) 28:13

13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

So, really, the picture we get is, Yeshua was the one who was going to lead and accompany His future bride, Israel; bring her out of Mitzrayim and safely into the land of Israel just like a good shepherd leads his flock.

But we can see from Scripture, how most of our forefathers failed in the wilderness because they never learned to serve Yahweh in a transformative way; they never handed over their lives to the Spirit.

Bemidbar (Numbers) 32:13

13 So Yahweh's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of Yahweh was gone.

And to speak the truth in love. We can see how most Ephraimites are going down the same wrong pathway. We can see where most of our nation are really setting themselves up to fail, today because they did not ever learn how to serve Yahweh in a transformative way.

It is so sad to see how many in Ephraim give Yahweh their leftovers. Oh, and then they expect Him to make him His Son's chosen queen even though they did not care enough to obey Yeshua's commandments.

Well, (you know) what do we think? I mean, Yeshua has His choice of everyone who has ever believed on Him; He can choose any one of them for His bride. Who is He going to choose?

He is going to choose the one who is obeying Him and giving the best of his time; giving the best of his energies; doing the best he can to steward his money to help build His Love a kingdom.

Is that what we do?

Well, if you are from the Jewish side of the house, did you know brother or sister that it was Yeshua, the

manifestation of Yahweh, who led both houses out of the land of Mitzrayim and into the land of Israel?

It has to be Yeshua because there are not any other messengers in Scripture that have the Father, Yahweh's name in them; Yeshua is the only one. And it tells us right here that the exact same things Yeshua Himself is going to tell us about His ministry in the Brit Chadasha portion. And namely, He tells us that we have to do everything that the Messenger says to do or He will not be pleased with us. I mean, how much simpler can it get?

Yochanan (John) 5:43

43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

Find out if you want to be in the marriage, right? You want to be taken as the bride of the Son of the King of the universe. Let me tell you how to do it. Find out what your Husband wants and give it to Him.

It could not be simpler; just find out what He wants, hear His voice, do what He says; He will lead us by the right hand and take us up in glory. But how few Ephraimites seem to understand that (today at least); judging by their actions.

Now, in verse 22 there is something very special for all of those of you from the Jewish side who are living under state-sponsored Zionism in the land of Israel. And remembering Zionism, that is the concept that we do not need Yeshua because the people can serve as the messiah.

Let us take a look: In verse 22 Yahweh tells us that if we will indeed obey His voice (in context we are talking

about Yeshua's voice here) and do all that He (meaning Yahweh and also Yeshua) speaks, that is when He is going to be an enemy to our enemies; an adversary to our adversaries.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:22

22 But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

No other circumstance. If we are not doing the things that we know, Yahweh Himself is going to be as an adversary toward us because we are in disobedience. He has got to correct us, He has got to bring us correction, and punishment.

But if we take a deeper look, we are going to see how this tells us - right here in this passage that the Messenger, Yeshua, would speak all that His Father, Yahweh spoke. What that means is the Messenger would speak the Father's (Yahweh's) words.

And if we are willing to receive it, that is exactly what Yeshua said He did in verses such as Yochanan (or John) chapter 5 and verse 30 where Yeshua tells us that He judged (or ruled, or gave mishpat, or mishpatim) based on what He heard from His Father in the Spirit.

Yochanan (John) 5:30

30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Now, as we show in other places, that is exactly how the office of the anointed Judge and how the office of the Apostle are supposed to work.

For an anointed Judge, or an Apostle, to do his job, he has to dedicate himself completely to the Spirit and then listen in the Spirit and do only what he hears in the Spirit.

That is the only way the office of an Apostle or an anointed Judge can work is, because they are listening to the Spirit, they are getting their right rulings from the Spirit. And that is the only way to get the rulings of Elohim, rather than the rulings of men who are quenching the Spirit.

Thessaloniqim aleph (1 Thessalonians) 5:19-20
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise prophecies.

And that is also how you can know if you trust the Apostle, or the Prophet, or the anointed Judge, is when you hear the Spirit speaking through them. When you hear the Spirit speaking through someone, then you can know that you can trust what you heard said in the Spirit.

And, if we perhaps ourselves do not hear in the Spirit, that is when we are supposed to pay attention to others who hear in the Spirit; the Apostles and the Prophets. Also, the anointed Judges in times of old.

Because their submission to the Spirit (that is a prerequisite of the Prophetic, or the Apostolic, or the Judgeship office), if they are not hearing from Yahweh's voice, they are not speaking according to Yahweh's voice, they have no business being in those positions.

So, now notice in Yochanan (John) chapter 8 in verse 38, Yeshua tells us that He speaks that which has already been communicated to Him by His Father, Yahweh the things He has seen when with His Father, Yahweh; that is what He speaks.

Yochanan (John) 8:38

38 “I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.”

So, we just have to ask ourselves: If it was not Yeshua, who was the manifestation of Yahweh that the Father sent; that His name was in Him, and He spoke only that which the Father would speak? If that was not Yeshua, then who was it?

It can only be Yeshua because only Yeshua spoke what His Father, Yahweh spoke.

The description does not even really fit anyone else, and there are so many parallels to what Yeshua teaches in the Renewed Covenant.

It is just the same thing in Yochanan chapter 10 in verse 4, we see how Yeshua led Israel out of Egypt; leading us just like a good shepherd leads his flock.

Yochanan (John) 10:4

4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

Now, there is something else we should see in Shemote chapter 24 that is extremely important (and the flesh does not like this). However, Scripture lets us know that there are what might be called *different levels of separation*, or *different levels of set-apartness*, or *different levels of holiness* within the camp of Israel.

Now, we should all seek the greater gifts, at the exact same time we also need to recognize that Yahweh has established these separations. So, what do we mean by that?

Well, for one example, if you are not a Hebrew, now, you may come into the camp to buy, or sell, or trade, but you may not dwell in the camp, because dwelling in the camp is for those who have dedicated themselves to serving Yahweh. So, just to remain inside the camp requires one degree of separation or one degree of set-apartness; more than the world.

Okay, now we need a second degree of separation or a second degree of set of partners to come inside the tabernacle courtyard. If we are not a Hebrew, we can come into the camp to trade or buy or sell, no problem. However, we do not go into the tabernacle courtyard unless you are a Hebrew and unless you have a reason for being there.

And if you are not paying your tithes, you probably do not get to go in there either, because it requires a heightened degree of separation; heightened degree of set-apartness.

So, now we need a third degree of separation, or a third degree of set-apartness to come inside the tabernacle itself. Normally only priests and Levites were allowed to come inside the tabernacle (and even then, only when they were on duty). So, to come inside the tabernacle you must be both chosen and serving Yahweh actively, just even to come inside of His house.

And finally, there is a fourth degree of separation when going into the most set-apart place or what is called the *Kodesh Kodashim* or the *Holy of Holies*. The *Kodesh Kodashim* was so set-apart that only Yahweh could go in there to dwell all the time.

The High Priest could go in there once a year on Yom Kippur, but even then, only with blood. And even then,

the High Priest did not stay because the most set-apart place is too set-apart for us humans to dwell there. It is Yahweh's room (if we will) and we should stay out of it except for our once a year date with Him on Yom Kippur.

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 16:2

2 ...and Yahweh said to Moshe: "Tell Aharon your brother not to come at just any time into the Set-Apart Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

Well, we see the establishment of these kinds of degrees of separation or these degrees of set-apartness; we see them being established all throughout this Parasha.

For example, in Shemote chapter 24 in verse 1, Yahweh told Moshe that he should bring himself, and Aharon, and the Nadab and, the Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; they should worship Yahweh from afar.

Shemote (Exodus) 24:1

1 Now He said to Moshe, "Come up to Yahweh, you and Aharon, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.

So, think about this: Obviously the 70 elders are going to have a greater degree of separation, or greater spiritual status than the rest of the camp, and also, then those who are outside the camp.

And then, in verse 12, Yahweh commands Moshe to come up to Him on the mountain, and to be there. And then Yahweh is going to give him tablets of stone, and the Torah, and the commandments, which He had written so that Moshe could then turn and teach the people.

Shemote (Exodus) 24:12

12 Then Yahweh said to Moshe, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

Well, then in verse 13 Moshe arose with His assistant Yahushua (or Joshua) and they went up to the mountain of Elohim.

Shemote (Exodus) 24:13

13 So Moshe arose with his assistant Yehoshua, and Moshe went up to the mountain of Elohim.

And then in verse 14, though we see that the 70 elders had to stay behind. So, the 70 elders had a greater degree of separation or set-apartness than the world and the camp, but not as great as that of a Joshua or a Moshe.

Shemote (Exodus) 24:14

14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aharon and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

And many scholars believe that verse 15 tells us that Moshe went up alone to Yahweh without Joshua. So, once again, take a look at Joshua. His degree of separation was greater than the world, greater than the camp, and greater than the 70 elders, but still, obviously less than Moshe.

Shemote (Exodus) 24:15

15 Then Moshe went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Moshe had the most separation or set-apartness at all, but he was still obviously less set-apart than Yahweh Himself. The thing is, we are going to see these different levels of separation or different levels of set-apartness as we progress, all through this Parasha series.

But there are some in Israel who do not like this, and they are going to rebel against these degrees of separation, and they are going to lose their lives because of it.

So, there is a lot more we could say, but we are out of time for the week. But we do need to remember about Parasha Mishpatim is that Yahweh is trying to call His people out of spiritual Egypt (out of the world system, out of Mitzrayim) so they can stop building Satan's kingdom and stop paying taxes to Satan and start building His Son, Yeshua's kingdom again, now that the great falling away is done.

Well, the only thing is taking the House of Judah and Ephraim out of Mitzrayim - that was the easy part. Now the hard part is taking Mitzrayim out of the hearts of Ephraim and Judah.

Do we want Yahweh to help us purge Mitzrayim from our hearts? Do we want to help Yeshua establish His kingdom here on earth so that He can then in turn submit His kingdom to His Father?

Do we want to help our Husband or are we a selfish bride; we only want things for ourselves, and we promise things to get what we want, but once we get what we want we are not really in it for keeping the promises anymore?

Well, all of this is why Yahweh Elohim is waiting and watching and recording everything we do in a book. He wants to see what is in our hearts.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:15

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

He wants to see: do we really want to keep all of His Son Yeshua's commandments? Or do we not really care so much?

Because if we are busy with Yeshua's commandments and we are busy helping Him build His kingdom that shows that we truly care. And if we do not help Him with His commandments and we do not help Him build His kingdom, what does that show Him?

A Word to the wise is sufficient.

Shabbat Shalom.

Parasha Terumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19; 1 Kings 5:1-6:13

John 15-17 (All)

The Parashiot seem to be getting longer, and longer, and longer because from the feedback that we are getting, we are seeing that there is a lot of key, critical concepts that people just are not really getting yet. And it is critical that we get these key critical concepts.

So, we want to cover the material necessary and in this week's Parasha, [Parasha Terumah](#), we are going to see yet more amazing testimonies and signs that our King, Yahweh of hosts wants us to organize according to certain rules.

And as we are going to see, time and time again throughout this Parasha series, Yahweh orders and organizes His people in order that they might do a job for Him. Because of that, they become not just a family, but we also need to become a nation unto Him.

But sad to say, some of our brothers in Ephraim and some of the Messianics seems like they do not really care. They do not really want in their hearts to become a nation unto Him and that is (perhaps) simply because it is not as easy or free to serve Yahweh Elohim the way He says He wants to be served.

But the thing is this is just basically all part of Yahweh's built-in bozo-filter in the Scriptures, because He needs some way to separate the sheep from the goats in Israel (so to speak). And if we love Him, then we need to be hearing His voice and doing everything that He says to do, because that is what Elohim always asks from His

people; is that we hear His voice and obey everything that He tells us to do.

What we see is that Yeshua said basically the same thing; that there would be a broad easy pathway that most of the people who do not really love Him are going to follow.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7:13

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it."

And it is a relatively easy and carefree trouble-free pathway, but unless you really love Yahweh, unless you really truly want to serve Him the way He wants to be served, unless you want to please Him, why not just sit in your friend's living room and share a meal and break some bread and share some insights about the Torah and pretend that you are actively laying down your life to build Yeshua's kingdom?

The problem is, sitting in someone else's living room and breaking bread and sharing insights about the Torah and about Yeshua or even worshiping Yeshua, that is not the same thing as actually trying to become like Yeshua and to obey all of the commandments that we can right now. And that is very different than actively seeking to establish Yeshua's kingdom the way He says we should establish it for Him.

It is also easier to sit in your friend's living room than to support those who are laying down their lives in order to build Yeshua's unified kingdom.

The only problem is, Yeshua says the broad easy road that most Ephraimites and Messianics are presently

following leads to destruction and eternal damnation; because they knew the Son of the living Elohim, they received His Spirit, but they did not care enough about Him and about His cause to lay down their lives and to take up His fight as their own.

In other words, they say they love Yeshua, but their actions do not reflect it.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

So, when our words and our actions are two different things, that makes us hypocrites.

So, would you like to make sure that you are not unknowingly breaking Scripture, and would you like to make sure that you and your family are walking the right road to salvation in Yeshua Messiah?

If so, then please join us for this Parasha; we talk about how the Torah, the Prophets and the Brit Chadasha (or the Renewed Covenant) all tell us that we all need to remain humble and listen for His voice in everything and do everything that He says, because the alternative is not good.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 3:15

15 While it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

So, the thing we all need to understand is that Yahweh Elohim has always wanted an obedient Proverbs 31 bride for His Son, Yeshua.

Only ever since the Garden of Eden, we humans just have not been getting it; we have just plain been disobedient. All we had to do in the Garden of Eden was to hear Yahweh's voice and do what He said; that was it. Does that not sound good?

But then Satan showed up and he showed us things that looked good to our eyes and seemed like they would feel good to our flesh or to our senses. And we really like the thought of being worldly wise. Wow, we really go for that!

B'reisheet (Genesis) 3:5

5 "For Elohim knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Elohim, knowing good and evil."

So, (basically) our story as mankind is that we are always looking for ways to get around hearing Yahweh's voice and doing what He says. If we would just do that, we never would have had to leave the Garden of Eden.

But we do not do that. And so, time and again the story of Israel is what? That periodically Yahweh has to raise up a leader to show the people how He wants things done. And then the people obey Yahweh for a while and life gets good and as a result, since life is good, now people feel like they do not need Yahweh anymore. So, why obey Him?

Well, then what happens? Times get hard again, because why? People have turned away from Yahweh and so Yahweh has to get everyone's attention again. And so, here comes the rod. And this cycle repeats itself endlessly throughout Scripture, except that there is an end coming to it.

And this time, more than at any other time in Scripture, we need to be found doing absolutely everything that Yahweh and Yeshua tell us to do. Or as we show in the [Revelation Study](#), we probably will not survive the Tribulation or Armageddon.

In other words, if we do not obey, then we and our children probably will not make it through to the Ingathering because we are not doing everything we have been told to do.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yeshua

And it is also because the Tribulation is precisely designed to burn completely out any and all leaven from us. Meaning, ending all false doctrine (or sin).

So, each and every one of us is going to have to learn to grow and change during the Tribulation time frame. But the fact is, we are also going to have to be running as hard as we can just to survive; the default standard of lukewarm is not going to cut it anymore.

And if you want to consider it this way, survival is the new success. If we will do all that Yahweh commands us, then the lives of ourselves and our children will be given to us as a prize. And if we do not do all that Yahweh commands us to do, then the lives of ourselves and our children may not be given to us as a prize.

That sounds harsh, but that is how Yahweh plans to end the cycle.

You know, in times past, Yahweh would raise up someone like a Moshe, or like a Shemuel, or a King David figure and they would lead the people in the way they should go, even when the people themselves had different inclinations.

And so, what happened in Scripture, in Shemote (or Exodus), is the vast majority of Israelites could mess completely up, and backslide, and complain, and desire quail (or whatever it is that they want to do), but the thing we forget is their bones all dropped in the wilderness, and it was only their children who got to enter the land of Canaan.

And now, in these End Times, we and our children get to survive; to go to the promised land, if we will show through our actions that we are going to hear and obey Elohim's voice, and then do everything He says.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 5:33

33 You shall walk in all the ways which Yahweh your Elohim has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

Well, if we do not get out of the lukewarm habit, most of us are going to be vomited out of His mouth. And it does not sound nice, but it is something that needs to be said.

This is how Yahweh plans to break the cycle for the millennium; is that He is only going to allow back into the land of Israel those who already love Him enough to obey all His commandments.

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

So, if we understand what is being said, that it is time to obey the bridal covenant and either we are going to do it the easy way or we are going to do it the hard way. Either we are going to make it with flying colors, or we are not going to make it. Or perhaps make it by the skin of our teeth (so to speak).

But given the fact that we need to work out our salvation with fear and in trembling, why do our people not really understand the need to obey Yahweh? It is the same message over, and over, and over again: *“Hear My voice. Do what I say.”* It is not hard.

Well, given that we know these things, why do our people not follow the way of Torah? Really? Why do they lie to themselves and deceive themselves, thinking that resting and reading on Shabbat; that is enough?

Why do we think that is enough when Yeshua commands us to undertake to build Him a spiritual kingdom in His absence?

Yeshua is showing us a narrow and afflicted path that leads to life, but it is narrow and afflicted; it takes commitment, it takes work, it takes discipline. We must listen constantly for His voice and then we need to obey everything that we hear and not quench His Spirit.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7:14

14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

And in addition to that, we also need to obey everything in the written Torah, because (really) if you think about it, the written Torah, that is just where Yahweh spoke, and someone wrote down Yahweh's words. So, it is all

about hearing His voice and obeying it (at least in a certain sense).

Well, the thing is, if we understand that Elohim calls us, then why do we respond to Him as if only to get the things that we feel that we need, and that is it?

Did we perhaps forget that Elohim called us in order that He has a job for us to do? That He wants us to order and organize ourselves in order to do a great big job for Him and He expects us to do this job collectively, voluntarily?

Because He expects us to realize this life is no longer about us, right? Because we are bought with a price. So, from this time forward, this life is all about Him.

So, our brothers and sisters in Ephraim are like, *“No that is just not what I want. No, there has got to be some way to make this about me.”*

And what I am saying brothers, sisters, is if we serve Him and we were bought with a price do we not need to be asking ourselves continually what does He want?

There are so many people that approach the throne and (you know), *“Father, thank you for giving me the things that I want. Here is a list of more things that I want.”*

It all becomes all about Him serving us. That is the opposite of what we need to do. It needs to become all about us organizing to serve Him better.

So, as we progress through this Parasha series we are going to keep seeing over and over, that Elohim has a whole plan for us as His people, but we cannot handle the whole, great, big grand plan all at once, so He must parcel it out to us.

We are in a little bit here in the wilderness; we are a little bit there, more in the land of Israel. Now, we are going to learn a lot more when Yeshua comes, but we do not really grasp. We do not really understand the whole thing, but Elohim has this whole program for us, that if we will just listen and just do what He says, we can be His special people, Israel, that are going to rule and reign over the earth with Yeshua's rod of iron.

If we will only learn what it means to hear His voice and do what He says. Or, if we cannot hear His voice (a lot of people cannot hear), then listen to the counsel and the eldership or the leadership of someone who can hear His voice. And (mercy sakes), take advice from someone who obeys the correct doctrine. Do not take advice from someone who tells you to take this page from the Rabbis, or take that page from the Sadducees, okay?

We need to be doing everything that Elohim says to do. Both hearing His voice and obeying His written Word. We need to enroll in His program for us.

And I wish I could share the whole vision with you all at once, but we just do not have time at the moment. But just think about what it is that Elohim is asking us to do; to build a literal kingdom for His Son.

And just think about the promises that He promises to give His people (once they finally learn after 3,500 years to do things His way; to hear His voice and to do the things He says to us to do).

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:1

1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command

you today, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you high above all the nations of the earth.”

And if we will just do that, He has such a banquet table of blessings for us (we cannot even imagine), but we must do some work; we must serve as the armies of the living Elohim.

Our forefathers, they wanted to leave slavery in Egypt; they were all for leaving Egypt, but then, once they got out in the wilderness, now they had to do some very difficult things for Yahweh. Now, suddenly they had to organize. They had to become an army. Now they must go to war. And everyone had to work together so that the nation could survive.

Well, they did not like that because it was not about them. They only wanted the exodus from Egypt. Our forefathers acted as if it was all about them.

Well, now we see the order and organization being set up in the exodus from Egypt, but now you can hear some of the feedback from the Messianic, some from the Ephraimites saying, *“That is all old. We do not need organization. Organizations bad.”*

Or what they could say, *“Well, organization was cool back in the days of Moshe; and Yeshua might have been good with organization in the first century. and He only commanded organization as we saw in the last few Parashiot, but now that we are restoring the original organized faith, we no longer need to be organized.”*

What!?! Sometimes you just must ask people to listen to what they are saying. If they could just listen to their own comments. And if they could just do that... Hold on a

minute, okay? Let us understand what is really going on here, okay?

Now, if Yahweh commanded order and organization in the Torah and if Yeshua also tells us to organize in the Renewed Covenant, then why do we not need to order and organize ourselves today, since we are practicing the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints, and since Yeshua taught order and organization?

What makes us think that we are going to escape destruction when we do not want to listen and obey? Which is rebellion; which is as the sin of witchcraft!

And we basically have nothing but excuses. And the whole point of the Tribulation is to weed out the tares and to select between sheep and goats.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:30

30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into My barn."

Hello? Is Ephraim-body home?

Do people realize that, in the times that are coming, we are talking about the Great Tribulation (we have read about it all our lives, okay) obedience will be the necessary key for survival? We are going to need to hear His voice and do everything that He says, or we are not going to make it.

Because the point of the Tribulation is to weed out those who do not obey; it says that in all the parables. But the interesting thing about the church and the Messianics is they teach people to worship Yeshua, and they teach

people a lot about Yeshua, and they teach people to be patient, and loving, and honest, and giving, and good, and kind; that is like Yeshua, but that is not the same thing as teaching people to walk like Yeshua as a Second Temple period Jew, or as an Israelite.

And the other thing that keeps cropping up time and time again is: Does Ephraim really understand who he is? Does he understand his identity? And does he understand the inheritance that he is called to if he will fulfill his identity?

There are certain promises given to our forefathers, but we still have to walk things out. And the whole point of imitating Yeshua is that there are certain protocols in Yeshua's walk that show up. Once you do the five-fold ministry for a while, you begin to understand the reason for the five-fold ministry; you begin to understand it is effectively a catalyst for unity.

And if we will obey the five-fold ministry, if we will do what it says with discipline, that is literally going to build a global spiritual government for Yeshua. And if we do that, He is literally going to have us (or probably perhaps our children) are going to rule and reign over the nations for a thousand years with His rod of iron.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the Word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Yeshua for a thousand years.

That means our children are going to rule over this thing. The only thing is, we must do everything that He says; just like He says. That is the whole point of these End Times.

We tend to follow manufacturer's instructions and we tend to understand that, if you do not follow the manufacturer's instructions for a product, you could end up with an epic failure!

We tend to follow the manufacturer's instructions without even really thinking about it. If it is an appliance, we try to give it the right kind of electricity; we want to make sure we feed it the right voltage.

If it is a car or a motorcycle, we want to use the right kind of fuel. We also want to change the oil and the filters when the manufacturer says to.

If it is a computer; we want to assemble everything just exactly the right way. We just kind of assume through experience that if we follow the manufacturer's instructions, then our car or motorcycle, or whatever it is, it is going to last a whole lot longer than if we do not. It will be much more pain free than if we do not follow the manufacturer's instructions, right?

So, then what is it with us and Yahweh? I am talking about us as a people (Ephraim).

I mean, Yahweh is our manufacturer, right? He is our Maker and He gave us a book full of instructions on what He wants us to do for Him, right? He tells us how to assemble, how to organize.

As we saw last week, He sent His Messenger (or His Angel), Yeshua to show us what He wants done and

how, right? So, it just stands to reason: If we love Yahweh and if we love His Messenger (or His Angel), Yeshua, then why do we not want to follow His instructions?

You know, when your children love you, they want to please you, they want to follow your instructions. So, why do we not, as a people, why do we not want to follow His instructions?

Why do we lie to ourselves and say, *“Well, if we will just rest and read on Sabbath, that is good enough”*?

Do we believe what He says when He tells us that if we will indeed obey His voice and keep all His commandments, then that is when we will be a special treasure to Him in all the earth?

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

And do we believe Him when He says that if we do not do everything He says, then we will not be taken as a bride to Him on that day, and He is not going to intercede for us?

Shemote (Exodus) 23:21

21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

The church teaches us to worship Yeshua, but the problem is the church does not teach us to walk like Yeshua, and we need to walk like Yeshua. Because that

is really what the faith on Yeshua is all about; it is learning to imitate Yeshua in all things. We want to learn to imitate our one and only Rabbi as best as we can in everything.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:6

6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also walk just as He walked.

But it is not an armchair spectator kind of a faith. We do not get to sit back and learn from this ministry, and learn from that ministry, and drink from this fountain, and nibble from that feed trough, because that does not bring unity.

Because the thing is, in Yeshua's world, it does matter what you know, but it does not only matter what you know. Mostly it matters what you do with what you know.

He is not asking us to be little armchair Einstein's who know everything about Him in the whole world, but we do not want to pick up our burdens and follow Him; we do not want to build His kingdom the way He wants us to because, for whatever reason, we do not really truly love Him enough do we?

Or perhaps we do not really see this as our fight do we? And this is something a lot of people (I think) might have a hard time with, but there is such a thing as a peacetime mentality, and a lot of people have a peacetime mentality.

We need to wake up to this fact because, really, if we are serious about serving and pleasing Yeshua, then what we need to know is that joining Yeshua's Melchizedekian army is really kind of like joining the army.

I mean, you pretty much go down to the induction station and you basically sign your life away on the dotted line. And that is what you do for the privilege of laying down your life as a civilian in the outside world; so that then you can have the privilege of serving your country by living a whole new kind of lifestyle.

Timotheus Bet (2 Timothy) 2:3

3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Yeshua Messiah.

You are going to lay down your old life in the world and now you are going to be born again (so to speak) into your new life of hardship and discipline as a soldier. That is what they do in the military.

Timotheus Bet (2 Timothy) 2:4

4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

When you love your country, it does not really seem like such a great big deal sacrifice to lay down your life as a civilian; to pick up your new life of service.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 16:25

25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

It just seems like something good; it seems like something you want to do because you should want to make a sacrifice for your country. Something in us should want to give of ourselves to others.

Well, and then, of course we learn that democracy is of the red horse, and the whole democratic system is of Babylon, and we are not to give our allegiance to

democratically elected governments because they are Babylon. But we are only to give our allegiance to Yahweh and His government because He is to be our One and only King. He demands our absolute allegiance and loyalty in all things.

And He is worth it because He is better than the best we can ever give. So, what is the net upshot, is we just have to run our best race for Him; we just have to run and work as hard as we can, trying to work together with our brothers and sisters. Submitting first to His Spirit, then submitting one to another in the Spirit.

And once we are submitted one to another in His Spirit, then that is when we can begin to build Him the global Melchizedekian government that He wants. Because now we are all submitting to the same Spirit and that really is the very best thing that we can do, and that is what He likes.

And that is why He takes mercy on us; is when He sees that, yes, we are doing the very best that we can for Him and His Son. We are not making excuses, we are not looking for ways out, we are not looking for reasons why we do not need to (things of this sort).

But anything less than running our best race Shaul says that *“Do you not know that of all those that run in a race only one receives a prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.”* Because anything less than that - where is the proof of our utter, absolute devotion to Elohim?

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 9:24

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

Now, running a race against Shaul that is pretty difficult, but we need to try because if we do not try to at least do our very best we are not guaranteed much of anything.

So, Elohim is looking for a Proverbs 31 bride for His Son. He is not looking for anything else. And I know there is a lot of positions in the kingdom, but why not (at least) try our best to become His Proverbs 31 bride?

Because if you think about it, that is really what He wants out of this whole thing is a Proverbs 31 bride who is eagerly doing her best to build Yeshua's kingdom so let us be that. Let us have a prayer, let us have a heart commitment to do that for Him.

Okay, so we have to drop the whole world; we have to forget our past life; we have to die to our old life. We no longer give our allegiances to goy governments and then we do all that we can in a loving peaceful positive way to help Yeshua establish His true kingdom here on earth; working together with all the others.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:17

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of Yahweh abides forever.

And if you think about it, we and our families are going to be beneficiaries. So, what kind of a sacrifice is it investing in her Husband's kingdom? Over which we, ourselves and our children, are going to be the ones to rule and reign.

And why are people against this? Why are people not head over heels to get involved in Yeshua's program? Why are people not excited to build a global government which we and our children will rule?

To raise up a global government for Him; to realize His wish. Yeshua's dream can come true if we will just get motivated and work together the way He tells us to.

So, if that is what we are supposed to do, why do people not want to get involved?

Well, sadly, just having spoken with so many people over so many years the problem is a lot of your brethren they are still in it for themselves, they do not want to make any sacrifices for Him. They come here only for the benefits.

It is the bless-me-club. *“Oh, He saved me! Therefore, I can live a blessed life is that not what He wants for me? No, He does not want us to build His Son's kingdom, He just wants us to have a blessed life, right?”*

No, because it is still all about them and what they want. They are not interested in hearing about what Yeshua wants unless it also gets them something that they want.

And you typically see a lot of people, they are focused on knowledge, they are gleaning from all these different ministries. They are trying to gain knowledge, but they are not doing the things Yeshua wants them to do with that knowledge.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 8:1

1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

It is like when you go to work. It is like everyone wants a retirement package, but how many people are really trying to do the job the right way to help their employer without getting involved in office politics?

And is it not the same way in the Ephraimite movement? Are there not many who want Yeshua's retirement plan, but how many of us are putting in the work? And how many of us are supporting and partnering with those who are doing Yeshua's work?

Yeshua healed the ten lepers, only one came back even so much as to give Him thanks. Not even to say, "*How can I help further your kingdom Master?*" Just even to give Him thanks.

Luqa (Luke) 17:16-18

16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17 So Yeshua answered and said, "Where there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to Elohim except this foreigner?

Yes, do people not know that when Yeshua returns the kingdom is going to be like a little red hen scenario?

I do not know if everyone knows that children's story, but there is a children's story about a little red hen that is believed to come from Russia, originally. But the hen comes across some grains of wheat (or some wheat seeds) and so she asks all the other animals on the farm for help in planting the seeds, and taking out the weeds, and raising the crops, and harvesting the grain, and baking the bread, and no one wants to help whenever the work is needed.

But everyone is right there with their hands out and their mouths open when it comes time to eat the bread. Well, guess what? The little red hen said that no one helped her with the work. So, she and her chicks will be the ones

to enjoy all the bread, and do we not imagine that is how it is going to be with Yeshua's kingdom as well?

Yeshua is going to have certain faithful servants (like He says in His parables) who are doing all the work faithfully. And others who begin to become lazy and slothful. And they get drunk, and they beat the other servants for their own personal gain and what happens to them?

A lot of people (I think) think that salvation is a whole lot easier than it really is. Yaakov (or James) chapter 1 and verse 22 tells us we need to be doers of the Word and not just hearers only. Because to be hearers only, that would be to deceive ourselves.

Yaakov (James) 1:22

22 But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

It is just kind of shocking or amazing to see how most of Ephraim today is basically asking Satan to come into their hearts and deceive them. They are basically asking Satan to come in and rule and reign over them. They want to help build Satan's kingdom because they do not want to hear Yahweh's voice and do all the things that He said.

Because then you would have to leave Satan's kingdom (or Mystery Babylon) and then they would have to organize and tithe and work together with discipline for Yeshua.

And the sad fact is, most of Ephraim is not in it for that. Scripture says, the reason the vast majority of the Ephraimite's are going to die is they are not in it for what

Yahweh wants; they are not in it for what Yeshua wants; they are in it for what they want.

A great, big, horrible surprise awaits them if they do not repent and wake up.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 5:14

14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Yeshua will give you light."

Do we as Ephraimites, do we as Yeshua's faithful, do we really think about Yeshua? Do we think about what He wants? We say we love Yeshua; do we think about what He wants?

Because there are a lot of people, they think they are disciples, but they do not seem to even realize that Yeshua has a program that He wants us to work at together here. There is a whole mission, there is a whole job for us to do.

Father willing, hopefully we can share the whole vision, but right now, we are just trying to get everyone focused on doing what we need to do right now so we can survive the Tribulation. But once the Tribulation is done and we are back in the land there is a whole other program that goes on for a thousand years. We could talk about it, but we need to get this one down first.

There are a lot of people, they want to gather in the knowledge. We eat Yahweh's good spiritual food, but they do not want to do any work.

Can you imagine, you raise children, you feed them, you clothe them, you send them to school, they want to study, they want to learn all the good things. Oh, but they

do not ever want to work; they do not actually want to get a job.

They just figured: Well, they have got the knowledge, they do not want to work for Yeshua, they do not want to work for Elohim.

Why do they not understand that Yeshua has a program? If we love Yeshua like we say we do and we truly want to be His helper, His helpmeet as we say we do, then do we spend any time learning about Him, and what He likes, and what He wants?

We want to be His bride and we do not even know what He likes? What kind of bride is that?

If you are a bride and you love your earthly husband, do you not try to find out what He does and does not like?

I mean, do you ever talk with your spouse to find out what he or she likes?

It is like, hello? So, here we are in Ephraim thinking that Yeshua is going to take us as His help meet, based on what? We took the vow, we (our forefathers) swore at Mount Sinai. They said all that Yahweh has said we will do, and we will be faithful, and we will obey Him, we will be a good bride. So, we signed up for the oath, now we are under the oath.

Brothers and sisters, if we believe, then hear what I am saying. If we do not obey everything, we will not survive the Tribulation.

When children are small, they like to ask each other what they want to be when they grow up, right? Do you not, children? Right?

So, like when you say, *“What do you want to be when you grow up?”* and then sometimes someone will say, *“I want to be a doctor, or a lawyer, or a businessman.”* Or some people say, *“I want to be a musician, or a movie star, or songwriter (something like that).”*

I know some will say, *“Happy. I just want to be happy.”* But why do they say that? Why do we not teach our children to say instead, *“I want to be pleasing to Yeshua”* because one day we are all going to go stand before that great and awesome throne.

Qorintim Bet (2 Corinthians) 5:9

9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

And if you look at the news, the day of judgment is coming very, very fast. And it seems like the pace is picking up and getting more rapid all the time. And we still have lots more years yet (we talk about that in the Revelation timeline in our study on [Revelation and The End Times](#)).

But when we get to the judgment, and the books are opened, and they record what we did for Him with our life, and everything that we failed to do with our life, and we come to the judgment on our life. Did we live up to Yeshua's example?

None of us is going to be able to stand. I will not be able. Not one - No one. Apostle Shaul, as good as he was, he would not stand based on his own works.

Because no matter how hard we try, we are just not that good. Because that is not what He wants. He does not want us working, He wants Him working in us. He wants us to allow Him to work through us with that connection;

abiding in the vine, in Him and us. That is what does the job.

But we must work for Him because when it comes to the day of judgment we are going to be standing there and you will listen: *why did you not? Did you read My book? Did you do what I said? Yes, or no?*

“Well, mostly I did, but...” not going to cut it, you know? So, all of us are going to fall down in that day and all of us are going to depend upon Yeshua to vouch for us in that day.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:1

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Yeshua HaMashiach the righteous.

And what we are (kind of) hoping, that Yeshua is going to do, is He is going to say, *“Hey Dad. I know this one here. This one I know. Those 4,000, and the 5,000, and the myriads, and the multitudes, I do not know them. They did not work for Me. They came and got fed, they came for dinner and a show. Basically they came to the entertainment, and they left. They are Roman amphitheater material. You come and you have your performance, and you leave.”*

“But this one, this one worked for Me. This one tried hard. This one, it mattered to him (or to her) if my kingdom got built. So, I know his history's kind of messed up, his history is a little spotty. Father, I am going to vouch for this one because he has been trying to do the best, he can to help me set up my kingdom. He invested his mina, so he is worth it. I will vouch for him.”

Because what He wants is a Proverbs 31 bride. So, what is His means of selecting His Proverbs 31 bride going to be?

We are going to review the books in the Day of Judgment and everything we did and everything we failed to do. It is going to be right there.

So, everything that we did and failed to do is going to be revealed and we are going to need Him to vouch for us. And what is the standard that we are talking about here? This (I think) is another thing that a lot of Ephraimites just do not understand.

What people do not seem to understand is the same thing that our forefathers did not understand in the day that Israel was leaving the wilderness. You had a few people like Moshe, like Joshua, like Caleb, they were actually doing their best to serve; to go above and beyond. That is the true standard.

Shaul says that we are even supposed to try to outrun him!

So, it is really that striving to do our very best for Him, that is really where it is at. Because we are never going to reach His standard, but no matter who we are, no matter where we are placed in His body, no matter where we are in the world, we know what we can do for Him, and we know how much time we can make for Him, and we know how much we can help build and support His kingdom. And that commitment is the very first step for anyone who truly wants to survive the Tribulation and become part of His bride.

So, in this week's Torah portion, we are going to start in Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 25 and verse 1.

Shemote (Exodus) 25:1

1 Then Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying:

We are going to see some more (you guessed it) amazing foreshadows of how Yahweh wants us to leave spiritual Egypt, stop working for Satan's kingdom and then organize so that we can become one nation, so we can be effective as the armies of the living Elohim. And this is just as He commands the Tabernacle to be one in this Torah portion.

Now before we begin, last week, in [*Parasha Mishpatim*](#), we saw that Yeshua was the manifestation of Yahweh. Yeshua was the Messenger (or the Angel) that was sent with our forefathers on the way out of Egypt, to guide us and guard us in the way.

And this manifestation tells us, at least three times, to do everything according to the pattern that was shown to us on the mountain. That means we need to be sure to be clear and careful to do things Yahweh's way.

Now for example, in Shemote chapter 25 in verse 8, again Yeshua, the manifestation of Yahweh, tells Moshe that we should make Him a sanctuary so that He may dwell among us again.

Shemote (Exodus) 25:8

8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

Well, okay, if we back up in the history, the Garden of Eden was a place where Yahweh made where we could come into Yahweh's House (so to speak) and meet with Him in His House.

But that did not work because why? Because like everything else we did not want to hear His voice and we did not want to do what He said so He kicked us out. That simple.

Well, now that we have been in spiritual time out for a long time now leaving Egypt, now our forefathers get an opportunity to try to meet with Yahweh again. Only this time, instead of going to His House, now we are going to build Him a House where He can come and meet with us.

And then if that all goes well, then maybe (perhaps) the wedding can be back on again. Only, and Yahweh emphasizes this so many times, He says it again and again, and again, and again, we must do everything the way He tells us to do it. Meaning (you guessed it) we need to listen for His voice and obey it.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 3:15

15 “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Well, someone in Ephraim right now is saying, *“Oh no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Not that again. Oy vey, gevalt! It just seems like every time we turn around, Yahweh is asking us to hear His voice and obey it. Who does He think He is, anyway?”*

But then in verse 9 He tells us that, according to everything that was shown to us, the pattern of the Tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, we should follow these patterns and make everything just so. So, we should make the Tabernacle just exactly so.

Shemote (Exodus) 25:9

9 According to all that I show you, that is the pattern of the Tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

So, again some Ephraimites, they are probably wondering *“Hmm... Do you wonder what Yahweh meant by that when He said to do everything according to the pattern that was shown to us on the mountain? You do not suppose He is thinking that we need to listen carefully to what He says and to do everything the way He says like He is the boss or something? You mean like it is His way or the highway?”*

Well, if you ever have thoughts like that you might just be an Ephraimite. Because then we look, and in Shemote chapter 25 and verse 40. Again, here we have Yahweh (or Yeshua) telling us to see that we make everything according to the pattern which He showed us on the mountain.

Shemote (Exodus) 25:40

40 And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown to you on the mountain.

We have got some more Ephraimites there wondering again and said, *“No, hold on a minute here. When Yahweh says, ‘Be careful and see to it that you make everything according to the pattern that Yahweh showed us on the mountain’ are you sure He means that? Are you sure He means everything? What if He just means some of the things?”*

Okay, well, if you ever wonder if you ever hear Yahweh saying, *“Hear My voice and do all that I say to you to do”*, if you ever wonder if maybe Yahweh means something

other than *“Hear My voice and do everything all that I say to you”* then you might just be an Ephraimite.

And then here we come to Shemote chapter 26 and verse 6. And we see something so essential in what seems like one of the smallest of little details.

Now for those of us who come from a Christian background (if you come from a Jewish background, you probably have always been interested in the symbolism of the Tabernacle and what everything stands for, what everything means). Those from a Christian background might sometimes tend to fast forward over the details of the Tabernacle because we are not building a Tabernacle tomorrow and so it does not seem like there is really that much urgency to learn all the sizes, and specifications, and what connects what, but that is wrong.

Because even if we do not build a Tabernacle tomorrow, we still need that information. Because not only does it show us important things about Yeshua, but it also shows us some important things about how we as Yeshua's body are supposed to organize and operate.

So, here in these, what seem to many people like trivial details about how to build the Tabernacle, in Shemote chapter 26 and verse 6, Yahweh tells us to make 50 clasps of gold and to couple the curtains together with the 50 clasps so that the Tabernacle would be one.

Shemote (Exodus) 26:6

6 And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one Tabernacle.

Well, that is a very important little detail right there. If we think about it a little bit, who would have thought that Yahweh put such importance on a clasp?

Now, obviously each part of the Tabernacle is important, and each part of the Tabernacle has an important part to fulfill, but do we understand the text correctly, that the Tabernacle is not one until there are 50 gold clasps holding each curtain to the others?

Or does that mean that these 50 gold clasps on each curtain that hold the curtains together - are we saying that is what makes the Tabernacle one?

In other words, without those 50 gold curtain clasps holding each curtain to its neighbors, the Tabernacle would not be one, right?

So, I mean if we think about this, is Yahweh crediting those 50 gold clasps per curtain as being that which holds the Tabernacle together making it one?

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 12:12

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being so many, are one body, so also is Messiah.

Those gold clasps are like glue, right? Okay, well, that is amazing. Because when we think about how we build houses, we do not really think about the nails, we think more about the wood. We do not really think about the mortar, we think about the bricks.

So, as we are looking at the Tabernacle, we might think about the Tabernacle curtains, but who among us has spent a lot of time thinking about the 50 gold clasps that

are being used to hold the Tabernacle together and to make the Tabernacle one?

Well, we will probably have to talk about the details in another place, but if we think about it, we know that the function of the Melchizedekian Priesthood is to hold all the assemblies together.

Now, as far as 50 goes, now we do not know exactly why 50 clasps per curtain, but the number 50, we know, represents fullness. Because we have 50 days until the fullness of Pentecost, we have 50 years in the fullness of the jubilee cycle.

And while we are on that subject, you will not find a 49-year anything in Scripture, so please let the 49-year jubilee theory rest. It is old, and tired, and needs to be retired. There is no 49 anything in Scripture. As an end product you get to 49 as a step before 50, but there is no end product 49 anything.

So, but really, in the world (if you think about it), we do not really pay a whole lot of attention to fasteners unless it is something new and exciting like Velcro, then we might pay attention to it.

But if you think about the importance of fasteners, we know that no house or no building can stand unless all the pieces are securely fastened together so it effectively becomes one single structure (or one building), because everything is all put together.

We also know that an airplane is held together with hundreds of small little rivets. There is a framework to the aircraft, it is not stable until the skin is riveted on and then they fasten the plane all together by its skin. Well, we know in the case of airplanes and buildings that if

someone does not fasten all the parts and pieces together correctly, then someone is going to have a sad face (we do not like that).

So, Yeshua speaks of this same exact principle in Mattityahu (or Matthew) chapter 12 and verse 25. That is where Yeshua tells us that every kingdom that is divided against itself will ultimately be brought to desolation. And that every house (House of Ephraim) and every city divided against itself will not stand.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:25

25 But Yeshua knew their thoughts and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."

So, if you think about this, which of these two do we think Yeshua wants us to be? Do we think Yeshua wants us to be independent, and free, and divided Messianics, and fallen as a House of Ephraim?

Does He want us to be divided so that we fall? No, of course not. Yeshua wants us to be unified; He wants us to be united so that we can stand.

Well, I talked to so many Ephraimites and some people, they say, *"Listen I do not know what the fuss is all about. I do not know why you say we all must be unified and united. Just because the Tabernacle was one, why does that mean that we must be one?"*

Does Scripture not say that if I am not against you, that even if I do not join you, then in a certain sense I am still on your side?

And that is true in a certain sense; you still are on our side in a certain sense, but it is also not true in the sense that what Yeshua says He wants is for us all to organize ourselves according to the fivefold ministry structure. So that together we can invest our minas and build Him a unified ministry kingdom based on a single foundation of apostles and prophets.

[We talk about that in [Acts 15 Order](#) and in the [Torah Government](#) study.]

But what Elohim wants is that, together, we are earnestly contending for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. And that is a job we can do so much more effectively together.

Yehudah (Jude) 1:3

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

So, if you think of yourself as a Nazarene, then are you partnering with us? Because we all together have a great big job to do and resources and manpower (at least they always seem like) they are in a limited supply. Yahweh is giving us opportunities to do things for Him.

But we need to talk about something else first before we talk about what we are doing for Yeshua, first let us talk about our identities. In other words, how do we see ourselves? How do we identify ourselves?

For example, do we perhaps identify ourselves as one of Yeshua's servants and yet we are not helping our King to build His unified global kingdom? Are we perhaps not

doing the work ourselves and we are also not helping those who are?

Well, if we think about it, is that not like the parable of the lazy servant who knew what his master wanted him to do, but he did not do it? So, how does it go for him?

It says in Luqa (or Luke) chapter 12 and verse 46 that when the master finally returns, he is going to catch his servant unaware, and the master is going to cut that lazy servant in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Luqa (Luke) 12:46

46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Because why? Because that servant knew in his heart what his master wanted; but did not do it. Do we understand that is a gross major violation of our wedding contract; is to know what our bridegroom Yeshua wants us to do, but we do not want to do it?

That is a complete deal breaker right there. How can we marry Yeshua if we are not eager to do everything He says? How do we love Him if we are not eager to keep all His commandments?

If we are not eager to help Him build His kingdom, how is there love if we do not want what our Husband wants, if we do not want to see Him sitting on His throne ruling and reigning, with us serving Him, working as His hands and His feet?

How is that love, to know what Yeshua wants and yet we do not want to do it for Him?

Well, I think maybe part of the problem is that a lot of people do not really take their bridehood seriously. We understand that the Torah is a bridal contract, and we understand that there are certain things that we are supposed to do, and then we do not do them.

If we do our part, if we do our best to obey the bridal contract, He is always going to do the right thing by us.

But if we do not do our part in the bridal contract, if we do not do our part of the Torah, He is under no obligation at all to take us as a bride.

And it says here in verse 47 that the servant who knew his master's will; he knew what Yeshua wanted, but he did not prepare himself to be of service as a servant, and he did not do according to his Master's will, he shall be beaten with many stripes because he knew what his Master wanted. He did not care what his Master wanted.

Luqa (Luke) 12:47

47 And that servant who knew his masters will and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

Rather, he was thinking about himself and what he wanted and that is a very bad servant. When you are a servant, your job is to look out for your master's best interests.

And we were bought with a price. Should we act like it every day? Should we make it clear by our actions that we love Him because we are doing everything that we

can to help Him establish His kingdom? The concept of stewardship comes into play here.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 6:20

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify Elohim in your body and in your Spirit, which are Elohim's.

I am not ever quite sure how to mention this, but if we are not setting up Yeshua's kingdom or worse yet, if we are actively setting up an alternate ministry or an alternate kingdom, then we are doing effectively the completely wrong thing.

Because if we are setting up another ministry apart from Yeshua's ministry then what that means is we are setting up an alternate kingdom. What it means is we are setting up a deception (or a stumbling block).

And that is why in Mattityahu (or Matthew) chapter 12 and verse 30 Yeshua says:

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:30

30 He, who is not with Me, is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

Because we are not helping to build His single unified kingdom. And if we are setting up alternate ministry kingdoms, how is that any different than the Pharisees and the Sadducees?

How is that building Yeshua's true kingdom? Are we not just distracting people and giving them an opportunity to stumble at an alternate kingdom?

Those who are fragmenting the body with independent ministries, they just need to stop and repent. They need

to understand just how not pleasing that is to Yahweh; to have here a ministry, there a ministry, everywhere a ministry- ministry. Saturday Night Fever ministries, passion for half the truth ministries. All these ministries are not teaching what Yeshua wants us to do. And that is because they are teaching us about Yeshua, they are not teaching us to walk like Yeshua.

Amos chapter 3 and verse 3 asks a very important, critical, rhetorical question. It asks, *“Can two Israelites walk together (meaning can two Israelites live and worship and serve Elohim together) unless they be agreed?”* And the answer is quite clearly: No, of course not.

Amos 3:3

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

So, if that is the case, then the very first thing we must do, if we must agree with Elohim, is to read and study His Word and to make sure we agree with Yahweh in His Word. Should that not be our number one priority until we are in doctrinal agreement with Elohim?

And in fact, is that not what the Feast of Unleavened Bread is all about; is getting rid of false doctrine which is like unto leaven so that we can be found faithful and not die? Because He promises those who have leaven, those who have false doctrine, they are not going to make it.

And the time for reconciliation is now. It is coming up now, soon, the Tribulation. Just looking at the news every week, things are happening in the news that... And every week the pace gets faster, and faster, and faster, and faster.

Qorintim Bet (2 Corinthians) 6:2

2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

So, that is the thing, in Scripture a nation is a group of people that all believe the same way. But you must have the same doctrine, so if we are setting up a different sect with a different doctrine, we are setting up a different nation. We need to not be doing that. He does not like that. He wants one single nation, the nation of Israel. The nation of Nazarene Israel; those who follow the Nazarene Yeshua.

And again, each week in the Parashiot it is the same message: Yahweh is trying to take us out of Satan's kingdom which is based on selfishness. He is trying to get us to work together to build His kingdom which is based on selflessness.

Because that is the problem. We end up with governments of the elites, by the elites and for the elites at the expense of everyone else. It is because people are always electing the elites to work for them instead of finding out who is Yahweh working through to establish His kingdom?

It is not very popular because selflessness hurts; selflessness costs. If we do not know Yahweh is there, there is no reason to be selfless, there is no reason to be good.

But when we know Him, we want to serve Him, we want to please Him the way He wants to be served. What He is asking us to do is to establish a global spiritual government based on selflessness; we put other people

first, put ourselves last. Just like Moshe put himself last. Just like the prophets all put themselves last. Like Yeshua put Himself last.

And when we do that, one day when we truly come together in the kind of union and order that He wants. That is when He is going to give us the power and dominion over all nations to rule and reign in His Son Yeshua's stead, as His body, as His arms as His hands and His feet.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the Word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Yeshua for a thousand years.

Now I wish we had time to share the whole vision with you and hopefully, someday we can. But for right now please just pray that Yahweh is going to lead His people to start taking His Son's Word seriously, because the Tribulation is on us. If we cannot get the need to obey him now, when are we ever going to get it?

Well, what can we say? There is a whole lot of us in Ephraim, we consider ourselves to be Yeshua's people, we consider ourselves to be disciples. We do not want any discipline because we do not want to have to hear His voice. We do not want to have to do what He says. And the problem is, that is the attitude that is going to get most of Ephraim killed.

As we explain in other places, most of Ephraim is slated to die because they will not obey. They do not want to listen; they do not want to obey. You do not be one of them.

You be one of the good ones who genuinely loves Yeshua and wants to fight Yeshua's fight, so that when Yeshua returns, and behold He is coming quickly, and His reward is with Him to give to every man according to His work.

That we have some good works building Yeshua's kingdom. Because that is what He wants to see from His Proverbs 31 bride, is someone who wants to fight His fight; His cause is her cause. She is all in, she is dedicated, she is committed, she has made a commitment. This is what she is going to do with her life; she wants to be pleasing to Yeshua. That is her greatest goal in life.

Now, there are a lot of analogies we can use. Israel is described as a bride; we are described as the armies of the living Elohim. And we know that Yeshua's body follows the Melchizedekian Order to order itself. And that the Melchizedekian Order is also a spiritual military order.

Israel can be described as a bride, as a family, as an olive tree, or we can be described as a Temple made with living stones. We can also be described as the Tabernacle of David. We know from our other studies that the Tabernacle of David is Yeshua's global spiritual government which is supposed to increase until it fills the whole world like the stone and the prophecy in Daniel (or in Nebuchadnezzar's dream).

So, in other words, Yeshua's kingdom is the Tabernacle of David; the Tabernacle of David is Yeshua's kingdom, and it is our job to expand the Tabernacle of David as much as we can.

Again, that is the parable of the minas; it is the same thing, just said in different ways, over and over, and over again. We just hear His voice and do what He says to do. Which in almost every case is to establish Yeshua's kingdom.

Shemote (Exodus) 15:26

26 ...and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of Yahweh your Elohim and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am Yahweh who heals you."

That is the whole point, that is the whole purpose, that is the whole, main precept; do what He says, to build His Son a kingdom. And He gives us the mina; He gives us a safe lifetime and He wants to see what we are going to do for Him with it.

And you know what? That is all we must do! We just must hear His voice, and do what He says, and then keep all His commandments. And if we do that, then He will give us and our children such an inheritance. We are going to rule and reign with Him for a thousand years.

[We have a four-part mini-series on [The Tabernacle of David](#) in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Four](#), and I would recommend that series highly.]

Hopefully we will have time to do more future studies based on the Tabernacle of David because, according to

Acts chapter 15, it is basically our job, is to set it back up.

Ma'asei (Acts) 15:16-17

16 'After this I will return and will rebuild the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up;

17 so that the rest of mankind may seek Yahweh, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says Yahweh who does all these things.'

And that is what our forerunners were busy doing before Nazarene Israel went outside the land of Israel. And then the great falling away into Torah-lessness took place. But here we are. The time of punishment is over and now we are back.

And now we understand that it is our duty to set the Tabernacle of David back up like our forerunners were doing in the first century before things got so rudely interrupted into the great falling away.

Again, we have a study on the Tabernacle of David in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Four](#), but (basically) this was another tabernacle that King David set up. The Levitical tabernacle had become defiled in the days of Eli and Shemuel, so David then constructed a different Tabernacle which we understand from our studies in [Torah Government](#) that the purpose of the Tabernacle of David was to make it so that the rest of mankind could seek Yahweh. Even all the returning gentile Ephraimites who would be called by His name Yahweh-Yeshua.

But if we are going to use the tabernacle analogy, because we are the Tabernacle of David, where our purpose and mission is to set it back up, what is so

important about these 50 small clasps of gold? And what is it about simply clasping the curtains of the Tabernacle together with 50 small gold clasps? Why does that make the Tabernacle one?

Well, not to be obvious, but is it possible that the purpose of a clasp is to clasp? And is it possible (I do not want to go out on a limb here) is it possible that the purpose of the clasp is to bring unity? That it is simply the act of holding the Tabernacle together, that is what brings unity, that is what makes the Tabernacle one?

Or what is it about these clasps that Yahweh identifies something seemingly so insignificant as being the thing that unifies the whole thing together?

Well, one way or another, if we think about it, any kind of a tabernacle (a physical tabernacle, a living Tabernacle, a Tabernacle of David), somehow or other, the parts and the pieces of the tabernacle are going to have to be held together. They are going to have to be clasped together or the tabernacle is not going to be together. All the curtains must be connected by the clasps, or the tabernacle is not one.

So, could the message perhaps be that you need proper tight connections to bring about unity, and then you need an active agent to clasp the curtains of the Tabernacle together?

Well, what does this say to us in Ephraim today? Are we willing to hear the implied message in that?

In our studies on [Acts 15 Order](#), in [Torah Government](#) we saw that all the various parts and pieces of Yeshua's body all around the world are supposed to come together and unify on what Ephesians chapter 2 and

verse 20 refers to as 'the single foundation of apostles and prophets'.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:20

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah Himself being the chief cornerstone

If you think about it, it is kind of like if we use the Temple analogy (or the body analogy), it is kind of like all the parts of the body unifying around the spinal cord, because not only does the spine and the skeleton provide structure and a framework, but it also provides order in that it is also the spinal cord's pathway for communication.

So, not only does the spinal cord in this column provide structure, but also provides information and communication. And these are, not surprisingly, the functions of the Melchizedekian Priesthood are to provide structure, framework, and order. And if we will, to provide spiritual leadership and communication; to clasp all the various assemblies together to unify and connect the whole.

When all the various parts and pieces of Yeshua's body all around the world begin reporting to this single foundation of apostles and prophets or this single Nazarene Beit Din Gadol, that is when we become a single body. That is when we become the unified Temple for Yeshua and that is when He will ultimately bless us, because that will be the time when we have finally understood that we must decrease so that He might increase.

Because it is not about pleasing us, it is not about doing our will, it is about all of us coming together and helping

each other along day by day to do His will. That is when He is going to bless us.

And for the Haftara prophetic portion we are going to modify it next year to include all of First Kings chapter 5 and then continue through First Kings chapter 6 and verse 13.

And here in this passage, this is where we read about the building of the first Temple, through King Solomon. And we can easily understand why the Rabbis would choose this for Haftara, but for our purposes, really it is more important to see what Yahweh tells us in Divre HaYamim Aleph (or First Chronicles) chapter 28 in verse 3.

And in First Chronicles chapter 28 in verse 3, that is where Yahweh told David that He would not be the one to build the Temple because David, as good as he was, he had been a man of war and he had shed blood, so he could not build a clean Temple; He would just only defile it.

Divre HaYamim Aleph (1 Chronicles) 28:3

3 But Yahweh said to me, "You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood."

So, then in verse 6, Yahweh tells us that Shelomo (or Solomon), he would be the one to build the Temple.

Divre HaYamim Aleph (1 Chronicles) 28:6

6 Now He said to me, "It is your son Shelomo who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father.

And in verse 7 Yahweh tells us that Shelomo's (or Solomon's) kingdom could have lasted forever if he had chosen to obey all of Yahweh's commandments and His judgments.

Divre HaYamim Aleph (1 Chronicles) 28:7

7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.”

However, (sadly) as we show in the [Nazarene Israel](#) study, Shelomo's disobedience was the trigger that led the nation to being split in two.

Well, in First Kings chapter 6 in verse 12, Yahweh told Melech Shelomo (King Solomon) that, concerning the physical structure he was about to build for Yahweh, not to place too much trust in it, because really, a Temple is only symbolic.

Melachim Aleph (1 Kings) 6:12

12 “Concerning this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My Word with you, which I spoke to your father David.”

Melech still had to walk in Yahweh's statutes. He still had to hear Yahweh's voice; he still had to execute Yahweh's judgments, and keep all His written commandments, and walk in them to do them as his father David has done. That is when Yahweh would perform His Word with Shelomo and give him a dynasty forever.

But it seems like it is always the same thing every time Yahweh tells us just how good it is going to be if we will hear His voice and then do the things He says, but we

do not do it. Just going all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

We think everything is going to be just fine, we are going to make up our own way of doing things. And then the correction hits. And even a great sovereign like this is not immune to this kind of thing. Because if the leader of the nation of Israel did not obey Yahweh's Torah, the nation would soon be split in two.

[If you want more details on that, we cover that in the [Nazarene Israel](#) study.]

So, now for the Brit Chadasha (or the Renewed Covenant) portion. What shall we say? We look at what the commandment is that we are given by Yeshua, and we see in various ways that what it amounts to (effectively) is a commandment to build a global spiritual government for Yeshua which will rule and reign over the nations for a thousand years.

And from what we can see, everything is right on track with the timeline we lay out in the [Revelation Study](#), that scenario. We propose everything is moving along nicely regarding that timeline and things are supposed to get a whole lot worse before they get better.

And so, if we know these things, again we keep bringing up the same point, but it is like the same thing that Ephraim keeps hearing over, repeatedly.

Who is it that Yahweh promises to protect? Who is it that Yahweh promised to deliver? Those who are hearing His voice and doing the things that He tells them to do.

It is like, how many times can we hear it and not get it? It is like knock, knock, knock...is Ephraim-body home?

How do we not understand what it is He is asking us to do?

Well, then we have Yochanan (or John) chapter 17 starting in verse 21. And in this passage John 15, 16, 17, Yeshua is praying for His disciples before He is taken to judgment.

So, before He is taken to the Kangaroo Court, what Yeshua asks is that His disciples would be coupled together with Him and He in them so that they, what? They might become one together in Him!

Yochanan (John) 17:21

21 That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And He prays that we all might become one with His Father, just as Yeshua is in His Father and His Father is in Him and Him and us and us in Him. And He prays that we all might be one together in Him.

Notice He does not pray that He can be one with this person, and one with that person, and one with the next disciple, and one with another disciple. That is not what He prays. He prays that we might all be one together in Him. And how we do that is to submit first to Him and His spirit and then submit one to another in His Spirit.

And how is that functionally different than the single foundation of apostles and prophets? It is not, really, because that is what the foundation of apostles and prophets is. It is the group of men who have dedicated themselves to serving Yeshua and so Yeshua puts His Spirit in them, so they might all be one together in Him.

That is why we see the first disciples; they were all part of the Beit Din Gadol. And the reason why is because they all have the same Spirit. And so, because they have the same Spirit, now there is a possibility of all having the same doctrine.

And they need to have the same doctrine (of the same halacha) because they must earnestly contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. That means there is one doctrine, one halacha, for all the saints. That means that we are all to practice just as Yeshua practiced, as a faithful Jew and as a faithful Israelite.

Yehudah (Jude) 1:3

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

And there is so much more we could say here. But is it not enough just to know that Yeshua wants us all to be one in Him and Him in the Father and the Father in Him and us in Yeshua and Yeshua in us?

Is it not enough to know that we are supposed to be led by a group of men who are submitted first to Elohim Spirit and then one to another in His Spirit?

And is it not enough to know that it is their job to make sure that we are obeying every verse of Scripture in keeping with Yahweh's Word so that we can then walk together with Him as the bridal nation that we are all called to be?

If we love Yeshua, let us pray and ask Yahweh to show us what it is that He wants from us. And then let us realize He has already commanded us to go into all nations and immerse true disciples for Him. And that being true disciples, they need to be eager to do everything Yeshua tells us to do.

Anything less than that, Yeshua is a King, He considers it treason. And Yeshua wants (especially) all His servant leaders to be there together with Him so His body might be led by Him and His Spirit.

Well, the question of leadership is a very important question. We know from our studies that Yeshua was the Pesach. And as we saw in Shemote chapter 12 in verse 46, not even one of the Pesach's bones was to be broken.

Shemote (Exodus) 12:46

46 In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones.

If we are willing to hear it and we have ears to hear, that means that not a bone in Yeshua's body was to be broken. The bones represent the servant leadership because the servant leadership provides structure and direction. And if the bones (or the leadership) are broken, well how does the body function?

So, does this not say that what is really the requirement is that we should not have any broken leadership within Yeshua's body? That we should not have any leadership in Ephraim that does not hear Yahweh's voice and seek to obey it. Because there are blind leaders of the blind out there, most of them are going to fall into a ditch.

Is it not the best thing to do really, just to leave them alone?

He who has ears let him hear.

Let us do what our King wants us to do.

Shabbat Shalom

Parasha Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10; 1 Samuel 15 (all)

Mark 4:35-5:43

In last week's Parasha study, [Parasha Terumah 2022](#), we talked about how Yahweh wants His Tabernacle to be one single unified Tabernacle. We also saw how Yahweh commanded 50 clasps per curtain of the Tabernacle to hold the Tabernacle together so that it might be one single unified Tabernacle.

We saw how the point of the clasps was simply the action of holding the Tabernacle together. It is a valuable function. And the thing is, the Tabernacle is only one of many different analogies that we use for Yeshua's body (or His bride).

Now, depending upon the analogy, we can be referred to as the Tabernacle of David, which we see in other studies is a global spiritual government. Ultimately, we can be stones in a living Temple, or we can be various parts of His body, or we can be branches in an olive tree. But no matter what analogy we use, the point is that we are all supposed to be one. We are all supposed to be together.

Yochanan (John) 17:21-22

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

All the analogies call for unity, and order, and connection, and organization. If we are part of the Vine, do we not need to be in connection with the Vine? If we

are stones in a living Temple, then do we not need to be ordered, and organized, and stacked, and fitted together properly?

You cannot just have a bunch of stones in a heap in the middle of a field. That is not a temple. In order to become a temple, they must be ordered, stacked, and placed in relationship to each other for proper relationship, right relationship. The stones need to be properly stacked in order to create a space for worship inside. And the stronger ones need to carry more weight.

So, if we are branches of the Olive Tree, we must be grafted into the Root, we must be in connection with the Vine. If we are not in connection with the Root and with the other parts of the Tree, then, for all practical intents and purposes, we are cut off and become withered as a branch of the Living Tree, and that is no good. There are a lot of people who think it is enough just to learn but not that they must do. That is backwards. It is not just what we know, it is what we do for Him with what we know.

So, last week we also saw how important it is to hear Yahweh's voice; diligently listen to what He says and to do everything that He says. Not just listen to the still small voice, but also to keep all His written commandments.

Shemote (Exodus) 25:9

9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the Tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Yehoshua (Joshua) 1:8

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you[a] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is

written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

And we saw in the wilderness, our forefathers thought they were just doing this great, stellar, fabulous job of serving Yahweh when really, they were not. And the thing is, they did not make it to the promised land and that is because they were not really loving Yahweh; they were not really trying to serve Yahweh with all their hearts, and with all their souls, and with all their strength.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:5

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

They were not really listening because they did not really love Him. And so, they were not really obeying because they did not really care. They were not really trying to help Yahweh set up His kingdom here on earth. And Yahweh knows the difference. He knows who is truly setting their heart on His heart. He knows who truly wants to make Him happy by helping Him establish His kingdom here on earth and who just sort of is along for the ride; whatever they can get out of it.

Well, as bad as our forefathers were and even though they all died and that their bones all dropped in the wilderness, is there not something...I mean, do not we still kind of laugh it off, at least just a little bit? Because at least their children survived to make it into the land of Israel. Because they had to in the early times, make it into the land of Israel so that the prophecies of the latter times could be played out.

And we know that it will be as it was in the days of Noah, when people will be marrying and giving in marriage. Having a good time partying, not really focusing on

Yahweh day to day. "Will be as in the days of Noah." If we think about that, only eight people survived, and there is more than one witness to that in the Renewed Covenant.

But when we think about our forefathers in the wilderness, does it not just kind of seem okay? Because at least the children got to go on into the promised land. Well, the thing is, in this second exodus, if you do not raise your children right and they do not qualify to go back to the land, they will not make it back to the land.

It is different this time. This time it is not the same as it was, we read in the first five books the Torah. This time, if we do not obey, our children will not make it in either because they will not be raised the right way; they will not make the qualification standards.

So, to me it is a subject of life and death seriousness. If we love our children and we want them to make it back to the land of Israel alive, then we need to watch this Parasha because we talk about the vital importance of keeping all His commandments. and Yahweh's promises to save those who keep all His commandments. And He does not make any promises for those who do not. So, please join us for this Parasha.

Earlier in this series we saw how it was Yeshua, the manifestation of His Father, Yahweh, who is the one who led our forefathers out of the land of Mitzrayim and in the land of Canaan. In Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 23 starting in verse 20, Yahweh said that He would send His Angel (or His Messenger) to keep us in the way and to bring us to the place that He had prepared for us.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:20

20 "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

Verse 21 warns us to beware of Yeshua and to obey His voice and to do all that. Yahweh would speak through Him and that we should not provoke Yeshua, because (Get this! Are you ready for this!?) Yeshua would not pardon our transgressions because His Father's name is in Him.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:21

21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

However, if we would indeed obey Yeshua's voice and do all that His Father, Yahweh, was speaking through Him, then and only then, Yahweh would be an enemy to our enemies and an adversary to our adversaries, and He would cut them off.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:22

22 But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

And we know that this can only be Yeshua because there is no other angel or messenger who has Yahweh's name in him; that is only Yeshua. And we also know that the Father, Yahweh, has never left the throne room in heaven. So, we see Yahweh on earth. As we have seen in the past, it is a manifestation of the Father who has never left the throne room.

So, in this light, what then should it say to us? What meaning should we take from the fact that Yeshua told us in His very first sermon, in the Beatitudes, in Matthew Chapter 5 starting in verse 17, not to think that He had come to do away with the Torah or with the Prophets, right? Even the least part of them, because these things are the bridal contract; they are the bride's Ketubah.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:17

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

He says He did not come to destroy the bride's Ketubah. So, if we think about this, what then does Yeshua really mean in Yochanan (or John) chapter 14 and verse 15 when He says, "If you love Me, then keep My commandments"?

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Are we only talking about the so-called *Renewed Covenant commandments*? Yeshua is the one who gave the Torah at Mount Sinai to start with. So, when Yeshua says, *"If you love Me, My bride, keep My commandments. I am your spouse, if you love Me, if you want the wedding to go through, you do not want your bones to drop in the wilderness, what should you do? Keep My commandments."*

And then in last week's Parashah, Terumah, we also saw how Yahweh commanded us to put 50 golden clasps per curtain of the Tabernacle and their purpose was to hold the curtains of the Tabernacle together so the Tabernacle could be one Tabernacle.

Shemote (Exodus) 26:6

6 And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one Tabernacle.

And we know that the Tabernacle really is another analogy for Yeshua's body. We talk about type and shadow, prophetic shadow pictures. So, it seems of interest (or of note to mention) that the role of the Melchizedekian Priesthood is to hold all the assemblies together worldwide and to unify us as one Tabernacle.

So now, this week in Parasha Tetzaveh, with that background, we are going to see more evidence that is going to show us how important it is to obey not just some, but all of Yahweh's commandments. And if we will obey all of Yahweh's commandments, not only will we survive the Tribulation, but it will also effectively bring unity to our body. And it will make Him happy with us, He will be pleased with us, and we will survive the Tribulation.

So, we are going to see a lot of evidence this week that (this is not a small thing) - we are going to see evidence that this is effectively a life-or-death issue, and we need to face into it. Because most of the Messianics and most of the Ephraimites I have met, they are sleepwalking off the cliff; they do not know what they are doing, just like our forefathers in the wilderness did not know what they were doing wrong, and their bones dropped in the wilderness. In the future, we are coming to a time of purification, brothers and sisters.

So, let us remember how Yahweh tells us He wants us to do everything according to the pattern which He shows to us on the Mountain; He says it several times. Yahweh says (effectively), *“Follow My blueprint. I am the*

Architect; you are My building crew. You are going to build Me a Temple (or Tabernacle) according to My specifications. I am in charge here. This is My blueprint. These are the instructions. This is what I want you to do.”
You take the job. You are liable.

So, the thing is that we need to ask people in the Ephraimite movement: What are you going to do if you do not follow the blueprint exactly? What if you have 7,000 different subcontractors (or 28,000 different subcontractors in the case of the church) and they all have different ideas of how to build the building. If you have 10, or 12, or 7 different subcontractors and they all have different ideas about how to assemble the building, how is that going to work?

Or, what if you have one blueprint, but the subcontractors do not really bother to check it all that well? They are going to check the blueprint, go away, and not do exactly what it says, how is that going to work?

And how are those subcontractors going to get paid? Because Yahweh only pays for work that is done according to His specifications. And in this Parashah, we are going to see Yahweh has some exacting specifications for us all to follow.

Shemote (Exodus) 25:9

9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the Tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Well, Brothers, the thing is, serving Yahweh is not easy. However, it could not be any simpler. Elohim says (basically), if there is one commandment that Yahweh wants us to take more than any other commandment -

we know this because this was the commandment given under the Firstborn Priesthood time frame - Elohim says, *“Now, look, I just want you to listen carefully to My voice, okay? Listen diligently to what I am saying, and then I want you to do it. I know you are an apprentice- I am training you for the job, okay? This is OJT (on job training), okay? You want to be my bride, this is what you have got to do. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, keep going, okay? But I want you to do exactly what I tell you to do and I want you to obey all of My written commandments. Both a still small voice that you hear in the ear and what you read. Just do that.”*

That is not easy, but it is very simple; could not be simpler. Just hear His voice and do what He says, including His written commandments, because those are just what He spoke earlier that was faithfully recorded and written down.

So, He is saying, *“I am going to train you on the job to be zealous, to set up My Son's kingdom. And if you will do that, and you will do what I say (you will listen to instructions and eagerly earnestly do what I want you to do), and I will take you as a bride unto My Son forever.”*

“You do not need to be a brain surgeon; you do not need to be super smart. You do not need to be rich. You do not need to have a college degree. You do not need a certain look. A fisherman or a carpenter certainly works. We do not care what your socio-economic status is. We do not care what color you are. We just want to see a 100 percent commitment to leaving Satan's kingdom behind; leaving Egypt and helping Me set up My kingdom for My Son.”

“If you will help Me build My Son's kingdom faithfully; if you will do that with all of your heart, all of your soul

because you love My Son, well, if you love My Son and we see the fruits of it" then eyes have not seen nor have ears heard nor have we even considered in our hearts all the wonderful things which Yahweh Elohim has prepared for those of us who love Him enough to help His Son establish His kingdom.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 2:9

9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which Elohim has prepared for those who love Him."

So, do you understand what I am saying? So, it is so easy to say that we love Elohim, but where is the fruit of it? He wants to see the fruit. Wisdom is known by Her children. Or rather, Wisdom is known by Her fruits; when you show fruit of repentance. He wants us to be doers of His Word and not just hearers only, deceiving ourselves. Maybe, realistically like 99 percent plus of the Messianic, Christian, Ephraimite (or whatever) worlds.

Yaakov (James) 1:22

22 But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

But if Yeshua was the Angel (or the Messenger) who was with our forefathers leaving Egypt and all through the wilderness, and if He was the One to show Moshe the pattern on the mountain for the physical Tabernacle, and if Yeshua emphasized several times that we are to build

everything according to the pattern that He showed us, then what about the spiritual Tabernacle of David?

Shemote (Exodus) 25:40

40 And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.

Well, we know from our studies on [Torah Government](#) (and other places) that the Tabernacle of David is effectively both a global, spiritual government and it is also a means for the returning Gentile Ephraimites to come back into the Commonwealth of Israel. It is also the faith that we practice. And we also know that it is our job to set this structure up.

It is only going to be a global, spiritual government. Suppose there might be any specifics, any protocols, any particular ways that it would work? Or do we just get to build it however we want? Do you not really need to study the pages of Scripture and see how things were done and recorded in Scripture even though all Scripture that is inspired is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, etc.?

Okay, well, again in Mattityahu (or Matthew) Chapter 5 and verse, 17 this was Yeshua's very first sermon, okay? The Beatitudes. Yeshua tells us not to think that He came to destroy the Torah or any of the prophecies. He said He did NOT come to destroy them but only to fulfill the parts of the prophecies which pertained at the time of His first coming; not to do away with the rest of it because it prophesies over His return. If He would do away with the Torah, He is doing away with His return. We do not want that. Why does the church want that?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:17

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Well, Yeshua tells us that surely, until heaven and earth pass away (and heaven, and earth are still here), not the least, tiniest thing, would pass from the Torah until all the prophecies had been fulfilled. Because He is coming back for His bride.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:18

18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Therefore, whoever should break the least of these Torah commandments, the bride's contract and teach others so, he would be called least in the kingdom of heaven. That is if he does not have a millstone tied around his neck and have him drowned in the depths of the sea...

Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:19

19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

He says, "*But whoever does and teaches them, He shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*" But here is the kicker, and this is what most Messianics and Ephraimites, they miss this completely, check this out: In verse 20, Yeshua says that, unless our righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, we will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:20

20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and

Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Do we believe that? Do we believe what He is saying here? Do we believe Him? Do we know this is a manifestation of Yahweh, and this matches His pattern in Scripture perfectly, okay?

He says that, unless our righteousness (meaning our commandment keeping) exceeds that of the Karaites and the Orthodox Rabbis, we are going to, by no means, enter the kingdom of heaven. But that is not a low standard, brothers and sisters.

So, but let us think about this. Do we believe what Yeshua said? Do we find it important? This is how He opened His very first sermon.

Do we believe that we need to keep the Torah better than the Orthodox Rabbis and the Karaites? Do we believe that? Yeshua said it, but do we live it? That is the question. Do we realize what Yeshua is saying here?

So, Matthew chapter 23 in verse 23 tells us that the Orthodox and the Karaites pay tithes.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 23:23

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Well, brothers and sisters, do we all pay tithes? And if not, then how - I ask you in all seriousness - how are we keeping the Torah better than the Orthodox Rabbis and

the Karaites if we do not even do the same things that they do?

Of course, someone always protests, "Well, our Torah obedience is so much better than the Torah obedience of the Karaites and the Orthodox because we have Yeshua." Okay, well, fair enough, but does belief in Yeshua lead us to obey the whole bridal contract, or do we think we get to get out of the bridal contract because we believe, quote unquote, in Yeshua?

Does our faith lead us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only? Is what we do help to build Him a unified, global kingdom that He seeks, perhaps?

There are a lot of people who believe they do not need to keep all the Torah because they believe on Yeshua. They believe it is fine just to rest on Shabbat and read. There are other people that believe they do not need to do everything that Torah says. They get to pick the parts that they want.

Well, brother and sister, if that is how you believe then, really, what is the difference between that and the greasy grace of the Mystery Babylonian church system? In fact, we are going to see things in this Parasha that speak to this.

Brothers, the message we are going to take from this Parasha is that, if we do not do His commandments such that we end up building Him a unified global kingdom; using our mina according to His specifications to do everything that is according to the pattern that He showed us on the mountain, okay? If we are not up for that; if we are not up for leaving Egypt and helping Him build His kingdom, then, really, what are we doing? And why are we here (so to speak)?

And who do we think we are fooling? Would be another good question to ask.

Yochanan Aleph (or First John) chapter 5 starting in verse 2 says:

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:2

2 By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim and keep His commandments.

All of His Commandments? Oh, or just part of His Commandments? Just the ones we like? Although, oh, they only do that in the church, right? That does not happen in the House of Ephraim. Oh, no.

All right. Verse three, "For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep all of His commandments." It does not say we keep part of His commandments. It says, "And His commandments are not burdensome." It does not bother us to keep His commandments. It does not bother us to tithe. It does not bother us to organize. It does not bother us to help build the assembly.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

So, brothers, is the tithe burdensome to you? Or (perhaps) is the thought of leadership, and congregational accountability, and building Yeshua His literal, spiritual kingdom; is that burdensome to you? Even though your children will rule over it for a thousand years? Is that burdensome to you?

Scripture tells us that the decision to keep all His commandments is a life-or-death decision for us. We are going to see it all through this Parasha and it is very plain.

However, look in Devarim (or Deuteronomy) chapter 30 starting in verse 15, Yahweh says, *“I have set before you today, life and good if you are eager to obey Me, and death and evil if you do not change. It is your pick!”*

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:15

15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,

But, *“Today I command you to love Yahweh your Elohim with everything you have and to quit down- just lay down, get rid of, flush, throw away your old life in Satan's kingdom. Throw away your old life in the world. It is not worth it; there is no eternal reward to it. And then wash yourselves. Immerse yourselves in the new life as servants, helping to build Yahweh's Son's kingdom.”*

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:16

16 in that I command you today to love Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and Yahweh your Elohim will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

It just takes learning what He wants and keeping all His commandments. And then we just must do the things that He says. That is all we must do. Keep His judgments, walk in His ways, obey His statutes, His Commandments. If we will just do the things that He tells us to do, we are going to live. Oh, and we are going to

multiply. And Yahweh our Elohim will bless us in the land which we go to possess.

But you know how Yahweh is. He does not just want us to talk the talk, He wants us to walk the walk. He wants us to do it and not just do it at the level of our forefathers; leaving the wilderness and griping and complaining and not wanting to obey, not wanting to do the things that Yahweh says to do the way Yahweh says He wants them to be done.

But to do it at the level of a Moshe, or a Joshua, or a Caleb, or a Miriam, or any one of our forefathers who applied his or herself to furthering Yahweh's kingdom. Someone that was excited to leave Egypt, even though they knew it meant work

I mean, let us look at things from Yahweh's perspective. If you are a great King like that, do you not think you can tell who is really pulling hard for your kingdom? Who is trying to help you build your kingdom, who is really doing things for you and who's just kind of there?

If you are a boss, can you tell when someone is really trying to do their best work to help you, versus others who are just kind of punching the time clock and bringing home a paycheck?

Even if you are not a boss, can you tell when someone is really trying to help you, genuinely out of goodwill, for whatever reason?

Or if you are a parent, can you tell when your child does something nice for you because they are trying to make you happy? They did something, they went out of their way. They took out the garbage without being asked. They mowed the lawn. Or they cleaned up the house. Or

they washed all the dishes. They helped clean something out. You did not ask them, they just did it because they knew it would make you happy.

Well, if we as people can tell that, then do we not think Yahweh can tell the difference? And what about all those prophecies and all those parts of Scripture where Yahweh says He only plans to keep alive the ones who obey Him with zeal; happily. That they want to do is serve Him out of love for Him and His Son.

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 18:21

21 "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

I mean help Me out here. Are His commandments righteous for all generations or not? Yes, or no? And if yes, then are we one of those generations? Yes, or no? So, if Yahweh's commandments are righteous for all generations and we are one of those generations then are we keeping all His righteous commandments?

Or, if we are not keeping all His righteous commandments, what are we doing? Do we believe Yahweh? Do we believe Yahweh is who He says He is?

Ephraim, brother, if you are listening, may I please ask you something? Why were our forefathers taken into the Assyrian captivity to begin with again? I mean is it not because our forefathers were not zealous for Yahweh's Torah? Is it not because they were kind of lukewarm in a sense and Yahweh had to vomit our forefathers out of the land?

So, if our forefathers got vomited out of our homeland for being lukewarm, is He going to let us come back home in the same lukewarm state that got us thrown out?

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 18:21

21 "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

What are some people thinking? Are some people just taking a lot of things for granted? Some people are assuming a lot of things written in Scripture do not apply to them because they do not really take the time to see if it applies to them.

Forgive me for nosing, but when you care about people, you want them to survive the Tribulation that is coming, you need to say things in a serious way. And the difference between the first exodus and the second exodus is, in the first exodus, if you were sinful, you died in the wilderness, your bones dropped in the wilderness, but your children still had an opportunity to inherit in His kingdom.

As we mentioned in this coming second exodus, if we are not doing all His commandments, we do not qualify, we never enter the land (probably) we do not survive the Tribulation. Father willing, someday we will get time to do [Revelation and The End Times](#) part two. Got some things I would love to share with people if we can get the time.

But what we need to know is that the early is in the latter; there are mirror images. You did not make it in the early if you were not walking right. And you will not make it in

the latter either, and neither will your children, that is the difference.

So, if we are lukewarm, we die in the dispersion because Yahweh is not taking us like that. Yahweh is going to take a lukewarm bride? Would He take Himself a lukewarm bride forever? Boy, lukewarm makes Him sick. Lukewarm makes Him puke.

Brothers, just like our forefathers left Egypt, but Egypt did not really leave them. Is it possible (perhaps) that maybe we have left the church, but is there any part of the church system of greasy grace that is still with us? Perhaps, maybe just a little bit?

I mean, because if you people would never admit to this, but when you look at the way people behave, it is like they are quoting from the *Drunkards of Ephraim* volume six chapter six and verse 66 (or something).

Therefore, thus says Yahweh, *“You shall keep My statutes and My commandments which I command you this day. That you act now, it is for a limited time only! After that you no longer must spend any time thinking or praying about what your Elohim wants. Now, it is going to be all about you!”*

Drunkards of Ephraim 6:6-8

6 Therefore, thus says Yahweh:

7 You shall keep My commandments which I command you this day for a limited time only!

8 After that you no longer have to spend any time thinking or praying about what your Elohim’s wants! Now it is all about you!

“It is about you! Yeshua is going to have to decrease so you could increase. Oh! oh! And the best part is, after

your forefathers drop dead in the wilderness for the exact same offenses, I decided to send My Son to die a horrific death so that you could commit the exact same kinds of offenses as your forefathers. But now you get to think you are better than your forefathers, just because you say you believe in Yeshua. Just call on the name of Jesus and you shall be saved!”

Drunkards of Ephraim 6:9

9 After your forefathers dropped dead for the exact same offenses, I decided to send My Son to die so you could commit the exact same offences as your forefathers and think you are better than them, just because you say you believe in Yeshua, when you do not want to do what His Word says to do!

“Oh! Oh! Except, the only problem is, you do not do what His Word says to do. Well, but that is okay because it is no longer about becoming pleasing to Yahweh our Elohim. Because My Son died so that you could disobey Me! Oh! And, after you just confess belief with your lips you no longer have to do anything.”

Drunkards of Ephraim 6:10-13

10 But that is ok! Because it is no longer about what is pleasing to Yahweh your Elohim, because My Son died so you could disobey Me!

11 After you confess belief with your lips, you no longer have to do anything!

12 You no longer have to listen diligently for My voice or do everything I say!

13 And you no longer need to guard My written commands!

“You no longer have to listen diligently for my voice. You do not have to do anything I say. You no longer have to pay attention to My written commandments. You can just

kind of do away with that or you can pick and choose the ones you like. Well, now you and your children, you are free to do whatever would be pleasing to you and your flesh (you know). You could have a whole smorgasbord of choices. You just show up for church, or synagogue, or a home fellowship perhaps, or you can even do home study, and you can use that as your excuse for why you do not need to organize and help Me build My Son's kingdom. Even though He is building it for Me, at My command."

Drunkards of Ephraim 6:14-15

14 Now you and your children are free to do whatever is pleasing to you and your flesh.

15 Just show up for church or synagogue or home fellowship or do home study and use that as your excuse for why you do not need to help build My Son's kingdom, which He is building for Me, at My command.

Okay, so let us see. *"Do what you want, and you may prolong your days in Satan's kingdom and die outside the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you and your people to inherit for all time."*

Drunkards of Ephraim 6:16

16 So do what you want, and you may prolong your days in Satan's kingdom, and die outside the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving to you and your people for all time!

I have not seen that passage anywhere and I hope I never do, but the way some people behave, they do not understand. Just like our forefathers did not understand what the problems were in the wilderness.

But it is a real question: Why are some Messianics, Christians, Jews, why are they assembling, and they are doing something other than what the Scriptures say to do?

Why do they think ignoring the Spirit and disobeying the Father's written words is going to get them into the Father's good graces? And for Orthodox Judah, why do you think rewriting Yahweh's commandments, changing them and altering them according to your majority opinion of the Rabbis, why do you think that is going to get you in His good graces? Because there is more of you than Him?

Yes, there is a whole lot of wishful thinking in the flesh going on. Brother, sister, can I ask you, why does it seem like so many of the brethren, so many Ephraimites, they live their entire lives as if Yahweh's instructions do not even exist? Like Yahweh never really gave commandments. Or they do not apply to us. Or we have some exception to policy; we have some exception to the rule. We have a hall pass. We have a note from our mom; note from our dad.

If we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and brains to think, can we see that we also have hands and feet to do the things that Yahweh commands us to do for Him?

And it says that, to abide in His love means obeying all of His commandments, does it not?

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

We do have freedom in the Spirit, but that means that we are following the principle, or the precept, rather than following the letter. Because there is something that

needs doing that is not covered by the letter. So, we can walk at liberty according to the principle and the precept if that will help build Yeshua's kingdom. Because Wisdom is known by Her fruits or by Her children.

So, if we can follow the principle or the precept, then we can walk at liberty, because that is when we can walk at liberty is when we are following His Spirit. We are following His voice.

Tehillim (Psalm) 119:44-45

44 So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts

If the fruits are wise and if the fruits are of the right Spirit because we are listening to the Spirit, we are seeking constantly to build His kingdom, then we need to do what the Spirit tells us to do, and we need to follow all the written commandments. Because if we do not do that, are we being rebellious? Are we being lazy?

It does not matter, being rebellious or lazy is not covered. Those servants who begin to get drunk and beat the other servants, they end up cut in two, in the outer darkness. Yahweh did not send His Son to die so that we could receive His Spirit so that we could ignore the primary directive of building a unified kingdom for His Son, Yeshua. That is what we are supposed to do.

I am not Yahweh, but my understanding is that in the day of judgment, everything will be judged as to what we did with our time. Did we help Yeshua get what He wanted, which was the same thing as His father sent Him for? Did we help Yeshua with His mission? Did we turn coat on Satan's kingdom? He effectively wants traitors from

Satan's kingdom, our forefathers, Adam and Hava (or Eve), fell.

If you are not going to listen to Him, it is a different deal out there. So, the kingdom of heaven is offered, it is right there. He tells us what He wants us to do. All we have to do is choose to do it. That is what He wants. It is the same thing as what His Father wants, and that is what the commandments are all about; is building the nation of Nazarene Israel.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 4:17

17 From that time Yeshua began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

These are not rhetorical issues. These are not rhetorical questions we are dealing with. These are not things that any one of us can afford to ignore if we want to survive the Tribulation.

So, may Elohim please cause us all to take these things to heart and to think about them, ruminare on them, reflect about them and ask Him: *"Father, what do you want us to do? How do you want us to obey your commandments?"*

Well, now let us look at some examples in Parashah Tetzaveh about how important it is to obey Yahweh's commandments exactly as He says. So, let us begin with Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 27, verse 20 through chapter 30 and verse 10, and the thing is, we are going to see the same themes crop up in our Haftara prophetic portion of First Samuel chapter 15. And our Brit Chadasha (or our Renewed Covenant) portion of Mark chapter 4 and verse 35 going through chapter 5 and verse 43.

Now, *tetzaveh* means, *you shall command*. So, Yahweh is telling Moshe, He shall command the children of Israel. And let us remember how tight space is in Scripture. Scrolls were expensive, you had to have specially trained scribes to pass them along. Whole centuries, nothing is recorded because nothing was considered noteworthy.

So, then why does Yahweh spend so much time going into the specific details of how He wants His Tabernacle to be built? Why does He spend so much time going into such detail about the things He wants His people to do for Him? Even if it is a prophetic Shadow picture, why does He emphasize it so much? Why does He say it again, and again? What He wants more than anything else is that relationship with us restored that we had in the Garden, before our forefathers threw it away.

To where we listen constantly for His voice and then when we hear what He says, we reflect on it, ruminate on it; that becomes primary to us. And then we do everything He says to do.

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

So, are we following His words as if He truly means it? Or are we not doing that? And if that is what He wants the most, is that we listen constantly for His voice and are diligent to do everything He says to do and why do we not do that?

It just comes down to a very basic question of obedience and discipleship. Either we choose to make serving

Yahweh our very top priority in life, such that we truly serve Him with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength, or we do not? It is just that simple.

Marqaus (Mark) 12:30

30 And you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

Now, I do not know any parent who takes the time to try to train their children. And then they just accept that the children are going to obey them only, whenever they want. I do not know any families like that. Are only parents that would sit still for that and yet look at how we treat Yahweh. We call ourselves His children; we call ourselves His servants; we call on Him as our Father and our King.

We were bought with a price. So, what is with this attitude when people are only willing to rest and read, we are willing to eat His spiritual food, but we do not want to do any actual work for Him. We want to accept His training, His food, His guidance, His love, we do not actually want to work for Him? What kind of a servant is that? And we only want to obey the commandments that we want to keep, what kind of a disciple is that? Is that the kind that gets cut in two and cast into the outer darkness where there's weeping and gnashing of teeth? Or what kind of servant?

Well, in this whole Parasha, Yahweh gives us very specific instructions about how He wanted us to make His physical Tabernacle. Sometimes we just read the details like, "*Who cares?*" But we need to see and understand that the details were life and death.

So, let us jump to chapter 28 and verse 35. Here Yahweh is giving Moshe instructions on how to make the high priestly garments for Aharon (or Aaron) and for those who would fill the high priest's position after him.

But in verse 35 we see a very important detail concerning the high priest's garments; zoom in on that. Verse 35 tells us that Aharon was to have bells on his garment so the sound of the bells would be heard when coming in and going out of the most set-apart place and that the reason for the sound of the bells was to keep him from dying.

Shemote (Exodus) 28:35

35 And it shall be upon Aharon when he ministers, and its sound will be heard when he goes into the set-apart place before Yahweh and when he comes out, that he may not die.

So, what happens if we forget a little detail like that? What happens if we do not want to follow the blueprint like that? Seems like a little detail, little bells. Who cares?

Yahweh is emphatic, Yeshua is emphatic several times that we are to- I do not know how many, but something like six or seven times, but we are to do everything just exactly as He wants, throughout the Parasha series - more than that.

But the command for the bells on the high priest garments, that is just one example. That is one small detail of the instructions Yahweh gives for the Levitical Order.

So, when a commandment comes with a life-or-death warning, I would say it is an important detail, would you not?

When we get the Parasha Shemini, we are going to see other examples of people dying because they do not follow Yahweh's instructions to the letter. We are going to see this with Aharon's two sons, Nadab and Abihu.

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 10:1-2

1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aharon, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before Yahweh, which He had not commanded them.

2 So fire went out from Yahweh and devoured them, and they died before Yahweh.

We are also going to see it in the case of Uzzah who thought he was trying to do a good thing by steadying the ark, but he got killed anyway. Because why? Because he broke Yahweh's commandments; He broke Yahweh's instructions. And notice, he may not have even known. Ignorance of the Torah is no excuse.

Well, there are countless other examples of our forefathers, either ignoring or breaking Yahweh's commandments, or picking and choosing what they want to do. It is not a rare thing; it is a very common thing. And this is one of Yahweh's chief complaints. Is that it is a daily thing for most of His people and most of His people, they do not seem to care.

So, most of His people are going to keep the parts of His commandments that they like or that they find convenient. And if it is not convenient or they do not want to do it, they just do not do it. Well, and how many Messianics do we know, say, "We are keeping the Torah!" as if they are keeping the whole Torah. So, are they keeping instruction, or are they keeping part of Yahweh's instructions?

Are they keeping the bridal contract or are they keeping not enough of the bridal contract?

We are going to see this thing repeat itself. We know the end from the beginning because we see the patterns established in the beginning. We are going to see the same patterns re-emerge as we continue to the Haftara prophetic portion.

So, now let us come to Shemuel Aleph (or First Samuel) chapter 15. And here we are going to see one of the more drastic examples of what happens when we think we are obeying Yahweh's instructions, but really, we are not.

So, for some background, our forefathers made a big mistake when they asked Yahweh for a king like all the nations. Now it was not wrong, there was no problem for our forefathers to ask for a king because Yahweh had already told them that they would have a king.

For example, Devarim (or Deuteronomy) chapter 17 and verse 14 tells us that Israel would have a king. Only, Yahweh said that we are not supposed to do that. We are not supposed to want to be like all the other Goy (Gentile) nations. We are not supposed to want to set a king over us like all the nations that are around us, because all of them are effectively part of Satan's kingdom.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 17:14

14 "When you come to the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,'

So, Yahweh wanted us to come out of Egypt; to come out of the world; to come out from under Satan's control so that we could then give our lives over to Him. Out of love, helping Him build His Son's kingdom. Over which we ourselves and our children would rule.

The whole point is, whose kingdom are we building? Who has our loyalty? Are we continuing to be loyal to Satan after the fall? Or are we being redeemed through Yahweh's love, and we are blossoming in love, returning His love for Him by, why? By how? By keeping His commandments. And Yeshua is the one who gave us the commandments in the wilderness, so we need to keep all of His commandments.

And it means that we are also not supposed to elect, or select, or vote for our own king. Very fine shade of distinction, but critical. Here He says, rather we are supposed to let Yahweh select our king for us, like Yahweh did with David.

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 16:1

1 Now Yahweh said to Shemuel, "How long will you mourn for Shaul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Yishai the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

Notice the distinction. We are supposed to pray and listen and see whom Yahweh indicates should be the leader of our people. That is a very different thing: The anointing from Yahweh. Most people do not pay attention to that when they go to the voting booth, do they?

But we did not do what Yahweh wanted did we? We did not ask Him for His selection of king. We said we wanted

a king like all the other nations which do not obey Yahweh's commandments.

In Shemuel Aleph (or First Samuel) chapter 8 and verse 5, our elders asked for a king to judge them like all the nations.

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 8:5

5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

That was the problem right there. It means we did not want to be different. We did not want to be set apart from the world. We did not want to let Yahweh be the one to select our king so that He could lead us in setting up His kingdom. Rather, no, we wanted to be like the nations all around us even though they were still building Satan's reign.

Oh! Oh! And hey! While we are here, is that not really what most of us are doing when we place our trust in voting and then the democratic process? Can anyone show me the democratic process anywhere in Scripture? That originates in Babylon; was made more well known by the Greeks, then by the Romans. Those are all part of the Babylonian system.

So, the question here is, are we seeking the king that we want or are we seeking the anointed leader that Yahweh wants us to have? Those are two separate things.

Anyway, we are going to talk all about democracy and voting in some other place, but here in Shemuel Aleph, the people got their wish, they got a king to rule over them like all the nations. If you do not love Yahweh, you do not want to serve Yahweh, that is fine. He will hand

you over. He will give you a king like all the nations. He will let you see. That is what you said you wanted.

Okay, well, what kind of king did Shaul turn out to be? Did he listen carefully for Yahweh's voice and do everything Yahweh's voice said to do including His written commandments?

In verse 3 we see Yahweh give Shaul a very specific command; a pinpoint command through the prophet Shemuel, very simple. Yahweh commanded King Shaul to go out and attack Amalek and utterly destroy all that they had and not to spare them. So, Yahweh said to kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, even the camels and the donkeys.

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:3

3 Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.”

So, what did king Shaul do? Did he hear what Yahweh said and obey it 100 percent? Was he careful to perform all the commandments of Yahweh? No.

In verse 8 it says that Shaul took Agag, king of the Amalekites, alive and utterly destroyed the rest of the people with the edge of the sword.

We can speculate as to why king Shaul would have spared king Agag. Maybe they did it in royal courtesy, because one king does not always want to start slaying other kings. Or maybe he felt it was an advantage to have a royal prisoner. Sometimes kings would do that. They would show off their captors because it would show their power. Or maybe he did it for ransom. Or for some

other reasons. We do not know why he did it. It does not really matter why he did it. That is the point, it is not important why king Shaul did not do what Yahweh said to do, the point is that King Shaul was not careful to do everything that Yahweh had commanded him to do.

Ouch! So, Saul and the people, they spared king Agag. Oh! Oh! Oh! Along with the best of the sheep! Hey, and the best of the oxen! Hey, and the fowling's, and the lambs and... Oh! Oh! Everything that was good, right?

Well, our forefathers were unwilling to destroy the good stuff. Well, everything despised and worthless, sure. Yes, they destroyed that no problem because there was nothing they wanted in that. There was nothing in it for them.

So... Oh! Oh! Yahweh wanted something? Yahweh had commandments? Yahweh is Elohim with the power of life and death?

So, Yahweh is a great King. Do we suppose Yahweh was perhaps gentle with king Shaul? Did Yahweh maybe give king Shaul a break because king Shaul had a good excuse for not doing exactly what Yahweh said to do?

I mean the Torah says we must be careful to build the Tabernacle exactly according to the pattern that is shown to us on the mountain. Oh, but king Shaul can do whatever he wants because he is king, right? Yahweh made him king so now he can do what he wants.

It is like our Orthodox, Rabbinical Brethren. They believe Yahweh gave them the authority to set the Torah in each generation. In each generation you have new a new Moshe who can set the Torah for that generation. It is just all variations on the theme any way you go. It is not

keeping Yahweh's commandments while giving the appearance of keeping Yahweh's commandments. Mystery Babylon (we talk about that in the [Nazarene Israel](#) study).

Well, in verse 11 Yahweh said He greatly regretted having set Shaul up as king because Shaul had turned back from following Him 100 percent and he had not performed all that Yahweh had commanded. Shaul got the idea that somehow, he could pick and choose which ones of Yahweh's commandments he wanted to fulfill, and the rest it does not matter.

I do not know. Did King Shaul go to Baptist Seminary or something? Yes, I mean, we are just going to make up our own doctrine, right? Oh, we know what Yahweh said to do, but king Shaul only obeyed that part of Yahweh's Word that he wanted to do.

He did what he wanted, right? Is that not the rule in Satanism, is "Do as thou wilt shall be the whole of the Torah (of the whole of the law)"?

So, are we going to obey? Yahweh is trying to step us through to success. We are walking through Satan's mind field. Yahweh is going to step us to victory. He is going to lead us by the right hand and then take us up in glory. We have got to obey Him, so we do not step on any landmines.

But king Shaul thought he could do what he wanted, right? Well, Yahweh did not think so. And He was especially not pleased with king Shaul's excuses, or his lies (or whatever).

That was because, in verse 13, here we have Shaul claiming that, yes, he had performed the commandment of Yahweh!

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:13

13 Then Shemuel went to Shaul, and Shaul said to him, "Blessed are you of Yahweh! I have performed the commandment of Yahweh."

Kind of - sort of - not really - part of it? Right? I mean, is not doing part of the job the same thing as doing the whole thing? I mean, like if someone does a really good job with 85-95 percent of what you pay him for, that is good, right?

So, like, you are going to get like 85-90 percent of a heart surgery, or brain surgery, or a motor rebuild, right? And that is good, right? Right? Oh! Oh! No?

Okay, well, then here comes Shemuel. He calls out king Shaul on his lie. He says, "Well, excuse me! If you have utterly destroyed Amalek such that you even put all the animals to death as it was commanded, then why is he hearing the bleating of sheep and the lowing of oxen? What is with that king Shaul?"

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:14

14 But Shemuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

Right? Well, so what does king Shaul do when it is pointed out he has not obeyed the whole commandment of Yahweh? He learned from the Messianics; he makes excuses.

Verse 15, king Shaul said:

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:15

15 And Shaul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to Yahweh your Elohim; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

It is like the Messianic saying, "I am resting and reading on Shabbat, right? So, I am eating Yahweh spiritual food, I am learning things from Yahweh, I am getting education, I am getting meals, and I have friendship and fellowship at my friend's house each week. That means I have kept all of Yahweh's Torah, right?"

Oh, what can you do for king Shaul? You can pray for him. Yes, you kind of have to feel sorry for him because it is like he just still does not get it, you know? He is arguing with Yahweh's Prophet. He is saying, "No, no, no. I did everything exactly the way Yahweh said to do it". When he knows in his heart he did not. He denies he has done anything wrong. "Oh, no! Not me. No, I- I did everything right. I am righteous."

So, instead of repenting, he claims he faithfully completed the mission just like Yahweh said. Did not change a thing.

In verse 20, Shaul insists, "*But I have obeyed the voice of Yahweh! I went on the mission which Yahweh sent me!*" Okay, that part is good. He said, "*But even though I brought back Agag, king of Amalek, I have utterly destroyed the rest of the Amalekites! Hey, I mean, I know you sent me out to do a specific job... Oh! Oh! Oh! But the people. Yes, it was the people! Yes, the people took of the plunder. Yes. Yes, that is- yes. And the sheep and*

the oxen. Yes, they started taking everything. They took the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed.”

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:20-21

20 And Shaul said to Shemuel, “But I have obeyed the voice of Yahweh, and gone on the mission on which Yahweh sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to Yahweh your Elohim in Gilgal.”

So, he knows they should have been utterly destroyed. To sacrifice to Yahweh our Elohim in Gilgal is not that great. *“I am a super obedient king! I even improved on Yahweh's plans! Now, look! There are all these animal sacrifices! We brought the best of what they had to sacrifice to Yahweh your Elohim in Gilgal!”*

“I mostly did what Yahweh said to do - kind of, sort of... That is the same as doing His Word to the letter, right? Following His commandment to the letter, yes? But the people! Yes, it was the people! Yes, the people, they were the reason I did not kill Agag and the livestock. Yes, because it was the people, they did not want to obey Yahweh.”

“And even though I am their king and yes You gave me the authority to rule over them, You gave me the authority and the responsibility to stop them, no I did not command them to obey Your commandment.”

“Well, and see, the reason is because it would be popular, you see, with the people, because they wanted

to give the best to You, to Yahweh your Elohim. That way they could make sacrifices to Yahweh for the victory Yahweh gave them without having to sacrifice any of their own livestock. See? So now the people have plenty of barbecue happy meals! They have plenty of free animals so they can make free sacrifices to Yahweh."

"So, that Yahweh will forgive them for breaking His commandment, because He really wants the people to have a barbecue happy time meal with Him, right? That is more important than keeping what He said to do, right? That is more important than keeping His commandments!"

Well, if you are a boss and you tell your employee how you want a project done so it will work because you are the design engineer - this is the man you want to do the job for you, okay? Are you happy if he disobeys and does things his own way?

You are going to pay them, right? You are happy because he did maybe 75-80-90 percent of what you said to do? No.

Even if he does 99 percent of what you tell him to do, he knows you want the hundred percent. He is not going to give you a hundred, he is going to give you ninety-nine because that is all he wants to do, you are going to be happy with him? You are going to pay him? Are you going to be unhappy with him because he did not do what you asked him to do? Or he only did part of what you asked him to do.

Ah, well, verse 22 and Shemuel asks, "Hello? Let us make the connection. Knock, knock... Has Yahweh has great a delight in burnt offerings, and happy meals, and sacrifices and barbecues, as in obeying the voice of

Yahweh; actually doing what He says? You think He is happier that you make a sin sacrifice barbecue than that you do what He says to do?"

"Hello? Hello? Behold, to obey His voice is better than sacrifice. And to heed His voice is better than the fat of rams. Do not break what He says to do and think you are going to atone your way out of it."

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:22

22 So Shemuel said: "Has Yahweh as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.

This is Yahweh. Not doing exactly what He says to do, that is considered rebellion. If you know what He says to do, but you do not want to do it, that is rebellion. And rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, it warrants the death penalty.

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:23

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of Yahweh, He also has rejected you from being king."

You and your children will not enter the land of Israel, not once it has been cleansed. What has been cleansed, it is going to stay cleansed. And any kind of a stubborn refusal to do what Yahweh says to do, that is as evil as any other iniquity or any other idolatry.

Because what is idolatry? Idolatry is when you put some idol between you and obeying the voice of Yahweh. It does not matter what it is. Could be a golden calf, it can be your vacation plans, it can be your house, your

dreams, it can be your spouse, it can be your children, it can be your job, it can be anything. It can be your hobby if you have time for it and not Yahweh. Yahweh wants our fervent devotion. He wants our full attention. He is jealous for our attentions.

So, you put some idol in between you and obeying the voice of Yahweh. Anything that comes in between you and obeying the voice of Yahweh, that is an idol, okay? Is there something you want more than obeying Yahweh's Word? Okay, that is an idol. Or perhaps it is self-idolatry, okay?

So, rebellion, self-idolatry, these are not good traits. These are not good characteristics. These are fruits of Satan's kingdom. These are fruits of allegiance to Satan, and they have got to go. They have got to be replaced with Yeshua's Spirit. You must pray over things like that, you know?

But Yahweh says, *“You did not want to obey the Word. You want to do what you wanted and pretend that it was My Word.”* He says, *“Because you have rejected the Word of Yahweh, Yahweh also has rejected you from being king.”*

Well, the people thought they could bring more sacrifices and burnt offerings so Yahweh would be happy, right? Is not that like the guy, he thinks he is going to go ahead and work on Shabbat and work through the Feast because he is going to make more money so he can tithe more? Pastor says, *“Oh yes do that!”* No. Do not do that. Obey the Shabbat first!

Now, if you want to learn more about the true purpose of the animal sacrifices, we have a study on that in [*Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One*](#) called [“About](#)

Sacrifices". I recommend that study to anyone who wants to understand the animal sacrificial system. Because many Ephraimites and also Jews misunderstand the purpose of the animal sacrifices.

In ancient times, it cost an Israelite dearly to make an animal sacrifice. It was a huge expense, and that was the whole idea. The idea is that the sacrifice could never atone for your sin, or it would never pay for your sin. There was an atonement in the fact that there was an obedience to the commandment.

The idea was that it would be so expensive to sin, that was designed to remind us just how costly sin is, because the wages of sin is death. And because the wages of sin is death, if we do not correct our ways, it can really cost us our lives. That is not a joke, and it is not an exaggeration, especially in these End Times.

And that is why Ivrim (or Hebrews) chapter 10 starting in verse 3 tells us that the purpose of the offerings was only to provide a reminder of the true cost of sins year by year. It was there to provide a reminder that the wages of sin is death.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 10:3-4

3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

So, that is the best an animal sacrifice could do because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins, but they can serve as a reminder that the wages of sin is death and if you make a sin here on this earth, it is going to cost you a whole lot of money. And that you are getting off cheap.

But now, here is the problem, okay? If we think about it, if we really stop and think about it, do many of us not treat Yeshua's sacrifice about the same way king Shaul treated Yahweh's commandments?

Yahweh said to utterly destroy Amalek. And when Yahweh said to utterly destroy them, somehow that did not translate in king Shaul's mind to I need to hear Yahweh's voice and do everything He said; being careful to get the details right.

Somehow it translated into the message that he could pick and choose what parts the Torah he liked. He could pick and choose what part of Yahweh's commandments he liked, such that he and the people they could obey the parts that they liked, and they could ignore the other parts, and everything is good.

So, if we think about it, what about us today? Now, I do not know about you, but what the Messianics, and the Ephraimites, and the Two-House people I have met... Now, I do not know if people are aware that we are in the end times. I do not know. It is like with our forefathers; and you can bring the Israelites out of Egypt but you have a hard time getting Egypt out of the Israelites.

So, I mean, some of us in Ephraim today, we think we are so much better because we have Yeshua, but where is the fruit? So, I do not know if this is a holdover from the church or what it is, but am I the only one? Is there anyone else who seems to feel that? Or they have met Ephraimites who seem to think that they can pick and choose what parts of the Torah they want to keep, and they can ignore the other parts. So, they can rest, and read, and learn, and glean, but they are not actually going to build a kingdom.

So, really is that not the same thing? Because we are only performing part of the commandment of Elohim. How much love leads a person to commit part of the commandment of Elohim?

Well, it is like do we not get it? Do we not believe that Elohim is going to give us favor or grace? We know we are supposed to be keeping the whole Torah. We know we are supposed to be keeping all the commandments. And we know that Yeshua is our example, and He kept the commandments perfectly. And is there some internal disconnect going on?

We know what the standard is, but like king Shaul, we do not want to do it?

So, when we think about it, is that not really the same thing, and we are taking our salvation and Yeshua for granted? Because we know what Yeshua wants. We understand the commandments in the wilderness came from Yeshua, yes? And the overall gist - the overall thrust is that Yeshua wants us to make building His kingdom (basically) our number one priority in life.

That is what He wants. Do we know that? Yes? Okay. Do we give it to Him?

If we seek to be His helper, are we seeking to help Him as much as we can? Since, on the one hand, we will be the bride of the Son of the King of the universe. And on the other hand we are thrown into the outer darkness where there's weeping and gnashing of teeth for the disobedient servants.

Yochanan Aleph (or First John) chapter 3 starting in verse 4 tells us that sin is the transgression of the Torah. Meaning, sin is the transgression of the bridal contract.

Well, verse 4 tells us that whoever commits sin also commits Torah-lessness (or lawlessness) because sin is Torah-lessness; Torah-lessness is sin.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:4

4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

If you are not following the overall Torah of helping Yeshua establish His kingdom at His Father's commandment, how are you His bride if you are not helping Him? How are you His helpmeet? It is very simple. It is not easy; it is very simple. And if we are not doing that, we are without Torah, Torah-lessness is sin.

It says in verse 5:

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:5

5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

That is the solution right there. That is how we get our sins taken away is to let Him manifest through us. Like give His Spirit free reign; to hand Him the steering wheel. If Yahweh is your co-pilot, switch seats. Put Him in the driver's seat; let Him take over.

Because in Him there is no Torah-lessness; there is no lawlessness in Him. He kept the Torah perfectly, that is what He does; He obeys His Father's commandments. So, if we are filled with His Spirit, then are we not also going to obey His commandments? Because that is His Spirit manifesting through us.

But if we are not showing that good fruit, then is His Spirit truly at work in us? Are we allowing His Spirit to work in us? Or perhaps have we quenched the Spirit?

Thessaloniquim Aleph (1 Thessalonians) 5:19
19 Do not quench the Spirit.

Verse 6 tells us, "Whoever abides in Him and in His Spirit all the time, does not sin."

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:6
6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

Because when you submit to the Spirit and the Spirit guides you, She guides you to do the right thing; She guides you to build His kingdom. But if we sin, we are not in connection with Him, and we do not truly see Him because we do not truly know Him because His Spirit is not correcting us. That is how we can know.

If we are showing wrong fruit, we are connected to a wrong tree. Yeshua is a good Olive Tree, so if we are connected to Yeshua, we are going to show goodly fruit. But if we are showing wrong fruit, something is wrong with the connection.

Verse 7, "We take care to let no one deceive us. And they will certainly try to deceive us." He says, "He who practices righteousness", that is Jewish idiom for obeying all of Yahweh's commandments.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:7
7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

So, tzadik, they call you tzadik, it is, you are a righteous man, you are trying to obey all of Yahweh's commandments, in their understanding. But that is a

Hebrew idiom for it. Tzadik is someone who keeps Yahweh's commandments.

It says, *“He who practices righteousness is righteous.” He practices keeping the Torah is righteous just as He is righteous and just as He keeps the Torah.*

Verse 8, in contrast, “He who sins (meaning he who does not keep all of the Torah) is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.”

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:8

8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Elohim was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Wow! Do we get that? He says, *“For this purpose was the Son of Elohim manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil,”* meaning lawlessness; meaning Torah-lessness; meaning people who do not want to leave Satan's world. People who do not want to renounce allegiance to Satan because it is easy, it is free, you can do what you want. Ultimately it is going to cost you everything, but for now you can do what you want.

It is easy, it is free, it is a broad easy road. The wise will turn to Elohim and do what they can for His Son. That is why the Son of Elohim was manifested, was to put the desire for His kingdom in our hearts. That is why we pray for it.

So, we no longer need to serve Satan and his kingdom. Now, we and our children and their children, now we can serve Elohim in His kingdom. And in fact, we are going to rule and reign over the nations for a thousand years.

Verse 9, here is the thing, it said:

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:9

9 Whoever has been born of Elohim does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of Elohim.

He is letting Elohim run the show. He submitted to Elohim's Spirit. He is handing the steering wheel over to the Spirit. That is how we know he has been born of Elohim. That connection with Elohim that was lost in the Garden of Eden, that is restored. Us in Yeshua and Yeshua in us, Yeshua in the Father and the Father in Him; restoring that lost and broken connection.

Yochanan (John) 17:23

23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

But we must stay in connection. And if we stay in connection, the proof of that is going to be that we are going to be doing the kinds of things that helped build His kingdom.

So, if Elohim's Seed is in us like that and we are submitting to the Spirit like that, we are no longer submitted to the devil and we are no longer submitted to the desires of our flesh. Now, we are seeking, "What does Elohim want?" Before we are seeking, "What do we want?"

Because we are slaves, we have been bought with a price if we are submitted to Yeshua's Spirit and Yeshua's Spirit is guiding us away from Satan's kingdom and doing His kingdom.

Verse 10 says, *“In this the children of Elohim and the children of the devil are manifest. One seeks to obey everything Elohim says so as to set up His Son's Kingdom correctly; to be useful to his Master; try to help his Love. I must try to be a good subject and obey the King's command. And the other one does not care.”*

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:10

10 In this the children of Elohim and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of Elohim, nor is he who does not love his brother.

There are people who are actively against the kingdom, but I think what most people do not understand is that lukewarm is not of His kingdom. Lukewarm - the way most people in the Messianic and Ephraimites worlds practice and Christian worlds - the way most people practice is very lukewarm.

Reform (or Reconstructionist) Judaism, very lukewarm. They will create whatever; whatever they make, they make things up. They make stuff that is brand new. So, one listens carefully for Elohim's voice and does everything He says, plus everything written. The other one does not. And it is clear. Whoever does not practice keeping all of Yahweh's instruction (or Yahweh's Torah) is not of Elohim.

Do we get what Yochanan is trying to tell us here? The wisdom? The message? We must seek to do everything Yahweh says, or it does not count. We must be running, trying to do our best to serve our Love, our King, our Husband, our Master.

If all we do is rest and read on Shabbat, that is not lukewarm in His sight...? Brothers, do we read anywhere

that Yeshua's love does away with the requirement to keep Elohim's commandments which He, Himself gave to us in the wilderness?

Or does it not say instead that we need to keep all of Elohim's commandments if we love Him? "If you love Me, then keep all My commandments. I am the One who gave them to you in Mount Sinai."

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

I do not know. Help me with this. Like, imagine with a child; we call Him our Father and we consider that we are His children. So, we approach Him for a Father's love, and guidance, and help. Can you imagine?

Knock, knock, knock! "Dear Dad, I love You. That is why I am only going to obey the part of Your commandments that I like. That is because I love and respect You so very much. That is why I am going to rest and read. That is why I am not going to tithe. That is why I am not going to congregate. I am not going to see what I can do to help build Your Son's kingdom. Because I love You and I care about You. Are You happy with me yet?"

And the thing is, it is really like lying because it is just not honest, is it? No? Yes? King Shaul thought he could play fast and loose with Yahweh's commandments because he did not really respect Yahweh. If we know who Yahweh was, he did not really know this is Elohim we are dealing with here. And from the very beginning that is what it has been all about: hearing His voice, doing what He said whether you heard it in your ear or obeying the written commandments.

That is what it is; part of the test. Because it is hard to do. So, king Shaul thought he could just play fast and loose and everything would be great. So, he wanted to build the Tabernacle his way (so to speak). So, just do what is expedient. Do what is politically popular. Make excuses and everything will be okay...not.

And the punishment was that Yahweh was going to take away the kingdom and give it to Shaul's neighbor who was better than him, okay? So, and why was his neighbor David better? Because David strove to keep all of Yahweh's commandments.

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:28

28 So Shemuel said to him, "Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.

Have you ever noticed, as we read Scripture, Yahweh gives us a tremendous contrast between king Shaul and King David; Shaul did what he wanted to do, but he thought he was keeping Torah, he thought he obeyed the Commandments of Yahweh.

Is that not just like a lot of Ephraimites? It is not like a lot of our people? I mean, contrast: Yahweh called David, "A man after My own heart" because David was humble, and he sought after what Yahweh wanted. He wanted to build Yahweh's kingdom.

David was not like Shaul, thinking only of what he wanted in his own heart. David cared about what Yahweh wanted in His heart, that is why it says David was a man after Yahweh's own heart. He wanted what Yahweh wanted which we know is a kingdom for His Son. He wants us to organize, that is what the fivefold ministry is all about.

But how many of us who know that are actively getting involved in helping Yeshua build His kingdom in a unified way?

I mean, if any of you have been a boss, you know when an employee is not really paying attention, because you ask him to do certain things for you and you tell them, *“Hey, this is really important you do just exactly this way or the project is not going to work; we are going to lose a lot of money.”* Or *“I have a big lawsuit against us (or something)”* and you tell him to do things exactly this way and he does not do them.

Versus, if you have an employee who is attentive, they listen carefully, they are not daydreaming, they are not thinking of other things while they are listening to you speak. Because they are paying attention and listening carefully to what you say. And they are doing this because, whether they respect you or as a minimum, they respect your position or they respect what you are doing for the company. And this person wants to do their best job for you because that is what they do, and because they want to please you as their boss.

So, if we can tell that kind of thing then cannot Yahweh tell who is really striving to help Him build His Son's kingdom and who is not?

So, king Shaul is unrepentant. Disobedience not only cost him his own life, but it also cost the life of his son Jonathan. And if we can understand it cost him the kingdom, so it also cost his son the kingdom and the son that he would have had. So, if you hear what we are saying, Jonathan died because of king Shaul's disobedience. Jonathan could have been king. Then his child could have sat on the throne and been king. But they were not listening to the Spirit. And Yahweh is not

going to give the kingdom to a family line where the man of the house is not really listening. It is the same thing every time. He was not listening to Yahweh's voice. He was not taking care to do everything Yahweh said to do.

It is just so simple. I mean, Ephraim, brother, if you are there, do you hear what I am saying? Is Yahweh giving you ears to hear?

So, who did Yahweh give the kingdom to? Melachim Alef (or First Kings) chapter 11 in verse 34 says, Yahweh chose David to serve Him because David kept Yahweh's commandments and Yahweh statutes.

Melachim Aleph (1 Kings) 11:34

34 However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of My servant David, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.

Yahweh chose David to lead His kingdom because David listened diligently for the voice of Yahweh, and he obeyed it just like Yahweh says again and again and again. The relationship was restored with David. David loved Yahweh. He was willing to be purified and refined no matter what it took. He placed his trust and his faith in Yahweh. Why would a king not want a bride like that?

So, let us ask ourselves: Have we ever stopped to think about what kind of a bride does Yeshua want to help Him rule His kingdom? Does He want a bride who is doing like a Proverbs 31 bride; doing everything she can for Him?

Well, finally, in our Brit Chadasha portion for this week, we read from Mark chapter 4 in verse 35 through chapter

5 in verse 43. And in this portion, Yeshua casts the demons out of the demon-possessed man and he sends them into the swine.

So, let us ask ourselves: Do the demons not obey Yeshua? And then Marqaus (or Mark) chapter 4 in verse 41 we see that even the wind and the waves obey Yeshua.

Marqaus (Mark) 4:41

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

So, brothers, what about us? Are we obeying Yeshua knowing Yeshua is the One who gave the Torah in the wilderness? What about us?

Do we truly understand who Yeshua is? Do we truly know what He wants? Do we understand the mission His Father sent Him on and do we want to help Him with it?

Have we perhaps heard or read that He wants us (hint, hint) to diligently listen for the sound of His voice and then do everything He says? And if we cannot do that, then to listen to someone who can do that? And that becomes a unifying factor of the body; is the desire to follow His voice and to do everything that He says.

Well, we need to obey His written commandments also, but again, Yahweh speaking, we are hearing, someone wrote them down. One way or another we are all hearing Yahweh's voice and obeying it. He is stepping us through to victory, if we will go; if we will obey.

You join a military, that is what it is like. They need you to move exactly this way because that is how it works best.

So, just like in the military, we know that Yahweh is not pleased with partial obedience. "*Sir! I did part of your commandment, sir!*" Because partial obedience signals partial loyalty; partial respect. In the case of Yahweh-Yeshua, partial love.

So, can we really afford to be showing Yahweh the fruit of partial love?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:9

9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Shabbat Shalom.

Parasha Ki Tisa

Exodus 30:11-34:35; Ezekiel 36-37 (all); Matthew 15, 23 (all)

If you want to survive the Great Tribulation, then you need to read this Parasha.

Last week in [Parasha Tetzaveh 2022](#) we showed how the decision to obey Yahweh's commandments or not is literally a life and death decision because it indicates where our loyalties truly lie. And loyalty and allegiance, that is so important to a king.

Are we loyal to Yahweh to the point where we listen diligently for His voice and obey everything His voice says as well as His written word (because that is things He said before)?

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:1

1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Or are we not really listening diligently for His voice and we are not really paying attention? We are not really doing everything it says as well as what is written in His word.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:15

15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

So are we like King David, being diligent to keep all of His commandments eagerly, with haste, knowing that it pleases the Elohim that we love? Or are we perhaps still fleshly, still carnal and like king Shaul, we are thinking we are obeying Yahweh's commandments but really we are not?

How many Ephraimites do we know like that who really know deep in their hearts that they should be doing more, but they just never get around to it? Basically, they do not care enough to do it.

How many times, brothers; how many times does Yahweh tell us that if we will listen diligently for His voice and submit to it 24/7 and guard all of His written commandments (or the Torah) that we will be a special treasure unto Him among everything that He owns?

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

And (basically) He considers anything less than that to be lukewarm (or in other words disloyal).

And do we know who Yahweh is? Yahweh is a war Elohim. He is the Commander of our armies. So, can we understand that life and death would hang upon obeying our King's Word? Because when you are in the army, either you obey your commander or you are liable unto death.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and

death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life,
that both you and your descendants may live;

So, this week in Parasha Ki Tisa 2022 we are going to see all over again that our ancestors never really were truly very committed to Yahweh and obeying His voice and obeying His written word.

And the painful reason (if we are willing to accept it) is they just did not really love Yahweh. Not really. They could not have. They did not even really know Him and perhaps that is why they did not do what He wanted, is because (basically) they did not care.

Yahweh said, *“The main thing I want (He says it many times in the prophets) the main thing I wanted when I called you out of Mitzrayim is that you would hear My voice and be diligent to obey it and also obey all My written commands.”* But we did not do that. We did not appreciate what we have been given.

Shemote (Exodus) 15:26

26 and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of Yahweh your Elohim and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am Yahweh who heals you.”

Well, is there perhaps no one like that today in the House of Ephraim or among Judah (who is sojourning with us)? Is there no one like that among our ranks?

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Brothers, we are entering into the End Times, if we are not in them already. And there are just certain things that have to get said for our people to survive as a people and to thrive as a people and to do the job that has been given to us.

And one of the things we need to learn from this Parasha again is not that, *“Ha-ha. Look how funny it is, what our ancestors did,”* but let us notice these are our ancestors. And if they had truly loved Yahweh-Yeshua, they would have obeyed Yahweh-Yeshua out of that love.

But like king Shaul, our ancestors just thought that they were obeying Yahweh when really they were not loyal to Him at all; they did not seek His heart. Are we seeking His heart?

Brothers, just to say it for some perspective, Yahweh made us, He gives us everything that we own, everything we have. He is like the Great-Computer-Programmer in the heavens. And yet, even back in the Garden of Eden, we humans have continually rebelled against Yahweh. We have broken His commandments. We have ignored His words. We have obeyed that other voice instead.

Well, let us remember as we read about our ancestors who’s seed we are. We easily noticed that our forefathers in Israel (or Ephraim) had a long history of rebelling against Yahweh, even though they thought they were doing great.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:5

5 So when Aharon saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aharon made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow is a feast to Yahweh.”

I am sure if you had asked them, they thought they were keeping His Torah, but Yahweh did not think they were doing great. Yahweh did not think they were keeping His Torah.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:7-8

7 And Yahweh said to Moshe, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your elohim, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!' "

They all thought they were showing the fruits of love for Him, but Yahweh did not think that they were showing the fruits of love for Him because they were not hastening to keep all His commandments like King David had done.

Well, Ephraim, brother, what about us?

Do we understand that we were born into a generational long spiritual war and that even though maybe no one told us that we were born into a generations long spiritual war, it does not change the fact there is a war going on, a spiritual war. And the very first thing that we need to do is to very clearly pick sides. There is no sitting on the fence, okay? We need to decide if we, like the Levites, are going to be zealous for Yahweh, and stand with Yahweh, and side with Yahweh.

Or, are we like our ancestors going to be lukewarm and (effectively) not side with Yahweh because they do not have a lot of zeal for keeping His commandments?

Ivrim (Hebrews) 3:7-9

7 Therefore, as the Set-apart Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,

9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years.

Well, the thing is, if we do not do what our King wants us to do, He is going to see us as traitors.

So, have we been under democracy so long that we have forgotten what it is like to serve a king? Do we even still understand what real kingship is all about?

Do we understand that the king demands our absolute loyalty and obedience even unto the death? And that Elohim demands our absolute loyalty and obedience unto the death?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:13

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

They are Kings, that is what kings do, they want our loyalty or they will get their revenge. So, that really, in the final analysis, is either we have to choose to serve Yahweh or (effectively) by default, we are going to end up serving Satan. Even if we are being lukewarm we are not gathering with Him so we are scattering abroad.

Either we are effectively building His kingdom together with Him or we are not.

So, if we call Yahweh our King, do we show Him our legions by hastening to keep all His commandments that we can presently keep in the dispersion? Or are we not showing Him our true allegiance by hastening to keep all

of His commandments that we can presently keep in the dispersion?

The question becomes: Are we truly obedient or not truly obedient? 85 percent is not going to cut it.

Now, earlier in this Parasha series we saw that if we are not listening to Yahweh's voice and if we are not doing all that He says, then we are effectively obeying Satan's voice because we are not serving Yahweh; we are not building His kingdom. So, who are we serving? Whose kingdom are we building by default? Because His kingdom does not get built.

Brothers, we were bought with a price. We were made and created and then He bought us again with the price. Should we not behave like it?

Well, in Shemuel Aleph (or First Samuel) chapter 15 and verse 23, Shemuel tells us that, rebellion against Yahweh's voice even by ignoring Yahweh's voice is as the sin of witchcraft. Do we get that; why that is?

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:23

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of Yahweh, He also has rejected you from being king."

How many Messianics, Ephraimites, Christians have we met; they have money for vacations, they have money for cars, they have money for extras, but they do not have any money to build Yeshua's unified kingdom.

Yeshua tells us that, *"Wherever our heart is, that is where our treasure shall be also."*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:21

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

What that means is, we spend our money on the things that we truly care about so we can tell what are the things that we truly care about by what we spend money on.

So, is Yahweh the only item on our list? Or is there more? Does Yahweh have to compete with some other priorities? A boat, a car, a vacation, something we dream about instead of Yahweh?

Are we perhaps content to not put Yahweh first? Perhaps because our children feel they need to fit in with all the other children of the world all around them? The dances, the socials, the way they dress. Will their self-esteem perhaps be damaged if they do not play t-ball on the school team?

What if Elohim was keeping track of everything that we do and everything that we say? And what if He kept track of every time we lost connection with His Son or broke or ignored one of His commandments? What if it is effectively like He is giving us all the rope in the world basically to see what we are going to do with it?

Are we going to build Him a great big fishing net to catch fish for Him to catch men? Or are we going to effectively do nothing and make a noose and hang ourselves because we were not zealous for all His commandments as King David was?

Tehillim (Psalm) 119:44-45

44 So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.

Brothers, these are the End Times, this is not a drill, this is not hypothetical, this is real world (so to speak). How do we get people's attentions?

Yahweh is calling all of us to walk in humble relationship with Him so that we can then plug ourselves into His framework. The Melchizedekian Order is a service opportunity and those of us who have the heart to serve, there is a framework that together we can build His unified global kingdom over which our children will then rule and reign with His rod of iron. But it is a little red hen situation. Those of us who contribute to it are the ones He is going to select for safety in the End Times. Those of us who do not contribute to Yeshua's kingdom, how are we showing Him loyalty? How are we showing Him allegiance? How are we showing Him dedication?

Brothers, it is the End Times, if we and our children are not zealous for establishing Yeshua's unified global kingdom, then how does He even know that we love Him? Because He says, *"If you love me, then keep (or guard or shamar) My commandments."*

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Because if we will do His commandments the way He says, if we will obey the five-fold ministry and the single foundation of apostles and prophets, the net result is that we are going to end up building Him a unified global kingdom that is going to be so strong, we are going to rule and reign over the nations for a thousand years with His rod of iron.

I do not know about you, that sounds like a wonderful thing for the world; that sounds like the thing people need is this kind of kingdom. One that is based on service and not selfish interest. But the only thing is that this kind of a kingdom, it only works with people who love Him enough to be diligent about hearing and obeying His voice. It will not work with any other people.

So, (basically) what He plans to do is to select for diligent obedience to His voice, this time. The first time our forefathers left Mitzrayim it was a big mess and their bones all dropped in the wilderness and it was the children who could come into the land. But the problem is in these End Times it is different this time. The children will not end up in the land if we ourselves do not raise them in the way they should go because someone who is not raised in the way he should go, he will not make it to the land. That is what we are trying to say; it is different this time.

So, that is what Yahweh is doing; He is giving us rope. He is letting us do anything that we want to do and He is just sitting back and watching to see who truly loves Him enough to pick up His cause. Who truly cares about Him enough to seek His heart. What does He want?

Are we talking to the Spirit and asking the Spirit what does Yeshua want? *“Yahweh, Father what do you want for me? Father, would you please take away from me anything displeasing to you? Father would you please purify me? Would you please help me to test myself and make sure that I am in the faith? Please help me to diligently listen for Your voice and hear Your voice and hasten to do whatever Your voice tells me to do and also hasten to keep all Your written commandments.”*

And as we are going to see, that is also the absolute best strategy I know of for surviving the Great Tribulation is to make Yahweh happy by listening - doing exactly what He says. Listening continuously for His voice and then doing everything He tells us to do as well as His written commandments. If we were soldiers in an army, would we hasten to perform the commandment of our commanding general?

Our commander-in-chief gives us an order, would we hasten to obey? Well, then what about the King of the universe? How much hastening are we doing to be careful to do everything that He says?

Well, we have seen, we are responsible for obeying all of His words. And Scripture gives us the golden rule, *“Do unto others as we would have them do unto us.”*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7:12

12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Torah and the Prophets.

Perhaps we also need to be aware of what we call the golden-calf-rule, *“Do not do unto Yahweh your Elohim as our ancestors did unto Him.”* Because again, Yahweh demands our loyalty. Yahweh demands our allegiance. He is a King.

Our King expects us to defect from Satan and his kingdom. Say we are done with that and then He expects us to join ourselves to His nation; join His armies and serve on His team to help build His Son, the unified global kingdom that His Son will then turn and submit to Him.

So, we are helping our husband please His Father. And if we want the Father's favor, then should we not do what the Father wants to have happen?

And not just that, but He wants to see us be all in; that is how He can know if we actually truly love Him is to lay down our lives in this world and to pick up Yeshua's burden. That is the fruit, that is the fruit. We need to hear His voice and hasten to do what He says.

Well, if we do not have kind of a sense of urgency to obey His voice, there is no sense of urgency for our Elohim, something is wrong because Yeshua tells us to work while it is still day because the night is coming; we cannot work. And we see those times rising in the headlines week by week.

Yochanan (John) 9:4

4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

So, Ephraim, brother, if there has ever been a time to get serious about our faith, okay? Can we talk about this? And there are some things that need to be said.

Another way Yahweh knows that we trust Him apart from keeping His commandments and obeying His voice; another way He can know that we are loyal to Him is that we believe His Word over man's word. Anytime Yahweh's words come into conflict with man's words, we have to go with Yahweh's words. That is the test, that is part of our testing.

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special

treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

And we have to interpret Scripture correctly. But how many of us in Ephraim are still trusting man's word over Yahweh's Word? How many of us are still turning to the doctors and pharmaceutical medicines instead of seeking Yahweh's remedies and seeking Yahweh's face?

How many of us still believe in man-made Zionism, where the people get to serve as their own messiah; they do not need Yeshua? How many of us are still in these mythologies?

Well, in this Parasha we turn to Shemote (or Exodus) chapter 30 starting in verse 23, what we are going to see is a direct contradiction in between what Yahweh's Torah says and what man's laws say today. Let us see direct contradictions.

So, B'reisheet (or Genesis) chapter 1 and verse 29. Okay, Yahweh tells us that every plant that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth and every tree whose fruit yields seed to us it shall be for food (or more correctly for consumables).

B'reisheet (Genesis) 1:29

29 And Elohim said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

In other words, every plant is clean. There is no difference between clean and unclean plants, not like there is with animals. We will see that in Leviticus 11.

Now, obviously we need to use wisdom in what we consume. We need to do things in a wise way. There are some plants that are poisonous if you eat them raw, but yet they have medicinal uses.

For example, Fox Glove has a compound called *Digitalis*. If you eat Fox Glove flowers straight with the digitalis, you might have heart problems and die. And yet the thing is Digitalis was used for many years to regulate heart function. It was originally derived from a plant. So, likewise, Aspirin was originally derived from the bark of the White Willow tree.

Now, obviously we do not just make a meal a Fox Glove or we do not just eat White Willow bark (usually not, hopefully not), but the point is they do have other medicinal uses and other uses. So, one of the things that we see is that Yahweh commands us to make many things for Him, for His tabernacle, and one of the things that Yahweh commands is that we anoint all these things with a special priestly anointing oil. And it is also to be used on Aharon and on his sons as the priests. So, they will be anointed with this oil as part of their commission.

Shemote (Éxodus) 30:25

25 And you shall make from these a set-apart anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a set-apart anointing oil.

Now we are going to look at the ingredients of this oil. We look at the ingredients of what is called the Torah (or the priestly) incense later in other chapters. But we are going to look at the contents of the priestly anointing oil right now because what it is going to show us is this contradiction between how Yahweh looks at things and how Babylon or Egypt looks at things.

So, in Shemote chapter 30 verse 23 Yahweh says to take for ourselves quality spices for the priestly anointing oil. 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet smelling cinnamon (meaning 250 shekels worth), and 250 shekels' worth of sweet smelling cane.

Shemote (Exodus) 30:23

23 "Also take for yourself quality spices—five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane,

Also 500 shekels of cassia, which is the common cinnamon that most people use (we will talk about that in just a minute). It says, "*According to the shekel of the sanctuary and a hin of olive oil.*"

Shemote (Exodus) 30:24

24 five hundred shekels of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil.

Verse 25 "*And you shall make from these a set-apart anointing oil; an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer,*" so it is supposed to smell good. He says, "*And it shall be a set-apart anointing oil.*"

Shemote (Exodus) 30:25

25 And you shall make from these a set-apart anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a set-apart anointing oil.

Verse 30, "*And you shall anoint Aharon and his sons and consecrate them that they may minister to me as priests.*" So, it is this act of anointing and consecration;

that is a necessary part of being commissioned as a priest.

Shemote (Exodus) 30:30

30 And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to Me as priests.

Verse 31, *“And you shall speak to the children of Israel saying, ‘This shall be a set-apart anointing oil to me throughout your generations,’”* meaning it is still set-apart now. If we had a cleansed Levitical Order and a cleansed Temple we could use it, but that is not for us, it is not for Melchizedekian Order. This is Levitical Order oil; we should not make it.

Shemote (Exodus) 30:31

31 “And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘This shall be a set-apart anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

Verse 32, He says:

Shemote (Exodus) 30:32

32 It shall not be poured on man’s flesh; nor shall you make any other like it, according to its composition. It is set-apart, and it shall be set-apart to you.

That means, *“kids, do not try this at home. Ephraim, do not replicate this oil, okay?”* Yes, it is okay. So, if we are not supposed to replicate this oil then do not we need to know what it is that we are not supposed to be replicating? And the reason I mention this is because I have met people who make an attempt to replicate this oil and then to sell it and that is specifically prohibited. So, if you are going to watch this recipe, do not make

this oil. I do not make this oil; do not make this oil. Not a good move, okay?

So, now let us look at the ingredients for the priestly anointing oil in Hebrew and while we are here let us also try to figure out what it is about these specific ingredients that Yahweh likes. Did we ever ask ourselves why did Yahweh choose these spices; what is it about these particular spices that Yahweh likes and why?

Well, okay I asked those questions so I am going to share with you what I have learned. And I will say, it is not at all what they taught me as a child in the Christian church. It is also not what they teach you in school either.

Okay. So, the first ingredient is 500 shekels of liquid (or pure) myrrh. So, myrrh is Strong's Hebrew concordance (or Old Testament) H4753, *mor*. It is spelled “מר” (“Mem-Resh”), or “מור” (“Mem-Vav-Resh”), depending upon how you vowel point it.

H4753 môr, (more); or môwr; from H4843; myrrh (as distilling in drops, and also as bitter):—myrrh.

And it comes from a root of H4843, *marar*, which refers to bitterness - something that is very, very bitter and that is a very good description of *mor* (myrrh).

H4843 mârar, (maw-rar'); a primitive root; properly, to trickle (H4752); but used only as a denominative from H4751; to be (causatively, make) bitter (literally or figuratively):—(be, be in, deal, have, make) bitter(-ly, -ness), be moved with choler, (be, have sorely, it) grieved(-eth), provoke, vex.

Myrrh (or *mor*) is very bitter and, well, so here we have some myrrh; basically it's a tree sap except from a bush.



So, what they do is they (this and frankincense) they scar the tree. Like for those of you in North America and Northern Europe, sometimes you will collect maple syrup (or something) from a tree. You will collect some kinds of tree sap, but this is a bush sap or a bush resin. So, like with frankincense, they scar the bush and then they come back later, and they collect the resin. And they have a few different varieties. It grows in the Saudi Arabian Peninsula and in countries such as Oman.

And now myrrh will show up again as an ingredient in the *ketoret* (or the priestly) incense. And we will look at that when we get to that Parasha. It was also one of the gifts that the wise men (or the magi, the magicians) gave to Yeshua. But just to say it (and this will probably upset and offend a lot of people), the reason that myrrh (or mor) was so popular and traded in ancient times – (I should say) many scholars believe that the reason it was so popular and to trade it in ancient times, is that myrrh, like frankincense, is mildly psychoactive. So, it is not

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exactly hallucinogenic, but like frankincense, myrrh definitely has a mild alterative effect on one's perceptions and mood.

It is kind of like what they had back in the olden days when they did not have television. We read the Tanakh, especially anything to having to do with King Solomon, and the wisdom of King Solomon, we see that King Solomon writes about Yahweh's plants a lot. King David also includes the plants; each one has a special medicinal characteristic. Some people consider they have various beneficial properties. If they are commanded in Scripture, do we know what they are?

Okay, we could talk a long time about the components, but and this also just for show and tell, I suppose this is a piece of Omani frankincense. I do not know if you can get a zoom on that, but this is a piece of frankincense.



It is the same kind of thing. They scar the plant, it is a large shrub, large bush, small tree, and then they come

back later and collect the resin. And again, there is various grades and styles and types, but that is how they do it.

So, verse 23 says to take half as much aromatic (or sweet smelling) cinnamon, meaning 250 shekels' worth.

Shemote (Exodus) 30:23

23 "Also take for yourself quality spices—five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane,

Now, cinnamon is Strong's H7076, *qinnamon*.

H7076 *qinnâmôwn*, קִנְמֹן (kin-naw-mone'); from an unused root (meaning to erect); cinnamon bark (as in upright rolls):—cinnamon.

Now, it is not a big thing, but this is not the kind of cinnamon that you buy for cheap at the grocery store. What most people will buy at the grocery stores is actually called cassia. We will talk about cassia in just a moment because it also is one of the ingredients in the priestly anointing oil.

Now, there is a lesser known cinnamon that is the actual cinnamon. This is sometimes what they call the true cinnamon, or they call Ceylon cinnamon (*Cinnamomum verum*), and it is healthier for you than regular cinnamon (*Cinnamomum cassia*). If you just use a little bit of regular cinnamon it is just fine, but if you are diabetic or something and you use a lot of cinnamon (perhaps because cinnamon helps with diabetes and pre-diabetes), then you want the Ceylon cinnamon. And you pay a little more for it, but it is cleaner and it is better for

you. So, again we will talk about the cassia and the Ceylon cinnamon in a moment.

But the next ingredient is 250 shekels' worth of an ingredient that the New King James Version calls calamus. Now, some scholars disagree about the use of this word, that is why we are taking things to the Hebrew. So, we want to make sure we have the correct plant so we look this up in the Hebrew and it is actually two words.

So, the first word is Strong's H7070 (good number) there *qaneh* means cane. It is spelled “כנה” (“Kuf-Nun-Hey”). It comes from Strong's H7069 referring to a reed or a cane (*qaneh*). Cane, as erect or by resemblance a rod, especially for measuring okay, so cane (*qaneh*).

H7070 *qâneh*, (kaw-neh'); from H7069; a reed (as erect); by resemblance a rod (especially for measuring), shaft, tube, stem, the radius (of the arm), beam (of a steelyard):—balance, bone, branch, calamus, cane, reed, spearman, stalk.

And the word for sweet smelling (or aromatic) is Strong's H1314 which is *bohs* meaning fragrant (or aromatic).

H1314 *besem*, (beh'-sem); or *bôsem*; from the same as H1313; fragrance; by implication, spicery; also the balsam plant:—smell, spice, sweet (odour).

And sometimes we will see a doubling of the word *bohs*. You can do that in Hebrew, you make it double and that means much more. Like Ephraim is *phra* (or *afar*) and it is plural, so it becomes intensive.

So, when we see this doubling or this intensifying of the word bohs, now it becomes basam in the plural and that means it is a very fragrant cane. So, then we look at the reference in Strong's H1313 and it also refers to being very fragrant.

H1313 bâsâm, (baw-sawm'); from an unused root meaning to be fragrant; (compare H5561) the balsam plant:—spice.

It says to compare it with the balsam plant. Probably because balsam plants are so fragrant. But that is part of the reason balsam plants are so medicinal is that they have a very good relaxing aroma and it induces healthy breathing.

And so, when some people believe that the sound of our Creator's name Yahweh is named after the sound of our respiration (Yah-weh), how important is it to our walk that, we breathe correctly?

There is a lot of ways to hold your breath and that is not going according to the Spirit, that is actually quenching the Spirit. Do not hold your breath, do not quench the Spirit. Stay with Yeshua; no matter what happens, place Him first. In that connection with Him; place Him first in all things and never lose that. That is the true walk of a disciple and that will cause a lot of other things. But how important it is to breathe in this walk.

So, coming back to this word, the New King James Version, which I use, is not perfect; we try to mention whenever there is an inconsistency. The New King James Version suggests calamus as a possible meaning, and calamus is an interesting plant.

Now, I do not know if anyone has ever had what is called sweet-flag tea, but that is made from calamus root. And calamus root also has what some would call a mild to medium psychoactive effect. Again, it is not a hallucinogenic, but there is definitely an alteration of perception and mood. Now, it is a swamp plant or a marshy ground plant.

The Society of Scent described calamus as having a unique scent of wet cake dough with a woody (or leathery suede) effect.

Let us see, we have some calamus right here. Oh, yes, yes! Let us see, it has a unique scent of wet cake dough. Oh, yes! With a woody, leathery suede effect. Yes, a very delicate bouquet. Yes...

Well, the problem is that, while calamus does have a unique scent, it does not have what I would call a very powerful or very strong scent. You could call it fragrant because it has got an interesting fragrance. And it was used in medieval times, they would put them on the floors of their houses, so as you walked on it, you would smell the fragrance over time, but I would not call it very fragrant. It is just (basically) kind of a marshy plant, kind of a smell.

I suppose you could call it a cane, but really there is a much better linguistic match for qaneh-bohs (and some people will not like this so I say this understanding that this will offend a lot of people), but for us at least the better linguistic match for qaneh-bohs is cannabis. Qaneh-bohs – Cannabis. It is the same word. I do not think linguistic matches get much closer than that and cannabis truly is a fragrant cane.

Sometimes they even name some of the strains of cannabis, depending on how they smell, and they induce certain smells and certain strains (this kind of a thing).

So, while I am not a linguistic expert, at least to my untrained ear and to the ears of many others, it seems like cannabis is a much closer linguistic match for qaneh-bohs, than calamus.

Now, we also know that they found altars in ancient Israel with traces of cannabis on the altar (I will talk about that again in just a moment). And we know that cannabis was widely traded in ancient times. And we also know that there were no artificial restrictions on plants like modern day Babylon has today.

We also know from Yechezkel (or Ezekiel) chapter 27 in verse 19, that our forefathers traded fragrant cane, probably along the silk road which goes through India, Pakistan, the Hindu Kush, that kind of region.

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 27:19

19 Dan and Javan paid for your wares, traversing back and forth. Wrought iron, cassia, and cane were among your merchandise.

Also in Yeshayahu (or Isaiah) chapter 43 in verse 24, Yahweh complains at the people that they did not bring Him (meaning His priesthood) any fragrant cane with money.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 43:24

24 You have bought Me no sweet cane with money, nor have you satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened Me with your sins, you have wearied Me with your iniquities.

Okay, so maybe then someone brought Him some qaneh-bohs, someone brought Him some fragrant cane (meaning they gave it to the priesthood) because then we get the Yermiyahu (or Jeremiah) chapter 6 and verse 10 and now Yahweh is wondering aloud, why did our forefathers even bother to bring Him some fragrant cane from a distant country like India or Pakistan? Because their hearts are not right.

Yermiyahu (Jeremiah) 6:10

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, And they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of Yahweh is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it.

So, they found traces of cannabis on altars in all ancient altars in Israel. So, we know that this was offered as an ethnobotanical substance.

So again, connect the dots. Yahweh is complaining the people do not bring His priests or Him any fragrant cane and then they bring Him some and He says why are you doing this? Because you are obeying this, but you are not obeying all those other things.

Okay, well, Song of Solomon chapter 4 and verse 14, we also learned that calamus (or rather cannabis) is a plant of love. And back when I lived in Israel between 2003 and 2005, I was told by a Messianic, Jewish brother that I had met that most of the Rabbis know that qaneh-bohs is cannabis. And he said an undisclosed minority of them have a puff or two before they go to pray.

Now, that is not anything, but just information. Sometimes people say, *“Well, Norman, what do we do with this information? What are you saying? Are you*

saying Yahweh wants His priests to get altered before they attend to Him at the altar? What are you saying?"

I am not saying that. It is not what I am saying, what I am saying is that, while most Babylonian, Christian churches teach that fragrant cane is an evil drug plant that should be eradicated from the face of the earth, but they also, at the same time, teach that man-made chemical pharmaceuticals and things of that sort are okay.

And you could say, *"Well, I suppose that is a choice that they could make,"* except the only problem is that the Scripture reads the exact opposite.

Now, I want to give this the most responsible treatment that we can, but problem is, and I understand that a lot of people have been raised a certain way to believe certain things, but when we take Scripture as our final authority, we kind of have to understand that Yahweh never places any restrictions on any plant that has seeds.

Even though some of them must be used medicinally, Yahweh never places restrictions on any plant as seeds. Later, in another Parashiot, we will see that, yes Yahweh does regulate alcohol. There are times it is okay to drink it, sometimes it is not okay to drink it. And as we show in our study on "[Cannabis and The Bible](#)" in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Six](#), we are going to see that, what Yahweh actually prohibits is man-made chemical pharmaceuticals.

From that study, we know that the drug sorcery, that is prohibited in Hitgalut (or Revelation) chapter 21 is actually Strong's Greek number 5332 which refers not to

plants, but refers to man-made chemical pharmaceuticals; *pharmakeus* - pharmaceuticals.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 21:8

8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

G5332 *pharmakeús*, (far-mak-yoos'); from *phármakon* (a drug, i.e. spell-giving potion); a druggist ("pharmacist") or poisoner, i.e. (by extension) a magician:—sorcerer.

Now, the thing is, Scripture never prohibits plants because Yahweh already told us back in B'reisheet (or Genesis) chapter 1 and verse 29 that every plant that bears seed is consumable (at least under the right conditions).

B'reisheet (Genesis) 1:29

29 And Elohim said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

So, why would He contradict that later? That makes no sense. Why would Yahweh say every plant bearing seed and then later say, "*Oh! No, no, no, no, no. Some plants are clean, some plants are not clean.*" No, all plants always have to be used wisely. Everything has to be used wisely; wisdom, listening to the Spirit. That is part of our walk, submitting to the Spirit; that's part of our walk.

[Anyway, if you want more details on that subject please see our study on "[Cannabis and The Bible](#)" which is located in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume Six.](#)]

Now, to be complete, the final ingredient in the priestly anointing oil was also to contain 500 shekels of cassia. Cassia is what most people call, cinnamon. Sometimes it is called Saigon cinnamon because it is not Ceylon cinnamon.

But again before we go further let us mention again, we should never-ever-ever make an anointing oil that has an olive base, both kinds of cinnamon, and cannabis. That is a very special oil for you. Or calamus, depending upon your conviction. Do not make this oil. This oil is set-apart for a cleansed Levitical Order, in a cleansed Levitical Temple. We should never make this oil on our own. And we do not need it in the Melchizedekian Order, we are on a different system here.

So, and while we are on this topic of us and our forefathers doing things that we know we should not do, let us look at Shemote chapter 32. And again, as we talk about our ancestor's mistakes it is so easy to laugh at what our forefathers did, but let us consider again anything that might be in our lives that Yahweh might look at as an idol.

Our forefathers were quick to put things in between themselves and Yahweh. An idol is anything that gets in between us and hearing and obeying Yahweh. He wants that relationship with Him restored. That relationship that was lost in the Garden of Eden. We stopped obeying Him, we stopped listening to Him. If you are not going to listen to Him, get out of His House. Now, we want to go home to the land of Israel, what do we need to do? We need to pay attention to Him. We need to listen when He

talks. When He tells us something, we need to make notes.

We need to do it, we need to keep a list of the revelations, things that Yahweh truly says to us. There are a lot of people that think they are hearing a lot of things. They need to be careful to differentiate between Yahweh's voice and their voice. Be very, very careful.

But what Yahweh wants is He does not want us to allow anything to get in between us and our relationship with Him. Yeshua says, *“Abide in Me and I and you. Apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

Yochanan (John) 17:21

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And if we are cut off as a branch because we are disconnected, we become withered. So, anything that takes our focus off of Yeshua, anything that takes our focus off of Elohim, that is an idol. Something visible (especially visible). Does not have to be visible, but just anything that we pay attention to more than Yahweh, that is an eye-doll (idol).

We got raggedy Anne, we got raggedy Andreas; the Ephraimites, raggedy Ann and Andreas.

So, verses one through six, let us note our forefathers rebelled against Yahweh. Again, did we listen? No. Did we obey? No.

Okay, well apparently our forefathers did not like how long it was taking for Moshe to come back down from the mountain. So, when Moshe was gone for 40 days,

guess what the children of Egypt, I mean the children of Israel (sorry got them mixed up there for a moment), the children of Israel pleaded with Aharon to make them a golden calf so they would have something visible to worship; they want an eye-doll (idol).

Shemote (Exodus) 32:1

1 Now when the people saw that Moshe delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aharon, and said to him, "Come, make us elohim that shall go before us; for as for this Moshe, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Then they had a big feast for their eye-doll (idol). Oh, and then they rose up to play and they were singing and dancing, but nobody is doing what Yahweh said to do.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:6

6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Do you think maybe they did not yet have a restored relationship with Elohim? Maybe they only had a relationship with Moshe and so when Moshe was gone they did not look for Yahweh anymore? Like people that look to their Pastor or people that look to their Rabbi, not paying attention to the Scriptures; people who read the Talmud instead of reading their Scriptures.

One day they will probably shut this ministry down when there is a realization that conflicts with the One World Religion agenda. So, the thing is, at some point I may be gone for more than 40 days. I encourage everyone to

download things as they come out, store them for future community. Our goal is to establish communities that are capable of operating independently so that when the ministry is shut down in the future you will have the things that you need to share the Good News with others. So, download and store all the materials.

But more than that, the most important thing, brother, sister, is to establish that indwelling relationship with Yeshua; that is the main thing. We fell from favor in the Garden, that indwelling relationship; well, that relationship, that close relationship whether it was indwelling, we do not know, but that was lost in the Garden of Eden. It has got to be restored and reestablished.

So, once we come into connection with Yeshua, that is what it means not to quench the Spirit. We have to follow the Spirit so we can follow Yeshua, so we can obey His voice. Well, in that way, if people understand that we are trying to develop a relationship with Yahweh through His Son, Yeshua - focusing on Yeshua abiding in Him; and Him in us, Him in the Father and the Father in Him, restoring that broken relationship.

Yochanan (John) 17:21

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And then we have to submit to the Spirit. He will not make us, we have to invite the Spirit in; has to be a conscious decision. We have to invite the Spirit in every day when we wake up and then stay with the Spirit all day. That is what we are supposed to be focusing on. Now our ancestors, they were focusing on an eye-doll

(idol) and they are having such fun in their disobedience to Yahweh right before they got slaughtered for it.

Anyone see any parallels to now? Kind of reminds us of how Yeshua described the days of Noah in Matthew chapter 24. People were feasting and giving in marriage and then came the destruction. So, we can see it building.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:38

38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noach entered the ark,

Shemote (Exodus) chapter 32 starting in verse 1, now, when the people saw that Moshe delayed coming down from the mountain the people gathered together to Aharon and said to him, *“Come make us Elohim that shall go before us. The column of fire and cloud would go before us, but now, as for this, Moshe, he is the man who brought us up out of the land of Mitzrayim. We do not know what has become of him.”*

Shemote (Exodus) 32:1

1 Now when the people saw that Moshe delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aharon, and said to him, “Come, make us elohim that shall go before us; for as for this Moshe, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

Aharon said, *“Okay, give me all your golden earrings.”* So, the people gave all their golden earrings to Aharon and he fashioned it with an engraving tool and made a molded calf, strictly against the Ten Words. And they

said, *“This is your Elohim, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Mitzrayim!”*

Shemote (Exodus) 32:2-4

2 And Aharon said to them, “Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”

3 So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aharon.

4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, “This is your elohim, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Mitzrayim!”

So, when Aharon saw it, he built an altar before it.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:5a

5a So when Aharon saw it, he built an altar before it.

Now, we are probably talking the third, maybe the fourth month since being freed from the iron furnace in Egypt. And we are talking not too long after the public betrothal at Mount Sinai, so this is Yahweh's bridal nation; our forefathers quickly turning aside.

And Aharon made a proclamation and said, *“Tomorrow is a feast to Yahweh! Party, party, party!”*

Shemote (Exodus) 32:5b

5b...And Aharon made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow is a feast to Yahweh.”

But Yahweh is not having any fun. That is because His set-apart bridal nation He just got engaged to publicly for

the whole world to see, chose to party without Him. And if this is what our ancestors did then, brothers and sisters, are we kind of prone to this same kind of thing?

Verse six, *“Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people got together at a friend's house to break bread and have fellowship...”* I mean, *“...and then they rose up to play with music and dancing, but not to hear Elohim's voice or to keep His written words because he did not care about His written words.”*

Shemote (Exodus) 32:6

6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

“They are only interested in how the kingdom could benefit them. Therefore, they maintain their peacetime party attitude.” That is how it reads is it not?

But when Yahweh saw the children of Israel quickly turn aside from following His voice and His commandments, He was ready to consume all of our forefathers.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:10

6 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.”

Because why? Because He just sprung them from slavery in Egypt, three, maybe four months before and said to them, *“Turn away from Satan. Turn away from building his kingdom. Help build My Son's kingdom. And if you will do that, just listen for what I say and follow My instructions, I will walk you through it. And if you will let*

Me walk you through it, then you and your children are going to rule and reign over the earth for Me over the nations as My body, as My bride. And if you will do what I tell you to do, if you will hear My voice and obey everything I say to you, you will be My special, treasured possession in all the earth. And all the earth is mine so I can do what I want.”

Shemote (Exodus) 19:5

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Well, so why are Yahweh's statutes and judgments so important to Him if He owns everything? It is because, literally, these are things that we probably ordinarily would not do in our flesh. If we are just in our flesh, what do we care about Yahweh? What do we care about our fellow man?

So, what Yahweh looks to see is someone like King David who hastens to keep His commandments. That is, when He is pleased with us because He knows we love Him enough to hasten to do everything He says. But there are some Messianics, sadly and some who call themselves Nazarenes and (you know who you are) and they say, *“Well, we are keeping the Torah, but we are not hastening to keep all of the commandments just like our forefathers leaving Egypt. Hmm... No. But we do not have to do all the commandments. We are still keeping Torah, right? Because we are resting on Shabbat and we are taking turns reading from it. That is still keeping Torah, right?”*

The thing is, Yahweh is like the Ultimate-Design-Engineer. He knows how the car runs; He knows how

everything fits together, so we need to obey His commandments. We need to obey His specifications. That is how His plan works.

So, and He knows these are not things that we would ordinarily do on our own. He knows that the Spirit and the flesh are opposites. So, that is why He wants to see us keep His commandments, is because this is going to show Him whether or not we truly love Him.

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Because these are not things we want to do in our flesh. These are not commandments we want to keep in our flesh!

So, this shows Him, do we care more about Him and what He wants? Or do we care more about us and what we want? Oh, and we are just going to pretend that we are learning. Yes, we are just learning, right? Okay, excuse me. Mystery Babylon, Ephraim, brother, if you are listening, okay? If you are out there and you are listening, Mystery Babylon is the worst place to be.

Yaakov chapter 1 verse 22 tells us to be sure to be doers of His Word and not just hearers only, deceiving ourselves.

Yaakov (James) 1:22

22 But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

It gets pretty bad when you are the one who invites Satan in to deceive you. Because, speaking the truth in love in these End Times, brothers, there is a lot of Ephraimites, a lot of our people, they are following a

broad, lukewarm, easy pathway that leads to destruction because it does not build Yeshua's kingdom; not in a real way.

But there is a few who are humbling themselves as little children and they are asking their Daddy to show them what does He want them to do? How does He want them to live? What are His ways? *“Father, please show me what you want me to do and I know your Son wants us to build His kingdom. That is what the parable of the minas is all about.”*

So, who are the servants who obey Him and who are the servants who pretend to obey Him?

Yeshua is such a kind Master. He is never going to force us to do anything, but the thing is, He is always watching. And let us not kid ourselves. A lot of people (I think) are kidding themselves. They are playing silly games with their eternal salvation is what they are doing. Because when we get to the Judgment, they are going to open books, and everything we did and everything we failed to do, and everything we said everything we failed to say, that is all going to be recorded. They are going to watch the DVD of our lives (so to speak). And every flaw, every failure.

And what does He want? We say, *“The safest place to be in the Tribulation is in His will.”* What is His will? His will is what He wants, right? What does He want? He wants a kingdom for His Son, right? So, are we helping Him get a kingdom for His Son?

Are we truly defectors from Satan's team and from building Satan's kingdom? Have we truly hated Satan's kingdom so much that we want to help build Yeshua's kingdom? To give His people an alternative; some place

to come. Sheep, if they are going to come somewhere, you got to have a pasture, you got to have a corral, you need a barn. There are things you need to serve sheep.

What if we are not eager to help our King establish His kingdom? What kind of treason is that? He is a King. Disobeying the King's orders is a death penalty offense. When the King tells you to do something, you obey or that is it.

I mean, has it been so long since we lived under kingship that we do not understand the command is obey Me or die? What part of obey Me or die do we not understand?

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

And what part of obey Me or die can we not understand applies to Yeshua because He was the Messenger, He was the Angel that was sent before us to lead us out of the land of Egypt and He will not pardon - we are not to provoke Him because He will not pardon our transgressions. Because His, Father, Yahweh's name is in Him.

Shemote (Exodus) 23:21

21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

So, if Yahweh is a war Elohim, what part of obey My voice or die do we not understand?

Yahweh tells us again and again, constantly tells us, listen for His voice, do what He tells us to do. That is it. He will walk us through, but listen and do.

And what earthly king even would not want that? What earthly king would not want his subjects listening diligently for the sound of his voice so they could obey it. Of course he wants that. He wants the people's allegiance. He wants the people's loyalties. He wants the people's attentions. We expect Yahweh to be different than that?

We would not dare disobey an earthly king's commandment. What about Yahweh? Or do we have other things that are more important to us to take care of before we have matters of obedience to our Master and King?

Have we forgotten? Has it been that long? If we do not do what a king says, it is off with his head. But so why does Yahweh place so much emphasis on our obedience to His commandments? It is simple. It is because that is how He can know if we truly love Him or not. Because it is a bunch of commands of things that we ordinarily would not do in our flesh.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

A lot of the Torah commandments run directly contrary to our flesh, but these are things that are necessary if we are going to truly build a white horse nation for Yeshua that can overcome the enemies of Israel for a thousand years while Satan is locked away in the pit.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:2

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

But it takes discipline. Does not necessarily take a lot of intelligence, does not necessarily take money. It takes discipline. And if we will discipline ourselves to be Yeshua's disciples and to obey what His Spirit is telling us to do moment by moment, if we will obey Him in the things He commands, He Himself will be the one to put our enemies under our feet.

It is not going to be easy. King David's life was not easy, Joshua's life was not easy, Moshe's life was not easy, shaliach Shaul (the apostle Paul), his life was not easy. They all worked hard; they all risked their lives. But the thing is, they listened for Yahweh's voice and they heard what Yahweh was saying and they hastened to obey Yahweh's voice because that is how you give Him honor.

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:1-2

1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of Yahweh!

2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!

When your King speaks, you hasten to accomplish it. But in contrast, king Shaul, like our forefathers, he turned aside quickly and he and his son both died. Well, because our ancestors turned aside quickly, Israel received the Levitical Order. And the reason is because the Levites proved to be loyal. The Levites chose what Yahweh wanted rather than what they would want in their own flesh. Wow! What a decision that was.

In Shemote chapter 32 in verse 8, Yahweh says, of our forefathers, they have turned aside quickly. *“Just a few months, they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I have commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf and worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘This is your Elohim, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’”*

Shemote (Exodus) 32:8

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This is your elohim, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’”

And Yahweh said to Moshe, *“I have seen this people and indeed it is a stiff necked people. Now, therefore, let Me alone that My wrath may burn hot against them. I may consume them and then I will make of you a great nation,”* He can do that.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:10

10 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.”

Well, thankfully, praise Yahweh, Moshe then interceded for his brethren. He interceded for the nation and the people and Yahweh relented. But verse 12 tells us that it was not for Israel's sake that Yahweh relented because our forefathers were that stiff-necked that stubborn.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:12

12 Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of

the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people.

Rather, Yahweh relented for His name's sake so that His enemies would no longer have anything to speak evil of Him about. We are going to see this point made again in our Haftara, prophetic portion, how important it is for us to behave in such a way that brings glory and honor to Yahweh's name. It is in all of our witness. It is in everything we say, in everything we do, whatever is written in our foreheads (so to speak), whatever is written on our right hand.

And this is what we are supposed to be is representatives for our King. Servants, slaves for our King. We are supposed to bring Him glory and honor. We did not do that, and sin does not go without consequence.

Shemote chapter 32 again starting in verse 26:

Shemote (Exodus) 32:26

26 then Moshe stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on Yahweh's side—come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

"And he said unto them, 'Thus says Yahweh, Elohim of Israel, "Let every man who pledges allegiance to Yahweh, who is loyal to Yahweh and not man, put his sword on his side and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp and let every man kill his brother and every man his companion and every man his neighbor according to the flesh who was involved in worshiping the calf, okay?"

Shemote (Exodus) 32:27

27 And he said to them, "Thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' "

"Show Me that you value Me more than you value your own flesh and blood. Just like your ancestor Avraham had to show Me that he valued Me more than he valued his own flesh and blood. You show Me the same thing."

Verse 28:

Shemote (Exodus) 32:28

28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moshe. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

Talk about frontier justice. Moshe talks Yahweh out of wiping the people out and then he goes and handles, takes care of the problem. So, in the great national failure of the golden calf, each of our forefathers was asked to choose: Was he on Yahweh's side or not?

Well, astonishingly, only the Levites chose Yahweh, just them only, the Levites. And there were three thousand men who were showing allegiance, not to Yahweh but to Satan. They were not obeying His commandments and they lost their lives. So, why should it be any different with us, brothers, and sisters?

Let us consider the golden-calf-rule: Let us not do unto Yahweh our Elohim as our ancestors did unto Him. because if Yahweh was ready to consume our ancestors in a moment for not obeying Him, has Yahweh changed?

What? Oh! Oh! I see. So, do we think Yeshua came to give us a way out of obeying His Father in building His kingdom? Yeshua came so we did not have to do that, right? He came to make the Great Commission optional, right? So, Yahweh sent His Son, Yeshua to die an excruciating death, to let us out of building the kingdom, is that it?

Oh! Oh, what? Okay. So, Yahweh the Father was outraged with our ancestors for ignoring His voice and for not keeping His commandments, but that was then and this is now. So, He is not going to hold us accountable in the same way for not obeying His Son's instructions, right? Because we are special, right? Because we have Yeshua and we say we keep Torah when really we are not keeping Torah, we are not hastening to keep all His commandments. Oh! We are just doing the ones we like, right? We are resting and we are reading and that is keeping Torah? Is resting and reading, resting and reading, building the kingdom? I see. Okay. No hypocrisy there at all.

Brothers, where is our allegiance to our King? Now, like it or not, whether we realize it or not we are in a spiritual war. We were born into it. It pre-existed us and we are in this mess precisely because we have not listened for Yahweh's voice and done everything He said.

All the way back to the Garden of Eden. Just like our forefathers and coming out of Egypt. Something deep in our hearts wants to believe we do not need to listen attentively for Yahweh's voice 24/7. Because we do not need to. He is not trying to communicate anything valuable or important by His Spirit, now. No. Everything that was communicated, that was back in the first century. Yes. No, we do not actually have to hasten to

do everything Scripture says, right? Because we are not accountable for all of Scripture, right?

I mean, that is why it is given to us in written format is because we are not accountable to it, right? It is nice if we want to read it, that is okay. It is good to read it, right? But we do not have to follow it, right? Right? Because now we have Yeshua's Spirit, so that is why we do not need to do what Yeshua said. It is because we have a Spirit, right?

I mean, I do not know anyone who talks like that, but I know a whole lot of Messianics that, that is pretty much what they say, that is pretty much what they communicate like.

And the reason is because we just seem to have something more important to do than hearing His voice and doing what He says. And one day perhaps, maybe we can all wake up one day, we can realize not only are we in Yahweh's army, but there is a spiritual war on, we need to find something to do.

So, Yeshua has given us a Melchizedekian framework called the Melchizedekian Order, where we can learn to plug ourselves into. We talk about that in [Acts 15 Order](#) and [Torah Government](#) (and other studies). But brothers, if we know the Torah is still for today, then do we talk with Yahweh?

Do we ask Him to show us what is important about His Word? And more importantly, do we find out what He wants? What are the things He is going for?

And then, once we know what He wants us to do, do we hasten to do it? Are we diligent to do everything that He says to do? Because we know He is a King. We love

Him, we want to make Him happy. Or are we perhaps like king Shaul? Or perhaps like our ancestors basically choosing disobedience? Whether through laziness or idleness or some other means?

Well, if we have a King and if we love our King and if we want to serve Him with all of our hearts, with all of our soul, and with all of our strength - and let us just say, one day we wake up and we are all alone, let us say the New World Order has shut down Nazarene Israel ministry because we perhaps don't agree with the United Religions Initiative (this kind of thing). And so suddenly, brother, sister if, let us say, you find yourself all alone with no more Nazarene Israel channel, no more Moshe to guide you (so to speak), what would you do? Would you seek a deep relationship with Yeshua and to deepen that relationship and strengthen as much as you could? Or would we choose not to do much of anything, really? Because it is cheaper and easier to get together at a friend's house and do the things that we like to do as opposed to taking care that we follow and do everything that is written in Scripture because we are accountable for the whole document.

So, do we set up a golden calf called the Messianic movement perhaps? Where we say, *“Oh well, mysteriously, Mystery Babylon, mysteriously, we do not need to obey Yeshua's commandments. We do not need to organize according to the five-fold ministry. We do not need to unify on a single foundation of apostles and prophets like Ephesians 2 says. No. Yeshua died to set us free from all that, right?”*

“So, just stumbling along like one of our ancestors in the wilderness that is going to be enough to get us through the judgment, right? Because we do not actually need to like obey Yeshua's commandments. Either in the

Renewed Covenant or when He was giving our forefathers the Torah coming out of Mitzrayim. We do not have to obey either one of those two things, right? Because we have Yeshua, we do not need to obey Yeshua, right?"

Brothers, sisters, Babylon is a demon. It is a bad one; it is an insidious demon. We cannot take Satan on in our flesh, Satan is stronger than we are. We need Yeshua working in us, not just some false belief on Yeshua. We need a constant 24/7 connection with Yeshua.

Yochanan (John) 16:7

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

We will be listening and if we do not hear, pray for it. Ask, seek, knock. We need to ask Elohim for help in rooting Babylon out of our heart or it will not go. We have to flee Babylon. If we do not flee it, we do not try to root it out, it will not go.

A Mystery Babylon is a means of pretending to obey Yahweh while not actually obeying Yahweh; we do not do that here. Acts 15 we do not do that with the Rabbis. We also do not do that with the Messianics. We do not want to pretend to obey Yahweh in anything. That is what got our forefathers in trouble after leaving Egypt.

So, if we are going to call ourselves Nazarenes, then effectively we should do what the ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes in the first century, shaliach Shaul (the apostle Paul) commanded in Qorintim Bet (or 2 Corinthians) chapter 13 and verse 5. Now, Shaul told us, exhorted us, we should examine ourselves and check if

we believe that this is important and if we believe that Yahweh is truly in charge, then we should examine ourselves and see whether we are truly walking in the Spirit or are we perhaps still walking after the flesh even though we are claiming Yahweh is in Yeshua's name.

Qorintim Bet (2 Corinthians) 13:5

5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Yeshua Messiah is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Should we not examine ourselves to make sure that we are truly in the faith once delivered to the saints? Should we not test ourselves like King David says in the Psalms?

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:59

59 I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies.

Do we perhaps not yet realize that when we say we are Yeshua's and that Yeshua Messiah dwells in us, that, that means that we are submitting every day, we are inviting the Spirit in? We wake up in the morning, that is the first thing we should do; make sure to establish that connection, then we are ready to begin.

But we have to submit ourselves to Him. There is no way to be His bride, to be a servant, to be a slave, to be a soldier. How can you serve anyone if you do not submit to them?

We need to submit first to Him and then one to another in Him and then we need to let the Spirit be our guide and lead us and guide us 24/7 after that. But the thing is, if that is not the case, we are not walking the right

way, meaning we are walking more like our forefathers in the wilderness. And that means that we would be lukewarm. And that means that we would become disqualified.

Brother, sister, if you are home, take a look around your house. If you are not home, when you get home, take a look around your house. Now, is everything there in your house? There because that is what you need to lead your family to serve Yahweh? Or is it there for other reasons (perhaps)?

How much of our life is set apart and dedicated to our King? How much, what percentage of our life do we have dedicated to fighting His fight? All, or something less than all?

Our King has a cause, He has a fight and He calls us to fight it for Him. That is what the parable of the mina is all about. In order to fight His fight effectively, we have to die to our old life in the world. Like when you join the army or the military you have to lay down your life as a civilian in the world.

He calls us to this fight for Him. He does not push anything, He wants to see what we will do for Him when we have all the time that we can either choose to respond to Him or not choose to respond to Him. He is not going to make us do anything. But to not respond to Him, He sees that like a form of treason. He died that we might leave Satan's kingdom in Egypt. He died so that we might no longer have to work for Paro (or Pharaoh) or Babylon. But now He wants us to live for Him.

What human king would not call it treason? If he died so his subjects could live for him and they did not do it, that

is what treason is, that is dereliction of duty; gross dereliction of duty at the least.

I mean, do we understand what it means for us to follow the same patterns as our forefathers and, especially, to follow the same patterns as our forefathers and think we are doing it so much better than they did?

Do we ever stop to look at our lives the way that Yahweh is going to look at our lives in the Day of Judgment? And do we ever stop to take a look around our house? Do we take a look at our calendar; take a look at our checkbook? These are the things that define where we spend our money and our time.

Our time and our money, those are our two most scarce, precious, two most valuable resources in this world. So, here is the question: Do we spend our most precious resources on us or do we perhaps spend our precious resources on Him and on building His Son's kingdom? Where is our allegiance? Are we allegiant to ourselves; loyal to ourselves?

Yes, most people are allegiant to themselves, particularly under democracy. We will talk about democracy some other place, but democracy is a sort of a power sharing strategy among men who see themselves effectively as sovereigns. It is a very, very red horse attitude and so they come up with a strategy for sharing power. We will talk about that (Father willing) some other time.

But are we allegiant to ourselves, or to our democracy, to our government, to our way of life, or are we allegiant to Yahweh and His Son? We pledge allegiance, is it to a flag? We pledge allegiance to Yahweh Elohim? Brothers, are we (perhaps) unwittingly breaking the

golden-calf-rule? Do we have golden calves in our life? Anything, just something that comes in between us and seeking Yahweh with all of our hearts, with all our soul, with all of our strength?

Not many people even really listen for Yahweh's voice. Fewer still seek Him. A few will listen for what Yahweh says. How few seek His heart. How few want to know what He likes so they can walk that way. King David did, Shaul did, all the prophets did.

Brothers, are we perhaps behaving like our forefathers did when they left Egypt even though we do not even know it? Are we (perhaps) forgetting the need to listen attentively to His voice every day, 24/7 and to do what He says, diligently when we hear Him speak it? Are we living sacrificial lives for Him? Are we following a narrow and afflicted path, or are we perhaps like great big babies depending on Him carrying us?

I guarantee Yeshua was not seeking His own will when He was hanging there on the cross (or the tree, or the stake, or whatever you want to call it). He was not ordering takeout, He was not worried about how His kids are going to get along and mesh with the secular world and play t-ball on the sports teams.

When He was in agony on the cross (or the stake or whatever you want to call it) He was there paying for us. And if we ever forget that, if we ever forget that we are owned, if we ever forget that it is required of us to remain in connection - the deal is, we get to keep our lives, but we do not get to live our lives. How many of us still want to live our lives instead of dying to ourselves, dying to our wants, being spiritually transformed and then living from then on unto Him?

If we know what our Commander-and-Chief wants, are we allegiant to our Commander-and-Chief? Are we allegiant to our King who already died for us? His loyalties proven, so what about our loyalty?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 16:24

24 Then Yeshua said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Are we obeying His call to build Him a kingdom according to all of His rules? Or are we perhaps like our forefathers, lukewarm and going to be vomited out, never make it back home to the land?

Brothers and sisters, Yeshua did not go to His death so we can go on vacation. Yeshua did not go to His death so we can live nice, happy lives. Yeshua did not suffer on the tree so that we could sit on our thrones, and He could continue to wash our feet and we sit there and do nothing, give nothing back to Him.

Yeshua healed ten lepers, only one came back even to give thanks. He did not ask Yeshua, "*What can I do for you Master?*" He just came back to give thanks and even that was only one out of ten.

So, we know from Scripture that this is the standard thing. You get the 4,000, and the 5,000, and the myriads, and the multitudes, and the crowds, and the throngs. And they come through and they never stop to ask, "*What can I do for you Master? Oh! Keep your commandments? Yes, my King; happy to. Let me hasten to keep Your commandments.*"

Yeshua, He knows what the standard is. There have been good servants in the past, the question is, are we living, willing to live up to these high standards?

What are we doing with the rope He is feeding us? Are we building a big net to become fishers of men or are we just basically getting ready to hang ourselves?

What are we doing with the mina of our saved life? What are we doing with the time He gives us? How much of our free time is dedicated to Yahweh, or how much of our free time are we spending keeping up with the Joneses (so to speak)?

What are we doing brothers? Are we going to spend our time and our money on us and what we want and what we like when we love Him with all we have? Are we going to spend what we have on Him because we love Him? What else will we do with our money? What else we do with our time? He is our hobby; we love serving Him.

So, you cannot love Him and not want to serve Him, it does not work. If we are not obeying His commandments, He says, *"If you love Me, then keep My commandments."* And He means all of His commandments.

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

If we do not keep all of His commandments according to His words, then we do not love Him. So, knowing these things, why does it seem like so many of us in Ephraim just seem like we have got a death grip on ignorance?

We are just sort of dead set on playing silly little games with our eternal salvation, just like our forefathers did in

the wilderness, coming out of Egypt. And they did not even know it. Just like our forefathers in the wilderness did not know it. They thought they were doing just fine, but did things change? Did Yahweh change?

Yeshua did not die so that we in Ephraim can enjoy an easy life and ask Yahweh to provide a nice vacation for us every year. That is not what building His kingdom means. Like any King, Yeshua requires 100 percent commitment; total devotion. He is not going to accept anything less than that.

Yeshua tells us in the parable of the minas, one day He is going to return. And in that day, He is going to require an account of what His servants did for Him with their minas (or their saved lives).

Luqa (Luke) 19:15

15 “And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

And if the answer is, not much, it is not going to go well. Brethren, if the servant did not do his utmost to serve his master, then according to Hebrew thinking, that is a wicked, bad, evil servant and he ends up dead. He ends up cut into pieces being cast into the outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:30

30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

These are Yeshua's words. This is the situation we find ourselves in. Yeshua feeds us all the rope we need instead of choosing to serve Yeshua with it by plugging ourselves, by using our time, by using our saved life to plug ourselves into Yeshua's Melchizedekian framework. We can serve Yeshua that way, but if we do not want to plug into Yeshua's Melchizedekian framework knowing that He is our King, but we do not want to do what His Word says to do, rebellion is as the sin of self-idolatry.

Shemuel Aleph (1 Samuel) 15:23

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of Yahweh, He also has rejected you from being king.”

Ephraim is like one who looks at his face in the mirror and then immediately goes away and forgets what kind of man he was. He forgets - he knows one time he was loyal to Yeshua, one time he sat at Yeshua's feet and just looked up and was in awe and wonder and just felt wretched; did not, could not even, did not want to look at Him. But he goes away and forgets that there are times he feels connected to Yeshua, but he does not maintain it 24/7. He goes away and forgets what kind of man he was.

He may have repented once in his life, a long time ago, but the problem is, he is not walking in repentance. If he were walking in repentance, he would already be walking the same faith as what Yeshua taught because that is His will for us.

Ephraim, wake up! How do you solve a problem like Ephraim?

If our family life is about enjoying our lives in the world, about singing and dancing, going to movies, keeping up with the Joneses, having a good old time, we have gone hunting, and fishing, and camping, and went to the museums, the children have friends in the world. We do not care about Yeshua, who returns as the conquering King; the Lion of the tribe of Judah? We do not care about obeying what Yeshua wants us to be doing for Him right now? Really?

Actions do not lie. Words can lie; actions do not lie. So, we are not doing what Yeshua says He wants us to be doing right now. We had better watch out brothers, sisters, because our ancestors were all eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, in Noach's day, before they were all destroyed. And our ancestors in the wilderness, they were feasting, and dancing, and enjoying everything. All around having a good old time with the golden calf before they were all destroyed.

Yahweh is not kidding when He says, "*The wages for sin is death.*" That does not change just because we profess belief on Yeshua and that we do not want to live according to His Spirit.

Yes, I mean, look, come on, figure it out. We married into the family of a war Elohim. Hello? He is a war Elohim.

Shemote (Exodus) 15:3

3 Yahweh is a man of war; Yahweh is His name.

He is not only like a modern-day general. In a modern day warfare, the general's wife never goes to the battlefield, okay? He is an ancient-style battlefield King, and wives in His family need to be able to take orders along with the best of them.

Some young bride wants to marry His Son, good! Does she want to learn how to listen for His voice and diligently do everything that He says to do? Good. And if not?

Brothers, we are responsible for everything in Scripture. We are responsible for every word Yahweh Elohim has spoken and we are responsible to live in accordance with these words. So, knowing that, are we doing that or are we effectively playing games with our eternal salvation?

Philipim (Philippians) 2:12

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Do we not think Yahweh is going to hold us just as accountable as our ancestors? Oh, no! Right? No! I mean, Yahweh sent His Son to die so that we do not have to obey Him, right?

Knock, knock, knock... is Ephraim-body home? Okay, Yeshua died so that we would not have to be allegiant to Yahweh and we would not have to obey all His words. Is that what we think?

Yeshua came to die so that we would be allegiant to Yahweh and so that we would begin to obey all His words yet again!

Yeshua did not come to die so that we can pick and choose which parts of His Torah we want to keep. Oh! And then have the audacity to call it keeping Torah just like our ancestors did back in the Garden and just like at the time of the golden calf, and again with the golden calf

in the days of Jeroboam, oh and let us not forget king Shaul.

Well, okay brothers, what is our golden calf now, today? That we do not want to hear Yahweh's voice and obey Him? Do what He says and do all that is written? What is it that we do not want to have this relationship with Him? This obedience, love relationship of Father to child; of husband to wife? What is it we do not want about that? We love Him so much, but we do not want this kind of relationship? No. But we love him with all of our heart.

Our actions do not lie; actions speak louder than words. Our forefathers loved the idea of leaving Egypt and going to Yahweh's land, no longer being in slavery. Great! Oh! But then there was work involved, there was difficulty involved. And eventually there was war involved, and all the difficulties that come with war.

And the war, Elohim's newly betrothed bride apparently was not up for it back then. *"Nope, sorry. Ride has gotten too rough. No, we do not need to obey Yahweh anymore, but we are still married, right? Wedding is still on even though I am not going to obey the wedding contract, right? It is all good?"*

Brother! Ephraim! Hello? Wake up! Can we understand that kings demand allegiance and they reward those who look out for their best interests? They do good things for them.

If you have a servant who is using his mina to serve you and help increase your kingdom, you want to take good care of that servant. But if you have a lazy servant, neglecting his duties; he could be helping you in your kingdom, but is not really. Is that not like the lazy servant

that lays up his mina in a handkerchief or puts it in a box somewhere, in a drawer?

Yahweh considers that (as a minimum), extreme dereliction of duty, but more likely He considers it rebellion which is as the sin of witchcraft. Because we knew what Yahweh our Elohim wanted us to do; we did not hasten to do it. It is called rebellion; it is called treason to disobey the king's command. And the sentence for rebellion is death, and not always in a nice way.

And let us not think that Yeshua's blood covers us for rebellion against Elohim after we say we already converted and joined His team, okay? That just makes no sense. We are going to join His team, but we do not have to take orders or be loyal after we joined His team because He sent His Son to die that we would join His team.

Kepha Aleph (2 Peter) 2:21

21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the set-apart commandment delivered to them.

And so, now that we join His team we get to pick and choose which of His commandments we want to keep because we are the king, secretly, not Him? That is the attitude. And is that not as the sin of witchcraft; placing ourselves above Elohim? What do we think we are doing?

Look at the way we treat Him. We are just going to let ourselves into our King's kitchen, we are going to eat all His spiritual food, we are going to rest and lounge in His house. Oh! And then we do not want to work, we do not

want to actually do anything. So, we have eaten all the food we have rested, we have relaxed, we have been educated, now we do not want to do anything for Him. Oh! And we also do not want to pay any taxes. Okay, how long or how is that kingdom going to work?

Okay, and if that is not our concern, is to make our King's kingdom work, why is it that we pray and we ask and even Yeshua tells us to pray that the Father's kingdom come, that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:9-10

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Do we understand that we are the hands and feet that are going to walk that out? We have to start with our obedience to His voice. We have to abide in Him, and Him in us; Him in the Father and the Father with Him, in Him, to restore that lost and broken connection. Then things become possible.

Yochanan (John) 17:21

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

In these last days, those who remain allegiant to Egypt, they are going to suffer the plagues of Egypt. Those who ally themselves with Babylon are going to suffer the plagues of Babylon.

Hitgalut (or Revelation) chapter 18 and verse 4 says to come out of the Babylonian system. In addition, also to

come out of the land of Babylon, which we show in the Revelation study, is the United States of America. Because, if we do not come out of the world, if we do not come out of Egypt, we do not come out of the sins of the world, then the sins of Babylon will be called to account for our sins in these last days.

Brothers and sisters, Ephraim, please, please, please pay attention to this. We already know from prophecy, most of Ephraim is not going to make it home. Please take this seriously!

And verse 8 tells us not to be fooled because the judgment is delayed in coming. It says Babylon's plagues are going to come in one day. Death, mourning, famine and she will be utterly burned with fire. For strong is Yahweh Elohim who judges her.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 18:8

8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day— death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is Yahweh Elohim who judges her.

Now, our Haftara prophetic portion covers many of the same themes. It begins in Yechezkel (or Ezekiel) chapter 36 starting in verse 16.

Here Yahweh speaks about what He will bring to pass with His children Israel in the latter days. And we read that, even after all of our forefathers' unfaithfulness to Him, after everything we have done, after all our falling away, breaking faith, breaking covenant, He still promises to protect those of us who show allegiance to Him. He will bring His loyal and faithful one's back home. That is the safest place to be.

Yechezkel chapter 36 tells us some pretty amazing things. Verse 24, Yahweh says He will bring Israel (or Ephraim) back home. Woohoo! All right! Score, one! Good!

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 36:24

24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Verse 28, He says that Israel will be His people again. Yes! Score, two!

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 36:25

25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

However, brothers, sisters, if we read the entire chapter, we should be easily able to see that Yahweh is really not too happy with us. We might think we are doing great, we might think we are keeping Torah, but have we really, truly followed Yeshua's Spirit?

Yahweh says we are, right now, filthy with idols and this is causing His great name to be profaned.

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 36:20

20 When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My set-apart name—when they said of them, 'These are the people of Yahweh, and yet they have gone out of His land.'

We are refusing to organize; we do not want to organize. It is too hard, is too difficult, takes too much money, takes too much time. We do not want to do that. That is causing His great name to be profaned and so, by only

His mercy and only because of His namesake, He is going to cleanse us and then bring us back home.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 36:22

22 “Therefore say to the House of Israel, ‘Thus says Yahweh Elohim: “I do not do this for your sake, O House of Israel, but for My set-apart name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.

Because we just never really got things out of first gear, brothers. We just never really made up our minds to serve Yahweh first, out of love. We never really decided to, “*Seek ye FIRST, the kingdom of heaven*” and then everything we need to serve Him will be added unto us.

Verse 17, He says, “*Son of man, when the House of Israel (or the House of Ephraim) dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by doing things their own way. They did not do things My way. They wanted to do things their way, but to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman under customary impurity; cannot use it for anything. It does not build My Son's ordered kingdom the way I need it to be built. They are doing things their own way. They are not doing things My way. That, I cannot use that. And I look upon that like rebellion because that is what it is.*”

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 36:17

17 “Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity.

And verse 18 says:

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 36:18

18 Therefore I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it.

“And then I scattered (our forefathers) the House of Ephraim out among the nations and with some of the southern kingdom that sojourns with them. And I disperse them throughout all the countries and I judge them according to their ways and according to their deeds.”

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 36:19

19 So I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds.

Verse 20, *“When they came to the nations, wherever they went they profaned My Set-apart name because they did not do what I said. They called themselves by My name, but they are not obeying Me.”*

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 36:20

20 When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My set-apart name—when they said of them, ‘These are the people of Yahweh, and yet they have gone out of His land.’

So, the nations said to them, *“These are the dedicated set-apart people of Yahweh this is His bride who professed love for Him publicly at Mount Sinai. Now, look, He has kicked His bride out of His House because she is disobedient to Him. Who needs to obey Yahweh? He cannot get His own bride, Ephraim to obey Him. What do we respect Him for? He cannot even get His own bride to respect Him.”*

Brothers, all through our history, we and Ephraim have rejected Yahweh's statutes and His commandments. We have not been loyal. We have not shown allegiance. What makes us think that we are loyal? What makes us think that we are allegiant when we are not hastening to keep all of His commandments?

Yahweh tells us to be confounded and ashamed because of our ways and our behavior. So, hmm... Let us think about this, dispassionately. Are we in Ephraim genuinely as pleasing to Yahweh as we might like to believe?

Or who is He talking about right here in this passage, here? Who is not hastening to show His allegiance by doing everything Yahweh says as soon as He hears it? Who is that?

Well, some good news of the kingdom is that Yahweh says He will put His Spirit in us. We know we do not have His Spirit if we are not hastening to keep all of His commandments. But He will give His Spirit; He will put it in us and that is going to cause us to walk in His statutes and to guard His judgments and do them.

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:22

22 "Therefore say to the House of Israel, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "I do not do this for your sake, O House of Israel, but for My set-apart name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.

But again, brethren, that is for the few allegiant ones who at least are doing enough to survive the Tribulation that is coming. They may not know everything, but they are being allegiant and faithful to what they know. Let us just be frank. The survival rate for what is coming is going to

be very, very low. And if we do not walk right, we are not going to make it. When our forefathers were leaving Egypt, most of them did not make it.

So, if there was ever a time to be right - it does not really matter when we live in history, because sooner or later we are all going to go stand in the Judgment and answer for what we did and answer for what we did not do. But when we are looking the Tribulation in the face, and we see what is coming, and we can read how bad it is going to get, and we say, "the safest place to be is in Yahweh's will," where is Yahweh's will except doing the things He told His, Yeshua, to His Son, Yeshua to do? Just to build Him a kingdom.

The difference is, this time, if our children do not walk right, they will not make it in either. Because this time, no one who is impure will be allowed to enter the land. Does that sound hard? What excuses do we have?

Hitgalut (Revelation) 21:27

27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We serve a war Elohim. We have had His Son's Spirit for thousand years. So, do we mean in two thousand years as the bride of the Son of the war Elohim, we still do not really know what kind of obedience our Commander and King wants? Really?

Two thousand years with Yeshua's Spirit and we as the bride, we still do not know what our Husband wants? Really?

Or is it that we do not listen for our Commander and King's radio transmissions? So, of course we do not hear what He says. So, of course we do not obey the radio transmissions because we did not realize we are supposed to be listening for them.

But we thought it was enough just to read about what happened with our ancestors in the wilderness. We are just taking turns reading things. Not like there is any lessons have to be applied to us.

I do not know, but I just think if Yahweh thinks about the Torah portions, I just wonder, does He ever say, *"I wonder, are they going to read it with an eye to see what their ancestors did wrong so they can learn from the mistakes of history and know how to apply them to themselves?"* Because all our forefathers, their bones all dropped in the wilderness.

Verse 22, *"Therefore, say that the House of Israel, the House of Ephraim, 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim. I do not do this for your sake O House of Israel, because I have already given you countless chances and you have ignored all of them. It is like you are completely incorrigible, so I am not doing this for your sake because we have already been down that road a thousand times.'*"

"Therefore, rather, I am doing this for My Set-apart namesake, even though you have already profaned it among the nations wherever you went, spreading Torah-lessness everywhere in My name. And the people all laugh at Me because of how My Son's bride is misbehaving and flouting. He is taking all the benefits; does not want to do anything for the kingdom."

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:22

22 “Therefore say to the House of Israel, ‘Thus says Yahweh Elohim: “I do not do this for your sake, O House of Israel, but for My set-apart name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went.

“Therefore, I will set My great name apart which has been profaned among the nations which you have profaned in their midst. And then the nations shall know that I am Yahweh, says Yahweh, when I am Set-apart before you in their eyes.”

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:23

23 And I will set-apart My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am Yahweh,” says Yahweh Elohim, “when I am Set-apart in you before their eyes.

“Ephraim, you are going to realize how important it is to obey Me. You are either going to learn that or you are not going to survive the Tribulation. But those of you that want to please Me, those of you that want to survive, those of you that want to raise your children up in the way they should go so that when they are older, they shall not depart from it and they will make it into the kingdom, you will know that I am Yahweh. You will know how important it is to obey My voice to do the things I tell you to do. I am trying to help you succeed, but you have got to listen for Me you have got to do the things I tell you to do.”

Verse 24, *“and that is when I am going to take you from among all the nations and I am going to gather you out of all the countries after trumpet seven, after the*

Tribulation. And I am going to bring you into your own ancient homeland after Armageddon.”

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:24

24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Verse 25, *“That is when I am going to sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall finally ultimately be clean. I am going to cleanse you from all your filth, all from your idols.”*

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:25

25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

“I am going to give you a new heart, I am going to put a new spirit within you. I am going to take the heart of stone out of your flesh.” We thought we had a fleshly heart, right now apparently, it is a heart of stone. He is going to take this stony heart out of our flesh; He is going to give us a heart of flesh. It is going to be like being born again, all over again.

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:26

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Verse 27, He says, *“And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them at long last.”*

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:27

27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

“Then, once you start obeying, once you have the right Spirit, once you begin obeying, that is when you shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers. And that is when you shall be My people and then I will be your Elohim.”

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:28

28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your Elohim.

When our allegiance to Him changes, when we switch sides, we turn away from Satan and the kingdom of Egypt and Babylon, we turn back to Yahweh who made us. And He knows when we love Him, when we are eager to do everything He says. Because then we trust Him. We know we are doing these things because Yahweh has commanded us these things for our own good.

Well, if you were to ask the average Christian, or Messianic, or Ephraimite, how he thinks his walk in Elohim is, he would probably tell you he is doing good. He is a disciple, he is doing a good job, he is doing a great job. He could do a little better, but mostly he is doing a good job.

And he would probably say that he does love Yahweh his Elohim with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his strength. But the thing is, is he really doing anything? Is he lifting a finger to truly build Yeshua's unified, global kingdom according to all Yeshua's instructions?

Most Ephraimites, most Messianics, is their idea of discipleship sitting and relaxing in front of the TV set or going out to movies with family and friends, going to dinner, having closeness and oneness with the world? They want their children to merge, to mesh well at school. Their idea of serving Yahweh is not to be a people set-apart unto Him, but maybe they might want to post some verses on Facebook (or some social media). They might want to get together on Shabbat, and break bread, and sing a few songs together. Maybe a little messianic dance?

All right, well, when we read the Parasha, Yahweh tells us that our view of ourselves in these last days (somehow) is not the same as His view of our performance and behavior in these last days.

In Yechezkel (or Ezekiel) chapter 36 starting in verse 31, Yahweh tells us the times are coming very soon, we will remember our evil ways in our past and our deeds that we are not good. And that is when we are going to have true repentance, we are going to loathe ourselves in our own sight for iniquities, and for our repeated patterns of sin; for all our lukewarmness and our abominations.

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:31

31 Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.

Verse 32, He says that not for our sake is He going to do this. We need to acknowledge this. This is what He wants. He wants us to acknowledge the existence of sin in our lives. Not just that we have sin, but that our nature is sinful, that we have to learn to be ashamed and confounded for our ways, O House of Ephraim. Because

we have rebelled continuously against the ways of Yahweh our Elohim.

Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 36:32

32 Not for your sake do I do this," says Yahweh Elohim, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O House of Israel!"

Well, are we ashamed and confounded over our sins yet? Are we repenting and turning back to Yahweh yet? The reason we ask is because for our Brit Chadasha portions, we are going to talk about what Ephraim can do in order to become a people pleasing to Yahweh again. And therefore, if we are pleasing to Him, we can escape His righteous judgments that are going to come upon the whole earth.

So, like it or not, there is still some things that we, Ephraim, need to learn as a people. For one thing, we are all called to learn how to hear His voice and to obey what it says, diligently.

So, hearing His voice, that includes obeying His written commandments as well. It is not an option; it is not. Well, we are doing okay now, but one day maybe we are going to tithe, maybe one day we are going to obey congregational discipline, maybe one day. That is not how it is. That might be how it is in the church, that is not how it is in Scripture.

So, another thing that we need to learn in the House of Ephraim is we need to be doers of His Word and not just hearers only like our ancestors, deceiving ourselves. That is what our ancestors did that is what the church wants. Still is, that we deceive ourselves. And forgive me, that is what the Rabbis want, also. They are part of the Babylonian system.

Now, in Mattityahu (or Matthew) chapter 9 starting in verse 35, Yeshua speaks to His disciples about how large the harvest is and how few laborers there are (we understand this in Nazarene Israel). and He says that His disciples should pray to Yahweh to send out laborers into His harvest.

Verse 35 to 38, it says:

Mattityahu (Matthew) 9:35-38

35 Then Yeshua went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 Therefore pray the Master of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

The only question is, why are not there more true laborers working in His harvest? Because if we are walking the right way, we are already promised it is not going to be easy, Yeshua tells us it is a narrow and afflicted path that we seek. It has persecution and it costs money. The kingdom runs on our sacrifices, on our donations. So, anytime you really serve Yahweh, you are giving, it is paid to play (so to speak).

Well, the reason there are not more true workers, the sad truth is that most of us are interested only in what we can get from Yahweh. We approach Yahweh like a thing of the world.

In the world you want to see how much can you get for how little, that is the basic law of supply and demand (and this kind of a thing). But to treat Yahweh that way, to treat Yahweh like a thing of the world, we are trying to get as much from Yahweh as we can, trying to see how little we can get back to Him. Yahweh is not mocked.

When we start talking about how a man will reap even as he sows. Now, let us start talking about our walks. Now let us start talking about: How do we show Yahweh allegiance? How do we honor Yahweh? How do we glorify His name? That is going to cost us something, to glorify His name, that is not going to be a free walk.

So, the number of people who are willing to participate in the worship when it is free is this much, and the number who are willing to pay the cost (the true cost) drops down once they hear sacrifice is involved.

And that is how Yahweh knows the difference. Because only those who truly love Him enough first to learn what He wants and then to do it to implement it in his life so that everything that he does is in line with Yahweh's priorities for our lives. We have to lay down our lives and our priorities for our lives. We have to pick up our burden, we have to begin living for Him in a very real way, when you begin living to build His kingdom.

And the numbers drop way down because Yahweh does not like lip service. No matter how much we claim to believe in Yeshua and no matter how much we claim to be His followers. No matter how much we claim to be His people, He is not impressed when we pick and choose which of His commandments we want to keep. And He is not impressed with that.

Well, a very important study that everyone needs to know about is in [The Torah Calendar](#) study, near the end, it is called "[About "Service"](#)". And most people have no idea what service means to Yahweh.

Most Christians you say, "*Well, that is not what that means to me.*" It is like, it does not matter what it means to us, it matters what it means to Yahweh. So, in the [Torah Calendar](#) study, in this chapter on About "Service", we talk about how Yahweh views service. And we never stop to think about it, but in Scripture, service is effectively anything we pay attention to.

If we are giving our attention to something we are serving something. If we are paying attention to Yahweh, then effectively we might be serving Yahweh. If we are doing what He says.

If we pay attention to Yeshua, we might be serving Yeshua if we are doing what He says, diligently. Because we are eager to do so. Because we love Him, we want to see His kingdom built. We are going to be ruling and reigning over it, after all.

Well, if we obey the Rabbis, then effectively we are serving the Rabbis (Elohim forbid). If we obey the Pope's words, then we are effectively serving the Pope (Elohim forbid). If we in Ephraim adore a golden calf, or a cross, or a hexagram, or hexagram fish, we are basically paying attention to or serving those images and the Spirits that are attached to them (Elohim forbid).

[And for those who want to know about the images, we have a study called "[Forbidden Images](#)" in [Nazarene Scripture Studies, Volume One.](#)]

The thing is, when we pay attention to these visible objects, these graven images (if you will), these visible objects, these idols, they are receiving our energies and attentions. So, therefore, why are we doing that? Elohim says we are serving them. Elohim forbid, but that is what He says.

So, to give attention to anything is to serve that thing. So, now Yahweh (let us take this to the fullest extension), Yahweh tells us that He is a jealous Elohim and that His name means jealous and what is Yahweh jealous of but His wife's attentions, and His wife's loyalty, and His wife's allegiance?

Shemote (Exodus) 34:14

14 (for you shall worship no other elohim, for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous Elohim),

The thing is, we only have so much time in this world. How much of it are we spending with Elohim? If we do not want to spend time with Elohim now, how does He know we will want to spend time with Him in eternal life? If someone does not want to spend an hour or two with you once a week, are you going to want to spend forever with them? I do not think so.

So, how does Yahweh feel when we are more interested to go to the movies, or to go to the bookstore, or to go to the mall, than we are to spend time in His Word?

How does Yahweh feel when we are more excited to go to dinner than we are to stay in His Word so we can know how to be of use to help His Son build His kingdom?

In Devarim (or Deuteronomy) chapter 6 and verse 13, Yahweh tells us that we are to fear Yahweh our Elohim

and serve Him only, or to take oaths in His name (if we take oaths), but we are to serve Him only.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:13

13 You shall fear Yahweh your Elohim and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.

Brothers and sisters, if we give our attentions to the movies, we give our attentions to t-ball, basketball, track and field, vacations, prosperity doctrine, the things of this world, we are not behaving like loyal and allegiant soldiers of our King. And if we do not behave like loyal and allegiant soldiers, how will He know that we are loyal to Him?

In Second Timothy chapter 4, we see the time is going to come when we, Ephraimites, will not endure sound teachings based on Yahweh's Word. Instead, our people, us, we are going to flock to whatever teacher or preacher tells us what we want to hear tickles our ears according to our desires. In other words, we do not want to know what Yahweh says, we want someone to tell us what we want to hear and dress it up like it is the Word of Yahweh. That is just what we saw on the Haftara prophetic portion.

Timotheus Bet (2 Timothy) 4:3

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

Verse 3 tells us that the time will come when our people will not endure sound doctrine. Sound like today? But rather, according to our desires because we have itching ears we keep up teachers for ourselves, we go round up some dumb greedy dogs that do not know how to bark.

And it is the House of Ephraim, that is what we do, we turn away from Yahweh's truth, we turn away from the Torah, we are turned aside unto fables again and again.

Brothers, Mystery Babylon is all about appearing to worship Elohim correctly when we are not really. It is about putting on a façade, it is a show, it is not the real thing.

And the thing is, in the Christian world and even to some extent in the Messianic world and in the Ephraimite world they are all about adoring Yeshua. So, we adore Yeshua, but when in the church, do we ever learn to walk like Yeshua?

And who among us does not need to learn to walk like Yeshua; become more like Yeshua before we can realistically build a unified global kingdom for him?

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:6

6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

And that is the task that His Father sent Him to establish. And He in the parable of the minas, tells us it is our job to build the kingdom while He is off receiving the kingdom and then will return. It is our job to be busy, building it for Him now. That is a very different structure than the church.

If we are willing to receive it, the church is kind of like the ancient Roman amphitheater system. The people pay their money, they file in, they are entertained, now they leave. Did anyone learn how to walk like Yeshua walked or did it just sort of look like worship of Elohim in service to Elohim even though it was not really what He says to do in His Word?

And can we understand why Elohim would have a problem with that? What is Yahweh's problem with that, anyway? Not even doing what His book says to do, what is His problem with that?

Oh! Oh! But we expect to be taken as part of His bride, right? Even though we are not doing what His book says to do, right?

Brothers, what it really comes down to, forgive me for being so bold, but what it really comes down to is that each one of us must make a very personal decision. Each one of us must take the time to sit down and count the cost and ask ourselves, do we want to learn to serve our King the way He says He wants to be served?

Or do we want to be one of the many that fall dead in the Tribulation in the wilderness; still outside the land just like our forefathers fell dead when they were leaving Egypt because they did not want to hear, they did not want to be zealous to do?

Well, brothers, when our people are scattered, when they are doing the wrong things, do we want to be like them? Or do we choose to become like the faithful Levites who chose Yahweh? They went down in history for choosing to be on Yahweh's side, for taking up His cause. Is that not what we are supposed to do for Yeshua, is to choose to be on His side? To take up His cause?

Brothers and sisters, do we show allegiance to our King? Are we showing Him some reason to take us as a bride unto Him forever? Or are we like our ancestors, going to be lukewarm?

We must decide. And that decision influences life and death in the Tribulation time frame.

May He lead us to choose the right thing.

Shabbat Shalom.

Parasha Vayakhel/Pekudei

*Exodus 35-40 (all); 2 Kings 22-23;
John 14 & 1 John 2, 5*

In last week's Parasha study, [Ki Tisa 2022](#) we asked the question: Are we with Yahweh?

Well, we covered how the House of Israel (or Ephraim, that is us) has a long history of ignoring Yahweh's voice. And so, by default we end up obeying Satan's voice instead.

Well, our forefathers made the same mistakes over and over, time and again, ever since the Garden of Eden (basically). We think we are listening to Yahweh when we are not. We think we are hearing and obeying His voice when we are not. And we think we are doing just a stellar job of being His people and building His Son, Yeshua's kingdom, when we are not.

So, in Parasha Ki Tisa 2022 we gave specific examples of how our ancestors (our forefathers) did not do Yahweh's commandments and thereby they rejected the Word of Yahweh; thereby effectively rejecting Yahweh. And so, (effectively) if you are not going to obey the light you are going to be enveloped in darkness. If you are not going to serve Yahweh the way He says, (basically) you are serving Satan instead.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 4:2

2 You shall not add to the Word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I command you.

And the most famous example was in the event of the golden calf, but it was not the only one. And while most Ephraimites probably do not intend to serve Satan, whenever we are failing to obey Yahweh, we are effectively building Satan's kingdom. So that is what happens when we ignore or disobey Yahweh's voice; we disobey or ignore Yahweh's commandments.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:1

1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you high above all nations of the earth.

By default, we are not building His kingdom. So, whose kingdom are we building?

And it is so easy for us today to sit back and read Scripture and focus on our forefathers' sins. It is so easy for us to point the finger and say, *"Haha! Look how disobedient our forefathers were!"*

What is difficult is to have the spiritual maturity to say, *"Wait! Woah! Woah! Wait a minute. All Scripture that is inspired (comes from Yahweh) is given to us for instruction and for reproof, etc."*

So, what we should be asking ourselves is: *"What are we supposed to be learning from all this? How can we learn from the mistakes of History so that we do not need to repeat them like our forefathers did"?*

We might ask ourselves: *How are we supposed to be shepherding and guiding our families today? We might say, "What does this mean to me and my family in the*

decades ahead, as we move further and further into the Great Tribulation?”

So, rather than focus on our forefathers' sins in this Parasha, we would like to ask the question: What is the root cause of Ephraim's continuing disobedience to Yahweh? Why do we continue to be so disobedient and how can we prevent ourselves and our families from making the same awful kinds of mistakes today which cost our people their lives?

Hoshea (Hosea) 11:1-2

1 “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.

2 As they called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed to the Baals, and burned incense to carved images.

In this Parasha Vayakhel/Pekudei 2022 we will examine the root cause of our disobedience to Yahweh and we will determine what it means to truly love Yahweh and His Son Yeshua. And if we do these things, it will avoid His coming wrath, because of what our ancestors have done.

Yeshua speaks about the most important commandment; He is speaking about Devarim (or Deuteronomy) chapter 6 starting in verse 4; it is all understood in a block. But what we see is that we are to *shema*; to listen for Yahweh's voice, in order to obey it.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4

4 “Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is One!

We are to listen with an intent to obey out of love. And we are also to know that Yahweh our Elohim is one

(meaning united) and we are to love Yahweh Elohim with all our hearts, with all our soul, all our being, and with all our strength. And that is the very first commandment.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:5

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

And if we do not truly love Him with all we have and if we do not behave like it, then really nothing else in the Torah really matters. And this is the mistake we see our Orthodox brethren committing all the time. They tithe the mint, and the rue, and the anis, and the cumin, and they do all these things, but it is not truly based on a love of Elohim, in obedience to His work, not man's variations of His Word.

By the end of this Parasha we hope that we can all answer the question: What does it truly mean to love Yahweh with everything we have? Because that is the very first commandment; that is what we need to do before anything else. Whatever else we do or do not do; literally everything rides on whether we are truly serving Yahweh with everything we have in our hearts, and our soul, and our strength.

It seems like some people do not understand what Yahweh means when He says, "All"! It is like, what part of all do we not understand? But praise Yahweh, in 2022 we are going to see that our forefathers finally respond to Yahweh their Elohim in love that they should have been responding since day one of the Exodus and before.

We are also going to see how King Yoshiyahu (or Josiah) manifested a sincere love for Yahweh in Second Kings (or Melachim Bet) chapters 22 and 23. And then our Brit

Chadasha (or Renewed Covenant) portion looks at Yochanan (or John) chapter 14. As well as Yochanan Aleph (or First John) chapters 2 and 5.

But what is love and how can we love Yahweh our Elohim with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our strength? What does that look like and what does that not look like?

Well, most of us who grew up in the ex-Christian West, we tend to grow up with some mixed-up ideas about what love is and is not, what love looks like. Western culture, and Western television and media, treats love like a ditch that you can fall into and out of or it is bucket that someone pours on you from above, but it is not Scripture's idea of love. Scripture's idea of love is that, when you love someone, you take care of them. If you love your brother, you become your brother's keepers (so to speak).

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:2

2 By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim and keep His commandments.

And it is not just all about us and what we want. No, no, no. That is one of the big mistakes they make in the ex-Christian West; it is all about them. You see a lot of Messianics, it is all about them. Really, they are still on the throne; Yeshua is washing their feet. What we are called to do, why He came for us, what He paid for us with, a price; He is giving us a mission, an opportunity to show our love for Him by doing as He instructs; His very simple protocol.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:19

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing [baptizing] them in My name*.

[*For more information on why we immerse in Yeshua's name only, please see "[Immersion in Yeshua's Name Only](#)" in [Nazarene Scripture Studies Volume Three](#).]

We must do it with discipline. And if we do it with discipline out of love for Him, it will establish Yeshua's literal, spiritual, global government.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:9-10

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

And it will establish a land and a system of governance that works because it is run by faithful believers who love Elohim, and they fear His Word and they want to serve.

Yochanan (John) 15:10

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

And that is the only way a spiritual, global government can work is because that is the only thing Elohim will bless. Because He wants us to serve, He wants us to have servant's hearts. He chose King David for his servant's heart. So, why should He bless anything else? We need to develop servant's hearts.

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:11

11 Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

But the beauty of this whole thing is, if we will truly love Him and if we will truly put Him and His Son's kingdom first, if we will truly seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness, then everything else will flow from that.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:33

33 But seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

And we receive such blessings like the blessings King David received for obedience. That can be ours, we just must choose to obey.

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:56

56 This has become mine, because I kept Your precepts.

If we will seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness (meaning that we learn to walk in all His ways, we learn to walk just as Yeshua walked) then all the blessings will be put on us.

He made us, He paid for us all over again, He invites us to learn the discipline of walking as His bride, all we must do is hear His voice and do what He says. And follow His written Word, because again, that is just doing what He says. He just wants us to pay attention to Him, listen to Him and take care to do what He says. It could not be simpler. It is like painting by numbers.

But the problem is, in the West, the concept of taking personal responsibility for ourselves and our actions is treated like it is old-fashioned. Taking responsibility for our words and our promises is kind of an old-fashioned

concept, but it is nonetheless one-hundred percent Scriptural.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:37

37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'
For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Millions of people claim to fall in love every day, all over the world. Teenagers have an experience where they feel all the fluttery emotions and hormones inside about another person which is basically just the hormones talking. It is a common misperception that when another person makes us feel good, then that is love, because we feel good. So, that is supposedly love, that is what the West, that is what the media teaches is love.

But that obviously does not work. That is not Yahweh's model. And if we get the definition of love wrong, then how can we know how to love Yahweh? How can we know how to treat Him the way He wants us to treat Him? The way He created us to treat Him, to serve Him.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

So, one time I was counselling a Messianic sister and her Messianic teenage daughter (this was years ago) and the mother's complaint was that her daughter did not obey her, she did not keep her commandments (so to speak), she did not do what she said. So, we had a big discussion and (basically) the problem is, just like every other problem, the daughter thought that she loved her mother, but she did not because she was confused by the feeling of her mother's love for her. Her

mother's love felt very good, and she confused that with having love for her mother.

So, we are talking with her and saying, *“Well, the problem, sister, is that you do not love your mom because you do not obey your mom.”* And she says, *“Oh, no, no, no, no, no. I know I love my mom.”* It is like, I cannot tell her what her emotions she thinks she is having, right? Okay, well, fair enough, but her mom comes back and says, *“No sweetheart, you feel my love for you.”*

She says, *“If you loved me, you would obey me and you would trust that Yahweh has put me over you to show you and instruct you and to guide you and raise you in His ways. But you do not think anything about (I am paraphrasing, but) you do not think anything about that because you feel my love for you and because you feel my love for you, you think you love me.”*

Does any of this sound familiar? This is what Yeshua tells us to do, if we love Him, keep His commandments. And is that not Ephraim's problem exactly?

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

When children are born, their parents have the duty to take care of them. As parents you must feed them, you must clothe them, must clean them, clean up after them, you must bathe them, must keep them not too hot and not too cold, but just right. And you have to clothe them, and house them, and take care of them, and provide for them, try to give them the right upbringing, try to raise them in all of Elohim's ways and (hopefully) try to impart the wisdom and the other things that are needed to survive and thrive in the modern world - hopefully in the

spiritual as well as in the natural - but it does not always happen that way, does it? A lot of things can go wrong. Some of us have a very hard walk, so a very hard road to hoe (as they say).

But you give children (at least in a normal scenario), you give children what they need and as they get older, they can begin helping out around the house.

First they can clothe themselves, and then they can go to the bathroom themselves, they can pick up their toys, and then they can tidy up their rooms; they can start helping out around the house. This is part of the weaning process, teaching them to behave like young adults and not just letting them grow up wild like in the modern culture. They can help; this is part of a normal family cycle. They need to help, they need to develop a heart to help. Because they love the family, therefore, they obey the head of the house's commandments by taking out the trash or cleaning up (or whatever). If you are on a farm, I am sure you have farm chores. And that is all very good, that is all to the good.

Children do need some time (perhaps) to play, but they are in training to become young adults. And how can they know how to survive in the real world if they do not have to experience real world responsibilities? And if they do not have to contribute to the benefit of the family in the real world, how can they understand the give and take relationship?

You end up with the kind of things that Yahweh says about Esau where people are so very proud and they are so independent and they are their own sovereigns (these kinds of things).

B'reisheet (Genesis) 25:27

27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

So, how will our children fit into any company? How will they work? How will they fit? How will they function in life if they do not have experience first, and making sure that they are benefiting the whole?

So, yeah there is love, but what is love? It is not just some warm, fuzzy, good feeling that comes whenever another person serves our needs. We feel Elohim's love for us because He created us, He provides for us, He gives us everything.

So, what happens sometimes in the West, is for teenagers, you get a couple of young people together, the hormones start flowing - big difference (basically they want to mate) and they have a lot of energy because they are young. And what you see a lot in modern popular culture is the two young-ins feel (or think) that the union could serve both of their needs and so they call it love.

And the thing is, we and our forefathers entered a contractual relationship back at Mount Sinai. We said we would uphold our part of the marital Covenant (of the Ketubah).

Shemote (Exodus) 19:8

8 Then all the people answered together and said, "All that Yahweh has spoken we will do." So Moshe brought back the words of the people to Yahweh.

So, if we are not doing it, how can we say that we are His obedient, faithful servants? We cannot. It must serve

more than just our needs. If you love your spouse, you understand you must take care of your spouse's needs also.

How are we treating Yahweh? Do we treat Yahweh as if we love Yahweh? I mean, there is also such a thing as a marriage of convenience. Sometimes you see couples, they get together - I have seen Messianic couples, you can tell by the way they talk, the way they behave towards each other, that they do not have any real love toward their partner. Again, this feeling that someone is supposed to pour out a bucket of love on you, or you are going to fall in a ditch called love, you cannot avoid it, and if that does not happen, well, then there is no love.

How many Ephraimites do we have, they do not truly know what love is? How many people have we seen, they are just using each other, mutually? It is very common in some circles.

Is real, true love not supposed to be a whole lot more than that? Is it not supposed to be a real two-way relationship where the people are supposed to be there for each other, and they are supposed to be there to help bear one another's burdens and to help one another and to encourage each other on with Psalms and spiritual songs? Is that not what Scripture says to do?

Well, what if someone told you that they loved you and they wanted to marry you, but that other person never took any thought whatsoever about what you wanted, it never occurred to them one single time to ask you what your desires were? Or maybe they asked you once or twice, but they do not care. Or, what if that person never asked you how you felt, but they want to marry you?

Hmm... Can we see the parallels with Yahweh? How often are we asking Yahweh what He wants in the relationship? We go to Him all the time. *“Father, Yahweh, please give me this. Father, Yahweh, thank you for giving me the things that I want, here is another long list of things that I want.”* How many times do we go to Him to ask Him what it is He wants? Where is our love for Him?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:9-10

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Well, what do we do in cases where things are wrong? What do we do in cases where we get lied to or someone has betrayed us? Is there forgiveness? Do we forgive the other person?

What do we do in cases where people do not show us any real respect? They might say that they respect us, but they do not treat us with respect; their actions do not consider our wants, or our desires, or our needs?

Okay, well, if we treat other people that way, how are we treating Yahweh? Would you consider that kind of thing sincere love? Of course not. And, oh, oh! And guess what? Neither would Yahweh!

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

He wants us to show Him our love for Him by telling Him that we love Him and then we relax on Sabbath? No,

there is much more to it than that. There is much more than just getting together with friends. There is much more than just singing a few songs for Him. If that is all we do, *“That is it! We are done!”* Is that the Great Commission for the week?

Brothers, this is the kind of thing that everyone knows. Real love requires sacrifice, real love requires (basically) giving up your time to do something that you want, so you can make a sacrifice of your time (and perhaps your money, your energy, your effort) for the benefit of the other person. So, are we considering Yahweh in this way?

We were bought as slaves, for a price. It is our duty to serve our Master. Are we doing that without the thought of compensation for ourselves?

Qorintim Aleph (1 Corinthians) 6:20

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify Elohim in your body and in your spirit, which are Elohim’s.

We are just supposed to serve. And if we are not just doing that and trusting in Him to provide for us, what is best for us, then how are we serving Him? How are we loving Him?

Luqa (Luke) 4:8

8 And Yeshua answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship Yahweh your Elohim, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

We pray for Yahweh to bring the kingdom of Heaven down to earth and to establish His kingdom here on earth. Do we understand He wants us to be the agents

of it? We want Him to establish His righteousness here on this earth.

Well, the thing is, when we will do what He instructs, we will obey the five-fold ministry protocol, it will happen. He instructs us to take action. He instructs us to listen and obey.

Yehoshua (Joshua) 1:8

8 This Book of the Torah shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

He instructs us to listen diligently for His voice and do everything He says with zeal.

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:4

4 You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently.

Brothers, do we do that? We are coming into the Tribulation times.

In the ancient Hebrew wedding, when a bride goes to join her husband's house, she (basically) quits her old life in her biological father and mother's house. Just like Israel left Egypt and then she is literally carried a loft to go to her Husband's house. And now she helps her Husband who is taking place in the greater extended household of His Father. And she helps Him to build His Father's house.

So, if that is a bride's role in the ancient Hebrew model, and we want to be His bride, is that not a no-brainer?

Mishle (Proverbs) 31:11-12

11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

And if we want to be Yeshua's bride does that not mean we have to leave behind our old life in this world and to cleanse ourselves from all those nasty things from seeking after our own will, seeking after our own desires? Of the aimless will and the aimless desires of our forefathers?

Do we have to forget seeking pleasure in the world; going to cafes, taking in movies, football games, T-ball, all these kind of things that do not actually build a kingdom for Elohim?

We only have so much time in a day, how much time are we dedicating to these things and we are not dedicating to those things? And yet we say we love Yahweh with all of our heart, with all of our soul, and all of our strength.

He is just asking us to do some things any husband would want his bride to do. He would want his bride to listen for what he asks for and help him with it as best as she can.

If we love our spouses, do we not find out what they want and then consider deeply what they want and how to fit it into Yahweh's plan?

And once we know what they want, if we love our spouse, do we not take action to help them get what they want? And if so, again, how are we treating Yahweh for real? Today is the day of salvation. How are we treating Yahweh? How did we treat Yahweh this week?

Ivrim (Hebrews) 3:15

15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

And brothers, just speaking honestly before Yahweh, if we love our spouses, or our children, or our parents, are we not typically willing to sacrifice of our time and our money to help them get the things that they want? We give of our life, our resources, our time and our energy. Well, what about Yahweh, if He is first?

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

And does not Yahweh want us to restore that intimate relationship that we had with Him in the Garden before the fall? Does He not want us to improve our characters to show that we are worthy of His trust and His faithfulness?

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:13

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah;

So, should we not do what He says? Should we not hear His voice? Should we not be diligent to obey it?

How many times do we read His Word and not want to do it? And we are going to stand before His throne, He is going to ask us, "*Did you read My Word?*" We are going to say, "*Yes!*" Then He will say, "*Did you do what I said?*"

Brothers, sisters, this day will come for every one of us. I do not know exactly what words He will use, but this

kind of confrontation will come with every one of us. The Day of Reckoning, like the parable of the minas, a Day of Reckoning, a day of accounting will come.

So, as it says in Mattityahu (or Matthew) chapter 12 and verse 33 Yeshua says, *“A tree is known by its fruit.”* And just as a man and wife come together in a loving marriage and produce good fruit, our love for our husband Yeshua should that not also be bearing good spiritual fruit unto Him?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:33

33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

So, if our love for Him has meaning, then do we not need to bear good, spiritual fruit for Him? Because we are known by what we do for Him. We are known by our fruits; a tree is known by its fruits.

Yeshua says, *“Behold, I am coming quickly and My reward is with Me to give to every man according to His head knowledge?”* No, no, no, no, no. He says, He will reward us according to our work! It is the story of the little red hen all over again.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 22:12

12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

So, the question becomes: Does our fruit truly match our words? If we say we love Yahweh and His Son, Yeshua with all that we have, do our works reflect that love for Him?

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Brothers and sisters, in these End Times, are we walking our talk? Do we gladly spend our time and our money and our life's resources where our mouths are? Or not really?

We know He is watching everything, right? Okay, well what does Scripture say is required if we say that we love Yahweh our Elohim?

Was obviously far too many resources and references to lift here, but we know from our studies into [Torah Government](#) that it is by keeping Yeshua's Commandments that we build His kingdom.

So, that is why Yeshua commands the five-fold ministry and the set-apart foundation of apostles and prophets, okay? These two protocols are necessary to establish a single unified kingdom for Him, so that He ends up with the kingdom built the way He says to do it.

Ephesim (Ephesians) 4:11-13

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah;

Ephesim (Ephesians) 2:20-22

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah Himself being the chief cornerstone,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a set-apart temple in Yahweh, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of Elohim in the Spirit.

Just like our forefathers were always supposed to build the Tabernacle just exactly a certain way, according to the pattern that was shown to us on the mountain.

Shemote (Exodus) 25:40

40 And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.

He is a military Commander. If we want to make Him happy, friends, brothers, sisters, Israelites, there is not a lot of substitutes for doing what He says to do.

If we can imagine ourselves in the military, we can imagine ourselves reporting to our first unit, or perhaps we first show up in the military. First you go to basic training, but eventually, once you get through the basics, you get to your unit where you can serve and you have a commander and there is just no substitute for doing the things that he says the way he says, with urgency.

There is no substitute for that and that is the way Yahweh is. We need to know Him; we need to know His character. What does it mean He is a war Elohim?

Shemote (Exodus) 15:3

3 Yahweh is a man of war; Yahweh is His name.

Is He going to take it lightly? If you are in the army and your company commander, your battalion commander, your brigade command, the commander of your armies, tells you, *“This is what I want you to do, and make haste about it”*? Do we do that?

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 18:5

5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am Yahweh.

So, all the parts work together, everything is all one thing. That is because Yahweh is one and His name is one, His works are one thing. It is amazing when you see it, when you finally see it; we can build His kingdom by exactly what He says to do. By listening carefully for His voice and being diligent to keep all of His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:1

1 “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Not only does this prove to Him that we love Him, because it is not something we would ordinarily do, but we are doing them because we love Him. Because the Spirit and the flesh are opposites and there are pages and pages worth of witnesses to all this. A lot of believers cannot seem to find them, but there are pages’ worth of witnesses to all this.

So, later in the Parasha series we are going to come to Devarim (or Deuteronomy) chapter 11 and verse 1 where Yahweh is going to command us to love our

Elohim and keep His charge, - special word *charge* - and His statutes, and His judgments, and His commandments, always.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 11:1

1 “Therefore you shall love Yahweh your Elohim, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always.

Well, what is His charge? So, Yahweh tells our forefathers that we are always supposed to keep His charge. His charge is a special term; we will talk about that when we get to Deuteronomy chapter 11. But in Hebrew, the charge is Strong's Hebrew H4931, *mishmeret*. And if you want to feel shame as an Ephraimite, here is a good place to feel it.

H4931 mishmereth, (mish-mer'-reth); feminine of H4929; watch, i.e. the act (custody), or (concretely) the sentry, the post; objectively preservation, or (concretely) safe; figuratively observance, i.e. (abstractly) duty or (objectively) a usage or party:—charge, keep, or to be kept, office, ordinance, safeguard, ward, watch.
[Strong's Hebrew Concordance]

Now, *mishmeret* is a feminine of H4929, meaning to watch. So, we look up the feminine, the H4929 (because we like to do that kind of thing) and we see this, *mishmar*, which refers to a guard.

H4929 mishmâr, (mish-mawr'); from H8104; a guard (the man, the post or the prison); a deposit (figuratively); also (as observed) a usage (abstractly), or an example (concretely):—diligence, guard, office, prison, ward, watch.
[Strong's Hebrew Concordance]

So, we look up the root word at H8104 and it is *shamar*. And *shamar* means *to guard*, in the sense of hedging something about with thorns, to form a protective hedge.

H8104 shâmar, (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.—beward, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep(-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch(-man).

[Strong's Hebrew Concordance]

How many times did she talk about a protective hedge?
How many times do the prophets talk about a protective hedge?

Okay, it is what is called a *remez* (or a *hint*) well, while this is a root word, some also consider it linguistically related to the root word *shomer*. And *shomer* is a very important word for Ephraim because in First Kings (or Melachim Aleph) chapter 16 in verse 24, king Omri (one of the worst kings ever in our history), he bought the Hill of Samaria from Shemer (or Shomerons from Shemer) for two talents of silver, then he built on the hill and he called the name of the city which he built "*Samaria*" and it became the capital city for the northern kingdom of Ephraim.

Melachim Aleph (1 Kings) 16:24

24 And he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; then he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, Samaria, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill.

Okay, so Samaria represents us, okay? So, now, very important word for us, Samaria. If we look up this word

Samaria in Strong's Hebrew concordance it H8111, *Shomrown*.

H8111 Shômerôwn, (sho-mer-one'); from the active participle of H8104; watch-station; Shomeron, a place in Palestine:—Samaria.
[Strong's Hebrew Concordance]

That is a doubling or an intensive of H8104 which is the root word *shomer* (or *guard*) that we just looked at. The need to watch, or to guard, or to protect something by hedging it about with thorns.

That is what we are supposed to be doing with the faith of Yahweh; we are supposed to be protecting it by hedging it about with thorns, that is what our name says. And, well, as we go through Scripture, we are going to see there are all kinds of plays on words of the idea that Ephraimites dwell in shomer, and we are supposed to be guarding the Covenant. When you read it in Hebrew, the parallels jump right out at you. There are a lot more layers of meaning that become apparent in the Hebrew.

But the idea is that we are given a charge to guard, and to hedge, and to protect, and to keep the commandments of our war Elohim. He is a military Commander. And we are in a spiritual war. There is such a thing as a peacetime mentality towards Scripture. A lot of people do not behave as if they understand this is a spiritual war. We do not have guns and knives right now, but if you do not understand souls are being lost, people are dying (so to speak) every single day and if we do not treat this thing the way Yahweh the Commander of armies treats this thing - friends, brothers, sisters, what are we going to have to say for ourselves in the Day of Judgment if we do not treat this thing the way He treats

this thing, because we never bothered to find out what He wanted or what He expects from His people?

Well, here is the thing, in olden times, a commander's bride would go with him to the battlefield sometimes because it was her job to order and organize the support activities in the war camp while the men were there at war. Can anyone see any parallels with what Yahweh expects from His Proverbs 31 bride Yahweh, the King of the universe. He calls us to be His helpmeet. Okay, so how can we help Him?

Mishle (Proverbs) 31:17-18

17 She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms.

18 She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand, meaning the kingdom of heaven is offered, but we must defect, we need to change sides, we must let go of Satan's kingdom, okay?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 4:17

17 From that time Yeshua began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

And now we need to work with all our might at helping to build our new King's kingdom and helping Him in His mission of subduing the earth through the love and loving obedience of His Son. That is where we come in. Because if we love His Son, is there not any obedience required?

Or do we just sit on the sidelines while the battle is being fought? Do we realize that this fight is our fight? Are we one flesh with our Husband and King? And if we are one

flesh with Him, is His fight our fight? If He works until now, should not we be working until now?

Ephesim (Ephesians) 6:12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

I realize some people must have jobs, but what do we do with our free time? Are we earnestly contending for the faith that Yeshua brought? That is our charge in Renewed Covenant times. That is what we are supposed to keep, always, because of our love for Him.

Yehudah (Jude) 1:3

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Hopefully we will get more time to talk about it when we get to Deuteronomy (or Devarim) chapter 11. But always is something we would do if we loved Him, okay? And if we are not keeping His charge, to guard (or protect, or hedge about with thorns) His commandments, always, then do we not need to ask ourselves if our love for Him is sincere, or if our commitment for Him is sincere or not?

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 3:3-4

3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Whoever commits sin also commits Torahlessness, and sin is Torahlessness.

Because no child who truly loves his parent is going to disobey and ignore what his parent says to do, right? If you are a parent and you tell your son to do something, you expect him to do it, right? What do you do with your son if he does not do what you tell him to do?

So, last week in [Parasha Ki Tisa](#), you saw that after all the disobedience, and all the corrections, all the not wanting to obey Yahweh our Elohim, finally our ancestors went over the line. They set up and worshiped the golden calf, after they had already sworn an oath of loyalty as His bridal nation.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:10

10 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.”

And what Elohim says He wanted, once again, to listen carefully for His voice and be diligent to do everything that He said.

Shemote (Exodus) 19:8

8 Then all the people answered together and said, “All that Yahweh has spoken we will do.” So Moshe brought back the words of the people to Yahweh.

And again, it is just really amazing to me that Yahweh is willing to take us like orphans (basically), step by step, from nothing. It is like painting by numbers; Yahweh has a plan; He has a program by which we can go from absolute zero. Because many of us fall through the cracks, that is why we are here. We can go, He will take us if we listen and obey Him. He will take us from nothing to queen of the universe; slave queen, but queen of the universe.

The key is, we must hear and obey His voice; we must shema. We say it every week: Shema Israel, (hear and obey, O Israel).

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-5

4 "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is One!

5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Forty days later, our ancestors forgot all about Yahweh. Oy vey gevalt! This lack of discipline on the part of our forefathers resulted in the deaths of three thousand men.

Shemote (Exodus) 32:28

28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moshe. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

That is probably not the best example of our forefathers loving Yahweh through their actions. The question is, brothers, did we learn from our forefathers' mistakes? Are we listening carefully and obeying all His written words when we read it? And that is Yahweh's Word. Do we obey it or not?

Well, in Shemote chapter 33 verse 3, things are bad. Our forefathers have been complaining, and disobeying, bickering, ever since they left Egypt. Now, with the sin of the golden calf, Yahweh tells Moshe, "*Okay, well, hold up, okay? Change of plans; deal breaker.*" Hey! No. Now, He will not go up amid our rebellious forefathers, lest they rebel again, and He consumes them in an instant. Because our forefathers were stiff-necked, stubborn people and that is the opposite of what He wants. And it is so bad after the incident of the golden

calf, Yahweh says He will not even come into the midst of the camp of Israel anymore.

Well, we will see in the narrative Moshe has to move his tent outside the camp and so now they called it the tent of meeting (or the Ohel Moed) because that is where Moshe would meet with Yahweh, in the Ohel Moed.

Shemote (Exodus) 33:7

7 Moshe took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought Yahweh went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp.

Then verse 15, Moshe is pleading with Yahweh that, if His Presence or His Shekhina - His Shekhina, glory - if Yahweh, will not send His Presence, or He will not Shekhina with them - *“Please do not send them”* because then they are going to be separated from Yahweh and how are they going to make it, separated from Yahweh?

Shemote (Exodus) 33:15

15 Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.

Brothers and sisters, how are we going to make it separated from Yahweh? Do we have Yahweh's Presence? Do we have the indwelling of Yeshua's Spirit 24/7? Do we have a living, indwelling relationship with Yeshua; Abiding in Him and Him in us; Him in the Father and the Father in Him? Or do we not have that relationship, and so we will be cut off and burned in the fires of the Tribulation?

Well, Yahweh grants that, because Moshe is so humble, and so obedient, and he is such a good servant, Yahweh is going to grant him his request. And that is because Yahweh knows Moshe by name, okay? They have a close, indwelling relationship. Do we?

Well, maybe Yahweh was also influenced by the fact that our forefathers had repented back in verse 4? Maybe because when the people heard the bad news they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

Shemote (Exodus) 33:4

4 And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

So, that is a good sign, okay? Maybe our forefathers did not decide to start keeping all His commands, but at least maybe they started keeping some of His commands, or at least they are showing somewhat of a repentant heart through their actions, at least? Maybe they were sorry that they got punished? Because they did not truly change, and that is the difference between true teshuva (true repentance) and just feeling sorry that you are getting punished. Anyone who has raised children knows the difference, so what about Yahweh; does He know the difference?

So, in the beginning of chapter 35, our forefathers are glad to build the Tabernacle because they hope that if they can do that, then perhaps will Yahweh want to dwell in their midst again. Okay, well, first we would not keep Yahweh's commandments in the Garden of Eden. And that is us, that is our heritage, that is our genetics; disobedient, okay? So, then we got kicked out of Yahweh's House (so to speak), right?

Then, later in Egypt, we as His bridal nation, just out of Egypt, worshiped an idol; forgot all about Yahweh. And Yahweh says specifically not to set up idols; He specifically said not to do that. So, basically Yahweh broke camp with us (so to speak) because He does not like impurity.

Shemote (Exodus) 20:4-5

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, Yahweh your Elohim, am a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

So, okay, what are we going to do? We are kicked out of the Garden, now Yahweh is not going to be in our camp anymore, we are exposed. What are we going to do? Okay, well, now maybe here is a way. We can build a house, or a tent, or meeting place where Yahweh will come again inside the camp and again will dwell with His people.

Well, we messed up, we forgot Him forty days. We forgot. Now, we are going to have to court Yahweh in with sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now, we know this was planned from before the foundations of the world, okay? Yahweh knows how things are going to go.

Yes, He already knows all the good and bad choices we are going to make. But at this juncture, we are going to have to show Yahweh through our sacrifices and our offerings that, yes, we do love Him and, yes, we do want to be His people.

We know we have messed up; we know we were supposed to be listening for His voice all the time. We could not get it right. Okay, so once again it is like, *“Okay. Okay, Moshe. I will grant your request. Okay, what are we going to do here? We are going to give them a system where we just walk through and paint by numbers, okay? I am going to step you through a bunch of commandments, step by step. And if you will do them, if you will actually do them, this will build Me a kingdom,”* or it will lay a foundation for a later phase of the kingdom (is what actually happened).

But in any case, we, our forefathers, us, needed to obey, we did not. So, Yahweh is giving us one last chance (so to speak), you know what I mean? We have disobeyed Him, we have complained, we have not trusted. He said, *“Do not get the mana,”* we got the mana. He said, *“Stay on Sabbath,”* we went on Sabbath. Whatever Yahweh said to do, we were not listening the Yahweh.

So, this is the way our forefathers have been the whole time. So, again the punishment from the golden calf must have made at least some kind of an impression, because in verse 4, Moshe tells them to take an offering for him for Yahweh.

Shemote (Exodus) 35:4

4 And Moshe spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, “This is the thing which Yahweh commanded, saying:

He says, *“Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to Yahweh.”* And many who had skills of all different kinds, they all put their skills to work. They are all saying, *“What can I do for Yahweh? We have blown it; He is giving us another chance. What can I do for Yahweh?”*

Shemote (Exodus) 35:5

5 'Take from among you an offering to Yahweh. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to Yahweh: gold, silver, and bronze;

It is like, if you are engaged to the King of the universe or the Son of the King of the universe, and you have blown it, and this is your last and final chance, that is how our forefathers responded. And, because what are you going to do? Yahweh leaves your midst, you are exposed, you and your family are going to die. So, all those who have materials necessary for the Tabernacle brought willingly for the work. They realized; you are going to have to have Yahweh in your midst. What about us brothers and sisters?

Chapter 36 verse 3 we see that the people continued to bring free will offerings every morning.

Shemote (Exodus) 36:3

3 And they received from Moshe all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

And again we see it in verse 5. And the people brought so much for the work that they had to be restrained from bringing anything more. Surely a ministry first...

Shemote (Exodus) 36:5

5 and they spoke to Moshe, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which Yahweh commanded us to do."

Verse 6 Moshe gave the commandment:

Shemote (Exodus) 36:6

6 So Moshe gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing,

Never seen since. But again, maybe our forefathers realized, you have blown it and they are scared and so they wanted to make sure Yahweh was happy, right? Makes sense? Okay, but our forefathers only started to pay attention after they got scared. Where is their love for Him?

You are always looking for love; He is looking for someone who loves Him and His Son who realizes we owe Him everything, everything, everything, everything. He is asking us to lay down our lives in spiritual Egypt and live for Him.

We must kill our flesh, we must murder it, and when it rises back up you must kill it again. It is like a bad movie; you must keep killing it.

Well, the workers finished the work. Chapter 39 we see that Moshe inspected the work of the Tabernacle and everything belonging to it. Check it out: Moshe saw that the children of Israel had done all the work exactly as Yahweh had commanded for it to be done. Can you believe it?

Verse 42, "*according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moshe.*" So, the children of Israel did all the work. That is also the first.

Shemote (Exodus) 39:42-43

42 According to all that Yahweh had commanded Moshe, so the children of Israel did all the work.

43 Then Moshe looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as Yahweh had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moshe blessed them.

Wow! You mean our forefathers got one right? Wow!

Okay, but now it is time for a test question: Which example shows true love and true dedication for Yahweh? Was it the example that Yahweh was pleased with? Is it door number one where our fathers took an oath to marry Elohim and to be His faithful bridal nation by hearing His voice and diligently doing all that He said to do and then they forgot about Him like two or three months later and they set up a golden calf and they started to worship Him the way they wanted?

Or is it door number two where our forefathers brought much more than enough to build the Tabernacle and then work together to make sure that everything was done exactly the way Yahweh Elohim had said to do things?

Okay, what do you think?, who said door number one? Put your hands way up high so everyone can see you! Okay. Okay, I hope nobody answered one, okay. Now, okay, who said door number two? Okay, put your hands way up high!

Okay, yay! Okay, good job. Okay, door number two is correct. Door number two it is. Okay, I know, I know. It seems like an easy test question, right? Okay, but so then how come most of us in Ephraim seem to be getting it wrong today, every single day of her lives?

Hoshea (Hosea) 13:1

1 When Ephraim spoke, trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended through Baal worship, he died.

Why are we not taking extreme care to come together to make sure that we do all the things that Elohim's Word says? Especially when we know that our lives depend on it surviving the Tribulation; depends on it.

Why does it always seem like it takes punishment before we learn to obey Him? I mean, really, does it not seem like we always need punishment first, before we as a House, before we as a people will take Him seriously and come together in the right order that He wants?

Hoshea (Hosea) 13:9

9 "O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help is from Me.

Why do we have to be punished?

Hoshea (Hosea) 13:12-13

12 "The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is stored up.

13 The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, for he should not stay long where children are born.

Is it not the kind of willingness to obey Him eagerly, voluntarily listening carefully for what He wants and then hastening to do all that He said to do, and being diligent to do things the way He said to do it?

He is the Design-Engineer, He is the Scriptwriter, He knows everything, He designed this whole program. His Son, Yeshua came to give us a five-fold ministry protocol

and to tell us to unify on a single foundation of apostles and prophets. He gives two very simple protocols to follow (and there are some other specific performance points).

And if we will just follow with discipline those two protocols, we will be so pleasing to Him. Can you imagine being pleasing to the King of the universe; the King above all kings who formed us, who created us, who is in control of the script? We are like pixels on the screen to Him. How can we not do exactly what He says He wants us to do, if we trust Him, if we have faith in Him?

Do we trust Him? Do we have faith that He will obey and perform His Word? Do we have trust in Him that He is sovereign over all things? And if we will do what He says that He will bless us?

Yeshua says, *“If you love Me, then keep My commandments.”*

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Look at this word “keep,” it is the word “*shomer*”, “to guard”. Look at that. Okay, but why brothers, why does it seem so hard for us and our forefathers to accept that we just need to submit to Yahweh? This is the command to be immersed, to die to our old flesh, to put the old flesh to death and be raised in newness of Yeshua's life, and then be filled with His Spirit. To ask His Spirit in, every single day, so that we can then walk according to His Spirit to make sure we do not quench His Spirit; chasing after the things of the world: T-ball, a new car, a newer house, the things of the world.

Thessaloniquim Aleph (1 Thessalonians) 5:19-20

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not despise prophecies.

Why is this such a problem for our forefathers? It is our genetics. Is it the fact that we are half Egyptian, we blame it on Asinaf? Or what is wrong with us brothers that we do not do the things Yahweh says to do until after we are punished?

We keep saying it again and again, hoping someone will hear. The first time we left Egypt, people were punished and died, but the children made it through. This time the children will not make it through if they are not walking correctly, okay? He wants us, He wants a relationship, He wants a love relationship.

Husbands, can you imagine if you were on a war campaign and your wife could come with you, all the things she could do to support you in old style army camp where you had a support camp activity? And would we not want that?

We know it is wartime; we are called to war, spiritual war. Brothers, would our Commander and King not want us to do it with a cheerful, willing heart; knowing that we are there helping Him on campaign? We are helping Him build His kingdom. He also is working hard.

That is what He calls real love for Him; is doing things that are not easy, but we know He wants them. So, that is why we die to the world, that is why we die to the video games, that is why we die to the poker games, that is why we die to the antique car shows, that is why we die to all those things; trusting that, if we will live for Him and look for the things that we can do, He will reward us for our works.

He gives us a framework, it is very simple, very elegant, very simple, very beautiful protocol. He gives us a framework of Melchizedekian Order that we can plug ourselves into, and the more and better we serve, and that is what He wants. He wants us to serve Him and His people as much as we can; building Him a kingdom.

And this is something anyone can do. You do not have to be a brain surgeon, okay? I am mildly autistic, and I have had a closed head injury, I have had to re-learn to do many things in my life, okay? It is not rocket science. If I can do it with a head injury, anyone can do it. You just need to put your mind to it and ask Him for His help. When we are in Yeshua, we can do all things through Messiah Yeshua who will strengthen us. His Dad is the Scriptwriter; He can do that.

So, in the Haftara prophetic portion we are going to see a wonderful example of someone who loves Yahweh, okay? We are going to look to the southern Kingdom of Judah. We wish it was an Ephraimite example, the Ephraimite kings were not uniformly horrible, but they were not great. The Jewish kings were far and away, much better kings. They would listen for what Yahweh wanted; they would inquire of Yahweh what He wanted. Ephraim would always make up his own idea, his own mind, about how he wanted to serve Yahweh and then he would go off and start doing what he wanted to do and then ask Yahweh to bless that. As opposed to what Judah would do, they would go to Yahweh and inquire.

Okay, so here we have King Josiah (or Yoshiyahu), he is the king of the Southern Kingdom of Judah, and he loved Yahweh. And the reason we know is because it showed; we see the fruits of his love for Yahweh, we see the righteous acts, we see the righteousness of King Yoshiyahu.

Second Kings (or Melachim Bet) chapter 22 starting in verse 2 it says, *“King Yoshiyahu did what was right in the sight of Yahweh and walked in all the ways of his father David.”* Wow! *“He did not turn aside either to the right hand or to the left.”*

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 22:2

2 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

Wow! Okay, that is exactly what we all need to do, right? If we want to be in Yahweh's favor like King Yoshiyahu. Do you know what I mean? Okay, well, what is so amazing is to realize that Yoshiyahu was not raised in Torah. His forefathers were very bad kings. His great-grandfather, Hezekiah, he was a good King, but Yoshiyahu himself did not get raised with the Torah.

His grandfather, king Manasseh was bad, and his father king Ammon was also bad.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 21:11

11 “Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations (he has acted more wickedly than all the Amorites who were before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols),

It was only after they found the book of the Law in the Temple. *“Oh, looky here! Oh! What is this? Well, oh! It is a book! Oh! What does it say?”*

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 22:8

8 Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the Book of the Torah in the House of Yahweh.” And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

Okay, this is the Temple and they realized that the book had been neglected. What was your first clue? Okay, because no one had even known it was there let alone they needed to be obeying it. Okay, what kind of upbringing did King Yoshiyahu have? Okay, but look at what he does, okay?

So, they brought the Torah scroll, the book of the Torah to King Yoshiyahu, because obviously it affects the King; he is responsible for the nation in the temporal sense so he should know about it, right?

Okay, well, in verse 11 it says that King Yoshiyahu heard the words of the book of the Torah (probably for the very first time). He believed what Yahweh said the very first time he heard the message. He tore his clothes, and he wept before Yahweh.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 22:11

11 Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Torah, that he tore his clothes.

Why? Is it possible that he realized that his father, king Ammon and his grandfather, king Manasseh, were terrible kings and they had led the nation in the wrong way? They had not led the nation in the ways of the book of the Torah. It was a lost book.

Well, King Yoshiyahu believed what the Torah said. That is what we need to see. The first time he heard it he realized it could only mean, if this is Yahweh's word and Yahweh is who He says, He is going to be very angry with the people and there is going to be punishment coming on the nation.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 22:16

16 “Thus says Yahweh: ‘Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read—

He understood this the very first time that, if we do not obey Yahweh's commandments there is going to be a terrible price for us and our families to pay; who is grieved so much by what he realized was going to be coming upon the nation that he wept before Yahweh.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

Notice the difference. It was not just *“Oh, hey! Check this book out! Let us all sit around together in someone's house and read this book together on Shabbat. Hey! And then we will eat some food, break some bread, and sing some songs! Hey! Then we will be faithful!”*

No. He could have done that, but what did he do? Okay, a faithful King who loves Yahweh, what did he do? Okay, King Yoshiyahu took action to clean up the nation of Judah, okay? He acted to clean up his own backyard (so to speak), to clean up his own house.

Okay, so, here King Yoshiyahu pleading with Yahweh. And in verse 19 Yahweh said that He was pleased with Melech (or King) Yoshiyahu, because his heart was tender, because he had humbled himself before Him.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 22:19

19 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Yahweh when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you,” says Yahweh.

So, Melech Yoshiyahu had trembled at Yahweh's Word the very first time you heard it. He showed good fruits; he tore his clothes, he wept, he said to inquire of Yahweh. All these good fruits of repentance showed Yahweh that Yoshiyahu believed Him. He wanted to do what was pleasing in Yahweh's sight!

Verse 20, Yahweh says because Yoshiyahu had acted out his love for Yahweh because he had done the right thing. He himself would go to his grave in peace. His eyes would not see the calamity that Yahweh would bring on Yehuda and Yerushalayim because he had humbled himself and wanted to do what Yahweh thought was right.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 22:20

20 “Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place.”” So they brought back word to the king.

If we think about it, Yoshiyahu could have stopped right there. Yahweh had already promised him that he would go to his grave in peace, so he is good. Check! He is pretty much covered, right?

Okay, but this righteous, Jewish, King, he did not stop at good; he did not let good get in the way of better, and he

did not let better get in the way of best. He went for gold (so to speak). It was not like, *“Oh! That checks my block, I am good. Party at my friend's house!”* It was more, *“What more can I do for Yahweh? What more can I do for Him?”*

Luqa (Luke) 17:10

10 So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’”

Like his father, David, Yoshiyahu hastened to do all that he could for Yahweh. Notice chapter 23, Yoshiyahu took action to correct things. He heard the Word one time, and he made big changes throughout his house.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:3

3 Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before Yahweh, to follow Yahweh and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.

Granted, he is the king, right? Okay, but the point is, he cleaned up everything that was under his authority, right? He fixed up everything that he could in his house (so to speak), so that the Word of Yahweh would be one-hundred percent, completely done on his watch, in everything under his control.

Brothers, do we do that?

Okay, Melech Yoshiyahu sent to gather all the elders of Yehuda and Yerushalayim together to him. Then Melech

Yoshiyahu read the book of the Covenant in front of all the priests, and the prophets, and all the people both small and great.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:2

2 The king went up to the House of Yahweh with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the House of Yahweh.

Then Melech Yoshiyahu made a covenant before Yahweh so that the people would be responsible to do their parts. He covenanted that the whole nation would follow Yahweh and shomer (or guard) all of Yahweh's commandments, His testimonies, His statutes. And he would do it with all his heart, and all his soul, and perform all the words of Yahweh's Covenant.

Basically, the head of the house led his house, led his people by example. And therefore, the people also took a stand for the Covenant. So, someone in a leadership position can make a huge difference.

In verse 4, Melech Yoshiyahu commanded all the things made for Baal (or the Lord), and for Asherah (or Easter), and for all the hosts of the heaven (such as the Queen of Heaven whom the Catholic Church calls Maria), they brought all those defilements, all those things out of the Temple, to be burned outside of Jerusalem.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:4

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of Yahweh

all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

Apparently, they were trying to make a New World Order, Abraham-accords type temple (or something there on the Temple Mount). Yoshiyahu did not fall for it. He removed and executed the idolatrous priests in verse 5, and then he did more cleaning up in verse 20.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:5, 20

5 Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven.

20 He executed all the priests of the high places who were there, on the altars, and burned men's bones on them; and he returned to Jerusalem.

However, starting in verse 6, he cleansed the land of the false shepherds, and he defiled all the idolatrous things.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:6

6 And he brought out the wooden image from the house of Yahweh, to the Brook Kidron outside Jerusalem, burned it at the Brook Kidron and ground it to ashes, and threw its ashes on the graves of the common people.

Verse 24 tells us that he put away all those who consulted mediums and spiritists, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Yehuda and of Yerushalayim. Can you imagine it happening today?

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:24

24 Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household elohim and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the Torah which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the House of Yahweh.

Like his father's David and Hezekiah before him, Yoshiyahu, he set his heart on the things Yahweh said He wanted. Yoshiyahu was after Yahweh's heart like his forefather David.

And is that not what love is all about? We are going to give up something that we want so that we can do something good for someone else, or so that someone that we love can get what he wants. And if we love our Husband and He wants the kingdom and He wants us to be His slave-bride, His slave-Queen, is that not what we want, really; with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength? Why would we not want that for our children? Look at what Yahweh is offering us!

Yoshiyahu apparently understood this kind of thing because of his love for Yahweh, shown through all his actions; like a city on a hill, like a lamp set on a stand. Brothers, what about us? Does this kind of love shine from us in our households?

Verse 25 said that, before Yoshiyahu, there was no king like him who turned to Yahweh with everything according to all the Torah of Moshe, nor was there any that arose like him after him.

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:25

25 Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to Yahweh with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Torah of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him.

His father and grandfather had set up idols in the House of Yahweh, but Yoshiyahu repented of what his father and his grandfather and his forefathers had been doing. He was grieved by what his father's, and his grandfather, and his forefathers had done. So, he did everything he could, everything in his power to make the kingdom look like Yahweh said He wanted. And is that not what we are supposed to be doing for Yeshua?

In the Renewed Covenant, in Yochanan (or John) chapter 14 in verse 21, Yeshua says, he who keeps (or guards), he who will shomer His commandments, that is the one who loves Him.

Yochanan (John) 14:21

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

And let us remember, as we saw a few Parashiot ago, Yeshua is the one that Yahweh sent as His Angel (or His Messenger) before him. Yeshua is the one who took us all through the wilderness. He is the one who gave us the commandments. And He says that, he who keeps His commandments, that is the one who loves Him. It just means that we just must keep (or guard, or shomer) all His commandments, just like King Yoshiyahu did.

Yochanan (John) 14:15

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

So, do we have the same heart as David, or Yoshiyahu? Are we cleaning up our own houses? Are we cleaning up everything under our authority?

We will be held accountable for everything that we know, right? So, again I do not know how it is going to happen, but Yahweh is going to say, *“Did you read My book? Did you do everything Me and My Son said?”*

Verses 23 and 24, Yeshua says, again that those who keep (shomer/guard) His Word, those are the ones who love Him. And He says, those who do not keep His words, those do not love Him. Seems clear to me. What part of love Him and not love Him do we not understand?

Yochanan (John) 14:23-24

23 Yeshua answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

Yochanan Aleph (or First John) chapter 2, starting in verse 4 says, *“By this we know that we love Him, if we keep His commandments.”*

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:3, 5

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of Elohim is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

Let us read that again. Okay, does this not mean that we can get to know Him by keeping His commandments?

So, if we keep His commandments, does that not show love for Him and does He not then (perhaps) reveal more of Himself to us? Have we ever heard the saying that we do not get more until we already do what we know? It is kind of like; you do not get more food until you clean your plate.

And would not that be nice to get to know Him? Is that not really what it is all about? It is developing a divine relationship with Him while we are still here on this earth; forsaking, giving up, abandoning the things of the world and of Satan's kingdom; in Egypt, so that we can show Him our love by helping Him to get what He wants.

And when the King of the universe has chosen us for His bride, are you kidding? Can you imagine the queen of the universe or Yeshua's bride; can we imagine how wonderful that is going to be? And if we say we know Yeshua, but we do not keep all His commandments, does it not mean that we are liars, and the truth is not in us?

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:4

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Verse 5 tells us that, whoever guards (or keeps) His Word - whoever from Samaria will shomer His word, truly the love of Elohim is perfected in him.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 2:5

5 But whoever keeps [shomer] His word, truly the love of Elohim is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

That means - does that not mean the love of Elohim is perfected in whoever guards (or keeps) all His Word? We are the *shomeranim* (*the guardians, the watchmen*); this is how we know that we are in Him is that we are keeping His Word. Because we die to ourselves and now, we live to Him. We put off the old man of sin and now there is room to be filled with His Spirit.

And because we are filled with His Spirit, and because we ask Him every day, please to send His Spirit anew; *“Please do not let us quench Your Spirit Father, Yahweh. Do not let us quench Your Son's Spirit. We know we were bought with a price; we know we need to be keeping Your commandments, we know You are not fooled, we know You are not mocked. You will not be fooled in that day when Your Son comes back home. We fear You like we should and that is why we are gladly keeping Your commandments; because we fear You and because we love You.”*

Sometimes people need to learn to obey out of fear. If we do not have proper fear for Him, we also cannot love Him. Solomon says that the fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.

Mishle (Proverbs) 1:7

7 The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Scripture tells us that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every matter shall be established. Do we need more witnesses?

Qorintim Bet (2 Corinthians) 13:1

1 This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

Yochanan Aleph chapter 5 starting in verse 2 says that to count as one of Yahweh's children, to join His house, to be His child we must love Him and His Son more than our own lives (basically), and to shomer (and to keep) His commandments.

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:2

2 By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim and keep His commandments.

And that is because this is the love of Elohim is that we shomer (or guard or keep) His commandments. Yes, it is work, but it is not a burden, and it is way more pleasurable to live this way, walking in His Spirit, taking up His task; that is way more pleasurable now, than to live the way we were living before (I will just speak for myself).

Yochanan Aleph (1 John) 5:3

3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

It is a joy to do this because we must put to death the flesh and its evil desires. If we have not put to death the flesh and its evil desires, then yeah, we are going to hate keeping Yeshua's commandments because we are still carnal, we are still fleshly, we are not filled with His Spirit, we are quenching His Spirit, we are still full of ourselves.

Because if we love Him, keeping His commandments is not a big deal; not really. Not when you are bought with a price and the only reason you are living is to serve Him.

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:44-45

44 So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.

The point, brothers, sisters, is that, if we are not hearing Yeshua's voice, then are we in right relationship with someone who does hear His voice? And if we are hearing Yahweh's voice or we are in right relationship, we are in in right relationship with someone who is, are we placing Him first in our lives? We look at our checkbook, we look at our calendars, what is the fruit?

If we want to be His Proverbs 31 helpmeet, then are we helping Him with everything that we have?

Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:30

30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

For a lot of people, it is just all about us; we are still on the throne; we are still allowing Yeshua to wash our feet. And the question is really, who is here to serve whom? Do we treat Yahweh like He is some genie in a bottle that we rub the lamp, or we call on Him whenever we want something? Or do we have an active love relationship with our Elohim?

So, I said we want to be with Him, we are waiting to go be with Him, so we are listening intently for the sound of His voice and then when we hear Him speak, we are hastening to do all that He asks, because He is at war for us; we are His bride.

So, are we like King David, seeking after His heart?

Tehillim (Psalms) 119:11

11 Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Or do we, like King Yoshiyahu, immediately begin to obey every single last thing in the Torah, because we heard it one time?

Melachim Bet (2 Kings) 23:2

2 The king went up to the House of Yahweh with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the House of Yahweh.

As soon as we read about a commandment, we in Ephraim, we all begin to do it with haste, right? We hasten to keep all the commandments we read, right?

Because that is the ancient standard for the word shema, it means to hear with an intent to obey; it means to hear and obey. Nothing has changed, Hebrew is still Hebrew. The Father's Word is still the Father's Word, right?

So, brothers, what about us? Are we like King Yoshiyahu, ready to realize that our fathers, and our grandfathers, and our forefathers have all disobeyed Yahweh's Torah, and that because of their disobedience, the wrath of Yahweh is surely coming?

Because Yahweh is the same, Yahweh does not change.
So, are we ready to do all that our Father's Torah says
to do?

Do we have the wisdom to hear what our Father's Spirit
is saying to His people in these last days?

May Elohim lead all of us to hear His voice and obey all
His commandments, so we might be pleasing unto Him,
as our forefathers failed to do.

In Yeshua's name,

Amein.

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Shaul (Paul) also tells us that those who are taught should share with those who teach.

Galatim (Galatians) 6:6-9

6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, Elohim is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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If you are reading this, then you probably enjoy reading the Scriptures, right? And you probably know that the Old Testament (the Torah and the books of the prophets) is still an important part of Scripture, right?

But have you ever read the Tanakh (the Old Testament) and wondered, "What does this mean for me today?" "How do any of the things written in the Tanakh apply to us now?" "Did not the Torah become obsolete after the resurrection of Yeshua HaMashiach?"

Many Christians and Messianic today believe that the Torah is obsolete since Yeshua's resurrection. And that the Renewed Testament cancels out the Old Testament. But what does the New Testament (the Brit Chadasha) say about this? And what did Yeshua's own disciples teach after His resurrection?

Is it possible that Yahweh is never changing? And that the Tanakh, the Haftarah, and the Brit Chadasha are all united as one? And that Yahweh's will for man has not changed since the beginning of time?

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