

Sheepfold Gleanings

BERESHITH / IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1 to 6:8
1 Samuel 20:18-42
John 1:1-18

Welcome to Genesis / Bereshith! Genesis is the teaching of the beginning of *time*. "In the beginning, Elohim/God created" (Genesis 1:1).

The Word

Proverbs 8:22-24 " YHVH possessed (acquired/one who brings forth) me (*Yeshua*) at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water."

Genesis 1:1-2 "In the beginning Elohim/God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim was hovering over the face of the waters."

John 1:1-2; 14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

In creation Elohim/God carefully separates the darkness to reveal His light. This becomes the pattern all through scripture from Genesis to Revelation for our life. It is the story of redemption as He brings His children from darkness to light and makes us a new creation in Him. Yeshua is the Light of the World. Before Yeshua we were in chaos, in the dark. Yeshua revealed Himself to us and now we are to be His Light to the world.

Colossians 1:13-17 "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

Romans 8:19-22 "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of

corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”

Revelation 13:8 “All who dwell on the earth will worship him (the beast), whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of *the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*.”

Revelation 3:14 " And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ' These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God’”

Isaiah 46:10 “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done”

Ecclesiastes 1:9 “That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.”

1 John 1:1 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life (*Yeshua, the Living Torah*)."

Heavenly Light

Genesis 1:3 “And Elohim said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light." The Hebrew word *or* (*Strong's #H216*) means light. The word of YHVH is a light for my path (Psalm 119:105). The revelation of YHVH’s words sheds light (Psalm 119:130). We receive a blessing when we walk in the ordinances of His word; it is a tree of life for those who grab hold of it.

John 8:12 “When Yeshua spoke again to the people, he said, ‘*I am the light of the world*. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

Each day of Creation holds a key to YHVH’s purpose and plan for our lives throughout Scripture. The seven days of Creation relate to a seven thousand year period of time, as each day is as a thousand years with YHVH (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8); this is the Seven Thousand Year Plan for man. Life revolves around the number seven as it relates to Creation. (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Seven means: to be full or satisfied, have enough of. Thus Elohim/God rested on the seventh day, as what He had created was "perfect, full, and complete". The seventh day is the Sabbath, a rest for all mankind. It is universal and ancient beyond memory or record in its observance by the nations at all times. Those who observe the Sabbath enter into an eternal Sabbath-rest in the future. "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God” (Hebrews 4:9).

Water

We read in the account of Creation there was water above heaven and water below (Genesis 1:1, 6-8). We also read about a *single* river that watered the Garden and divided into four headwaters going to the four corners of the world. “In the Tanakh it is only used figuratively of the confluence of nations. The most interesting passages are the duplicates in Isaiah 2:2 and Micah 4:1 when in the last days all nations (from the four corners of the world) will stream to YHVH’s

temple in Jerusalem.” (Quote from TWOT) The Hebrew word for river comes from the word that means “*to shine, beam, light*”.

The name of the first headwater flowing from the river in the Garden is Pison, meaning "increase." The second headwater, Gihon, means "bursting forth." The third headwater is Hiddekel (Tigris), which means "rapid," and the last headwater from the Garden is called the Euphrates, meaning "fruitfulness."

The river that flowed from the Garden in Genesis is presently still flowing. The water supply from the Garden still exists and gives us a source of life today both physically and spiritually. Physically the water is still flowing upon the earth, and spiritually it flows in our life through Yeshua, as it is Yeshua who is the living water from the Garden.

Isaiah 58:7-14 “ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of YHVH shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and YHVH will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. YHVH will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of YHVH honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in YHVH; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of YHVH has spoken."

John 7:38 “Whoever believes in me (Yeshua), as the Scripture has said, *streams of living water will flow from within him.*”

John 4:10 “Yeshua answered [the woman at the Samaritan well], ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.’”

Revelation 7:17 "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Zechariah 13:1 "On that day (the Day of the Lord) a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity."

Psalms 36:9 "For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see Light (Yeshua)."

Proverbs 14:27 "The fear of YHVH is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death."

Light

Genesis 1:14 "And Elohim/God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons (Strongs # 4150 *moedim*/feast days) and days and years.'"

These lights in the heavenly realm reflect Yeshua's glory for they declare His purpose from the beginning of time. YHVH gave man a way to read His calendar. By setting the lights in the sky He marked out His days, nights, feasts, months and years. Without the physical "lights" in the sky, understanding and following YHVH's calendar would be impossible. Without His heavenly calendar we will miss His important *moedim* / appointed times (feasts/dates) and the calling upon our lives. Unfortunately, because we had fallen away from obeying YHVH's calendar and celebrating the *Rosh Chodesh*/New Moon and feast days, we were not able to understand the signs in the sky and what they were pointing toward. Many of us had lost the understanding of the feast days, and in losing them we had lost the reverence and passion for keeping them.

The Ruach Ha Kodesh/Holy Spirit is waking the Bride up and calling her back to YHVH. Today many congregations are gathering on the *Rosh Chodesh*/New Moon festival at the beginning of each Biblical month, and are learning to celebrate the Sabbath on the seventh day. His people are beginning to see the Seven Thousand Year Plan as it unfolds in the seven feasts of YHVH. (Leviticus 23; Zechariah 14)

YHVH Makes Man in His Image

Ephesians 1:3-10 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ/Messiah. *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.* In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ/Messiah, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even [in] Christ/Messiah."

Genesis 1:26 "Then Elohim/God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness.' "

What image is that? YHVH is the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. He is the Sacrifice and the Deliverer, the Lord of the Sabbath and the fullness of the appointed *moedim*/feast days. He is the author of the Commandments and guarantor of the Covenant. He is the Manna from heaven, the anointing oil, the Shofar blast, the Ark of the Covenant, the Balm of Gilead, the color in the rainbow, the Prince of Peace, the Door, the Yom Kippur offering, the wine and the bread, the face of YHVH, our sanctification. His is the Way, the Truth and the Life, the King of Kings. He

is compassion, kindness, joy, and so much more... He, (*the Word, Torah, Yeshua and the Light*) is the author of all Creation.

The names and images of YHVH are His characteristics; they illustrate what is to be *our* image. Man is made in these images; YHVH's characteristics are our characteristics and our image. As we come into the fullness of these for our lives through the walk of redemption, and learn to walk in His right ways, we transform into His likeness.

The words "in our image" portray the plurality of Elohim. The "our" reveals the multifaceted manifestation of the Incarnate, Omnipresent God. Yeshua is the Word made Flesh, the Lamb of God, the Messiah and the Restorer of our soul who is found in His appointed Feasts. We are made in His image. These symbols are in us and are part of us if we are in Him and part of Him. Only human beings bear the image/likeness of God. He has gifted us with the same wonderful range of capabilities as Himself.

Genesis 2:7 "YHVH Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

Man did not evolve from a monkey! Man was formed out of the dust of the earth. The design and pattern is by YHVH. YHVH breathed HIS own breath, THE breath (*naphech* - Strong's #5301) of Life (*chai*) into Adam's nostrils and man became a living soul (*chai nephesh* - Strong's #5315).

The Covenant of Eden

YHVH made a covenant with mankind in Genesis 1:26-28 and in Genesis 2:15-17. It is called the Covenant of Eden and is universal to all mankind. In this covenant, man was to multiply and fill the earth with descendants. He was to have dominion over the animals and manage the Garden. *Man was not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (produces fruit of an earthly/sinful nature) but from the tree of life (produces fruit of the spirit/heavenly nature).* The penalty of not obeying YHVH and His instructions that would give life was death (Waking in realm of death verses walking in the realm of life. Deuteronomy 28).

Adam and Eve

In Genesis 2 we have the account of a bride for Adam. Adam was created by YHVH Elohim from the dust of the earth and was made male and female. Female is *neqebah* (Strong's # 5347) from the root word *naqab* (Strong's #5344), meaning: to pierce, perforate, and set firmly. When YHVH saw that Adam was lonely, He brought him all the animals that He had created so that Adam could name each one. No suitable helper was found among them for Adam, for he could not find another creature like himself. The Hebrew phrase is *ezer lenegedu*, best understood as a "helper corresponding to him." Adam had not seen his nature in the animals YHVH brought him. He did see his nature in the woman, however, when YHVH brought her forth from his side.

The woman was suitable because she shared with Adam the image and likeness of YHVH Elohim. It is only the image of YHVH in human beings that permits us to relate to every dimension / personality of *chai nephesh*. He has given us emotions, intellect, spirit, our physical

appearance, etc. Only another being like Adam, who was shaped in the image of YHVH, would be suitable.

Genesis 2:21 "So YHVH Elohim caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh."

Flesh of My Flesh:

Genesis 2:23 "The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman," for she was taken out of man.' " These were Adam's words when YHVH brought the woman to him. In essence he was saying, "Now, at last, here is one who shares my identity – one to whom I can relate because she is everything I am, and I am everything she is."

Adam is a prophetic picture of Yeshua. The Bride of Yeshua is birthed from Yeshua's pierced side. The Greek word *egkentrizo* Strong's #G1461 means *grafted*: to cut into for the sake of inserting or grafting in a scion (pronounced similar to the Hebrew word zion). Etymology for scion is: sprout, shoot. 1. A detached living portion of a plant (as a bud or shoot) joined to a stock in grafting and usually supplying solely aerial parts to a graft. 2. A descendant, child especially a descendant of a wealthy, aristocratic, or influential family; 3. Heir.

Romans 11: 24-27 says, "For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel (House of Judah) until the fullness of the Gentiles (House of Israel) has come in. *And so all Israel* will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

Yeshua's betrothed, will come from His pierced (scion) side. Men and women alike bear the image and likeness of YHVH Elohim. (Genesis 2:23)

Genesis 1:27-28 speaks of both male and female being created in YHVH Elohim's image. This teaches us that all human beings, men and women, share in His gifting and abilities *equally*. Some will be more intelligent than others, some more sensitive to beauty. It is not the amount of any one capability a person possesses but the fact that we all reflect something of the glory of YHVH. We must always remember that God gifted women with His own image and likeness to the same degree as He did with men. In "spiritual" essence, Adam and Eve were the same, likewise man and woman; both were created in the image of God. But in all creation, the woman alone was created from what He had already refined. While both man and the rest of creation that had breath were all made from the earth, the woman alone was fashioned by the hand of God from the living tissue of Adam. God created the woman in His image; He loved her and gave her the capacity to love and share in return.

This is a prophetic picture of the Bride being formed from Yeshua alone and not from the earth, which refers to that which is carnal/our earthly desires.

1 Corinthians 15:53 “For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.”

Two Trees

Genesis 1:28-29 "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then YHVH said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."

In the middle of the Garden were two trees: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. YHVH told Adam and Eve, "You are free to eat from any tree in the Garden, but you must not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17).

Only the Tree of Life had fruit with *seed*/life in it. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil had fruit, but it was fruit that contained *no seed*/no life. In other words there was no “good” or “life” in the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eating this fruit would only produce death. The commandment is to "be fruitful and increase"; only the Tree of Life produced fruit containing *seed*/life that would increase and multiply *life* - His life not our life.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil could not reproduce, nor could it increase itself; it needed an *earthly* nature and an avenue called "man" in order to perpetuate. When man ate of this tree the only life it produced was the sinful nature as self perpetuates self. If man ate this fruit he would focus on him-self not YHVH. Furthermore, he would search out others also eating from this tree (walking in the earthly/sinful nature) to continue to perpetuate self. We are told man is not to eat this fruit or he will bring about *his own* destruction (2 Peter 3:1-18).

Man is commanded to eat from the Tree of Life. YHVH’s life is only given to mankind through the Tree of Life. His likeness or nature is called the Fruit of the Spirit. Yeshua gave Himself for us. Only life, *YHVH’s Life*, is in the Tree of Life.

John 6:51-58 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh." The Jews therefore began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Yeshua/Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate, and died, he who eats this bread shall live forever." (Romans 11:18; Revelation 22:16).

2 Corinthians 6:17 - 7:1 “Therefore, ‘Come out from among them and be separate’, says YHVH. ‘Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says *Adonai Tzva’ot*.’ Therefore, having these promises,

beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Genesis 3:14-15

Once Eve reasoned with the serpent *by giving her own opinion rather than quoting God's word*, she lost all authority of government she held in YHVH's Kingdom. Because it was a serpent that hosted the enemy, deceiving the woman and causing her to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of God and Evil, YHVH Elohim speaks to the creature, pronouncing it cursed. The consequences of the curse on the serpent meant that it would forever crawl on the earth's surface on its belly. The second consequence was there would be enmity between “[it] and the woman, and between [its] offspring and hers”. Also that the woman's offspring would crush the serpent's head, and the serpent would strike his heel. The scripture clearly refers to a specific individual, in that the enemy would be defeated by Eve's promised offspring.

In Genesis 3:16 we find YHVH's description of the consequences that came as a result of the woman's disobedience. Today we find the consequences still operated in the generations of women after her. YHVH's pronouncements of a great increase in childbirth pains and the desire of a woman to be for her husband to cover her are still in effect. The Hebrew word for desire is *tshuga*, which means: cravings, hungers, focused, and intentional, having intimacy. However, the closest meaning to the text is that the woman always strives to find favor in her husband's eyes. Women, in shifting their urges from a desire to please YHVH, now desire to please males, losing sight of who they were created to worship.

Similarly, in exercising a distorted dominion over women, men and societies with an unbiblical perspective have not only usurped the role of YHVH but held women down. Dr James Dobson and Focus on the Family informs us that 50% of church going men are either abusing their wives physically or verbally on a regular basis.

In Genesis 3:17-19 we find that the outcome of man's disobedience of not covering his wife was pain, struggle, and a decay that would corrupt all of YHVH's creation. These consequences were the result of Adam's choice.

Just as disobedience stripped the woman of her primary longing for YHVH and replaced this healthy desire with an urge to please man, so too Adam was stripped of his longing for YHVH. What has replaced this healthy desire for YHVH in males has been a desire to achieve by their own efforts (i.e. the offering of Cain versus Abel's offering).

Yeshua has made a way for us to return to YHVH's original plan for our lives. Looking into Scripture and discovering YHVH's teaching and instruction uncovers that all mankind - men and women alike - are created in YHVH Elohim's image. In Yeshua we are to recover the equality and partnership that Adam and Eve had in the Garden. This is YHVH's desire for us. He longs to bring us into order; back into alignment with the proper arrangement of His Kingdom, the way He originally intended it to be according to His Word (3 John 1:2).

Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, *there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus/Yeshua Ha Mashiach.*”

Clothes for Adam and Eve

When Adam and Eve trespassed against YHVH's instructions for life (Torah), they fell into sin and suddenly saw they were naked. Looking at what they had done, Adam and Eve tried to cover their guilt. They knew they needed a covering, atonement for their sin, and looked for leaves from a *tree* to cover themselves. YHVH saw their helplessness, as only the "leaves" (pages containing His word) from the Tree of Life/Torah/Yeshua, the living word, given to us through His shed blood sacrifice was healing for the "nations" (Revelation 22:2).

While Adam and Eve were making manmade coverings for themselves they *heard* YHVH Elohim walking in the garden. He said, "Who told you that you were naked?"

Adam and Eve were clothed with His righteousness; they walked in a heavenly, divine, supernatural order/realm and were not naked before they disobeyed. But, YHVH is Spirit (1John 1:14), so when Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil their status changed from walking in the "spirit" of the heavenly realm in God's Kingdom, to allowing the sinful fallen nature of the earthly realm to rule. Adam and Eve did not lose their salvation, they were in a status change; a state of uncleanness. Sin separates us from the heavenly realm. Not only did they become naked but they could no longer *see* on a heavenly, supernatural / divine order; they only *heard* YHVH walking in the Garden. When we lose our heavenly nature it is called being naked in scripture.

Adam originally had dominion over the earth. He was made in the image of God, now with this status change Adam had earthly vision and a narrow distorted view of YHVH's kingdom. He no longer could see as YHVH saw. This is the same for us today if we walk in the sinful earthly nature as we see in this next verse.

2 Kings 6:15-17 "And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, 'Alas, my master! What shall we do?' So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' And Elisha prayed, and said, 'YHVH, I pray, *open his eyes that he may see.*' Then YHVH opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."

This scripture gives us a good example of the two realms and what can happen when we choose a change of status from a sinful nature (in this case fear) to a heavenly nature/realm and one of life and truth. It all depends on which Tree we are eating from as we are a reflection of our thoughts, beliefs and actions.

The scriptures refer to those believers who are outside the realm of life/Torah, ones who have sinned/missed the mark, as being "naked," as they are out of His order; they have come out from under the covering, protection and blessing YHVH spoke of in His Word. This is how Adam and Eve came to see their nakedness. They realized that in stepping outside the boundaries for Life/Torah (the laws that govern the universe) that they had left themselves uncovered. The coverings they made for themselves were not suitable, as "man's efforts" could not cover them.

The earthly sinful nature has no attributes of life in it to sustain life. When we eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil we are seen as naked. Perpetuating the sinful/earthly nature separates us from YHVH and we are exposed; seen as naked.

Revelation 3:17-22 "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* -- "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. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the ekklesia/churches." ' ' "

Today, this word still stands. We are counseled to buy gold refined in the fire from Yeshua, to circumcise our hearts, that we may change our status and be rich in Him. He has sown us garments of righteousness to cover our nakedness but we believers must choose to be finished with our sinful earthly nature otherwise we are still seen as naked. What are we doing with our garments of righteousness? He stands at the door and knocks "If anyone *hears* my voice and opens the door (to their heart), I will come to him and dine with him and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

Yeshua was in the beginning; He walked in the garden with Adam. The voice they heard was that of Yeshua. He is the physical presence of YHVH. He is the sacrifice that provided atonement for our sin.

Revelation 13:8 "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Leviticus 5:13 made a provision for those who sinned innocently. They were required to bring an elevation/burnt offering (Leviticus 4-5). Yeshua, as High Priest, offered the sacrifice on Adam and Eve's behalf, a foreshadowing of Himself being our sacrifice and dying our death.

In Leviticus 7:7-8, the scripture states the priests were allowed to keep the skins of the animals that were sacrificed as sin and guilt offerings. This is a shadow of the fulfillment found in Yeshua, as He represented the sin and guilt offering, which both provided garments to cover Adam and Eve and provided all mankind with the ultimate sacrifice that covered and atoned all of our past, present and future innocent *and intentional* sins.

Genesis 3:21 "YHVH made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them."

In order for YHVH to offer them clothes He would have had to sacrifice animals. This YHVH did when He sacrificed the sin and guilt offerings on Adam and Eve's behalf, the two sacrifices that brought the first blood atonement that covered man. In the same way, the Torah states the requirement of the High Priest to sacrifice two goats, the sin and guilt offerings, that would provide a temporary covering for people's sin once a year on Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement. In both cases YHVH was setting up a pattern that would cause us to recognize our need for a Messiah/Savior. The feast days of YHVH are eternal. Today we no longer need an earthly High

Priest to yearly offer animals as sacrifices on our behalf. Rather, we celebrate Yeshua on the feast days, for He is the eternal, ultimate sacrifice, the Lamb slain from the creation of the world. Through Him we can now offer ourselves up as living sacrifices to YHVH, a pleasing aroma.

Skin in Hebrew is Strong's #5785 - TWOT #1589a *or. Light* Strong's #216- TWOT #52a in Hebrew is also "or"

In biblical times, the skins of lambs were used to write the Torah, the Word of YHVH on. Once stretched and dried the skins were called "leaves," by which we get the term "leaves of a Torah scroll." When sewn together they were also called "garments of salvation/righteousness." (John 1:14; 8:12; 9:5; Psalm 119:105)

Revelation 22:1-2 "Then the angel showed me the river of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

The "leaves" of the Tree of Life/the Torah, were for the healing of the nations. From Adam and Eve would come the nations and YHVH's chosen people, the nation of Israel. The "leaves" that covered Adam and Eve were the Torah, also representing the twelve tribes of Israel who walk in YHVH's Word, as the two trees of life (likened unto the two houses) bore 12 crops of fruit every month (likened to the twelve tribes bearing the fruits of the Spirit). With Torah we are no longer naked but fully covered and redeemed, because Yeshua our Salvation is the Living Torah who became flesh and dwelt among us (Zechariah 4; John 1:1; 14).

The "garment" Adam and Eve wore was called a *k'thoneth* or *katan* for short, which translated means: a hairy garment. John the Baptist, who came in the Spirit of Elijah, wore a hairy garment as he "Mikva'd" (baptized) the believers who were coming forward in repentance for a change of status, from eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil/the sinful nature, to now wanting to return to the Tree of Life and the fruit of the Spirit. This prepared the way for the Messiah.

The bride can only enter in by way of the Spirit of Elijah/Yeshua. She does this by repenting, leaving her earthly sinful nature behind and walk in obedience to her Messiah. This pierces the veil into the heavenly kingdom (back to the Garden) through the Spirit of Elijah (walking in Torah in the intimacy of the Messiah) and ushers in the King.

Yeshua is the Word made flesh, a living Torah scroll, "the Lamb of YHVH who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:14; 29).

Genesis 3:24 "After YHVH drove the man out [of the Garden], He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth *to guard the way to the tree of life.*" Here is heavenly divine protection and a way back to the Tree of Life made *for man's return through sanctification.*

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through

sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Master, Yeshua Ha Mashiach/Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. Now may our Master, Yeshua Ha Mashiach/Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.”

The First Echoes of the Promise: The Covenant of Adam:

In Genesis 3:14-19 a covenant is given to Adam that is universal to all mankind. In this covenant there was a curse on the serpent, and consequences for sin applied to the man and woman. But YHVH did not leave Adam and Eve without hope. The promise of a redeemer, who would be the seed of a woman that would defeat the serpent, was introduced to them.

Adam Names His Wife

YHVH warned man that on the day he partook of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil he would surely die (Genesis 2:17).

Adam thoroughly understood the laws of the universe and the significant implications of sinning, having been warned by YHVH about disobedience against Him. YHVH always makes Himself clear and easily understood in all matters that refer to conduct for life and the consequences of disobedience.

The rabbis believe that when Eve chose to eat from the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam needed to make a choice. Was he going to leave Eve outside the Garden by herself, or was he going to join her? The rabbis say that Adam loved Eve so much that he did not want to leave her alone or leave himself apart without her, therefore "he gave himself up for her." This is a foreshadowing of Yeshua who gave Himself up for His betrothed Bride.

The other side to this is that Adam had not kept watch (cover) over his wife. If he had we would have a much different world today. How do we know this? We see in scripture that sin did not enter the world until Adam ate of the fruit, not Eve. So it was through Adam that sin entered the world.

When Adam disregarded the sacred prohibition and ate the forbidden fruit a new revelation was given him. This did not make void the sentence of death but opened before him the final and complete deliverance through the seed of the woman.

His faith in the promise of a future salvation took on its first recorded concrete form by his selection of a name for his wife. Adam selected the Hebrew name *Chavah*, which means life or living, "because she was the mother of all living" (Genesis 3:20).

Earlier Adam was given the responsibility of naming all the animals on the earth, so when it came to naming Chavah, Adam would have known her characteristics and the behavior in order to name her. Adam knew the Hebrew letters intimately and selected the letters that would best describe his wife.

The first letter was *chet*, which means: a fence or an inner room in ancient Hebrew, coming from the root word for: to surround or to gird. "Fence" symbolizes the acts of separating, cutting off from and protecting. The letter *chet* corresponds with the number eight, which represents life beyond. (See www.sheepfoldgleanings.com for *Shemini Atzeret/Eighth day* study on the eternal dwelling with our Bridegroom). *Chet* is also used for the words brother, grace and favor, refuge, to keep silent and companion. YHVH's favor, grace and Word are a fence that keeps us safe within and keeps our enemies out.

The next letter Adam chose for Chavah is *vav*. In ancient Hebrew the letter *vav* looks like and represents a nail or a wooden peg, like the hooks that were used to hold together the curtains of the Tabernacle. The pictograph of a hook or nail symbolized a joining together, making secure or becoming bound (nailed to). It is the sixth letter in the alphabet and denotes physical completion. The letter also means acceptance of Torah and the guarantor of Redemption.

Therefore, in spite of the sentence of death, Adam's choice of the name is evidence of his conviction that Chavah/Eve was to become the mother of the human race to which ultimate victory would be given. This victory was foretold to come by "the seed of the woman" when He, the Messiah, will crush the head of the serpent i.e. the adversary.

Thus "faith and hope" were sealed forever in the meaning of this name! Chavah was privileged, and she knew she was chosen. Even though they were outside the Garden, Eve knew she was still made in the image and likeness of her Creator, and the promise of a Redeemer was kept deep in her heart forever. She knew the way back to the Garden for all mankind was given them through the gift of the *Promise*.

"Adam knew his wife Eve and she conceived and bare Cain." They did so in accordance with the original commandment to them from YHVH in the Garden "to be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 4:1).

In Eve's elation she exclaimed, "I have gotten a man *with the help of YHVH*." "*With the help of*" is not in the original text. The sentence in Hebrew is: "Qaniti ish et YHVH." Eve is exclaiming, "I have gotten a man, YHVH!" This shows clearly her interpretation of the original promise of YHVH coming in physical form, which means she was expecting the Messiah. (Genesis 4:1)

Eve understood the promise made to her as including the supernatural entrance of YHVH into the human sphere (or back to the uniqueness of the Garden). Yes, Eve was premature in her delight but also prophetic as we see that in the days of Seth man began to gather around the promise of the coming Redeemer and call upon the name of YHVH. By YHVH's promise regarding the seed of the woman He had inspired faith in the hearts of mankind (Genesis 4:26). Chavah/Eve was a woman full of Faith and Hope.

Cain and Abel

We see in the account of Cain and Abel the first case of sibling rivalry. Looking at this story closely reveals something fundamental in little family quarrels that some may think are normal in family life, but can actually lead to death. (Genesis 4:1-8)

It is believed that Eve gave birth to twins. Abel was a keeper of flocks and Cain worked the soil. "In the course of time" (a Hebrew idiom meaning: a *moed*/an appointed feast of YHVH), Abel brought the required sacrifice but Cain brought what he achieved by his own efforts.

"YHVH looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then YHVH said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it'" (Genesis 4:4-7).

Here we have the first anger management course in history. YHVH's teaching on anger is complete and one which needs to be learned and applied when situations arise. We don't need a counselor, a therapist or a doctor for anger management. Rather, we need to heed the Words of YHVH in order to overcome the attitudes of the heart. We need to deal with our earthly sinful nature and walk after our heavenly nature; in the fruit of the Spirit through repentance.

YHVH noticed Cain was angry; Cain was not angry with Abel but with YHVH. His whole attitude, character and face reflected his anger. Sometimes, you can tell a person is angry when they walk into the room as the whole climate changes. You can actually control people with your thoughts of anger! Anger outwardly or inwardly is rebellion. It is a level of manipulation and control akin to witchcraft. (1 Samuel 15:23) This is why YHVH is addressing anger management in the beginning to learn this lesson early. As we studied previously, anger (the earthly/sinful nature) will not only separate us from YHVH but also hinder our ability to hear and walk in His ways causing our walk to be naked, blind and have a distortion of the truth. No one can hide anger or any other sin for that matter from anyone. We are told if we eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil those elements and our guilt will be laid bare, especially before the King of kings and the Lord of lords – Yeshua Ha Mashiach, our bridegroom!

1 Corinthians 3:8-17 "Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Yeshua Ha Mashiach/Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, ...wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are."

As YHVH points out Cain's anger He asks him why he is angry and why his face is downcast. We are not shown Cain's answer. It appears he did not answer YHVH but continued in his anger, as YHVH reasons with him saying, "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?" Cain had ignored YHVH's gift of atonement and tried to gain it by his own work and efforts through his offering.

YHVH says, "But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, *but you must master it*" (Genesis 4:7).

This is the key to the whole "Salvation of the Soul" message (1 Peter 1:9-13). It is *OUR* job to deal with our sin! Scripture says, we are not to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil or we will die. "If we do not do what is right sin crouches at *our* door. It desires to have us." Another person or situation outside of ourselves does not cause us to sin. We cause our own destruction.

James 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

Jeremiah 17:9 " The heart *is* deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Mark 7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

2 Peter 3:16 "He (Paul) writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction."

We do not realize that harboring hard stony hearts produce actions and attitudes that bring in a rush of sin. Anger and wrong heart attitudes are open doors that host a flow of sin like a river right into our soul! We do not need prayer attempting to cast out a devil; we need to realize it is *our attitudes* that are major causes to our struggles. Retaining a bad attitude is sin! YHVH tells us to master our attitude, take off our old sinful earthly nature and learn to be obedient to YHVH, forgiving our neighbor and praising YHVH more with a thankful heart!

James 1:14, 19-22 "...each one is tempted when, *by his own evil desire*, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ...My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

Paul is talking to believers in Ephesus when he says, in Ephesians 4:20-32, "But you have not so learned Messiah, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Yeshua: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man (earthly sinful nature) which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

and that you put on the new man (heavenly nature/kingdom *Fruit of the Spirit*) which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Messiah forgave you.”

We all know the outcome of Cain’s anger. The lesson of obedience is the message that YHVH wants us to remember. "By faith (obedience) Abel offered YHVH a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith (obedience) he was commended as a righteous man, when YHVH spoke well of his offerings. And by faith (obedience) he (Abel) still speaks, even though he is dead" (Hebrews 11:4).

Genesis 4:25 "Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, ‘YHVH has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.’"

There are ten generations from Adam to Noah. We understand that of all these generations remembered YHVH’s promise to Chavah/Eve of a Redeemer, because it is evident in the names and respective meanings each man chose for their sons.

Adam: man
Seth: appointed
Enosh: mortal
Kenan: sorrow
Mahalalel: blessed one
Jared: will come down
Enoch: teaching
Methuselah: (that) his death will send
Lamech: the hidden King (despairing)
Noah: Rest (comfort)

Putting all the names together it says, "Man is appointed mortal in sorrow, but our blessed One will come down teaching that His death will send the hidden King rest (or despairing comfort)." The whole redemption message was given in the naming of their children in the first ten generations! They truly believed that the Redeemer (YHVH in the flesh) would come in Noah’s time!

YHVH was faithful to his Word when Adam ate from the forbidden tree. YHVH said that he would surely die. Adam died before his time at the age of 930 before “the day” was over, as a day is as a thousand years to YHVH (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8).

Note: Lamech, the father of Noah, knew Adam. When Lamech was alive, so were all the generations before him. Lamech would have talked with Adam and learned about the Garden, in order to share with his son Noah. This was Noah's heritage. It would not be for another ten generations after Noah that we see a people being drawn out and set apart from the nations.

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