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Genesis 44:18 to 47:27

Ezekiel 37:15–28

Colossians 1:1-29

Joseph's Life: Part Three

The Brothers at the Altar

It had been a long journey for Joseph leading up to these events in his life. As the Torah portion opens, we read of one last “heart test” Joseph has set up for his brothers. Namely, how would they respond to his stated intention to keep their youngest brother Benjamin, while sending the rest of the brothers on their way? Judah risked his life to plead for Benjamin's freedom, as he knew that approaching and initiating conversation with Pharaoh or a high ranking official in his court, without being summoned by them, was punishable by death. Judah shared with passion, detailing in chronological order, their journey from beginning to end and how the brothers had complied with all that Joseph had asked of them. Judah then shared about their family life, focusing on Benjamin and his father's love of him. This was the main thrust of Judah's story, and he disclosed to Joseph that he was the one that had guaranteed Benjamin's safety to their father.

“Your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons. One of them went away from me, and I said, “He has surely been torn to pieces.” And I have not seen him since. If you take this one from me too and harm comes to him, you will bring my gray head down to the grave in misery’ ” (Genesis 44:27-29).

“He has surely been torn to pieces” is a prophetic reference to the future separation of the twelve tribes of Jacob/*Israel*; they will separate and become Two Houses—the House of Judah and the House of Israel—and they will be assimilated into the Nations around them. Following the pattern of this prophetic biblical narrative, we can ascertain that as the tribes are even now being drawn together by the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* (Ezekiel 37), it is imperative that Benjamin is with them, as he will be the liaison between the Two Houses of *Israel*.

Although Judah was Jacob's son through Leah, he did not appear reticent or jealous as he acknowledged Rachel's children were Jacob's *beloved ones*. Jacob loved all his children, but Rachel's sons had a special place in his heart. All the brothers now understood this and accepted it in their hearts. After his plea for mercy, Judah, in an act of self-sacrifice, offered his life for Benjamin's life so the boy could return to his father.

Joseph Declares Himself – He is Alive!

Genesis 45

Joseph could no longer contain his emotions. He cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” Joseph wept so loud that even the Egyptians who had left his presence heard him. There was no outsider with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.

✠ Just as Joseph revealed his identity privately to his brothers, so Yeshua revealed Himself as Messiah to **only** His Israelite brethren, the offspring of the Whole House of Jacob/*Israel*, all twelve tribes. “As Yeshua approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, ‘If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes’ ” (Luke 19:41-42)

John 20:19 “Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled [*alone*], for fear of the Jews [*Pharisees and the elders*], Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

Joseph said to them, “*I am Joseph*,” but his brothers were unable to answer him, because they were terrified. As they stood in the presence of this mighty man of Egypt, they were not able to fully take in what Joseph was saying, so shocked were they by his words. Flooded by memories long buried, they struggled to put everything together and tried to understand that it was indeed Joseph standing before them.

If you had plotted someone’s murder twenty years earlier and now found him standing in front of you as one of the most powerful people in the land, having authority over life and death, you might think that your life was in imminent danger. As the brothers so freely “took away Joseph’s life,” so now Joseph was in the position to take theirs.

Dishonor/sin done in secret is always seen by Yahweh; eventually the dishonor will be exposed if we do not deal with it in our lives. The brothers had acted out of their fleshly/sinful nature and it now was all catching up with them. They feared this was Yahweh repaying them for the hatred they had held toward Joseph and for the lies they told their father and continued to tell him about his beloved son. Joseph’s dreams seemed to be coming true before their very eyes (Genesis 37:2-11).

The truth is, the brothers were looking at resurrection life. Joseph, who had been dead to them and was now standing before them – *alive!*

✠ In the same way, Yeshua was dead to *His* disciples, and then stood before them alive after His crucifixion.

Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me” (Genesis 45:4).

📖 Likewise Scripture says, “now in Yeshua [*we*] who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Yeshua” (Ephesians 2:13). “Once [*we*] were alienated from Yahweh and were enemies in [*our*] *minds* because of [*our*] evil behavior. But now he has reconciled [*us*] by Yeshua’s physical body through death to present [*us*] holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation” (NIV Colossians 1:21-22).

Joseph declared, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!” Oh, the brothers’ worst fears were now coming back to them! Joseph, reading their anguish, said, “Do not be distressed and angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that Yahweh sent me ahead of you” (Genesis 45:5).

📖 **John 11:49-52** “But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, ‘You people don’t know anything! You don’t see that it is better for you if one man dies on behalf of the people, so that the whole nation won’t be destroyed.’ Now he didn’t speak this way on his own initiative; rather, since he was high priest that year, he was prophesying that Yeshua was about to die on behalf of the nation and not for the nation alone, but so that he might gather into one the scattered children of God [all twelve tribes of Jacob].”

Joseph freely forgave them. Notice the brothers did not respond at this point. Forgiveness is the theme of this study.

Forgiveness

Again, it had been a long journey for Joseph to this point in his life. Many thoughts were going through his mind at this time. Twenty-two years had passed since he was sold into slavery. His anguish would have been deep. In a sense, he had given himself up to save his brothers, for their deliverance, and now he stood before them.

📖 Yeshua, of whom Joseph was a type and shadow of, anguished in the Garden before giving himself up for our deliverance (Luke 22:39-44).

Why could Joseph’s brothers not "*see/recognize*" him? His brothers had sold him into slavery because of bitterness that had grown in their hearts which had “covered the eyes of their hearts” spiritually. It was not Joseph who had been in slavery all those years - *it was his brothers*. They were slaves to the evil inclinations of their hearts and imaginations. Unforgiveness was the stronghold that prevented them from seeing the truth before their eyes. It needed to be revealed, taken responsibility for and repented from before Joseph’s brothers could really “*see*” him.

What happened to Joseph’s brothers will be the same for us if we harbor any sin of dishonor. Sadly, many choose personal preference in handling sin issues over the biblical principle of applying forgiveness. They choose to “forget and move on.” Without forgiveness, choosing to move on can leave a trail of shattered lives in its path which never ends as the *past* will ever be in the *present* as we see in the lives of Joseph’s brothers.

We are told that the stronghold of bitterness hosts seven spirits: unforgiveness, resentment, retaliation, anger, hatred, violence and murder (and murder with the tongue). Family alienation both biological and spiritual is rampant in our society today. We can no longer deny or excuse sin or dishonor. Scripture says we will be poor, blind and naked if we do not sincerely put the principle of forgiveness into practice. Only through recognizing, taking responsibility, repenting and asking for forgiveness will the door of our past close allowing respect and honor to be restored which gives "sight" to the blind. Only then can a family (spiritual or physical) come together and be whole again.

Revelation 3:15-18 "I know *your works* [*sins of dishonor*], that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 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."

Joseph had matured in his thirteen years as a slave. While a youth in his father's house, he had studied in the *tents of Jacob* and was familiar with Torah by the age of seventeen when he was sold. In Egypt, he chose to walk in a Torah lifestyle; this is what saved his life and those of his family. His brothers were not walking in Torah successfully and their lives reflected the evil that was in their hearts. It was this difference that was the basis for the necessity of their deliverance and heart change.

For some, forgiveness may not come easily due to the layers of hardness in their hearts. Others, like Joseph's brothers, may have learned to hide it for years, hoping it will not be detected keeping it secret even to the point of not remembering it except for the driving guilt. This deprives them of the abundant life they could have in Yeshua, as unforgiveness separates us from His love. Left unchecked, bitter roots grow that can lead to physical ailments in our bodies.

🌿 Leviticus 16 teaches us that we must forgive others. Yeshua confirmed this, saying, "If you are offering *your gift at the altar* and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift *there in front of the altar*. First go and be reconciled to your brother then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24).

Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive you."

Mark 11:25 "If you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you."

Luke 11:4 "Forgive us our trespasses (Strong's G266 *hamartia*: sin, from G264 *hamatoano*: to miss the mark), for we also forgive everyone their trespasses."

1 Corinthians 11: 27-30 "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of Yahweh in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of Yahweh. A man ought to examine *himself* before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of Yahweh eats and drinks judgment on *himself*. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep."

✿ Yeshua taught that the difference between *life* and *death* in our lives rests on the choices *we* make for *ourselves* each day. He said that nothing outside a man makes him unclean or causes him to dishonor God or others.

Mark 7:15 "There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man."

Touch death and you receive death; touch life and you receive *His Life - His Life*. Yeshua was teaching Deuteronomy 28. In effect He was saying, "Obey *My Words (spoken at Mt. Sinai)*, and you will live in my Presence with authority and power. Disobey *My Words (given at Mt. Sinai)*, and you will still live in my Presence but miss My Provisions and authority; you will have life, but life without the full blessings."

✿ Yeshua made it very clear in His word that we must forgive others. This is a commandment. If we do not forgive we "miss the mark" as all sin is the sin of dishonor. We cannot approach the altar nor do the daily offerings without first forgiving our brother or sister. We defile the altar and mock God if we do not forgive.

As humans we are prone to criticizing others. We can come up with all kinds of excuses as did Joseph's brother's, who blamed him for their discontentment. There is not one scripture in all Torah from Genesis to Revelation that will substantiate criticism of others to justify sin in ourselves. On the other hand, there are many scriptures that demonstrate if man will *attend to his own sin*, criticism of others will fade away and we will live a long and prosperous life.

✿ Yeshua's blood covered ALL our sin: past, present and future (Hebrews 9:12). The calling on our lives is to be a *holy* people (Hebrews 13:12; 1 Peter 2:9; 3:11). Our walk must match our confession. When we commit to live our lives for Yeshua yet hold unforgiveness (*dishonor*) against our brother (*or any other sin in thought or deed*), this prevents the Body of Yeshua from functioning in His *anointing (Spirit)* and resurrection *power*. With so much defilement, we won't even be allowed to approach the altar. If we are so arrogant as to approach in this condition our life will suffer poverty and be shorten.

1 Corinthians 11:28-31 "But let a man [believer] examine *himself*, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup [*the altar/marriage covenant*]. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks *judgment to himself*, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. *For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.*"

As believers, we are secure in His salvation and righteousness, but we must learn to walk in redemption so we can distinguish between holy and unholy, keep His feasts/*moadim* and circumcise our hearts (remove our sinful nature) (Ezekiel 44:23-24). This leads to sanctification and holiness. This is what heals the sick, makes the lame to walk, enables the blind to see and resurrects the dead – all called “elementary things” in Hebrews 6:1-2. A walk of righteousness and sanctification puts oil in our lamps and makes white the linen (wedding) garments (Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 19:8).

Unforgiveness will lead to sickness, poverty and possibly even death—both spiritually and physically. Yahweh is a Holy God and will not entertain a mixture of unholiness with what is holy. Bitter root strongholds or any other sin we participate with will affect how we interact with Yahweh and others in every area of our lives. This is how the Israelites in the desert with Moses, lost their lives.

Hebrews 3:15; 4:1-2 “As has just been said: ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion’ (Psalm 95:7-8). Therefore, since the promise of entering his [*Shabbat*] rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel [*Torah*] preached to us, just as they did [*at Mount Sinai*]; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith [*they disobey/dishonored Yahweh’s covenant.*].”

Just as Joseph’s brothers could not “see” Joseph because they had unforgiveness in their hearts, so we also will miss many revelations of Yeshua in the Torah if we harbor unforgiveness in our hearts towards others. When we harbor our sinful nature we see through a distorted lens and think that what we observe is the truth when it is not. Yeshua was the ultimate example, when right before His death He prayed, “Father, *forgive them*, for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23: 34).

The level to which we forgive is the level of blessings we receive.

James 1: 22 “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. ***Do what it says.***”

Forgiveness needs to be a pivotal focus in our lives. The teaching of Joseph is a huge blessing to us, for those who would take hold of it. We can cry out to Yahweh in areas of our lives where we need a breakthrough or a healing, but if we hold onto unforgiveness (*the sin of dishonor*) we will plead or petition without results. Not until we forgive and repent will we see the fruit of praying with a clean, pure heart before our Father.

1 Peter 3:7 “Husbands [*Yeshua’s priesthood*], likewise, dwell with them [*your wife*] with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, *that your prayers may not be hindered.*”

Further Revelation

Genesis 45

Joseph continued to reveal what he knew about the famine conditions and the reason his brothers were before him, saying, “For two years now there has been famine in the land and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. But Yahweh sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great delivery” (Psalm 105:17; Genesis 45:7).

This revealed to the brothers that, yes, they personally needed to be responsible for their behavior toward him, but also that Yahweh’s plans were higher than their plans and that it was for a great deliverance in their lives and their families – the salvation of their souls (2 Corinthians 1:10).

Joseph continued, “He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but Yahweh (Genesis 45:8). Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me don’t delay.’ ”

✠ Yeshua prayed, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the one true God, and him whom you sent Yeshua the Messiah” (John 17:1-3).

Joseph revealed that they would be living in the land of Goshen to be near him.

✠ In the same way, Yeshua told believers, “In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (John 13:2).

Goshen is also referred to as the “land of lights” (Exodus 10:23), which is prophetic of the coming of the Messiah Yeshua, the Light of the world, who would bring light (freedom from slavery) unto the nations (John 8:12; Isaiah 51:4). One of the objectives of our Redeemer is the deliverance of the Twelve Tribes from the yoke of slavery in the nations. Be it external influences of the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks and the Romans or *from within ourselves*.

Only after Joseph reported all the news to his brothers did he approach Benjamin and throw his arms around him and weep. Joseph then kissed and embraced his other brothers and wept over them also (Genesis 45:14).

Pharaoh offered the brothers carts so that they could carry their goods when they returned with Jacob and his household to Egypt. This was prophetic of the night of Passover when the carts would be used to deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Genesis 45:21).

Before sending the brothers home to Jacob, Joseph gave provisions for the journey. “To each of them he gave new clothing (signifying change in status) but to Benjamin he gave three hundred

shekels of silver and five sets of clothing (reflection of Torah). To his father he gave ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other provisions” (Genesis 45:22-23). Ten signified completion and multiplication, and represented the future ten “lost” tribes of Jacob who would return from captivity. This, together with the grain which represented Yahweh’s Word/Torah, would be confirmation to Jacob that Joseph was indeed alive and that he lived the Torah lifestyle his father taught him. Only Torah principles had produced abundant prosperity in a time of famine (end times).

When Joseph sent his brothers home he said, “Don’t quarrel on the way!” Joseph knew they were still in their unredeemed natures and would talk among themselves out of Joseph’s hearing.

✚ Paul wrote to the saints at Philippi, “Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Yeshua” (Philippians 3:13).

Once home, the brothers shared with Jacob that Joseph was alive. At first he did not believe them, and then his sons told him everything Joseph had asked them to say. It was not until Jacob saw the carts that Joseph sent, that the message was received and the spirit of Jacob was revived. “And Israel said, ‘I’m convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die’” (Genesis 45:27-28).

Jacob Goes to Egypt

Genesis 46

With the news that Joseph was alive, Jacob was free to go to Egypt. He left with his whole family, all their livestock and possessions. Feeling overwhelmed he stopped and offered sacrifices at Beersheba. This was the same location where years earlier Isaac confirmed the firstborn blessing over Jacob before fleeing his brother Esau. Now in his old age Yahweh spoke to Jacob in a night vision calling him *Israel* and said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes." (Genesis 28:10; Genesis 46:3-4).

Acts 7:9-15 "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But Yahweh was with him and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our fathers could not find food. When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers on their first visit. On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all."

As they approached their destination, Jacob sent Judah on ahead to meet Joseph, who came to meet his family in Goshen/*the land of light*. A deeper spiritual understanding of this scripture reveals how Jacob ardently desired to witness this “*Melchizedek*” union of his two children,

Judah and Joseph: Judah representing the kingly side (*melech*), and Joseph, the priestly side (*zadok*). This was a foreshadowing of the *House of Israel and the House of Judah* coming together in the Messiah Era (Genesis 46:28).

Genesis 46:29-30 “So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you *are* still alive." Joseph’s second dream was now fulfilled (Genesis 46: 29-30; 37:2-11).

Joseph appeared before his father at the age of forty. Forty relates to a period of probation, trial, and chastisement (not judgment). Forty also relates to enlarged dominion, renewal, an extended rule, and to follow.

Pharaoh

Joseph now prepared his family to meet Pharaoh. Pharaoh received them and asked their occupation. Shepherding was considered the lowest of all occupations which helped keep the Israelites from mingling with Egyptian society around them and locate them as far away as possible, in the land of Goshen. Before returning to serve Pharaoh, Joseph promised to care for his family keeping them regularly supplied with food. Even though the world around then had enter into a deep famine, those following the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did not lack, but were brought increased prosperity. This will be the same for us in a time of famine/end times if we walk in the ways of Yahweh. There will always be provision in our lives. That is Yahweh’s promise to us according to His Covenant.

Although his family was with him, Joseph remained faithful to the service that Yahweh brought him to Egypt to accomplish: the job of looking after Pharaoh’s interests. There were still five more years of famine ahead and lots of work to do. As Joseph continued to control the affairs of Egypt, selling grain to its people and then trading grain for their land, Pharaoh soon owned all the land. In return for grain Joseph had the people return one fifth of their crops. In this way the people did not starve and the land was not left destitute.

The Word of YHVH Came to Ezekiel *One Nation under One King*

Ezekiel 37

Ezekiel was from a priestly family born in Judah of the sons of Zadok. He was exiled into Babylon in the year 597 or 596 BC when he was twenty-five, and called into prophetic office five years later. Ezekiel was a student of Jeremiah and his call was to the ten northern tribes – the House of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:15-28 “Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, ‘As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For *Judah* and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of *Ephraim*, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.' "Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

“And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?' -- "say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD/*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." “And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

"Then say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD/*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; 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. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

"David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. The nations also will know that I, *Yahweh*, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore." ' ' "

The prophesy of Ezekiel is unfolding today. *Judah* and those associated with him, are coming together with *Ephraim*, (also called Joseph), the *House of Israel* and those associated with him. Yes, opposition has risen in the Two Houses, but a true remnant in the *House of Judah* and a true remnant of the *House of Israel*, are coming together as loving brothers and becoming one in the Father's hand. Those who understand the truth of Ezekiel 37 are becoming the promised “one new man.” Scripture does not say everyone must come into the tribe of Judah, nor that everyone is to come into the tribe of Ephraim. It says that all Twelve Tribes will be recognizable and come together, unified in one purpose and heart to serve Yeshua in His Kingdom. No longer will there be a separation between Jews and Ephraim (*gentiles*). All Twelve Tribes are coming home just as *Yahweh* declared through His prophets and through the testimony of His Son, Yeshua.

2 Chronicles 30:10-13 “So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them. Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them *singleness of heart* to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of *Yahweh* [*to meet at His appointed time*]. Now many people, a very great assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month.”

To Be Continued...



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