



RE'EH – SEE

Deuteronomy 11:26 to 16:17

Isaiah 44:11 to 45:5

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

1 John 4:1-6

In *Reeh*, Moses continues to remind the Children of Israel to observe all the words of their Covenant, so it will go well with them when entering the land.

🔱 **Deuteronomy 11:26-28** “Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* which I command you today; and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.”

The Oath

Why did Moses set blessings and curses before the people? When God's/*Elohim* words (from heaven) were imparted through Moses to the people (on earth), upon hearing the words, the people affirmed their desire to observe and obey all God's/*Elohim* laws of righteousness, declaring their intent by oath. When the *blood* sacrifice was made, it sealed their words. *The people's* declaration rendered the Covenant legal on earth, and the blood literally bound them to the heavenly Covenant. When Moses returned with the people's affirmation, God/*Elohim* received their approval then proceeded to engrave both party's confirmations on two stone tablets. The tablets expressed formally what was agreed between them. With two sides agreeing in unity as *one*, what is legal and binding in heaven then became legal and binding on the earth. The Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* then acted as the witness for both parties to this truth on behalf of heaven and earth. Thus Truth was established on the earth (1 John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJV).

🔱 **Matthew 16:19** “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

It is the blood that confirms and binds the two parties to the Covenant. Thus each takes responsibility in executing the agreed terms. Actions on behalf of the two will determine their outcome. Therefore, Moses outlined the blessings and the curses to help God's/*Elohim* people understand *how to walk* in Covenant relationship with their heavenly Father. Obedience holds the

blessings. Unfaithfulness will reveal a compromised heart. Hence, induce the curses as outlined in the Covenant.

✚ **Deuteronomy 11:29, 32** “Now it shall be, when the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on *Mount Gerizim* and the curse on *Mount Ebal*. And you shall be careful to observe all the statutes [blessings] and judgments [curses] which I set before you today.”

These Are The Statutes And Judgments

As the inhabitants of the land were heavily into pagan idolatry at the time, Moses repeated the statutes (blessings) and judgments (curses). For the Israelites to have lived outside the land of Israel as long as they did, returning was like inheriting a derelict house that would require a complete cleaning before it would be move-in ready. Thus, Moses taught the proper protocol on how to cleanse the land; otherwise, the pagan influence around them would be a constant source of enticement. Nevertheless, when we read Judges 1:27-34 we see that after the Israelites entered the land, they found that to co-exist with the inhabitants was easier than cleansing.

✚ **1 Peter 2:8** “They [*those from Mount Sinai*] stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.”

A few chapters later in Judges 3:1-6, we see God/*Elohim* used the Canaanites to test that generation, *those who had not known war*, to strengthen them in cleansing the land. However, that did not happen. The Israelites resisted God’s/*Elohim* instructions and went further into rebellion, even to the extent of intermarrying with the Canaanites, embracing their idols, and serving their gods.

Many generations have passed since the time of Moses, Joshua, and Judges. God’s/*Elohim* teaching and instruction, given at Mount Sinai, is still active and relevant for our day. However, the evidence of the *Whole House of Israel*’s obedience to His instruction speaks loud and clear, as the fullness of the Promised Land is not yet in possession of the promised seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel). Today, God’s/*Elohim* elect are still a blended culture.

✚ **Isaiah 6:10** “Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed.”

✚ **Philippians 1:15-17** “Some [*believers*] indeed preach Christ/*Messiah* even from envy and strife, and some [*believers*] also from good will: the former preach Christ/*Messiah* from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.”

Re’eh – See To Do

The commandment *to see* and *to conquer* is still in effect today. However, it is often fear that keeps God’s/*Elohim* people from obeying. Consequently, they lack the strength, belief, and faith to enter the fullness of their inheritance with Him.

📖 **Matthew 22:14** “For many are called, but few *are* chosen [*choose*]” (*are* has been added).

If we were willed a large, wealthy estate, how long would it take us to claim? God’s/*Elohim* rules of inheritance still apply today. His inheritance was gifted to Abraham and to his seed after him. The people at Mount Sinai witnessed the formalizing of the inheritance in Heaven on earth through the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh*. Yeshua’s death continued to activate The Will/Covenant by His Blood Testimony/testament. Thus, it is up to God’s/*Elohim* people to respond. Many have been gifted His inheritance but not claimed the gift yet. Many look at it from afar as if it were still in the future. Will we be that generation who actively walk in agreement with His Word and inherit the Biblical heartland with our brothers? If we are indeed the fulfillment of prophecy, and the generation to return, what is holding us back?

📖 **Psalms 2:8** “Ask of Me, and I will give *You* the nations *for* Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.”

📖 **Ezekiel 47:21-23** “Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the [*twelve*] tribes of Israel. It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They [*the strangers*] shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they [*the strangers*] shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall be *that* in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give *him* his inheritance,” says the Lord GOD.

It was with a deep-seated heart conviction that Moses desired God’s/*Elohim* people to come to see/*re’eh* the life held within God’s/*Elohim* Word, as no other word imparts *eternal* life.

Today, we study the same word that led the Children of Israel safely home through the wilderness. It was only after they *first, agreed* to obey the Gospel that they then *received* His instructions (the *ketubah*/Marriage Covenant). It is the same for those who desire to walk in His ways today. To love God/*Elohim* with all of one’s heart, all of one’s soul and all of one’s might signifies the desire to obey, guard over, and live by all of His words. To understand this calling upon our life is the heartbeat of those who are appointed for sanctification – *the destiny of the priesthood*.

📖 **1 Peter 2:7-10** “Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,’ and ‘A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.’ They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God/*Elohim*, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

📖 **1 Thessalonians 4:3-6** “For this is the will of God/*Elohim*, *your sanctification*: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his

own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles [*Nations*] who do not know God/*Elohim*; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

📖 **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** “But we are bound to give thanks to God/*Elohim* always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, *because God/Elohim 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 Lord Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach.*”

For a believer, the acknowledgment of sanctification is the *key* that opens the door to the Land and releases the *authority* needed to conquer. Without *obedience to the words*, spoken through Moses and the Prophets in Yeshua, there is no inheritance personally. Nor will there be an inheritance to the land physical or the capability of conquering it.

Sons Of The Living God

Many in Yeshua neither relate to being part of the Nation of Israel nor see them selves living in the land. Some say, “*They love Israel*” and go to the Holy Sites as visitors but to imagine they are physical heirs along with Judah is hard to comprehend. Therefore, it is a foreign concept to them, yet *they are part of Israel through the King of Israel - Yeshua*. Thus they have not really “connected” with the Heartland of their inheritance or the people of the land. *Yeshua, the Word/Torah, Israel, and the physical land* are all synonymous in the Bible. They are ALL *one in the same*. Since many have not known their Biblical, historical identity or inheritance, nor searched the word, they believe the Land of Israel is only for the *Jews* – the tribe of Judah. Without a Biblical identity, an illiterate believer will not see him, or herself addressed within the Scriptures. Therefore, many remain a separate people, like some kind of *spiritual Israel* but not *full blood* brothers, *as if Yeshua’s blood on the Cross had not bound them to Israel (Himself)*.

📖 **Galatians 3:7-9** “Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God/*Elohim* would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying*, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

Some well-meaning Christian Bible teachers have taught that a Christian has no inheritance in the land or among the tribes of Israel. If Israel is not their destiny, neither is sanctification as they go hand in hand in the Bible. I once had a Christian argue with me saying, “*The Land belongs to the Palestinians!*” I asked if she had read her Bible lately? On the other hand, many from Judah often suggest “strangers” who are walking with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are not part of God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom unless they *convert* to Judaism (usually to a sterilized socialist form of cultural Judaism). If they do not convert, then they are treated as an unclean people. As a result, so many believers do not relate to their inheritance or Israel on any level - *not on a physical, spiritual or personal level*. It is like they have swallowed a supplemental teaching that sterilized and neutered them, not knowing they were throwing an inheritance away that Yeshua died to *will* them by blood (physical).

The Word is very clear – when Yeshua, *the Holy One of Israel - The Seed* lives in His people, they are *part of Abraham's physical seed* and *heirs* according to His **Blood** Covenant. Scripture says that in Yeshua, His sheep, from both Houses, are His children - *the sons of the Living God/Elohim*, representing His Temple. They will become doubly fruitful with full inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel, Judah included! The commandment is to *all of Abraham's seed* (those in the Abrahamic Covenant who received salvation in Yeshua) to be conquerors of the land; not to make treaties with those occupying the land, but to remove them.

✿ **Luke 8:11** “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God/Elohim.”

✿ **Galatians 3:16, 29** “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ/Messiah. And if you are Christ's/Messiah's, then you are Abraham's seed [G4690], and heirs according to the promise.”

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✿ **1 John 3:9** “Whoever has been born of God/Elohim does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God/Elohim.”

As believers, it is our duty to remember that it is Yeshua, the *root* of the Olive Tree of Israel, who supports the tree. Estranged from our Covenant for generations, we became like a *wild* olive tree. To survive, *we must graft back into the Commonwealth of Israel again*. That is where our calling, identity, and heritage reside - *in His family* (Genesis 13:16; 15:18-21; 17:1-27; 32:12; Isaiah 48:19; 54:5; Hosea 1:10; Romans 9:25-28; Galatians 3:16; Hebrews 9:15).

Holiness

Believers are learning how to pursue and walk in holiness, for restoration and redemption. That is what retains the Land (personally and physically). However, without the instructions of Moses (the Gospel of Yeshua), keeping the land will be impossible.

✿ **Hebrews 6:1** “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ/Yeshua, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God/Elohim, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

God's/Elohim Spirit is in the Heartland of Israel, which also refers to our heart. Our spirit must conform and be filled with His Spirit. Walking in obedience to His teaching and instructions through Moses (the *Mosaic* Covenant) is walking in the heartbeat of His beloved Heartland. Following the impartation of Moses at Mount Sinai restores right order and prepares the way of *holiness*. This is the foundation and order of Melchizedek (a king and a priest) - called the restoration of David's Tabernacle (the *Davidic* Covenant) (Revelation 1:6).

With the *Davidic* Covenant, believers have settled their sin issues and gone *on to perfection, not laying the foundation of repentance from dead works again* (Hebrews 6:1). When a lawbreaker repents, fellowship with God/Elohim is restored, and separation repaired. Sanctification is the

gift of restoration given us through Yeshua's death and resurrection. This is not about salvation but is a matter of redemption and holiness.

- ✚ **Acts 7:39** “But our fathers refused to obey Him. Instead, they rejected Him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt.”
- ✚ **John 14:21** Yeshua said, “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.”
- ✚ **James 1:22-24** “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. *Do what it says [re'eh]*. Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.” (Torah is not activated in his heart)
- ✚ **Hebrews 12:14** “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, *without which no one will see the Lord.*”

Purity And Holiness – Power And Authority

Pursuing purity and pursuing holiness are both necessary but not the same. When we come to salvation (born again), we automatically entered the Abrahamic Covenant. There we receive purity (salvation), with a change of status from the realm of death to the realm of life. We then learn how to become a redeemed people learning how to walk in a redeemed lifestyle (Mosaic Covenant) through Yeshua. When God's/Elohim people obey the instructions of the Abrahamic Covenant (which are found in the writings of the Mosaic Covenant), they learn to walk out their redemption. This walk is called *acts* of righteousness. To morally and physically walk out the Scriptural principles in our daily life is the act of obeying the Gospel. That behavior establishes His holiness in our lives. Holiness is learned and comes when we trust our Creator to be faithful to fulfill His Covenant to us through Moses. When we act upon His faithfulness (not our own faith) to His instructions that is what brings holiness.

The Mikvah Of Repentance Versus The Mikvah Of Death And Resurrection

As believers, we all entered into John's baptism/*mikvah* of *repentance* when we came to Yeshua. But who has fully come into Yeshua's *mikvah* – one of death and resurrection?

- ✚ **Act 18:24-26** “Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God/Elohim more accurately.”

Yeshua's *mikvah* produces newness of life called *resurrection life*. Yeshua's *mikvah* is a change of status from death into a new creation and *lifestyle*, which is diametrically opposite to the old

former state. However, *after* we came to Yeshua, did we knowingly *choose* to act in our old sinful nature again? Did we entertain unclean thoughts and behaviors such as immorality, lusts, evil desires, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language, lying to one another, wrong associations, adultery, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, and revelries? If we find we are frequently mixing our old lifestyle with Yeshua's new gift of salvation and life in Him, we then must ask the question: "*Have we **truly** repented and are we **truly** converted?*" Conviction is good as it leads to repentance (putting to death former sins). Repentance leads to a clean heart, and a clean heart leads to resurrection life in Yeshua (Luke 22:32 KJV).

Yeshua, at the time of the Passover, said to Peter, "*But I have prayed for thee [Peter], that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren*" (Luke 22:32 KJV). Yeshua pointed out to Peter, a believer, that even after being with Him three plus years, Peter's soul had not yet *converted/redeemed* (Matthew 16:16-17). Yeshua was saying, *Peter, your soul needs to be saved, as your spirit is saved*. Yeshua observed that Peter talked the talk, but his walk had not yet acted in accordance with His confession to the Gospel he received. Thus Peter's faith was weak. As such, *Peter still relied on himself and did what seemed right in his own eyes*. Therefore, he was not in a position to lead the sheep or proclaim the good news/Gospel to others.

When a believer has finished mixing old unclean habits and lifestyle with holiness, only then can they walk out a redeemed life. That is what entering Yeshua's mikvah of *death and resurrection* is all about. Believers will be weak if they are not in full agreement with Yeshua - *their Savior* – if they allow unredeemed areas (such as the list above) to mix in their lives. Their life will lack the Holy Spirit's/*Ruach Ha Kodesh* anointing and power, as the Spirit only rests where truth resides. If Peter's testimony resonates within the heart, then your *soul* may yet need *conversion* like Peter (1 Peter 1:8-11).

Ask your self:

- Have I truly converted? Have I truly surrendered** my heart and is the fruit of repentance (*Fruit of the Spirit*) evidenced in my life to bear witness to this change, and is this change noticeable to others?
- Have I truly believed** and understood the true Gospel given to Moses at Mount Sinai or have I walked in a counterfeit gospel?
- Have I truly entered** into Yeshua's *mikvah*, one of death to willful sin, with the evidence of resurrection life in my heart, on my lips, and in my actions followed by signs and wonders?

The fruit of Yeshua's Life within should be evident to all. His fruit includes tender mercies, kindness, humility, longsuffering, and meekness; bearing with one another and forgiving one another. If any believer has a complaint (offense) against another, even as Messiah forgave, so we must also. But above all these things believers must put on *love*. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Colossians 3:5, 8-9, 12-14; Galatians 5:19-23).

Presently there are many in the body of Messiah who are sick. They say they have resurrection life in Yeshua yet are plagued with illness and diseases of the mind, spirit, and body. Yeshua's *resurrected* body is not sick or diseased. Even if His people are born again (have salvation), they cannot enter eternal life with *willful sin and disorder still legally operating within them*. On the cross, Yeshua defeated *sin and death*. He said, "*It is finished.*" Therefore, believers must also be finished with the spirit of sin and death, as only truth (not sin and death) resides in His presence. Also, as representatives of Yeshua's priesthood, His Bride is a *holy, royal bride*. Scriptures say that without holiness no one will *see God/Elohim*. As Peter resolved his sinful behavior, believers also need to return to *Moses*. There they learn the process of sanctification of the soul that cleanses the heart just as Peter did (Hebrews 12:14; Revelation 22:12-16).

✿ **1 John 3:15** "Whoever hates his brother [*holding unforgiveness*] is a murderer, and you [*believer*] know that no murderer has *eternal life* abiding in him."

✿ **Colossians 2:13-15** "You [*believer*] were dead in sins, and your sinful desires were not yet cut away. Then He gave you a share in the very life of Christ/*Messiah*, for He forgave all your sins, and blotted out the charges proved against you, the list of His commandments, which you [*believer*] had not obeyed. He took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's/*Messiah's* cross. In this way God/*Elohim* took away Satan's power to accuse you of sin, and God/*Elohim* openly displayed to the whole world Christ's/*Messiah's* triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away." (TLB paraphrased)

John the Baptist's mikvah represents the *Mosaic Covenant*, which *prepares* the heart of the believer. It is here God's/*Elohim* people understand the protocol of the blessings and curses, how to crucify their old sinful nature, nail it to the cross/tree to join in Yeshua's death (to the law of sin and death), and enter His resurrection (law of life). Now they are ready to receive His infilling, the same as was seen on *Shavuot/Pentecost* in Acts 2. That will lead the believer into the Tabernacle and resurrection life - filled with His Spirit - *the walk of redemption* (Hebrews 6:1). *Yeshua's mikvah* represents the passage into the *Davidic Covenant* fulfillment, which is represented by the Temple/*Sukkot/Tabernacles* - the purpose and goal of every believer (Ezekiel 37; 1 Corinthians 3:1; 1 Corinthians 14:20; Ecclesiastes 11:10; Galatians 4:1).

✿ **1 Corinthians 9:23-27** "Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with *you*. 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*. And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."

Acts of righteousness (holiness) produce wedding/priestly garments. Only when clothed in these spotless priestly garments may a believer enter the Most Holy Place (*Davidic Covenant*). Having intimacy with Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, the Holy One of Israel is through obedience. The *acts of obedience are called acts of holiness and righteousness*. Yeshua has gone before His people and prepared the way. *The Book of Acts* is devoted to those who are learning to walk in

His principles as recorded by the events, signs, and wonders - the fruit noted to encourage His people in the walk/*acts* of obedience. The apostles did not walk or believe in the merit of *their own righteousness* but walked only in the One who is Righteous. Their willing obedience produced *His* unmerited favor in them that overflowed to others.

📖 **Matthew 22:37-40** “Jesus/*Yeshua* said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is *the* first and great commandment. And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law [*Moses*] and the Prophets.”

God/*Elohim* is very clear about His instructions for our life in Him. He desires to have a relationship as a husband and wife have upon entering their marriage. Only when *we accept* His calling upon our heart and enter into a pursuit of holiness with Him will we find this relationship. That is the walk of the Bride. We alone release God’s/*Elohim* blessings in our lives when we listen, obey, and follow His teachings. Examining His Word spoken through Moses and the Prophets gives us direction and helps restore the relationship to His abundant provision and blessings. His Word held in the Covenant that Moses brought down the mountain holds the key and the entrance into the Land, as Moses reveals *Yeshua* (Deuteronomy 9:4-6; 12:8-10; Psalms 38-39; John 5:46-47; Hebrews 4; 1 John 2:1).

📖 **Revelation 19:7-8** “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife [*believers in Covenant with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and those who have walked/obeyed His word*] has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen [*priestly/kingly garments*], clean and bright, for the fine linen [*priestly/kingly garment*] is *the righteous acts of the saints.*”

Blessings And Curses

📖 **Deuteronomy 11:26-28** “Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, *if* you obey the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh* which I command you today; the curse, *if* you do not obey the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh*, but turn aside from the way which I command you today.”

📖 **Exodus 20:20** “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not fear; for God/*Elohim* has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.’”

Today we must learn not to be complacent with sin or tolerate it any longer in our life. If we are saved (Abraham’s seed/children) and unconcerned regarding mixing immorality with morality while walking in *Yeshua*, we hinder His blessings in our life. It was for this very same reason John the Baptist (who was a Levitical priest of the *Kohath* priestly family), spent his time *outside the temple*. He reached out to meet with the *wayward* Israelites (believers) who were *in the wilderness* to teach them the Gospel. When they heard, they valued John’s baptism/*mikvah* of truth, and understood *the word* as the process for sanctification. John taught with passion about the *highway of holiness* and how to return through the Gospel message given by Moses and the Prophets (*Mosaic* Covenant) at Mount Sinai. That is where the deeper lessons on repentance and the infilling of the Spirit/*Ruach* are found. Through heart cleansing, the people John the Baptist

prepared for Yeshua were the people called the *akrobustia* (Strong's G203 ἀκροβυστία). They were believers who previously had not valued their circumcision/born again status, but now through repentance, returned to renew their Covenant once again (Numbers 19; Luke 1:5; John 3:1-12; 1Chronicles 24:10; Isaiah 35:8).

✚ **Romans 2:25-29** For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you [*believer*] are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision (G203 *akrobustia*). Therefore, if an uncircumcised (G203 *akrobustia*) man [*believer*] keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision (G203 *akrobustia*) be counted as circumcision? And will not the physically uncircumcised (G203 *akrobustia*), if he [*believer*] fulfills the law, judge you who, *even with your written code and circumcision, are* a transgressor of the law? For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God/*Elohim*.”

✚ **Colossians 2:11-14** In Him [*Yeshua*] you [*believer*] were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ/*Messiah*, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God/*Elohim*, who raised Him from the dead. And you [*believer*], being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision (G203 *akrobustia*) of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us [*written in the law of sin and death*], which was contrary to us [*contrary to the law of Life – Torah, the Gospel*]. And He has taken it [*the law of sin and death*] out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

✚ **Philippians 2:12** “Therefore, my beloved [*believers*], 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 [wisdom/Torah] and trembling.*”

✚ **Isaiah 52:11** “Depart! Depart! Go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her, be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD/*Yahweh*” (2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1).

✚ **Isaiah 61:1-3** “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD/*Yahweh* has anointed Me to preach good tidings [*the Gospel*] to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD/*Yahweh*, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD/*Yahweh*, that He may be glorified” (Luke 4:18-19).

Fear Of God/Elohim

In Hebrew thought, *the fear of God/Elohim* equates to *knowledge*. Knowledge is *wisdom*. Wisdom is found in Moses who revealed the intimacy of our Messiah through His teaching and instruction. On the other hand, a soul based on worldly affairs tends to be estranged due to ignorance. The people who have not studied *Moses and the Prophets* lean toward being a fearful people who carry anxieties and worries. Therefore, His people need to *know Moses* to embrace and put into practice Yeshua's *wisdom/fear*. This attitude and action in a believer will save their life and create the heartfelt desire to pursue a walk of holiness (Proverbs Chapter 8; John 5:46-47).

Mount Gerizim And Mount Ebal - Blessings And Curses

📖 **Deuteronomy 11:29** “Now it shall be, when the LORD/*Yahweh* has brought you into the land which you go to possess [*conquer*], that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.”

Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal are situated forty miles north of Jerusalem in the Mountains of Ephraim in the heartland of Israel. At their base, they are approximately five hundred yards apart. This is the territory given to Joseph's family. Jacob's well is on Mount Gerizim and Joshua's altar on Mount Ebal (Joshua 8:30). The two mountains are near where Abraham built his first altar (Genesis 12:6). The town situated between the two mountains is called Shechem. The Hebrew word *shechem* means *shoulder and the upper part of the back*. Shechem is a Levite town designated as a city of refuge for the Children of Israel. It is also the burial site of Joseph.

Now renamed Nablus, today Palestinian occupation dominates Shechem. However, according to Scripture, it is to remain permanently Joseph's land/Ephraimite territory. Jacob's sons sold Joseph to a Midianite caravan on its way to Egypt. Today Joseph's portion is still being bargained over. Joseph currently may not be recognizable and lay hidden among the nations due to his pagan ways and looks, but his descendants are learning Moses and the Prophets. They will return by way of the *law of redemption* written in the Covenant as established by Yeshua. It is only a matter of time before the lost brother is revealed and the land restored once again. Then Joseph will help reestablish and protect the land with his brothers. This will happen when both Houses are represented in the land. Therefore, it is vital that Joseph's family return. Presently Joseph is looking for his brothers, and true to biblical history, it will be Joseph who makes himself known to them while still in captivity. In the future, it will be Joseph, through his descendants, who will save his brothers and bring them home. And it will be the House of Joseph, along with the House of Judah, who cleanse the land (Genesis 37:16; 38:28).

Today, Israel dwells in less than one-third of the land originally given to Abraham. Of the twelve tribes of Israel, only the recognizable tribe of Judah preserves the land today. Judah represents one-third of the twelve tribes in numerical size. Two-thirds of the twelve tribes of Israel (or the *ten lost tribes*) are still living outside the land and two-thirds of the Promised Land is yet to be in their possession, as declared according to Scripture. Therefore, all twelve tribes need to be present in the land, walking in agreement with The Word to restore possession. The land, from the Euphrates to the Nile River, to date has yet to be completely conquered. Neighboring tribes from other nations are trying to possess the eternal portion given to Isaac. But the land does not

belong to Ishmael's descendants, nor Esau's or Lot's descendants, etc. That is why a hotly contested battle continues within the biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria today (Ezekiel 45:1-8; 48:1-35; Revelation 21:10-13).

✿ **Genesis 15:18-21** “On the same day the LORD/*Yahweh* made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates - the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.’”

✿ **Genesis 17:18-21** “And Abraham said to God/*Elohim*, ‘Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!’ Then God/*Elohim* said: ‘No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year” (Genesis 15:18-21).

✿ **Genesis 28:13-15** “And behold, the LORD/*Yahweh* stood above it and said: ‘I am the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you [Jacob/Israel] and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you [Israel] back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.’ ”

Many believers fear the giants in the land and are speaking a bad report, as did the ten spies who returned with a fraudulent account on the Promised Land in Joshua and Caleb's time. Believers have to ask themselves, “*Are these voices speaking the true Gospel of Yeshua?*” God/*Elohim* says we are not to fear the ‘*itites*’ in the land. He has commanded *Abraham's seed* to go in and possess the fullness of the Land - 100%. Is this a challenge for us? Yes, it is. Has He gone before us and given us victory? Yes, He has. The Prophets wrote of it, and the Book of Revelation confirms it. So why are we listening to others who continue to speak lies and give bad reports? We, along with our brothers, are called to be overcomers, who walk and speak the truth, and go in and possess the land of our inheritance. How do we do this? Firstly, by being responsible within our own heart to His Word. We cannot defeat the enemy elsewhere if the enemy still lives within us. Therefore, it is imperative believers be obedient to do their part in keeping their hearts pure. When God/*Elohim* sees His people are faithful to His word they will be given more responsibility and eventually, united with Judah, be trustworthy stewards of His Land once again.

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📖 **Matthew 24:45-47** “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

📖 **Joshua 1:3-7** “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them. 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.”

Go In And Possess The Land

📖 **Deuteronomy 11:31-32** Moses said to the Children of Israel, “You are about to cross the Jordan to enter and take possession of the land the LORD/Yahweh is giving you. When you have taken it over and are living there, be sure that you obey all the decrees and laws [of the legalized Covenant called the Gospel you vowed to keep that] I am setting before you today.”

It has been said that *how we treat the Word/Torah is how we treat God/Elohim, and also how we treat His people and the Land*. All are one in the same. The acquisition of the Promised Land is how we are called to appropriate our hearts before God/Elohim. To walk in the redemption, we must strip our hearts - *our land* - of all unclean ways and utterly destroy all traces of worldly, pagan activities of past transgressions (personal sins) and iniquities (inherited sins) that could bring defilement (Deuteronomy 12:2-4; and chapter 28). The instruction given through Moses at Mount Sinai tells us how to do this.

The Process Of Sanctification And Redemption

📖 **1 John 1:6, 2:4, 4:20** “If we [believers] say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness [sinfulness], we [believer] lie and do not practice the truth. He [believer] who says, ‘I know Him [Yeshua],’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth [love] is not in him. If someone [believer] says, ‘I love God/Elohim,’ and hates his brother, he [believer] is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God/Elohim whom he has not seen?”

📖 **2 Corinthians 6:16 -18** Paul writes to the assembly/believers in Corinth quoting from the Tanakh, “And what agreement has the temple of God/Elohim with idols? For you [believer] are the temple of the living God/Elohim. As God/Elohim has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God/Elohim, and they shall be My people.’ Therefore [believer] ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. 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 the LORD/Yahweh Almighty/Tzva'ot.' ” (Leviticus 26:12, Jeremiah 32:38, Ezekiel 37:27, Hosea 1:10-11, 1 Chronicles 17:13, Isaiah 43:6).

Paul goes on to say, “Therefore, my dear friends [believers], since we have these promises [written in heaven on earth in Covenant], let us [believers] purify ourselves from everything that can defile either body or spirit, and strive to be completely holy, out of reverence for Yahweh” (2 Corinthians 7:1; Exodus 20:20).

Eating **Blood** Forbidden Deuteronomy 12:15-28

📖 **Deuteronomy 12:23-24** “But be sure you do not eat the **blood**, because the **blood** is the life, and you must not eat the life with the meat. You must not eat the **blood**; pour it out on the ground like water.”

Not consuming the blood is important for several reasons. *Firstly*, we do not eat the blood because God/Elohim asks us not to. It is a matter of obedience. God/Elohim says we are not to eat the blood *so it will go well with us, and for our children after us*. Disobeying this commandment and consuming the blood will bring judgments (called curses) that will pass to our third and fourth generations - our *great-grandchildren*. *Secondly*, blood represents the seed of the man. Life is in the blood. Without his seed, there are no children. Therefore, man needs to protect *his seed in holiness to produce holy offspring*. If he defiles his seed, he defiles his generations after him before they are even born. Also, Abraham’s seed through Isaac, David’s seed, Yeshua’s seed are all represented in the seed of the man who is in the redemption of Yeshua. Consequently, his seed is *holy*. Therefore, his thoughts and actions must act accordingly. *Thirdly*, if we eat meat with the life-blood (circulatory blood) in it, we ingest that animal’s life, including the behavior and mindset of the type of animal we are consuming. These animalistic characteristics can manifest in a human that may lead to compromise and idolatrous behavior, including fear, sexual immorality, and occult activity (Numbers 25:1-3; John 7:42; Romans 1:3; Galatians 3:6-8; 2 Timothy 2:8).

📖 **Leviticus 17:10-14** “And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any **blood**, I will set My face against that person who eats **blood**, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh *is* in the **blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the **blood** that makes atonement for the soul. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘No one among you shall eat **blood**, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat **blood**.’ Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its **blood** and cover it [*the blood*] with dust; for *it is* the life of all flesh. Its **blood** sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘You shall not eat the **blood** of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its **blood**. Whoever eats it [*blood*] shall be cut off.’ ”

Blood And The Ruling Of The Jerusalem Council Acts 15:20-21

In the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, we read of Paul and Barnabas meeting with the Council of Jerusalem. They were asking for the Council's recommendation on what was important to teach the *akrobustia* (Strong's G203), believers, who were returning to Yeshua's ways. James, Yeshua's half brother and representative of the Council, advised them to teach *the Gospel*. He then quoted the words of Moses.

*“To abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from **blood**” (Acts 15:19-21).*

James quoted *Leviticus 17, Deuteronomy Chapters 12 and 19:26, and Ezekiel 33:25*. The reason why the Council gave these four specific instructions was that *they all relate to **blood*** both in the purity of the man's seed and also in regards to the foods they ate because the believer who walks in the Covenant with Yeshua is now considered *holy*. Therefore his seed is also *holy*. Restoring holy habits are as imperative for the believer today as it was back in their day. The Jerusalem Council recognized the importance of the blood as the key component to a believer's walk. As many were leaving pagan influences that had customs bound in occult rituals based on sexual immorality it was critical the Council give precise instruction. That was why they reintroduced Moses and the Prophets to the new believers and why this teaching should also be the first item up for business for all new believers today. If the implications of sin are not taught and understood at the beginning of the walk, many will unknowingly break their Covenant, which will result in them being worse off than before and lead to a compromised walk of spiritual weakness and eventual separation from a pursuit of holiness.

🌿 **Matthew 13:19-23** “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

For this reason, the Council also advised new believers to start observing the Sabbath, as it was in the Sabbath that the restored would hear all the Words God/*Elohim* spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai - *the Gospel* – and strengthen their walk in the *truth* (Faith in Hebrew is called “truth”).

🌿 **Acts 15:21** “For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

The Jerusalem Council also noted that those Paul and Barnabas were ministering to were the same people noted by Amos in Amos 9:11 when he prophesied concerning the latter-day remnant that would seek God/*Elohim*,

“After this I will rebuild David’s fallen tent [the tabernacle/Covenant of David]. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, that the remnant of men may seek the LORD/Yahweh and all the Nations who bear my name, says the LORD/Yahweh, who does these things” (Jeremiah 31:31-33; Hebrews 8:8-10; Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-18).

Twenty-five years after Yeshua’s death and resurrection, the highest earthly court at the time, upheld the Blood Covenant of Abraham (formally written out by Moses at Mount Sinai and restored by Yeshua at His Crucifixion), *as the foundation for all believers*. Firstly, the Council established that all synagogues, churches, and assemblies should not deviate from what Moses taught at Mount Sinai. They deemed that the Gospel from Mount Sinai was the highest and most important foundation Paul and Barnabas could pass on to the thousands returning. Secondly, the Council was so concerned about the blood issue that they published their instruction in a formal written document emphasizing the four specific immoral sins involving the disorder of the blood. Their primary purpose was to protect the holiness of the Seed. A corrupt seed not only corrupts God’s/*Elohim* name, but also corrupts the man and his family, and the whole community. Therefore, it was imperative they publish instructions for Paul to return with as soon as possible. A letter regarding this matter, directly from the Council, was invaluable for Paul and Barnabas in the diaspora. Not only did it affirm the Gospel written by Moses as the only authoritative law for the land but also Paul’s leadership position. Therefore, the letter would bring unity to the people and verify that indeed they were to *abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals, and blood*

It was a very long trip back to Antioch. When Paul and Barnabas arrived what was the first item on their agenda? What was the response when the letter from the Jerusalem Council was read to the believing community? Was there excitement or were Paul and Barnabas escorted out of the assembly?

📖 **Act 15:30-31** “So when they were sent off [by the Jerusalem Council], they [Paul and Barnabas] came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement.”

A spoken commandment or principle from God/*Elohim* does not change just because the people change their political leadership, government policies, community laws or school agendas, as His word is *eternal*. Over time it has never changed. His heavenly and earthly courts are built on the foundation of His Commandments. Everything in His creation is still in place today because of it. Not only was this principle on the blood mandatory, according to the Jerusalem Council, but Yeshua’s disciples, the elders, and believing community living in Jerusalem at the time also agreed this Word was vital for all new believers living among the Nations. Therefore, the teachings of Moses needed to be an integral part of their life, as it held the *key to life* for every believer not only in Jerusalem but also in the diaspora, as it is for us today (Acts 21:25).

Several years later, at the completion of his last mission’s trip, Paul again returned to Jerusalem. His first order of business was to report back to the Council who was responsible for his missions. There he described just how zealous the new believers were to receive the Council’s letter containing the teachings of Moses. Hearing his report encouraged the Council that indeed the Gospel from Mount Sinai through Moses was the fortification needed for those *returning* and restated, “*That they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of*

strangled animals and from sexual immorality.” Three times in the Book of Acts, the Jerusalem Council confirmed Moses as the greatest teaching that would foster a strong foundation for all believers in Yeshua.

📖 **Acts 21:18-20, 25** “On the following *day* Paul went in with us to James [*the Jerusalem Council*], and all the elders were present. When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things, which God/*Elohim* had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, ‘You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law [*Moses*]’ But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written [] that they should keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

Yeshua declared *He is the same yesterday, today, and forever*. He does not change, therefore *nor do His commandments*. Only in Israel’s obedience to Moses in Yeshua can David’s fallen tent/covenant be restored. When Yeshua is restored in the people’s hearts, it is called *the Renewed Covenant/Brit Chadasha, or New Testament*. The *Davidic Covenant (or New Testament)* is written to the *seed of David* for the sole purpose of the *restoration of the House David*. The words of Moses are still the foundation upon which Yeshua’s Covenant is built upon - called *the Gospel of Yeshua*. The New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* confirms this by quoting Moses in two-thirds of its writings (John 1:1,14; Hebrews 13:8).

📖 **Matthew 21:9** “Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

📖 **Isaiah 66:1** Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?”

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* in Acts 2 and the Jerusalem Council’s decision, approximately *twenty-five years after* Yeshua’s ministry on earth, were directly tied to the teaching given by Moses on Mount Sinai. Today, this teaching has as much power and authority as the day God/*Elohim* issued it on Mount Sinai. Without Moses, there would be no *renewed* life in the Messiah, no Promised Land, no priesthood/Bride of Messiah, and no authority on the earth. Neither Messiah without Torah, nor Torah without Messiah can contain what we need for life. Only Messiah *in* Torah and Torah *with* the Messiah’s Spirit gives LIFE to those searching for *true resurrection life*.

If we walked into a synagogue, church or home fellowship today, would we hear the Gospel as taught by Moses? Would we hear a good report about the Land? If we were on the verge of a great revival with thousands about to return, what would the first order of conduct be for the people? Would Moses and the document written by the Jerusalem Council as relates to the blood be upheld with the blood testimony of Messiah? Which mission’s board or council would we support today: man’s or Yeshua’s? (John 5:46-47; Acts 15, 21; Hebrew 13:8).

Deuteronomy 12:23 “Only be strong not to eat [*disqualify*] the **blood.**” (Tikkun)

🦁 **Ezekiel 33:25** “Therefore, say to them, thus says the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim, ‘You eat meat with the **blood** in it, lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed **blood**. Should you then possess the land?’”

God/Elohim instructs us through Moses not to eat/consume blood ten times in Leviticus 17 and five times in Deuteronomy 12, which concludes with,

“Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim” (Deuteronomy 12:28).

The Meat

Many slaughterhouses today stun animals using a chemical (carbon monoxide), mechanical (steel bolt or gunshot to the brain) or electrical shock. These methods can cause stress, fear, and panic in animals, which can have harmful effects that lock into the meat. Many animals are deprived of water, and any rough handling or exhaustion due to transportation also adds to the stress level, which in turn affects the quality of the meat. Stress before slaughter causes stored glycogen (sugar) to be released into the bloodstream. After slaughter, glycogen breaks down in the muscles producing lactic acid, which can spoil the beef very quickly and affects the quality of the meat. Once the heart stops pumping, the *life-blood* has no means to keep it circulating, so it stops and immediately begins to coagulate. All the contaminants contained in the blood at that time then start to pool within the cavity. If the animal is not properly bled, the blood contaminates the meat, which then makes it unfit for human consumption. If an animal is handled in this manner, the resulting *meat* is the same as that of a strangled animal. Strangled animals are forbidden in Scripture.

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In a Biblical kosher kill (called *Shechita* in Hebrew) the heart pumps out the *life-blood* just before death occurs. Thus any impure properties in the blood are not consumed (Deuteronomy 12:25). A Halal kill is not the same as a kosher kill. Halal is part of Sharia law, which is an Islamic religious ritual killing of an animal. During a Halal slaughter, the animal is offered up to Allah, and Mohammed his prophet. Thus the animal becomes *food sacrificed to idols*. A sacrifice

given to another god renders it unclean for believers to consume. That is the reason why the Jerusalem Council warned believers not to consume.

Removing The Blooding

Rinse the meat under running cold water then place in a bowl of cold water and sprinkle it liberally with salt. Let soak 30-60 minutes. Thoroughly rinse, and soak for a shorter time. Rinse and cook according to your favorite recipe. Remember, it is the life-blood or circulatory blood that is biblically unclean, not the liquid that makes up the meat. Barbecuing will also work well for drawing out the excess blood.

Falsifying The Gospel - A Warning Against False Prophets Deuteronomy 13:1-18

In Deuteronomy 13 God/*Elohim* says He will test His people to see if they will wholeheartedly obey His Words (spoken by Moses) by allowing a false prophet, posed as a brother, to speak a false gospel in their midst. If believers know and keep God's/*Elohim* Words, they will quickly discern when a false prophet is among them. Believers are not to tolerate any strange words or allow the planting of doubt about what God/*Elohim* said (Genesis 3:4-5). If they know His word, they will notice the tare among the wheat and not be enticed. That is why believers are to *know Moses* (John 5:46-47). It is up to God's/*Elohim* people to study their Covenant and exam what is said. If not, God/*Elohim* will continue to send false prophets into their midst. If a false prophet is tolerated, then the whole camp will become infected and weaken causing separations, and in some cases, completely dissolve.

🦁 **Ezekiel 13:2-9** “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, ‘Hear the word of the LORD/*Yahweh*! Thus says the Lord/*Yeshua* GOD/*Elohim*: Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD/*Yahweh*. They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*!’ But the LORD/*Yahweh* has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, ‘The LORD/*Yahweh* says,’ but I have not spoken. Therefore thus says the Lord/*Yeshua* GOD/*Elohim*: ‘Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I *am* indeed against you,’ says the Lord/*Yeshua* GOD/*Elohim*. ‘My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord/*Yeshua* GOD/*Elohim*.’”

Leadership must pray and seek advice about separating a false speaker from their midst by taking them *outside the camp seven days*, where they can be placed under a mentor. By the end of this reasonable period and only through repentance can they be allowed to return to the community. If he or she is found to be unrepentant, then they will not be allowed to return to camp. We see this same teaching on false brothers in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* in 1 Corinthians 5:9-

13 and 1 John 4:1-6 (*For Jezebel spirit information, please refer to Korach Numbers 16 www.sheepfoldgleanings.com*).

✠ **1 Corinthians 5:9-11** “I wrote to you [*believers*] in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world [*a non-believer*] or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother [*a believer*], who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner - not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside [*a believer*]? But those who are outside God/*Elohim* judges. Therefore put away from yourselves the evil person [*the sexually immoral believer among you*].”

✠ **1 John 4:1-4** “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God/*Elohim*; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God/*Elohim*: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* has come in the flesh is of God/*Elohim*, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* has come in the flesh is not of God/*Elohim*. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God/*Elohim*, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

✠ **1 Corinthians 3:12-15** “Now if anyone [*believer*] builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones [*or if a believer builds with*] wood, hay, straw, each one’s [*believer’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 [*believer’s*] work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s [*believer’s*] work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s [*believer’s*] work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

Biblically Clean Foods Versus Unclean *Did God/Elohim Really Say Not To Eat This?* Deuteronomy 14:1-21

Because God/*Elohim* has chosen believers as the place where He wishes to reside, He teaches them how to keep His temple (the believer) clean and healthy. His teaching includes what is safe for believers to eat and what is not safe. Unsafe *things* will eventually contaminate His people triggering sickness and disease. We are given wisdom that we might know how to live a full more abundant life, to walk in the blessings, and keep curses far away.

✠ **Psalm 38:3** “There is no soundness in my flesh because of your anger, nor any health in my bones because of my [own] sin.”

The animals God/*Elohim* considers acceptable food for His people to eat are ones that have a fully divided split hoof and chews its cud. If one or both elements are missing that animal is

rendered unclean for His people to consume. Eating what is knowingly unclean opens the door to compromise bringing weakness to their faith and eventually death spiritually, emotionally and in extreme cases physical death. The animals God/*Elohim* considers clean and good for His people are the ox, sheep, goat, deer, gazelle, roe deer, wild goat, ibex, antelope, and mountain sheep, as they have split hoofs and chew their cud. These are acceptable to eat. The camel, rabbit, coney, and pig are unclean and called detestable in Scripture. God/*Elohim* says consuming the unclean will harm His people. We are not even to touch their dead carcasses.

Everything But the Oink.....
By-Products from Pigs

From Blood...

- Medicines
- Sticking agent
- Leather treating agent
- Plywood Adhesive
- Protein source in feeds
- Fabric printing and dyeing

From Brain...

- Cholesterol
- Other medicines

From Hair...

- Artist's brushes
- Insulation
- Upholstery

From Internal Organs...

- Isulin
- A variety of medicines
- Surgical sutures
- Heart valves

From Skin...

- Gelatin
- Footballs
- Porcine Burn Dressings
- Luggage, purses
- Gloves and shoes
- Pigskin garmets
- Drumheads

From Fatty Acids and Glycerine...

- Insecticides
- Weed killers
- Lubricants
- Oil polishes
- Rubber
- Cosmetics
- Antifreeze
- Nitroglycerine
- Plastics
- Plasticizers
- Printing rollers
- Cellophane
- Floor waxes
- Cement
- Waterproofing agents
- Fiber softeners
- Crayons
- Chalk
- Photograph records
- Matches
- Putty
- Insulation
- Linoleum

From Bones...

- Glue
- Buttons
- Bone China
- Bone Meal
- Minerals for feed
- Fertilizer
- Porcelain enamel
- Glass
- Water filters

From Meat Scraps...

- Commercial feeds
- Pet food

The pig is the cheapest of all meats to produce and is one of the most consumed in the world today. Any attempt to share with some believers that bacon, sausages, salami, baloney, hot dogs, spare ribs, pulled pork and other pork products are not good for them, and they will laugh, saying, “*They are no longer under the law!*” There is a reason why we are to obey our Father. He cares about our health and wants us to have a long life. Salvation is not the issue here, but obedience.

Consider the creatures living in the waters. Those that God/*Elohim* says are good for our health have both fins *and* scales. Fish like salmon, trout, halibut, tuna, etc. If they are missing one or both of these elements, believers are not to consume them, as they are not regarded as food. The water creatures that are detestable to God/*Elohim* are prawns, lobster, crab, shrimp, clams, oysters, mussels, shark, squid, octopus, calamari, etc. These are God’s/*Elohim* army of water cleaners and purifiers not fit for human consumption.

The clean birds like chicken and other domestic types are edible. However, the aggressive, scavenger meat eating birds like hawks, eagles, vultures, falcons, owls, herons, and bats are not called food in Scripture or fit for human consumption.

Also, only the insects that have wings with joints in their legs, like locust and grasshoppers, are considered food for us. Yum! (*For a complete list of clean and unclean Biblical foods see the reference section below*).

If God’s/*Elohim* people find a clean animal already dead, such as road-kill, it is also not fit for human consumption. God/*Elohim* gives believers these instructions for their health. Disobeying His instructions opens the door to diseases that may even shorten lives. What believers put into them physically and spiritually *will* affect them. The choice is theirs.

Also, who among us have innocently or knowingly eaten biblically unclean things *after asking* God/*Elohim* to *bless the meal*? We all have. In essence, the prayer is asking God/*Elohim* to contradict Himself and make the unclean thing (He deemed an abomination) *clean*. However, we

cannot manipulate God's/*Elohim* word to fit what *we want* to eat. His word will not contradict itself.

Some believers see the Biblical food laws as non-existent now that Yeshua has *fulfilled the law*. What law? When asked what law did Yeshua fulfill, they get confused. Fulfilling the *law of sin and death* is not a synonym for His dietary *laws for life* are now null and void. It is true we are no longer under *the law of sin and death* but must not mistake that to mean we now consume what God/*Elohim* considers death for us. Eating what is forbidden invites *the law of sin and death* (curses) to reactivate *after* Yeshua paid the ultimate price to fulfill payment for sin and death on our behalf. *Our* disobedience will give the enemy a legal position in our life. Yeshua upheld *His Royal Law of Life*. He invites us to do the same.

Yeshua has brought the Torah into its fullness, which brings *life*. Now we, as His believers, have a responsibility to walk in that provision. If we choose to walk knowingly against His instructions, thinking that we have some immunity over His principles that we agreed to uphold and then consider we are somehow *under the blood*, we mock Yeshua and put ourselves above His law. To do that would be a grave mistake. Yeshua's sacrifice means that we are given *the power* to overcome and walk *in* His Commandments, and no longer succumb to the temptations of the flesh. Eating outside God's/*Elohim* Commandments can be the cause of heart disease, cholesterol, high blood pressure, and many other related health conditions. It can also open up the realm to the occult. We will reap what we sow (Romans 7:7-8:17).

When we examine the food related Scriptures in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, we see they are related to those misusing God's/*Elohim* food instructions as leverage for salvation, which Paul addresses and corrects. Another stumbling point due to the Hellenization teaching has been over Peter's vision of a sheet (*God's/Elohim holy talet*) descending from Heaven in Acts 10:9-48. The *talet* was full of clean and unclean animals. This vision was similar to the one given to the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 39:17-20). However, Peter did not recognize it at first. The vision was not about food but people. In Hebraic understanding, animals in Scripture are synonymous with people and groups of people (nations). Through this vivid picture, Yeshua was instructing Peter that he was not to consider those who lived among the Nations (the remnant of Israel) as unclean (*aperitome-not circumcised*) when they had returned to honor Him and are now walking in obedience to His word (*akrobustia-circumcised Strong's G203*). Scripture also mentions that those who walk in the ways of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob from the nations were to be considered as *native born*, and no longer strangers among them (*akrobustia G203*). These were the people Peter was now commissioned to walk among and teach. In Jewish culture at the time, shunning the company of non-Jews was normal. Therefore, this vision required Peter to have a complete change of heart (John 4:9; 21:15-17; Acts 10: 9-28).

📖 **Ezekiel 39:17-20** “And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: “Assemble yourselves and come; gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal which I am sacrificing for you, a great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams and lambs, of goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. You shall eat fat till you are full, and drink blood till you are drunk, at My sacrificial meal which I am sacrificing for you.

You shall be filled at My table with horses and riders, with mighty men and with all the men of war,” says the Lord GOD.”

🌿 **Micah 2:12** “I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob [*all twelve tribes*]; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people.”

🌿 **Acts 10:28** Peter said, “But God/*Elohim* has shown me [*through the animals in the sheet/talet*], that I should not call any man impure or unclean.”

God/*Elohim* said that believers are not to eat what He declares detestable to Him. This teaching includes sexual immorality as expressed earlier in this lesson (Acts Chapters 15 and 21). The instruction on diet and moral behavior is an elementary fundamental entry level for all who desire to obey His Word/Gospel. If believers abstain from *things* offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality and obey the food instructions, they will follow His Sabbath, His Feasts, and His Covenants, as they all go hand in hand.

Rabbinic Kosher Laws Versus Biblical Food Instruction

“Do not to cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.”

Deuteronomy 14:21

🌿 **Exodus 23:19** “The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother’s milk.”

Rabbinic Kosher and Biblical instruction on food are not the same. God/*Elohim* gave His people His truth, to protect them. The Scripture in Exodus 23:19 is about *how* to offer your firstfruits offerings; *firstly* from the produce and *secondly* from the herd. Even though boiling a kid in its mother’s milk is in the same verse, it is a separate instruction. Here God/*Elohim* is informing His people of proper order and then warning of improper occult rites from the nations around them who believed that to boil a young goat in its mother’s milk would make their land more fertile. Thus God/*Elohim* is cautioning His people and warning them not to practice this fertility rite or worship other gods, as it is detestable and forbidden for His people.

In rabbinic literature, hundreds of more laws (called *fences*) were added to Scripture on the *theory* that these “good deeds” would protect God’s/*Elohim* word from being defiled by man and also protect the Jewish people from the persecuting Nations around them. However, that was not how the rabbinic food laws came into being. This concept of separating dairy from beef originated after a lawyer named Joseph Karo chose to “codify” the written word. Karo was born in Spain in 1488 and forced to leave during the time of the Inquisition. His father and mother were both Talmudists. Talmudists study the *opinions or commentaries* of past rabbis on subjects of Jewish law/*Halakha*. Talmudists may not necessarily study Torah, but a blend of rabbinic culture, tradition, and even folklore as relates to Judaism.

After living in Europe, in the mid-1500’s Karo moved to Safed, Israel. Through his Talmudist background and connections, it was inevitable that he would meet Joseph Taitazak. It was

Taitazak who led him into the dark underground world of Kabbalistic teaching, as Taitazak was the father of Kabbalah.

Kabbalah is the practice of occult mystic worship through demonic spirits called *Maggid*, a voice that spoke the “Oral Torah” in and through the one communing with it. A spirit guide named “Elijah” would channel with Taitazak for hours at a time. After Taitazak’s death, Karo was so learned in Kabbalah that he became the head of the yeshiva (house of study) continuing in Taitazak’s work. Karo also communed for hours with these demonic guides and shared their influences with his yeshiva. The spirits exhorted Karo to purify himself. Thus he constantly assessed himself to see if he merited these “angelic” visitations. The spirits assure Karo that the great sages before him and the heavenly host would bless his work, and through constant channeling with them (the dead) would produce a flawless work (Elior 677). Consequently, Karo saw *his* Torah was given their “divine” sanction, therefore, became the authoritative law or Halakha higher than God’s/*Elohim* Torah/law. In an attempt to codify the Mishna (authoritative collection of Jewish Oral Law) Karo recorded these nocturnal visitations over fifty years. His writings are logged in volumes that for five centuries shaped the course of Jewish Talmudic/Halakha law and are still upheld as classic Kabbalah literature today.

It was Joseph Karo who penned the laws concerning separating dairy and meat products. These table instructions were learned through the hours of channeling with his demonic spirit guides. Under their sanction, Karo changed the meaning of Exodus 23:19 and Deuteronomy 14:21 *from* not cooking an offspring in its mother’s milk *to* not mixing meat and dairy products together in any part of the preparation, cooking or serving process – even to the point of keeping a separate dairy and meat kitchen (two sinks, ovens, fridges, pantries, plates, cutlery etc.).

Just as Satan planted doubt in Eve to question God’s/*Elohim* word, so to the spirit guides communicating with Karo also planted *doubt* signifying that God’s/*Elohim* word could be flawed and that eating dairy and meat together *could* cause leprosy or even death.

Karo was not a doctor, nor did he have a medical background, and coming from the Middle Ages, his theory sounds pretty crazy today. There is no medical facility or doctor in the world presently that would uphold the medical claims coming from Karo’s worship of spirit guides or the dead. When asking a Jewish person why they do not mix meat with dairy, they have no idea. They just shrug their shoulders and say, “*It’s tradition!*” Therefore, through their unknowing participation, they continue to perpetuate the worship of the dead and open themselves up to being controlled by demons. All Karo’s Halakha food laws for Judaism are heresy. It is Satan’s sole purpose to plant *doubt* in the hearts of God’s/*Elohim* people and have them worship him. Karo said *those who practice the spirit guide’s instructions were said to be guided by its divine nature* – occultism. God/*Elohim* warned His people not to worship the dead, other gods or practice occultism. It is an abomination in His sight.

In Genesis 18:7-8, we witness Abraham, the father of our faith *and* the father of *Biblical* food instruction), mix meat (a calf) with dairy (curds and milk) for his visitors together in the same meal, on the same table, and at the same time. Yeshua was one of the visitors. All accepted Abraham’s banquet, which proves that what Abraham served was in agreement with

God's/*Elohim* Biblical principles, as Yeshua would not violate or contradict His own word (John 1:1,14).

Doubt: Do Not Add Or Subtract From The Word

📖 **Deuteronomy 12:32** “See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it” (Deuteronomy 4:2).

The Jewish people have *added* to God's/*Elohim* Word, and the Church has *detracted* from His Word. Christianity has taken God's/*Elohim* food instructions for their health and blessings and abandoned them altogether. The Biblical food instructions do not exist in their lives. Eating the detestable is seen as a delicacy and if God's/*Elohim* dietary teaching is mentioned the people laugh. Many who ridicule do not understand that the instructions regarding foods are for their benefit, blessing, and health. Believers often join prayer lines or seek medical help for ailments they may have inadvertently brought upon themselves by consuming unclean things. God/*Elohim* teaches His people not to eat the detestable. We need to stop and ask ourselves, “*Are we walking in agreement with God's/*Elohim* Biblical food instructions or are we doubting and walking in man's traditions?*” We have been warned. We are not to touch or dialogue with *the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil* or eat its fruit. That tree does not give life, just death. We are only to eat from *the Tree of Life* (Genesis 2:16-17).

📖 **Matthew 5:17-19** Yeshua said, “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 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. 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.”

📖 **Hebrews 13:8** “Yeshua is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Tithe – The Covenant Of Salt Deuteronomy 14:22 to 15:23

The next area under blessings and curses is the teaching on the tithe. Tithes are for the Levites, widows, orphans, and the poor stranger among us. The Levitical tithe was to maintain the temple, the priests, and Levites who serve God's/*Elohim* people. Believers are to bring their tithe (or a tenth of their increase) for the Temple maintenance and the Levites' upkeep. The physical Temple is not in Jerusalem at this time. However, Scripture mentions the walk of a *sanctified* believer also represents the Temple today. Our tithe is to support those who are true shepherds, those who look after God's/*Elohim* sheep according to the Law of the Temple. What is the Law of the Temple?

The Law Of The Temple

📖 **Ezekiel 43:10-12** “Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its

arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write *it* down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. This *is* the law of the temple”

Who Are Those Looking After God’s/Elohim Temple And His People?

📖 **Ezekiel 44:23-24** “And they [*those who honor the law of the temple*] shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings [*My Feast Days and New Moon celebrations*], and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.”

When we obey, by the sowing of the seed (truth), not only does it benefit those who serve God/*Elohim* but also the sower as well. That is the law of reciprocation. It is interesting to note that when the tenth portion is given, the remaining ninety percent is called *most holy* and is for our personal use (Leviticus 2:3,10).

The Tithe and Temple: Abraham and Melchizedek

Another consideration on tithes pertains to the Biblical account of Abraham’s meeting with Melchizedek, the High Priest of Salem. Melchizedek brought out bread and wine to share with Abraham. Abraham then gave Melchizedek a tenth (tithe) of all he had received (his increase) (Genesis 14:18-20).

Here, Scripture portrays prophetic imagery as God’s/*Elohim* people are called the seed of Abraham through Yeshua. Melchizedek (a king and a priest) was the foreshadowing of Yeshua (our High Priest), the *Davidic* Covenant, and also our position in His Kingdom. The priests cared for all of the offerings. The offering of bread and wine were always served together, not separately. For that reason, Melchizedek offers *bread and wine* to Abraham. Not only do they represent the honoring of the Covenant but also Abraham understood they were to be coupled with the tithe. Therefore, in response, we see Abraham give his tithe to Melchizedek. The combination of bread and wine with the tithe is called *the Covenant of Salt* and our holy portion (Numbers 18:19; Galatians 3:8).

Abraham’s obedience to the elements will also be seen in the believers, as it is about *sanctification*. What Abraham did, we do. When we come into God’s/*Elohim* presence, He offers those *sanctified* His Bread and His Wine. Our response is with “our seed.” In this case the tithe. Our affirmative action confirms His Covenant and Yeshua’s redemption within our heart.

The bread, wine, and increase offered between Abraham and Melchizedek happened before the *Abrahamic* Covenant, before there was an Exodus from Egypt and four hundred years before the law/Torah was confirmed at Mount Sinai. Therefore, Abraham actions revealed that the bread and wine offerings and the tithe were all *eternal sanctified offerings - sourced from the beginning* – *Genesis* (Genesis 14:18-20; 15: 4-20; Exodus 12:40; Galatians 3:7, 17, 29).

Yeshua, the Lamb, slain from *before* the creation of the world, is serving in a heavenly Tabernacle today. Believers represent this truth on earth through His Covenant when they respond likewise. Currently, less than 1% brings their increase. Not offering the tithe is one of the blockages preventing God's/*Elohim* blessings from flowing in a believer's life (Malachi 3:8-10). We are called a royal priesthood in Messiah, and as priests, by confession, we have sworn an oath to live by His Word. Those *sanctified* are His dwelling place, therefore, are also faithful to His calling (Hebrews 8:1).

- ✠ **Deuteronomy 12:11** “then there will be the place where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD/*Yahweh*.”
- ✠ **Isaiah 66:1** “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?”
- ✠ **1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:15** Paul said, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God/*Elohim* and *that* the Spirit of God/*Elohim* dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God/*Elohim*, God/*Elohim* will destroy him. For the temple of God/*Elohim* is holy, which *temple* you are. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ/*Messiah*? Shall I then take the members of Christ/*Messiah* and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not!”
- ✠ **Romans 6:1** Paul said, “Do we [*believers*] keep on sinning now that we have been purified? No!”

The Feasts

Deuteronomy 16:1-17

- ✠ **Deuteronomy 16:16** “Three times a year ALL your men must appear before the LORD/*Yahweh* at the place He will choose: At the Feast of Unleavened Bread [*Passover*], the Feast of Weeks [*Shavuot/Pentecost*] and the Feast of Tabernacles [*Ingathering/Booths/Sukkot*].”

All God's/*Elohim* Feast Days are eternal and prophetic in nature. They are appointments where He has said He will meet with His people.

The Spring Feasts

The *Spring Feasts* begin in the first month of the Biblical Hebrew Calendar (called Aviv or Nisan) during the first barley harvest of the year.

Passover

All believers are to remember the *Passover* as the night God/*Elohim* delivered the Israelites (God's/*Elohim* firstborn) from Pharaoh. It is an evening of remembrance when on the fourteenth day of the first month; the Israelites applied the blood of the sacrificial lamb on the doorposts

and lintels of their homes and were saved when the angel of death *passed over* them. On this evening, each year all God's/*Elohim* people (His firstborn) are to remember and gather to eat the roasted lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs together, and hear the miracle of the Exodus story once again.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

The *Feast of Unleavened Bread* begins the day after Passover on the fifteenth day of the first month. On this day, the Israelites left Egypt. Unleavened Bread is a seven-day celebration with the first and the last day being High Holy Sabbaths. This season of Passover is a holy time of remembering God's/*Elohim* redemption, as Yeshua is *our* Sacrificial Passover Lamb. He came to conquer sin and death. His shed blood paid the price that made the way for our redemption back in Covenant with Him. In our sanctification, we become His firstfruits from the law of sin and death. In Yeshua, we are all called His firstfruits from the dead (sin and death) (Colossians 3:1-17).

✠ **Romans 8:2** “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus/*Yeshua HaMashiach* has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

✠ **James 1:18** “Of His own will He brought us forth [*begat*] by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.”

The Feast of Weeks/Shavuot/Pentecost

After the Feast of Unleavened Bread, believers are to count seven Sabbaths or weeks (49+1 day) leading them to the Feast called *The Feast of Weeks* or *Shavuot/Pentecost* meaning fifty. Shavuot was the official reading of the Covenant (initially given to Abraham) by Moses on Mount Sinai. The people formally agreed to His Covenant, not only for their salvation but more so for their walk in sanctification and holiness. His Covenant contains all of God's/*Elohim* moral and ethical instructions (called the Ten Commandments – *the Gospel*), which upholds His Kingdom on earth. His Commandments were written in stone, agreed by the people, and sealed by blood. Each generation from that time forward, who agreed to His Blood Covenant, was sealed. Therefore, each year we observe the giving and receiving of the Gospel and confirmation of our betrothal by the bond of blood in Yeshua.

The Fall Feasts

Following the Spring Feasts, are three Fall Feasts all celebrated in the seventh month (*Tishri*) on the Biblical calendar. Both Houses of Israel, the *House of Judah* and the *House of Israel*, and those who sojourn with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, are waiting with great anticipation the fulfillment of the Fall Feasts. Yeshua, the Bridegroom, has fulfilled the Spring Feasts. His return will usher the prepared Bride to His final Feasts.

The New Moon/Rosh Chodesh and Blowing of Trumpets/Yom Teruah

The New Moon/*Rosh Chodesh* festival is the first sighting of the new crescent moon on the first day of every month on the Hebrew calendar. Each *Rosh Chodesh* reminds the Bride, through the blowing of trumpets (twelve times/months), to prepare for the Bridegroom's return. Thus *Rosh*

Chodesh is also called the wedding procession of the Bride. However, in the seventh Hebrew month at the sighting of the new crescent moon, *Rosh Chodesh* will also usher in the *Feast of Yom Teruah/Feast of Trumpets*. At the *last trump* in the seventh month, a cry/trumpet will be heard - *the Bridegroom is coming!* That night, the bride who is prepared and sanctified, will trim her lamp and with extra oil go through the open doors to meet her Bridegroom.

The rabbins are teaching a manmade cultural celebration of a civil New Year called *Rosh Hashanah*. However, a New Year has nothing to do with God's/*Elohim* Feast of *Yom Teruah*. Even though the rabbinic celebration tries to overshadow God's/*Elohim* *Yom Teruah* His true Bride, the wise virgin, will be faithful, watching, not distracted, but prepared waiting for her Bridegroom's imminent return. Therefore, not out celebrating a cultural event. Nonetheless, we are warned there will be an unwise virgin/Bride, one distracted by other events, who finds that when the trumpets blow for *Yom Teruah*, she will not be ready. At the Bridegroom's coming, her lamp will not burn bright enough for her to proceed further nor will she have prepared extra oil. When the doors open on *Yom Teruah*, the wedding party will enter the Bridal Chamber minus the ill-prepared Bride (Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 19:7-9).

The Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur

The tenth day of the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar is the *Feast of Yom Kippur*, also called Day of Atonement. It is the holiest Feast of the year representing the *wedding day*. This day is for those who are faithful in keeping the Bridegroom's (Yeshua's) words, *to do and to obey* according to their Wedding Covenant (Moses). Together, on that day, they will join behind closed doors (Matthew 25:1-13; John 5:46-47).

✠ **Matthew 25:10-13** “And while they [*unwise virgins/believers*] went to buy [*extra oil for their lamps*], the bridegroom came [*at the announcement of Yom Teruah on the seventh Rosh Chodesh*], and those who were ready [*the wise virgins/believers - evidenced by their extra oil*] went in with him [*Yeshua*] to the wedding [*on Yom Kippur*]; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins [*unwise virgins returning*] came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered [*them*] and said [*to the unwise virgins*], ‘Assuredly, I say to you, [*the unwise virgins*], I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you [*unwise virgins*] know neither the day nor the hour [*of the sighting of the New Moon, which tells the day and hour*] in which the Son of Man is coming [*therefore, you, unwise virgins, missed My coming*].”

The Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot or Booths and The Eighth Day/Shemini Atzeret

Five days after *Yom Kippur* is the final celebration called the Feast of Tabernacles (also called *Sukkot* or *Booths*). Tabernacles is a seven-day Feast of great joy called the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. This is the *wedding reception after the wedding* (Revelation 19:9). The first day of Tabernacles is a High Holy Sabbath and an extra day after the Feast called the Eighth Day/*Shemini Atzeret*, is also Holy Unto Yahweh. Therefore, is a High Holy Sabbath Day. At the reception, all will carry a *lulav* (the bridal bouquet) made from boughs of four different species of trees to wave before Bride and Bridegroom. God's/*Elohim* people are also called to live in booths during the wedding week in remembrance of how they were cared for and covered by His loving kindness while in the Wilderness of the Peoples (Ezekiel 20:35).

The Eighth Day/Shemini Atzeret, following the end of the seven-day celebration of Sukkot/Tabernacles, is a quiet, holy time of reflection representing our final rest in the Messiah/*Mashiach*, the goal of the Bride's redemption. It is a very special time. After the wedding guests depart, the Bridegroom says to His Bride "Let us linger one more day and savor this moment together." This one-day represents a thousand years.

Once again, the rabbinic have promoted a manmade feast at the end of Tabernacles/*Sukkot* calling it *Simchat Torah/Rejoicing in the Torah* that tries to overshadow *Shemini Atzeret*. However, *Simchat Torah* has nothing to do with God's/*Elohim Shemini Atzeret* Eighth Day Feast and pales by comparison. To conceal this one-day from the Bride restrains her from entering her destiny. The Eighth Day is called the Millennial – a thousand years and is when the true Bride, the wise virgin, will be with her Bridegroom a thousand years. Therefore, it is imperative the Bride be watchful and not distracted by manmade cultural celebrations (Hebrews 3-8; Leviticus 23:33-36; Psalms 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8).

(For more information on God's/Elohim fall Feast Days, please refer to the Deuteronomy section on www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

📖 **2 Peter 3:8** "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

📖 **Revelation 20:4-6** "Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus/*Yeshua* and for the word of God/*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 Christ/*Messiah* for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. 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 God/*Elohim* and of Christ/*Messiah*, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Worship The King

In history, there have been many who have tried to suppress the observance of God's/*Elohim* Feasts and even replace them with pagan Babylonian celebrations. These pagan feasts continue to this day. They are designed to keep the children of God/*Elohim* from their destiny and true identity in Him. This is called the sin of Jeroboam and the Spirit of Balaam. Many think the Babylonian feasts (Christmas, Easter, Rosh HaShanah, and Simchat Torah) are of God/*Elohim*, but they are not. People who search the Scriptures find that those celebrations have never been of God/*Elohim*. They are manmade and given an appearance of religious worship to make them look acceptable (Isaiah Chapter 1; Jude 1:11; Revelation 2:14).

📖 **Exodus 32:4-6** "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 god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!' So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD/*Yahweh*.' 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."

Apart from the Scriptures, we have many resources available for us today that expose the various pagan forms of worship. We can no longer hide or avoid these truths. As believers, we need to acknowledge the TRUE worship of God/*Elohim* and His Feasts by entering into them.

God/*Elohim* is calling His people to be a holy nation and a set-apart royal priesthood, but how can they if they uphold pagan idolatry worship? Where is the *redeemed consecrated Bride*? Worshiping His Holiness along with a blended worship of other gods like Easter, Christmas, Rosh Hashanah, and Simchat Torah are all abominations in His sight. In doing this, the unredeemed bride will have little to celebrate at His coming. (For more information on God's/*Elohim* fall Feast Days, please refer to the Deuteronomy section on www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

Yeshua has fulfilled the first four Feasts, and He will fulfill the last three Feasts at His return as the reigning King. The invitations have been sent. Will believers partake in the Feasts He has prepared for us? As His bride, will we come out to meet our Bridegroom dressed in pure white linen garments, prepared with extra oil, ready to enter *His Day*?

Remember our response to our Bridegroom, *Yeshua Ha Mashiach*...

📖 **Exodus 24:7** “Then he took the Book of the Covenant [*ketubah*] and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, ‘All that the LORD/Yahweh has said we will do, and be obedient.’”

There is an incredible wedding proposal and inheritance waiting those who choose to walk with Him in His Kingdom ways *today*.

📖 **Isaiah 54:11 to 55:5** “All your sons will be taught by the LORD/Yahweh and great will be your children’s peace. In righteousness [*obedience*] you will be established: tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear, terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you. Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come; buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. *I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.*”

Shabbat Shalom

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Food

God’s food laws: *Shemini* Leviticus 9:1-11:47 www.sheepfoldgleanings.com

The Maker’s Diet by Jordan S. Rubin <http://www.makers-diet.net/>

The Raw Truth by Jordan S. Rubin – free eBook download:

<http://www.transformyourhealth.com/gardenoflife/rawtruthbook.pdf>

Health According to Scripture by Paul Nison www.paulnison.com



The Genesis Diet by Dr. Gordon S. Tessler
God's Key to Health and Happiness by Elmer A Josephson
HOLY COW! Does God Care about What We Eat? www.ffoz.org
Dr. Temple Grandin: Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University:

HBO trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnI_Y8PyTHM

Dr. Grandin web page: <http://grandin.com/>



List of Clean and Unclean: <http://www.ucg.ca/booklets/what-does-bible-teach-about-clean-and-unclean-meats/which-animals-clean-and-unclean>

Pig

How Pig Parts Make The World Turn: Christien Meindertsma TED Talks: www.ted.com/talks/christien_meindertsma_on_pig_05049.html

Pig: www.christienmeindertsma.com/index.php?/books/pig-05049/

Pig chart: www.farmcreditknowledgecenter.com (There is also a cow and sheep chart).

Sheep Banner by Phil Haswell.



Tikkun: The Kestenbaum Edition Mesorah Publications, Ltd.

Ancient Hebrew Research Centre: Jeff Benner www.ancient-hebrew.org

Tithe - Covenant of Salt: Korah Numbers 16: 1-18:32 and *Vayikra* Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Feast days and Covenants: Emor Leviticus by Julie Parker www.sheepfoldgleanings.com

HaYovel: www.hayovel.com



Universal List of Biblically Clean (Healthy) Foods

Animals that chew the cut and part the hoof:

Antelope, Deer (Venison), Elk, Gazelle, Giraffe, Goat, Hart, Ibex, Bison (Buffalo), Caribou, Cattle (Beef/Veal), Moose, Ox, Reindeer, Sheep (Lamb, Mutton).

Fish with fins and scales:

Albacore (Crevalle, Horse Mackerel, Jack), Alewives (Branch, River Herring), Anchovy, Barracuda, Bass, Black Drum, Black Pomfret (Monchong), Blue Runner (Hardtail), Bluebacks (Glut Herrings), Chubs (BLOATER, Longjaw, Blackfin), Cod, Common Sucker (Fresh Water Mullet, White Sucker), Crappie (Black or White Crappies), Drum Flounder (Dab, Gray, Lemon Sole, Summer/Winter Flounder, Yellow Tail), Grouper (Black, Nassau, Red or Yellowfish Grouper, Gag), Grunt (White/Yellow Grunts), Gulf Pike (Robalo, Snook, Sergeant), Haddock, Hake, Halibut, Hardhead, Hardtail (Blue Runner), Herring (Alewife, Branch, Glut Lake, River, Sea Herrings), Kingfish, Long Nose Sucker (Northern or Red Striped Sucker), Mackerel (Cobia), Mahimahi (Dorado, Dolphinfish – NOT the mammal dolphin), Menhaden, Minnow, Mullet, Muskellunge (Jacks), Orange Roughy, Perch (Bream), Pike (Pickeral, Jack), Pig Fish, Pollack (Pollock, Boston Bluefish), Pompano, Red Horse Sucker (Redfin), Red Snapper, Redfish, Robalo (Gulf Pike), Porgy (Scup), Red Drum (Redfish), Rockfish, Salmon (Chum, Coho, King, Pink or Red), Sardine (Pilchard), Scup (Porgy), Sea Bass, Sergeant Fish (Golf Pike), Shad, Sheephead, Silversides, Smelt (Frost, Ice Fish), Snapper (Ebu, Jabfish, Lehi, Onaga, Opakapaka, Uku), Snook (Gulf Pike), Sole, Spanish Mackerel, Steelhead, Stiped Bass, Sucker (Red Horse Sucker, Redfin), Sunfish, Tarpon, Trout (Gray Sea, Lake, Sand Sea, White Sea, Spotted Sea Trouts, Weakfish), Tuna (Ahi, Aku, Albacore, Bluefin, Bonito, shipjack, Tombo, Yellowfin, Yesllowtail), Turbot (except European turbot), Whitefish, Whiting (Silver Hake), Yellow Perch.

Birds with clean characteristics:

Chicken, Prairie chicken, Ptarmigan, Quail, Sagehen, Sparrow (and other songbirds), Swan, Teal, Turkey, Dove, Duck, Goose, Grouse, Guinea fowl, Partridge, Peafowl, Pheasant, Pigeon.

Insects

Clean insects include types of locust that may include crickets and grasshoppers

Universal List Of Biblically Unclean (Unhealthy)

Animals with unclean characteristics:

Swine: Boar, Peccary, Pig (hog, bacon, ham, lard, pork, most sausage and pepperoni),

Canines: Coyote, Dog, Fox, Hyena, Jackal, Wolf,

Felines: Cat, Cheeta, Leopard, Lion, Panther, Tiger,

Equines: Ass, Donkey, Mule, Horse, Onager, Zebra (quagga).

Other: Armadillo, Badger, Bear, Beaver, Camel, Elephant, Gorilla, Groundhog, Hare, Hippopotamus, Kangaroo, Llama (alpaca, vicuna), Mole, Monkey, Mouse, Muskrat, Opossum, Porcupine, Rabbit, Raccoon, Rat, Rhinoceros, Skunk, Slug, Snail (escargot), Squirrel, Wallaby, Weasel, Wolverine, Worm.

Birds of prey, scavengers and other:

Albatross, Bat, Bittern, Buzzard, Condor, Coot, Cormorant, Crane, Crow, Cuckoo, Eagle, Flamingo, Grebe, Grosbeak, Bull, Hawk, Heron, Kite, Lapwing, Loon, Magpie, Osprey, Ostrich, Owl, Parrot, Pelican, Penguin, Plover, Rail, Raven, Roadrunner, Sandpiper, Seagull, Stork, Swallow, Swift, Vulture, Water Hen, Woodpecker.

Insects

All insects are unclean except some in the Locust family.

Reptiles and amphibians

Alligator, Caiman, Crocodile, Lizard, Snake, Turtle,

Amphibians: Blindworm, Frog, Newt, Salamander, Toad

Marine life without scales and fins:

Fish: Bullhead, Catfish, Eel, European turbot, Marlin, Paddlefish, Shark, Stickleback, Squid, Sturgeon (includes most caviar), Swordfish.

Shell: Abalone, Clam, Crab, Crayfish, Lobster, Mussel, Prawn, Oyster, Scallop, Shrimp.

Soft body: Cuttlefish, Jellyfish, Limpet, Octopus, Squid (calamari).

Sea mammals: Dolphin, Otter, Porpoise, Seal, Walrus, Whale.

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