KI TEITZEI - WHEN YOU GO OUT

Deuteronomy 21:10 to 25:19
Isaiah 54:1-10
Matthew 19:1-12
1 Corinthians 7:1-10
Galatians 3:9-14

Continued from the last lesson Shoftim

As we continue to follow God’s/Elohim words of encouragement preserved for us through Moses, we are reminded these are his last instructions to the Children of Israel. Those living in the time of Moses and those today are comforted by his fatherly advice. His loving words are still applicable today, empowered by the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh, and essential in every aspect of our lives (Isaiah 46:9-10; Mark 1:14-15).

Yeshua’s people serve in the shadow or replica of the heavenly Tabernacle, which today dwells within. The Father’s Word manifested in the flesh through Yeshua’s completed work on the Cross. When water and blood poured from Yeshua’s pierced heart, Truth was declared to all mankind. The three witnesses of heaven and the three witnesses of earth acting as one were witnessed at that moment. The Spirit, being a witness in both heaven and earth, testifies to this truth; thus is the Truth. That which was spoken from the beginning is now complete. That is the message of the Cross and is the only foundation believers are to build their trust upon.

**1 John 5:6-8** 6 “This is He who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.” 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.” (KJV/NKJ)

**Isaiah 46:9-10** “Remember the former things of old, for I am God/Elohim, and there is no other; I am God/Elohim, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done” (Mark 1:14-15).
1 Corinthians 1:18 “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God/Elohim.”

The Laws Of Separation

In Moses, we learn that the Tabernacle functions on the principle of pursuing God’s/Elohim holiness. As we continue our study in Deuteronomy, Moses now teaches on God’s/Elohim moral and ethical laws. We study to discern what manifests His blessings and also what provokes the realm of sin and death within His people.

Laws Of Separation - Marrying A Captive Woman

Deuteronomy 21:10-14 gives instructions for marrying a woman from among the captives. Firstly, she must have a heart after the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Secondly, she must have a desire to walk in His ways.

*Captive Strong’s H7628 שְׁבִי shebiy means: one turned away from a place of dwelling.*

Who among us has turned from their past, desiring to have a better life? Were we not all captives before coming to Yeshua, our Savior, who has set us free in Him?

Ruth 1:16 “But Ruth said [to Naomi]: ‘Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God/Elohim, my God/Elohim.’”

Laws Of Separation: Capital Punishment

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

In capital punishment, where death is the penalty, it was prohibited to leave the body on the tree overnight, or the land would become defiled, for “cursed is anyone hung on a tree.” The picture is Yeshua, our Savior. We had committed sins worthy of the death penalty. God/Elohim foreseeing our transgression took our sins upon Himself and received our death that we might live.

Romans 5:8 Paul said, “…but God/Elohim demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Yeshua died for us.” He took our sin [curses] upon Himself.

John 3:14-16 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God/Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
John 10:17-18 Yeshua said, “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

John 19:31 “It was Preparation Day, and the Judeans did not want the bodies to remain on the stake on Shabbat, since it was an especially important Shabbat.”

Galatians 3:13 Paul said, “Christ/Messiah has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’).”

Romans 14:9 “For this very reason, Christ/Messiah died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.”

Laws Of Separation: Protection Of Property
Deuteronomy 22:1-4

If we see a brother’s ox or sheep lost or straying, we are to care for it as if it were our own. In Scripture, animals often represent people. In this case, the stray animals spoken of here can be synonymous with people straying from God’s/Elohim teaching and instruction. We are to care for His sheep until The Owner returns. He longs for His lost sheep and desires to bless those who seek Him with all of their heart, soul, and might.

Psalm 119:176 “I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments."

Jeremiah 50:6 God/Elohim spoke to Jeremiah saying, “My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray.”

Matthew 10:5-8 Yeshua sent out twelve disciples commanding them, “But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Matthew 15:25 “He [Yeshua] answered and said, ‘I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’”

Luke 15:3-7 Yeshua spoke this parable, “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep, which was lost!’ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.”
Laws Of Separation: Apparel

Deuteronomy 22:5 “A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim.”

As a representative of the Covenant, we are to emulate humility and honorable ways in all aspects of our life, especially in the clothes we wear. They must be appropriate and modest. We are not to tempt others or lead them astray by what we wear, or we will be held accountable before God/Elohim. To wear clothes of the opposite gender is disrespectful to Our Heavenly Father who chose our birth gender. Therefore, women dress like women and men, as men.

Laws Of Separation: Contamination

The Torah lists three things that can bring contamination upon God’s/Elohim people. They are people, buildings, and clothing.

- **People:** God’s/Elohim people can be led astray if they associate or listen to people who bear a false witness not consistent with His instructions for life. To be unequally yoked not only applies to looking for the right spouse, but also for family, friends, work associates, schoolmates, neighbors, acquaintances, including multimedia and entertainment - anyone we allow to speak into our lives. We need to evaluate, using Scriptural guidelines, as to where we spend our time and with whom. We are to guard over what the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh has placed within us, as assimilation can be very subtle.

  Mark 7:6-7 “He [Yeshua] answered and said to them, ‘Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men’” (Isaiah 29:13).

  2 Corinthians 6:14 Paul said, “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”

- **Buildings:** God’s/Elohim people are not to frequent establishments that can lead them into unsanctified areas and bring contamination. That separates God’s/Elohim people from His blessings.

- **Clothing:** Wearing clothes that are suggestive or too revealing can attract an unclean spirit. It can also produce the reverse; by causing other’s to fall into perversion by what we wear. Our attire should uphold our confession and bring honor to God/Elohim.
In Torah, how a woman presents herself in the home and public can affect many lives. Isaiah describes the exposing of a woman’s leg and the uncovering of her thigh as the way or dress of a harlot, and a profane thing to do (Isaiah 47:1-5). We are called to be modest and respectful of others, and not cause anyone to fall.

What is God’s/Elohim standard? Do the clothes we wear show every ripple and dimple? Are our tops immodest revealing way too much flesh causing others to look or wishing they could find you a cover up? Do our children desire the clothes of a sensual nature? Are logos imprinted on t-shirts that represent uncleanliness? These are areas that our attire can either bless or curse. That is why Moses was very careful to instruct on the right order.

_God’s/Elohim Care_
Deuteronomy 22:6

Even birds are cared for under God’s/Elohim commandments. If the birds are so carefully looked after, how much more are we?

**Luke 12:6-7** Yeshua said, “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God/Elohim. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

**Laws Of Separation: Parapets**

**Deuteronomy 22:8** “When you build a new house, make a parapet around your roof so that you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed on your house if someone falls from the roof.”

*Parapet* Strong’s H4624 מַﬠֲקֶה ma‘aqeh means to press. A place of pressing as one leans on it. A wall that is placed around the roof. As this place was occupied because of its coolness in the summer.

The Shorter Oxford Dictionary describes *parapet* as meaning: a battlement, a high defense and/or a breastwork. Further, it expresses: 1) a defense of earth or stone to cover troops from the enemy’s observation and fire; 2) a low wall or barrier, placed at the edge of a platform, balcony or roof, or along the sides of a bridge, pier or quay, etc. to prevent people from falling over.

A roof can be synonymous with crown or head. We are told the mercy seat on the ark, and showbread table both had borders or mini parapets called *misqeret* (Strong’s H4526) Hebrew meaning _border, rim or fortress_. Part of the high priest’s garment is a turban with a miter wrapped around his head acted like a border saying, “Holy unto YHWH.” The parapet is mentioned in Ephesians 6:17 and Isaiah 59:17 as the helmet of salvation. God/Elohim is teaching His people to be responsible for their thoughts and to keep their heart holy before Him.
Philippians 4:4-8 “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God/Elohim; and the peace of God/Elohim, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus/Yeshua HaMashiach. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.”

The protection comes in keeping His ways. That is what saves believers from falling away. His Word is the armor of God/Elohim. Turning from His truth leaves believers wide open to the enemy. As we studied in the last lesson, mixing the Torah with outside beliefs, cultures or other religious ways is called syncretism and will open the door to the enemy. Torah calls believers who continuously choose rebellious ways or choose to live outside His teaching and instruction, as lawless or wicked ones. This teaching is not a salvation issue but one of how to walk in the gift of redemption and reap His blessings. Our protection is by staying within His ordinances and principles, His parapet, in Spirit and Truth (1 Timothy 1:9).

Psalm 36:6-9 “Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD/Yahweh, You preserve man and beast. How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God/Elohim! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.”

Laws of Separation: Unequal Yoking
Deuteronomy 22:9-12

The Seed - Genetically Altering God’s/Elohim Original Plan

Deuteronomy 22:9 “Do not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard; if you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled.”

Moses again takes the time to warn God’s/Elohim people not to mix the clean with the unclean. It has as much to do with our sphere of influence (physically, spiritually, and emotionally) as it does the land. One clear example of mixing seed is when man genetically alters a seed causing it to do something outside of its created function. God’s/Elohim seed is pure and designed to sustain life. Genetically altering His seed greatly threatens the balance of life in the universe. Those who change God’s/Elohim design, using genetic engineering techniques known as recombinant DNA technology or GMO (genetically modified organisms), are creating huge industries for themselves that are directly opposed to God’s/Elohim Kingdom.

Manufacturers such as Monsanto began as a wholesale drug house at the turn of the century. The owner’s son, John Francis Queeny, a Freemason, started his own chemical company to produce
the artificial sweetener *saccharin* for the Coca-Cola Company. Today Monsanto provides 90% of the world’s GMO seeds and is the leading producer of the herbicide *Roundup*. They also produced the *Agent Orange*, a defoliant, used during the Vietnam War, containing a highly toxic chemical known as dioxin that caused permanent health issues for thousands of war veterans.

Monsanto also developed a bovine growth hormone called *posilac* or rBGH, a synthetic hormone publicized to dairy farmers as able to significantly increase milk production by 10% to 25% and improve profitability. By 2008, a third of American dairy cows were being injected with rBGH. Dairy cows produce milk in a cycle. If that sequence is altered so that the milk production stays at a high production rate for a longer period, it can lead to added stress, sores, and even mastitis infections, as the animal was not created to keep up with that higher demand. Any bacteria or antibiotics needed to keep the healthy animal seeps into the milk production. Not only does the cow suffer but those who drink the milk or consume the dairy products (yogurt, cheese, etc.) are all at risk as well. Further, studies have shown that there are more and more pre-teen 7-8 year-old girls who are entering puberty very early prompted by active hormone levels in their bodies. The report also went on to say there was a rise of breast cancer in young adult women.

Through Monsanto’s chemical *NutraSweet* Company, they manufacture *Aspartame*, a toxic artificial sweetener used in *Diet Pepsi*. Monsanto also has strong ties with *Walt Disney Company* through *Freemasonry* (See the last study *Re’eh* for more information [www.sheepfoldgleanings.com](http://www.sheepfoldgleanings.com))

To produce a GMO product, DNA molecules from different sources are combined into one unit to create a brand new set of genes. This new gene (DNA) is then transferred into a living organism, giving it modified or novel genes. Monsanto was given exclusive universal rights on the seed they create. These seeds are sterile, so farmers are forced to purchase new seed from them each year. Thus Monsanto has created a huge dependency and world monopoly that no one can refute because of their patents.

The genetic industry developed the means to change the color, length, size, and or behavior of a plant by taking specific gene parts from other plants or animal sources and inserting them into a host recipient that was not created by God/ *Elohim* to be altered. That then began the process of cloning fruits and vegetables so that each one would look perfect in the marketplace.

The commercial GMO market expanded tremendously through the publicizing of supposed benefits. Many crop varieties created for us by God/Elohim were virtually lost. The industry began to narrow their selection to that perfect cabbage, tomato or pear, etc. A 1983 American survey of publicly available fruits and veggies showed that 97% of the varieties being sold by commercial US seed houses had disappeared since the beginning of the century. In that period the US Department of Agriculture’s seed storage bank dropped. Carrots went from 287 varieties to 21 varieties, cauliflower from 158 down to 9, tomatoes 408 to 79, and cucumbers 285 to only 16. Of the 7,089 varieties of apple in use during the same period 6,211 had been lost, and of 2,683 varieties of pears 2,354 no longer existed. The companies called it genetic erosion or loss of biodiversity.
Taking a tomato to market could be a costly experience for the farmer, but with a GM tomato they could suspend the aging process on the vine (called *vine ripe*) and have it arrive looking just perfect for the consumer. Watchdogs of this industry say that the suppressant gene introduced would disappear or lay dormant once the tomato ripens. However, a report on GM products says that the suppressant code may still be in that tomato. Therefore, the consumer could also ingest the suppressing gene, which in turn could suppress the human immune system and make antibiotics ineffective.

Another report said that the industry also inserted other genes (called marker genes) from different animal or plant sources to see if individual GM genes were working. In one experiment, they used the gene that produced the light from the firefly and inserted that animal product into the food. They then put this food before a fluorescent light to confirm if the target GM was working – it glowed.

The GM crops need substantial amounts of nitrogen (the same type used to create bombs) along with additives of insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides to support these plants. Some bugs they targeted became super bugs and immune to the insecticides. The herbicides became less and less effective giving way to super weeds. The chemicals also destroy songbirds, monarch butterflies, natural predators, bees, and other insects that are vital to the ecosystem. With all the chemicals used, the soil became depleted and lifeless. The water run-off also affected the water supplies, lakes, streams, and ocean and all life contained therein.

The chemical companies planted doubt and worked on the fear in the hearts of the farmers saying the natural seed was at risk of disease. To protect against crop failure, bankruptcy, and starvation, the farmers were encouraged to purchase hybrid/GMO seeds. However, it is the GM seed that was the weaker seed, not the original that God/Elohim freely gave to us. The problem was not with the seed, but with man not obeying God’s/Elohim farming practice written in His Word.

God/Elohim has very carefully given us His instruction on how to farm and keep the soil healthy for generations, but many have not followed His instructions. God/Elohim educated His people about the food supply that would be abundant and overflowing if they followed His protocol. He also said we would bring our own disaster upon ourselves if we mixed His original seed with manmade. Not only would the crops be affected but also our very livelihood, the health of the nation along with natural disasters, diseases, and plagues would follow because of our disobedience.

Twenty-first century scientists took matters into their own hands and came up with a chemical compound. In essence, they were saying that God’s/Elohim seed was no longer able to supply man’s needs and that man can produce a much better seed suited for their modern day needs. After thousands of years of Biblical farming practices, mankind chose to worship another god and created a Frankenstein seed that has brought God’s/Elohim cycle in some areas to a grinding halt.
The poor, underdeveloped countries with millions of starving people could not afford this new seed with all the chemical and water demands that came along with it. In the late 1980’s in places such as India, local farmers were promised unheard of harvests and income if they switched from farming with traditional seeds to planting GM seeds. Farmers who once had diversified growing with as many as 30 different crops in their fields able to support their families were now dependent upon just one variety. With the promises of economic prosperity, they soon found this new miracle seed needing copious amounts of chemical fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides, which took its toll on the soil rendering it infertile. As the quality of the soil deteriorated, the farmers faced zero yields and an inability to pay their debts. Three years of drought beginning in 2001 further fueled the crisis in India. Farmers found themselves in spiraling debt with no income or foreseeable way out. They saw that trusting in the makers of this miracle seed produced death not only for their own family livelihood but also in the community around them. In despair, many committed suicide by swallowing the insecticide. Over one hundred and twenty thousand in one Indian community committed suicide when they saw the result behind the false promises of Monsanto’s GMO seed.

Farmers with large capital investment became super-farmers using GM seed while others went into organic farming or dropped out of farming altogether. Thus we see the death of the family farm. Through these tragedies, nations began to see that GM seed did more damage than good. As a result, many countries around the world are now banning the cultivation of GM seed altogether.

Whole industries have emerged from the biotech science of gene alteration. Along with the seed companies, the chemical companies thrive, as do drug companies, especially in the application of medicine. All are programmed to nourish companies such as Monsanto and the huge GMO industry behind them. That eventually opened the way of animal and human cloning. The worldwide patents given these GMO producers are so encompassing and generalized that it protects this new biotech seed industry altogether.

God/Elohim has told us very specifically not to mix seed. This biotech industry has become a degenerate and greedy market. The GMO products look like food, tastes like food – but its product is not fit for human consumption. They are trying to have us believe that the genetically modified fare is no different from the original heirloom foods our grandparents enjoyed. The US Food and Drug Administration helps us think of it this way: “If it looks like a tomato, tastes like a tomato, and the company promises that it is very similar to the ‘old’ original tomato, then it is still a tomato.” Is something smelling bad here? Yes, they even tried implanting a gene from a fish into a tomato, but they did not think people would buy a tomato that had a fishy smell! Food for thought. When a live seed is manipulated so is the balance of life and nature.
Mayo clinical studies are finding that Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and Lou Gehrig’s disease are all associated with a particular protein called TDP-43. The tissue from 57% of the patients studied, who were clinically diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, had this protein present in their brain. TDP-43 behaves like toxic and infectious proteins known as prions; a destruction that occurs in Mad Cow (man-made plague) and Chronic Wasting Disease that eats away at the tissue of the brain. Looking for a cure brought doctors to see where this protein originated. Their findings brought them to contaminated meats. They found that confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs), where animals are fed an unnatural diet of GMO grains mixed with antibiotics plus meat and animal byproducts was a recipe for the spread of disease in both animals and humans. Herbivores are not meat eaters. They also feed on grasses and herbs, not grain. The Mayo test was a four-year study that gave the doctors at the Clinic insight that Alzheimer’s disease and Chronic Wasting Disease could very well be the result of Mad Cow disease – a man-made plague. Most mainstream restaurants and supermarkets today still serve CAFOs beef, chicken, and pig. The answer to this dilemma? Eat biblically and avoid eating the mixed seed.

For more information: IRT: Institute for Responsible Technology http://responsibletechnology.org

Back To The Garden

Writing about all this chemical abuse on the foods we eat, the long term effects on our planet, our heath, and the growing concerns over those big corporations reaping profits from all this exploitation can seem overwhelming and beyond the local farmer and general public’s ability to stand up against the GMO promotions and distributions. Today with all the information available on the Internet people are becoming more aware and better educated than ever before. That is causing many to want to participate in taking the land back and be proactive. But how is the major issue and where do people begin? With all this negative information we want to bring balance and practical help into the picture for people to think about and hopefully use. First, the consumer does not have to support the GMO industry. Do not buy their product. There are many healthy brands and products available today. Secondly, below are two articles. Both contain simple information with easy to use applications that we can implement in one way or another.

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God’s/Elohim Genetic Code and The Prodigal Son

What this very bleak GMO picture is revealing is actually how we look spiritually when we take The Seed – Yeshua - planted in our hearts and mix Him with the unnatural, immoral, and unclean ways. His vibrant, healthy seed is then rendered a GMO seed of death. To see the effects of this more clearly, Yeshua featured it in the parable of the Prodigal Son. The father planted good seed in his son, but the son never appreciated or developed it. Disillusioned, the son left his father with visions of seeking his own prosperity and identity out in the nations. However, he found he was alone and on the verge of starvation and death, not life. Reflecting on how he had corrupted the seed made him return in repentance to The True Seed His Father planted in him originally. Through his challenges, he saw The Truth was in him all this time (Luke 15:11-32).

Believers may think it is OK to indulge in other practices that God/Elohim warns against. That one lustful step can be a venomous bite leading to spiritual and physical poverty. The story of GMO is about our hearts before God/Elohim. We have to ask ourselves, “Have we neutered the seed within or have we kept the purity and holiness of God/Elohim’s Seed within us and are we developing it as He has asked us to?” The choice is ours, as it was for the Prodigal Son. Will we seek what we think are greener pastures outside God’s/Elohim Kingdom or will we protect the gift He has given us? It is time to return, prepare the soil, and care for the Pure Seed Yeshua has planted within our hearts.

Luke 13:6-9  He [Yeshua] also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’”

Our lives are created in God’s/Elohim perfect order and purpose, the heavenly pattern that He gave us to live by. Jacob used God’s/Elohim genetic code to develop a vast heritage for him and his family. His flock was stronger and healthier than his father-in-law’s. Following God’s/Elohim blueprint increased Jacob’s stock. He grew exceedingly prosperous, owning large healthy flocks of sheep and goats, as well as camels and donkeys. As Jacob obeyed the Torah principles and followed good farming habits, the land, and the fields supported him, and he flourished (Genesis 30:32-43).

For believers walking in Abraham’s Covenant (Galatians 3:7, 29), we are the promised seed. It became mixed for a season due to our ancestor’s pagan practices, but this generation is learning God’s/Elohim ways. Israel became scattered, and they went into captivity because they had not guarded over the Covenant Seed they were born into (Leviticus 25; 26:33-35; 2 Chronicles 36:20-21). Even the Indigenous and Black people, formally part of Israel’s twelve tribes, lost their identity due to mixing with the cultures. That eventually led to their forgetting their heritage as part of Israel altogether and set them up for enslavement. For the Black people, it was African Muslims who captured them for collection along the infamous African Gold Coast. There they
were sold to English, Europeans, and American slave traders tied to the sugar industry (Note: To this day, African Muslims still capture and use black Africans as slaves). That also occurred to the Spanish Israelites during the time of the Inquisition in Spain, the Russian Israelites in the Bolshevik Revelation, and the European Jews during the Holocaust. Thus Israel became a scattered people to the outermost parts of the world. Many in utter deprivation and poverty forgot or denounced, through slavery, who they truly were. Untold atrocities occurred to God’s Elohim people from both Houses, whose ancestors turned their backs on His Covenant and mixed with other nations. Mixing God’s Elohim Seed is a poison that brings death.

God/Elohim gives His people good farming habits for our blessing. It is time to prepare our soil, as He wants us to enjoy being doubly fruitful! When God’s Elohim teaching was not observed, the land of Israel fell into the hands of the nations. Part of the land became a desert and the other part a malaria-infested swamp. With the re-establishment of Israel and by observing proper Scriptural farming practices, including the Sabbatical/Shmita/Yovel agricultural years of rest, the land is beginning to flourish once again, able to produce vast quantities. Today, Israel has become a leading exporter of many products. Not only is this happening in the Land physically but also in the hearts of His people scattered throughout the nations. They also are being touched by the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh returning to their heritage as the Promised Seed of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Walking in His ways, by entering into His Covenants, His Sabbath, and His Feast Days causes believers to flourish among the nations. A mighty army is rising in Yeshua, preparing physically to return to the Land (Leviticus 25).

Laws Of Separation - Unequal Yoking - People

Deuteronomy 22:10 “Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.”

Harnessing two animals of differing breeds and size will cause chaffing that will eventually harm them. We also are not to walk unequally. That will cause the stronger of the two to weaken.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Paul said, “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers [believers who are not doers of the word]. For what do righteousness [believers whose walk matches their confession] and wickedness [believers who say they believe with their lips but their hearts are far from walking Yeshua’s truth] have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”

1 Kings 12:4 “Jeroboam said to Rehoboam, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.’”

During the time of Rehoboam, the House of Israel and the House of Judah were unequally yoked. From that period they still have not joined under Yeshua’s yoke. The re-gathering of all twelve tribes is a prophetic word from the Prophets still waiting restoration today. Only by uniting in Yeshua’s will equal yoking be restored to the Two Houses of Israel (2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1; Ezekiel 37; Matthew 11:29).
Deuteronomy 22:11 “Do not wear clothes of wool and linen woven together.”

God/Elohim teaches His people not to mix wool and linen fibers. Between the two they share many benefits that are essential to our health. The Kohath priestly garments had wool and linen in their garments. However, to wear wool and linen mixed in a way that would chafe the skin or introduce a sweat was forbidden. Therefore, we are told not to mix. Many have stated that not mixing wool and linen together has to do with a frequency generated by the fibers. However, these authors were unable to substantiate how the frequency rate measurements were taken or did they establish their sourcing. Thus information is pending.

Mixing wool and flax or linen are also synonymous with sanctified believers mixing with people who say they are believers but still walk in worldly ways. We are told not to become unequally yoked or there will be chaffing.

Tzitzit

Deuteronomy 22:12 “Make tassels on the four corners of the cloak [in Hebrew called a tallit] you wear.”

The tassels that hang from such a garment are called tzitzit. They are traditionally made from white linen, or wool cords with a separate cord of blue (representing Messiah) intertwined both through and around each tzitzit. The blue suggests that all twelve tribes of Israel are in one accord in Yeshua’s hand (Other colors are also used to represent a particular tribe or all twelve tribes). Does the command to wear the tzitzit apply to us today? We all said, “We will obey, and we will do” all the Words God/Elohim taught us through Moses. Therefore, this teaching of the tzitzit in the Gospel is for His people today. The tzitzit are part of the wedding garments worn by the faithful Bride. (For further referencing of the tzitzit and how to tie them, please refer to Numbers 15:37-41 and parsha Shelach www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

Laws Of Separation - Unequal Yoking - Marriage Violations
Deuteronomy 22:13-19

Deuteronomy 22:13-14 “If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her, and charges her with shameful conduct…”

The Scripture in Deuteronomy 22 focused on the importance of the man and woman both being pure physically and in the heart (virgins) when entering the covenant of marriage. That is God’s/Elohim prevailing standard set in place for the sake of future children so that the couple will have holy offspring and not bring contamination or curses upon succeeding generations.

Marriage is to be founded on love. If marriage is centered on lust, the seed will be corrupt. Sex without love in marriage is called the sin of Balaam, which is a fabricated love through a
religious unclean spirit. Marriage is to be holy. True love resides in God’s Elohim holiness founded on His Covenantal laws. Without His love, the marriage will always be fruitless. God’s Elohim holiness builds respect, thereby keeping the marriage bed undefiled.

If a man marries, he first and foremost must be pure of heart as marriage is based on love and not lust. If after the wedding day the husband slanders his wife declaring her impure then the woman’s parents are to show proof of her virginity by the blood-stained garment from the marriage night. The garment is the groom’s tallit. This Scripture is for the protection of the woman in case the man’s originally intent was to covet the woman out of lust with no commitment to love, thus rendering her (his flesh) lower than a prostitute and defiling the marriage bed.

Yeshua said to the believers (His Bride) in the church in Pergamos,

Revelation 2:14 “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.”

The man’s seed is not his to do as he wishes. The man’s seed belongs to God/Elohim. Therefore, it is holy and must be protected at all cost. His seed is reserved for the holy union of a loving marriage for the purpose of procreating holy offspring for the next generation. In marriage, a husband and wife enter God’s Elohim holy Covenant thereby becoming one flesh in Him. If a man slanders his wife, he slanders himself and shows he has contempt. Contempt will corrupt the seed, the result of sexual immorality - lust of the eye, lust of flesh, and pride of life – the spirit of covetousness, which is perversion – thus the marriage bed becomes defiled.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 “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. For God/Elohim did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God/Elohim, who has also given us His Holy Spirit” (Ezekiel 22:1-16).

1 Corinthians 7:1-6

1 Corinthians 7:1-6 is a Scripture that has been taken out of context for generations. Paul wrote cautioning God’s Elohim people against sexual immorality in marriage. Men who have corrupt seed slander their wives and use this Scripture against them. However, studying 1 Corinthians 7:1-6 through its intended Hebrew context sheds light and truth on what Paul was teaching. We hope and pray it heals many.

1 Corinthians 7:1-6 “Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good
for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality [lust – sin of covetousness], let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband [become one in flesh in Yeshua’s Holy Marriage Covenant]. Let the husband render [render Strong’s 7725 meaning return from backslidden ways. Restore. Recompense. Prepare a mishkan/tabernacle, the dwelling place of Yeshua] to his wife [in] the affection [affection Strong’s 6963 what is contained in your marriage vows/covenant to one another in Yeshua so you can hear the voice of the Spirit/Ruach of the Holy One] due her, and likewise also the wife [return from backslidden ways. Restore. Recompense. Walk in the ways written in the vows your marriage covenant in Yeshua to hear the voice of the Spirit/Ruach of the Holy One] to her husband. The wife does not have authority [authority Strong’s 5414 means to throw up the hand in confession, give up, surrender carnal ways in thankfulness] over her own body (the word “body” has been added to the text and is not in the original Scripture), but the husband does (the word “does” has been added to the text and is not in the original Scripture). And likewise the husband does not have authority [Strong’s 5414 means to throw up the hand in confession, give up, surrender carnal ways in thankfulness] over his own body (the word “body” has been added to the text and is not in the original Scripture), but the wife does (the word “does” has been added to the text and is not in the original Scripture). (Comment: The Hebrew scriptural content of this verse is about restoration in marriage. A husband and wife are not to be jealous, contentious or in competition with one another. See Ecclesiastes 4:4-12 below)

Do not deprive [deprive Strong’s 4513 means do not diminish, lack or fail to uphold your vows of holiness in your Covenant commitment to each other. Do not deprive the gift or the message of Gospel of Yeshua or it will be a thorn in your marriage] one another except with consent for a time [when away from each other], that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again [in the heart of Yeshua] so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment."

Deprive

Ecclesiastes 4:4-12 “Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor [wife]. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind. The fool folds his hands and consumes his own flesh. Better a handful with quietness than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind. Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun: there is one alone, without companion [wife]: He has neither son nor brother [nor wife]. Yet there is no end to all his labors, nor is his eye satisfied with riches. But he never asks, ‘For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?’ This also is vanity and a grave misfortune. Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion [wife]. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him [the enemy]. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken [Two in marriage covenant with Yeshua makes a threefold cord].”

The Role Of The Husband In Marriage

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Ephesians 5:25-31 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ/Messiah also loved the church [His Bride] and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word [the manna, the bread/the Gospel of Yeshua], that He [Yeshua] might present her to Himself a glorious church [Assembly/Bride], not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church [His Bride]. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’”

We are all members of Yeshua’s body, flesh, and bone, therefore, called holy. Because of holiness, we are to have holy vessels/seed. We are to mirror Yeshua in all aspects of our daily walk and lifestyle, especially in marriage. Just as Yeshua lives passionately for His Bride, so to men represent Yeshua in their marriage. Marriage is God’s/Elohim highest order. As nothing is hidden from Yeshua’s eyes, on the day we all stand before God/Elohim, husbands will be shown how they have loved their wives and give an account that will either stand or fall. Therefore, marriage is the highest honor of respect, honor, and integrity given to the man.

Forbidden Marriage

Deuteronomy 23:2 “One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the LORD/Yahweh; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD/Yahweh.”

Conception outside marriage carries a curse on that seed down to the tenth generation. If Yeshua’s people find they have trouble entering in or find they daydream or lose focus easily when reading, praying or coming into His presence to worship, they may be carrying inherited blockages from their ancestry. God/Elohim says that if His people repent and ask for forgiveness for the transgressions and iniquities (sins) of their forefathers to the third or fourth generation, even to the tenth generation, and wash (mikvah), they will be forgiven enabling them to enter more fully into the assembly and His Presence. Repenting with the whole heart breaks the curse and brings restoration. The Holy Spirit/Ruach Ha Kodesh is the Spirit of Truth in Yeshua that gives the power to break down the walls of separation under the authority of Torah/the Word (Leviticus 18 and 20).

Laws Of Separation - Uncleanliness In The Camp
Deuteronomy 23:9-13

God’s/Elohim people are learning the various violations against His Word that can bring contamination upon them and the camp. Lavatories are to be dug into the soil outside the camp.
Raw sewage that if not contained is full of deadly toxins that bring illness and pollution to water supplies and rivers preventing the land, the town, and the people from flourishing. Recently Unicef reported,

“Globally, an estimated 2,000 children under the age of five die every day from diarrhea diseases and of these some 1,800 deaths are linked to water, sanitation, and hygiene. If 90 school buses filled with kindergartners were to crash every day, with no survivors, the world would take notice. But this is precisely what happens every single day because of poor water, sanitation, and hygiene.”

Free flowing raw sewage also represents a slanderous talk or criticism of others. In Hebrew, this is called lashon harah. It is a deadly spiritual toxin released by the act of speaking slander into both the one speaking and the one listening. That creates curses or stumbling blocks in people’s lives to the one speaking, the one listening, and the one being talked about. Lashon hara, speaking evil or slanderous thoughts of one another is an unclean emission that defiles believers and contaminates the camp. When Miriam spoke lashon hara against her brother Moses, she was sent leprous outside the camp for seven days.

Deuteronomy 23:14 “For the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.”

Our camp is to be a clean camp free from human contaminates (spiritual/physical) (Numbers 12:1-15).

Laws Of Separation - Certificate of Divorce – The GET
Deuteronomy 24:1-4

If a married man finds fault with his wife, he may give her a certificate of divorce called a GET in Hebrew. However, men are not to find fault with their wives. The only accuser of the brethren is Satan. Divorce is not Yeshua’s standard, as Scripture says a husband must love his wife unconditionally just as Yeshua loved His Bride unconditionally and laid His life down for her (Ecclesiastes 9:9; Malachi 2:13-14; Ephesians 5:25-31).

Matthew 19:7-9 They said to Yeshua, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” He answered them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your [man’s] hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery” (Deuteronomy 24:1-4).

The Matthew Scripture is dealing with the hardness of a man’s heart, which if hard, is in direct opposition to how God/Elohim instructs a husband to be - full of love for his wife. It starts first with his heart toward God/Elohim through obedience to His Word. This is wisdom.
In biblical times, a divorce/GET was allowed only during the betrothal stage but not after the marriage stage when the couple had consummated their wedding vows. At the betrothal stage, the man and woman were called husband and wife but not physically intimate or living together.

Matthew 1:18-19 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away [divorce/get] secretly.”

True marriage and parenting rests on both the husband and wife being equally yoked in the care and responsibility of family life. That was their pledge to one another at the altar, which takes a true heart commitment in Yeshua to make it work. However, there are some families where the wife and children have become spiritual widows and orphans despite the physical presence of the husband and father in the home. This unequal yoke causes the woman to chafe under the imbalance of raising the children, plus assume leadership and discipline roles, in addition to the care of the home. Any problems in the home flow from the top down – first the husband, to his wife, and then to their children. Therefore, the man is responsible for his family.

Unfortunately, some husbands or wives are put into the position of being sole support and provider for their family due to a health problem or the death of a spouse or through a divorce where the balance of responsibility rests on them alone. However, many single moms and dads have been very successful in single handily raising children who flourish because their homes are based on God’s/Elohim protocol. I know, as I was one of them. Today, Yeshua’s faithfulness bears witness in the fruit of our four beautiful grandchildren.

In the case of a husband wanting a divorce, the protection for the woman is the GET. The offended husband is to provide a GET (a Hebrew certificate of divorce) so that the woman would not be forced to live in the shame brought on by her husband. The GET is intended to bless her thereby freeing the woman to move forward with her life.

Today divorce is common and acceptable in the world, even among Christians regardless of Yeshua’s words. Most marriages are performed in front of God/Elohim in a Church setting surrounded by witnesses. The state then issues a legal license recognizing that ceremony. However, if divorce does happen, it is exclusively done before a legal court system of the land, and not before God/Elohim. Remember, in marriage, God/Elohim holds the husband responsible for the woman’s wellbeing and if they divorce the husband is accountable. Because of this law, the husband must provide a “GET” for his wife. That will allow the woman to move on with her life and re-marry if she so chooses. Today many second marriages struggle to survive because of this law in the Torah that is innocently violated. However, the ideal in Torah is no divorce.

Today Ephraim and Judah are coming home, many from various backgrounds, which may include numerous divorces (Jeremiah 3). Be encouraged, once in a Torah lifestyle the divorce
rate drops to less than 1% as couples learn how to honor God’s/Elohim commandments for a good healthy loving marriage that removes the curses and restores abundant blessings. Yeshua came to set the captives free. He has restored His Bride (Whole House of Israel) and is wearing the proof of her virtue for all to see (See Parsha Nasso Numbers 5 www.sheepfoldgleaning.com).

**Revelation 19:13** “He [Yeshua] was clothed with a robe [tallit] dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God/Elohim.”

**Laws Of Separation - Not To Oppress**

**Deuteronomy 24:14-15** “You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the LORD/Yahweh, and it be sin to you” (Jeremiah 22:3-5; Zechariah 7:9 - 8:1).

**Deuteronomy 24:16** “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”

**Laws of Separation - The Kinsman Redeemer**

**Deuteronomy 25:5-10** “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband’s brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. And it shall be that the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. But if the man does not want to take his brother’s wife, then let his brother’s wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, ‘My husband’s brother refuses to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband’s brother.’ Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But if he stands firm and says, ‘I do not want to take her,’ then his brother’s wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face, and answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother’s house.’ And his name shall be called in Israel, ‘The house of him who had his sandal removed.’”

**Ruth 4:1-22** Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there. Then the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by and Boaz invited the man to sit with him, as well as ten men of the elders of the city. When Boaz questioned the close relative if he would redeem the land Naomi was selling, the man said, ‘I cannot redeem it for myself, therefore you buy it for yourself.’ So he took off his sandal. Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, God/Elohim gave her conception, and she bore a son and they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.
Isaiah 54:1-10,13,17 “Sing, O barren, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman, says the LORD/Yahweh. Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited.”

“Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. For your Maker is your husband, The LORD/Yahweh of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God/Elohim of the whole earth. For the LORD/Yahweh has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused, says your God/Elohim.”

“For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, says the LORD/Yahweh, your Redeemer. For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed, says the LORD/Yahweh, who has mercy on you.

“And all your children shall be taught by the LORD/Yahweh; and great shall be the peace of your children.

“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD/Yahweh, and their righteousness is from Me, says the LORD/Yahweh.”

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