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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15*

## **FORWARD**

Joe seems to be the type of man that tends to jump in and just do everything himself; however, he eventually mentioned one day on his website, [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com), that he simply did not have the spare time to do all that was needed to be done and could really use some help. The teachings that Joe supplies are very numerous – he has produced books, videos, and newsletters that have inspired teachers in places as far away as Burundi and surrounding countries in Africa to the many islands of the Philippines nearly on the other side of the planet from Joe’s home in Canada. Hence, the need quickly arose to generate the type of curriculum you have in your hands now... another lesson book.

As for me, my name is Mike. I answered that call for help and worked extensively on these lesson books, as Joseph Dumond is simply overworked and did not have time to produce this project without a willing worker in the background. So, with Joe acting as chief editor and producer, I did the research and typing involved in gleaning information from what Joe has published elsewhere and reformatting it into short one page lessons. By the way, when Joseph Dumond asked me to put my name as a coauthor on the first lesson book, I said, “no.” Then, Joe began once again asking me to put my name as a coauthor on this second lesson book. So, we eventually came to the compromise that I write this forward, as it is important to Joe that you know how these lesson books came about. However, instead of talking about me, let’s focus on the lesson books instead.

If you have a copy of the first lesson book, please review the *Introduction* therein, as the same guidelines still apply and the King James Version is still being used for the same reasons. Likewise, as before, you are very welcome to and encouraged to bring your own resources into the studies and discussions.

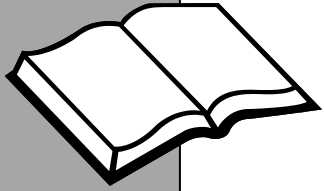
The concept behind these very brief lessons is to plant basic seeds of Scripture by presenting a *Scripture Highlight* on a topic, while inviting the Holy Spirit to guide you and those with you into deeper learning through study and discussion. To provide you with some insight into how these lessons have been written, if you have access to Joe’s 2300 Days of Hell book which contains a compilation of many of Joe’s online teachings, skim through chapter three of it and compare that information to a lesson in this lesson book with the title “The Banners of the Camp of Israel” – the lesson should look very familiar. In writing these lesson books in accordance with the other teachings provided by [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com), I have taken various such teachings as starting points, then examined other similar concepts, condense the teachings down to one page or a series of one page lessons, and often thrown in a little flavor of my own in an effort to strongly emphasize salvation and repentance as much as possible.

As an acknowledgement to others, please know, too, that not all of the source content for these lessons came from *only* Joseph Dumond; indeed, others in multiple countries online have contributed as well. Some lesson content was derived from [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com) newsletters written by another Canadian man named James. Over a dozen lessons in the first book were completely written by another contributor named Jan from the United States. The beautiful cover to the lesson books (which, as you can see, I now added the word “More” to), as well as the calendar that is included at the end of this book, were created by an incredibly talented artist named Pauline from Australia. In addition, feedback from people in multiple other countries have greatly inspired the work on this book as well. And, yes... of course... I acknowledge my Heaven Father.

So, hopefully, by working your way through yet another lesson book of this style, it is my prayer for you that something amazing happens to you along the way... What is this amazing thing? It is that you discover that *you* are able to transition from student to teacher with a nice set of lessons to get you started on your way!

May we meet some day in the Kingdom. In the meantime, may you be blessed from what you learn from these *Scripture Lessons for the Kingdom!*

# Salvation & Repentance



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Isaiah 53:1-12**

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## ***Study***

The passage of Isaiah 53 above refers to our Messiah; this was directly explained in Acts 8:32-35. This is the One commonly known as “Jesus the Christ” (or in Hebrew, as “Yeshua Ha Mashiach”). He is our Passover Lamb that was slain for us (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:7). This *lamb* concept is also mentioned in John 1:36, Exodus 12:3, 1 Peter 1:19, Genesis 22:8, Revelation 5:6 and other places throughout the Scriptures. Search for and study these Scriptures; if able, share other passages as well.

## ***Discussion***

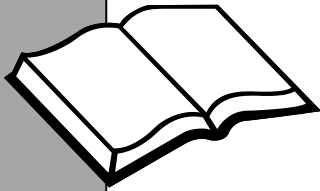
After referring to our Messiah as our Passover Lamb, the next several verses in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:8-13 seem to discuss keeping the feast with sincerity and truth and separating oneself from sin. In the next letter to the Corinthians, we are told to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). Other passages of Scripture are very similar – search and discuss passages that deal with the importance of pursuing righteousness after accepting Salvation (for example: Hebrews chapter 10 speaks of our Messiah’s sacrifice for us and makes such profound statements as “*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*”).

Consider again the subject of Isaiah 53, printed above, in conjunction with the familiar depictions of the crucifixion in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:18 states that Christ suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust.

Now ask and discuss the question, “Why/how would one continue in a life of sin after all that He has done for us?” Consider also how we should present ourselves (Isaiah 61:10, Ephesians 5:26-27, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:16, Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7).



# Calculations



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Daniel 9:2-3**

In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

### **Genesis 6:3**

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-4**

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

### **Amos 3:7**

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

### **Daniel 8:13-14**

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

## ***Study***

In the Scriptures, there are many calculations. When Daniel *calculated* the number of years of his people's exile and compared this with the warnings of Leviticus 26, he prayed a prayer of repentance and was shown much more by an angel! Today we look back on Daniel's writings in chapter 9, and have attempt to make calculations of our own:

- Daniel 9:24      *The current Jubilee cycle is the 70<sup>th</sup> since the Exodus (there are 120 total cycles given to man – Gen 6:3)*  
Daniel 9:25      *King David came after 7 Jubilee cycles and rebuilt Jerusalem as it was before with Melchizedek (Shem)*  
Daniel 9:26      *After 62 more Jubilee cycles (after a total of 69) the anointed who we know to be 12 tribes of Israel in whom the Messiah should be evident will be cut off in the middle of that last cycle because of their sin.*  
Daniel 9:27      *Is the agreement for peace made by the United Nations over the 49 years prior to Pentecost 2020 the agreement spoken of that will mark the middle of this last/70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee cycle that begins the 2300 days?*

## ***Discussion***

Discuss the calculations above. If you have different calculations, present them with evidence (ie: historical documentation of years, such as pictures of dated museum artifacts) and ensure that your calendar calculations match up with the Sabbatical and Jubilee years of Leviticus 25.

## ***References***

For the calculations in the study above, the website [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com) has presented various evidence of the calendar years that match up with the Sabbatical and Jubilee years of Leviticus 25. Use this reference as you prove things and keep the good (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:21).

# 120 Times Given to Man

At no time in history has the average age of man been 120 years. Before the flood, it is recorded that men lived up to 962 years! After the flood the Bible records many patriarchs well into the hundreds. Today, our average life span is about 80. So, could it be that Yehovah was saying in Genesis 6:3 that mankind shall have 120 cycles of time, and then there shall be rest?

From Creation to the Sabbath Millennia is 120 Jubilees																								
1	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	81	86	91	96	101	106	111	116	Sabbath Millennia
2	7	12	17	22	27	32	37	42	47	52	57	62	67	72	77	82	87	92	97	102	107	112	117	
3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73	78	83	88	93	98	103	108	113	118	
4	9	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	74	79	84	89	94	99	104	109	114	119	
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	

120 Jubilees (a Jubilee Year occurs every 49 years)

Daniel was told that there would be 70 of these times till there would be peace and righteousness.

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3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	
4	9	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	4	9	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	

70 Jubilees

Considering that a day is like a millennia to our Heavenly Father, can you see the plan?

Man has been given the Week – 6 to work, then 1 to rest						
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Sabbath</b>

Suggested Calculation: If you know what the current year from Creation is, divide that year by 49 (which is the number of years in one Jubilee Cycle) and you will clearly see that we currently are living in the last Jubilee cycle of the sixth “millennial day” since Creation, and the Sabbath is nearly upon us!

Scripture References for Study: Genesis 1 & 2, Exodus 3, Exodus 20:8-11, Leviticus 25, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalms 90:4, Daniel 9:24, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:8, Revelation 21 & 22

# The Missing 76 Years

<i><b>Kings of Israel</b></i>		<i><b>Kings of Judah</b></i>	
Jeroboam	933-911	Rehoboam	933-916
Nadab	911-910	Abijah	915-913
Baasha	910-887	Asa	912-872
Elah	887-886	Jehoshaphat	874-850
Zimri	886	Jehoram	850-843
Omri	886-875	<i>Ahaziah</i>	<i>843</i>
Ahab	875-854	<i>Athaliah</i>	<i>843-837</i>
Ahaziah	855-854	<i>Joash</i>	<i>843-803</i>
Joram	854-843	<i>Amaziah</i>	<i>803-775</i>
Jehu	843-816	Uzziah	787-735
Jehoahaz	820-804	Jotham	749-734
Joash	806-790	Ahaz	741-726
Jeroboam II	790-749	Hezekiah	726-697
Zechariah	748	Manasseh	697-642
Shallum	749	Amon	641-640
Menahem	738-736	Josiah	639-608
Pekahiah	738-736	Jehoahaz	608
Pekah	748-730	Jehoiakim	608-597
Hoshea	730-721	Jehoiachin	597
		Zedekiah	597-586

(note: the numbers the chart above are ranges of "BC" years)

## **Study**

Deuteronomy 29:20 states "*The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.*" Read Matthew 1:1-17 and identify where the names of Ahaziah, who reigned **1** year, and Athaliah who reigned **6**, and Joash who reigned **40** and Amaziah who reigned **29**, are all missing from the chronology in verse 8 where there is a jump from Jehoram to Uzziah (note: different Bible translations spell these names differently, but often sound similar when spoken; for example Uzziah is also spelled Ozias). Add up the years of the reigns of these leaders (**1+6+40+29=76**) and remember that number.

Search 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings chapters 8, 11, 12, and 14 and find where the four leaders did evil in the sight of our LORD Yehovah. For example, Queen Athaliah is called "*that wicked woman*" in 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 24:7 – as she came to power through murdering her own family members, among other evils.

## **Discussion**

To find out what the current year is from Creation, one can do a lot of research in archeological records, as [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com) has done, or one can attempt to find out what the current year is on the modern "Jewish Calendar" and add 76 years; then adjust for the fact that the modern "Jewish Calendar" has moved the head of the year ("Rosh Hashanah") to the fall instead of the spring (as is written in the Scriptures).

Although our Heavenly Father blots out the names of those who do evil from His sight, nowhere did he command men to change the calendar! In fact, it is recorded in the Scriptures that *the enemy* will "wear out the saints" by changing "times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). The calendar has been changed to confuse us! Discuss how the times of the weekly and yearly holy days have been changed and substituted.  
*Bonus Discussion: Discuss also the importance of the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years on the biblical calendar.*



# The First 2500 Years of Creation

Begin counting years 130 as Seth being born when Adam was 130 years old, then continue paying attention to the years as one reads along...

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat <i>a son</i> in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:	130 Years
Genesis 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters.	
Genesis 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.	105 Years
Genesis 5:6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:	
Genesis 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died	90 Years
Genesis 5:9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:	
Genesis 5:10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.	70 Years
Genesis 5:12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:	
Genesis 5:13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.	65 Years
Genesis 5:15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:	
Genesis 5:16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.	162 Years
Genesis 5:18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:	
Genesis 5:19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.	65 Years
Genesis 5:21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:	
Genesis 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:	
Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he <i>was</i> not; for God took him.	187 Years
Genesis 5:25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:	
Genesis 5:26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.	
Genesis 5:28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:	
Genesis 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This <i>same</i> shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.	182 Years
Genesis 5:30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:	
Genesis 5:31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.	
Genesis 5:32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <span style="float: right;"><i>(Shem born when Noah was 502)</i></span>	
Genesis 7:6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.	
Genesis 7:7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.	502 Years
Genesis 11:10 These <i>are</i> the generations of Shem: Shem <i>was</i> an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:	100 Years
Genesis 11:11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.	
Genesis 11:12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:	35 Years
Genesis 11:13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.	30 Years
Genesis 11:14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:	
Genesis 11:15 And Eber lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.	34 Years
Genesis 11:16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:	
Genesis 11:17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.	30 Years
Genesis 11:18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:	
Genesis 11:19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.	32 Years
Genesis 11:20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:	
Genesis 11:21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.	30 Years
Genesis 11:22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:	
Genesis 11:23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.	29 Years
Genesis 11:24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:	
Genesis 11:25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.	70 Years
Genesis 11:26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran. <span style="float: right;"><i>(Abram/Abraham born in the Year 1948 from Creation.)</i></span>	
Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram <i>was</i> seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.	
Genesis 16:16 And Abram <i>was</i> fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.	
Genesis 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.	
Genesis 21:8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the <i>same</i> day that Isaac was weaned. <span style="float: right;"><i>(Isaac was 10 years old)</i></span>	
Genesis 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land <i>that</i> is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; <span style="float: right;"><i>(See also Exodus 12:40/Galatians 3:16-17, counting 430 years from when Abraham was 80)</i></span>	510 Years
Numbers 1:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,	
Numbers 10:11 And it came to pass on the twentieth <i>day</i> of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.	2 Years
Numbers 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.	
Numbers 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, <i>even</i> forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, <i>even</i> forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.	40 Years

Joshua and the Children of Israel enter the Promised Land **2500** years after creation, which is a year of rest for the land (see Leviticus 25:1-2).  
*(The year 2500 was the 51<sup>st</sup> Year of Jubilee that occurred since Creation, in 1337 BC.)*

# 700 BC was a Jubilee

## Scripture Highlight

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 32:1

After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 32:20-22

And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 18:13

Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 19:29 (Sabbath Year in 701 BC followed by Jubilee Year in 700 BC)

And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

### Isaiah 36:1

Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

### Isaiah 37:30 (Sabbath Year in 701 BC followed by Jubilee Year in 700 BC)

And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as growth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

## Study and Discussion

The *Scripture Highlight* above contains excerpts of the happenings between King Hezekiah and Sennacherib. The full account can be found in the following: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 18:13–20:11; Isaiah 36:1–37:37; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 32:1–22.

A Jubilee Year occurs the year immediately following the 49<sup>th</sup> year (which is the 7<sup>th</sup> Sabbatical year) a Jubilee Cycle described in Leviticus 25. As one can see, a Sabbatical Year (Leviticus 25:4-8) followed by a Jubilee Year (Leviticus 25:11) is being described in Isaiah 37:30 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 19:29, and thanks to the record keeping on Sennacherib's Annals, we can date these two years as 701 BC and 700 BC.

The website [sightedmoon.com](http://sightedmoon.com) has documented more than 100 proofs of the dates of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years via historical records and artifacts allowing the dating of numerous biblical events such as the Sabbatical and Jubilee years that occurred when Joshua led the children of Israel into the Promised Land. Research and discuss these dates.

## Sennacherib's Annals

The Assyrian King, Sennacherib, recorded his troubles with King Hezekiah on stone pillars. This is one way we can date the Jubilee Year that occurred in 700 BC.



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# Curses in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Cycles

## Scripture Highlight

### Leviticus 26:21-25

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high* ways shall be desolate. And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

1716-1730 | 1732-1733 Influenza

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1750	1743	1736	1729	1722	1715	1708
6th Year	1749	1742	1735	1728	1721	1714	1707
5th Year	1748	1741	1734	1727	1720	1713	1706
4th Year	1747	1740	1733	1726	1719	1712	1705
3rd Year	1746	1739	1732	1725	1718	1711	1704
2nd Year	1745	1738	1731	1724	1717	1710	1703
1st Year	1744	1737	1730	1723	1716	1709	1702

1765-1779 | 1775-1776 Influenza

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1799	1792	1785	1778	1771	1764	1757
6th Year	1798	1791	1784	1777	1770	1763	1756
5th Year	1797	1790	1783	1776	1769	1762	1755
4th Year	1796	1789	1782	1775	1768	1761	1754
3rd Year	1795	1788	1781	1774	1767	1760	1753
2nd Year	1794	1787	1780	1773	1766	1759	1752
1st Year	1793	1786	1779	1772	1765	1758	1751

1814-1828 | 1816-1826 | 1829-1851 Cholera

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1848	1841	1834	1827	1820	1813	1806
6th Year	1847	1840	1833	1826	1819	1812	1805
5th Year	1846	1839	1832	1825	1818	1811	1804
4th Year	1845	1838	1831	1824	1817	1810	1803
3rd Year	1844	1837	1830	1823	1816	1809	1802
2nd Year	1843	1836	1829	1822	1815	1808	1801
1st Year	1842	1835	1828	1821	1814	1807	1800

1863-1877 Cholera

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1897	1890	1883	1876	1869	1862	1855
6th Year	1896	1889	1882	1875	1868	1861	1854
5th Year	1895	1888	1881	1874	1867	1860	1853
4th Year	1894	1887	1880	1873	1866	1859	1852
3rd Year	1893	1886	1879	1872	1865	1858	1851
2nd Year	1892	1885	1878	1871	1864	1857	1850
1st Year	1891	1884	1877	1870	1863	1856	1849

1912-1926 | 1899-1923 Cholera and 1918-1920 Avian Flu

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1946	1939	1932	1925	1918	1911	1904
6th Year	1945	1938	1931	1924	1917	1910	1903
5th Year	1944	1937	1930	1923	1916	1909	1902
4th Year	1943	1936	1929	1922	1915	1908	1901
3rd Year	1942	1935	1928	1921	1914	1907	1900
2nd Year	1941	1934	1927	1920	1913	1906	1899
1st Year	1940	1933	1926	1919	1912	1905	1898

1961-1975 | 1960's Cholera (El Tor)

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1995	1988	1981	1974	1967	1960	1953
6th Year	1994	1987	1980	1973	1966	1959	1952
5th Year	1993	1986	1979	1972	1965	1958	1951
4th Year	1992	1985	1978	1971	1964	1957	1950
3rd Year	1991	1984	1977	1970	1963	1956	1949
2nd Year	1990	1983	1976	1969	1962	1955	1948
1st Year	1989	1982	1975	1968	1961	1954	1947

## Research and Discussion

The charts above are from the material produced by *sightedmoon* concerning the information one can obtain by studying the Sabbatical and Jubilee years found in the Scriptures. The particular 49 year Jubilee cycles found on this page focus on the historical pestilences that have been most *prominent* during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seven year Sabbatical cycles of the given 49 year periods. Page space is limited, hence earlier pestilences such as the 1720-22 Great Plague (France), 1668 Plague (France), 1665 Great Plague (England), 1663-1664 Plague (Holland), 1636 Plague (England), 1574 Plague (Scotland), 1485 Sweating (England), 1428 Plague (England) and back to the pestilence that occurred in Abraham's days have not been listed.

The current 49 year Jubilee cycle, which is the 120<sup>th</sup> since Creation, started in 1996. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbatical cycle started in 2010. Research online to find where pestilences such as SARS, MERS, H1N1, H5N1, and Ebola have occurred during this time period. Determine the middle year of this 49 year Jubilee cycle and compare it to time/date when the World Health Organization (WHO) made the announcement to officially declare the COVID-19 (Corona) virus as a "pandemic".

Discuss the timelines in Scripture. Using the Sabbatical and Jubilee years, what might one predict?

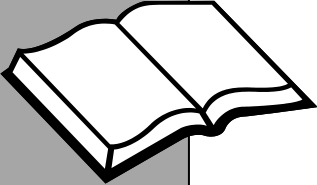
Read Leviticus chapter 26. How is this chapter similar to Deuteronomy chapter 28? Leviticus 26 begins by speaking of many blessings over 13 verses; however after this, many curses are spoke of. Why / What for? Using the 7 year patterns found in Leviticus 26, what other curse, besides pestilence, is associated with the 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbatical cycle? What about the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle? Starting with 1996 as the first year of the current 49 year cycle, try making a chart of your own similar to the charts presented above.

*Bonus: When an Angel is seen in the Scriptures with a sword, it typically means a curse is being carried out. Compare the Scripture Highlight above to what happened in 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21 (look for the "sword" in verses 12-16) and Samuel 24.*

# Educated Guesses

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 2:1-23**



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy

### **Luke 2:21-39**

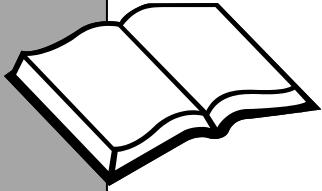
And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

## ***Study and Discussion***

As you have read in the *Scripture Highlight* above, the coming of our Messiah was a very *expected* event. Many with wisdom expected this event. With an understanding of the calendar, one can clearly see that our Messiah came just before Jerusalem and the Temple there were destroyed at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> millennial day (80<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Cycle) since creation. We are currently at the threshold of the 6<sup>th</sup> millennial day ending and the 7<sup>th</sup> millennial day of peace beginning. What educated guesses should we be making? Is it acceptable to make these guesses? Support your discussion with Scripture (suggestion: 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5).



# Are you Meek or a Wild Ass?



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Jeremiah 2:24**

A wild ass used to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

### **Genesis 16:12 (American Standard Version)**

And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brethren.

### **Daniel 5:20-21**

But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

### **Matthew 5:5**

Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

### **Matthew 11:29-30**

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

## ***Study***

King Nebuchadnezzar forgot Daniel's instructions on Who places Kings on their thrones, and Who removes them. Study what he was told, and what happened to him when he became like an ass in his pride: Daniel 2:20-23 and 4:28-37.

Often people make a fool of themselves by not submitting to the instructions given to us in the scriptures. Many of us have done this. Some listen to rebuke, and others do not. However, the scriptures tell us that it is good to learn from rebuke. Consider the following verses from the Proverbs: 9:8, 12:1, 17:10, 19:20. If time permits, read the first several chapters of the book of Proverbs together as a group.

## ***Discussion***

It is a common misconception to think that being "meek" is being "weak". When a horse is "gentled" or "meeked", it learns to be mild and submissive to the one that trained it. That horse does not become weak from training, rather that horse becomes ***strength under control***. The horse is not hobbled; it is only bridled. Blessed is the one who has yielded to our master, our Father who is in Heaven. Those that are weak will say that person is strong (Joel 3:10). Consider the person spoken of in the following verse:

**Numbers 12:3** Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth

Was Moses a weak man? Or, was Moses a man of great spiritual strength who was fully submitted to his God in such a way his strength could be properly used in amazing ways?

Discuss together what it means to be yielded to our God. Read together also Philippians 4:13, and discuss how the horse can also gain even greater strength from its master.

# Righteousness and Peace

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **James 3:18**

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

### **Isaiah 32:17**

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

### **Isaiah 48:18**

O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

### **Hebrews 7:1-2**

For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

### **John 14:25-27**

These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

### **Galatians 5:22-26**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

### **Proverbs 12:28**

In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof* there *is* no death.



## ***Discussion***

Some make war with the laws of our Heavenly Father and speak ill against His commandments and statutes; however, the righteous are at peace with His law. Consider the attitude of King David in Psalm 119 – specifically verses 142, 165, and 172 which speak of righteousness and peace.

Consider also, as mentioned in Hebrews 7:1-2 above, that Melchisedec is first translated as the “king of righteousness” which also means “king of peace.”

Read Jeremiah 29:11. What thoughts does our Heavenly Father have towards us?

## ***Study***

Psalm 37:37 tells us the future of the upright: Peace is the result of righteousness.

Without righteousness (purity), there is no peace.

It is important to read the Scriptures in context. The single verse above of James 3:18 above is presented as a conclusion; backup in this chapter slightly to James 3:13-18 and read the question and argument that James presents that leads up to his statement in 3:18.



# Sin and War

## Scripture Highlight

### Isaiah 48:22

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

### James 4:1-10

From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

### Jeremiah 8:4-12

Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD. How do ye say, We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes *is* in vain. The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom *is* in them? Therefore will I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them*: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

## Comments

Wars and fighting come from not obeying the commandments. The passage above from James, chapter 4, tell us how to overcome this by humbling ourselves, yielding (or “meeking”) ourselves. When we see how immoral we when not yielding to God, we are to morn over this and repent.

In the world today, a truce is a time to reload the ammunition. It is not peace. Likewise, mankind has no true peace without Yehovah. Mankind is are at war with their God. Many people are at war with themselves, in constant turmoil on the inside.

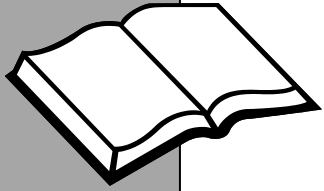
## Study & Discussion

There can be no peace without the Prince of Peace. Peace goes with righteousness. Without righteousness, there is sin. Those who say “peace”, peace when there is no peace are still living in sin.

First we must pursue purity and righteousness, then we will find peace. Read together Psalm 85:8-13 and discuss, not overlooking the love affair found in verse 10.



# Go Buy a Sword?



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Romans 12:18**

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

### **Matthew 10:32-38**

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

### **Ephesians 6:13-20**

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15**

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### **Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

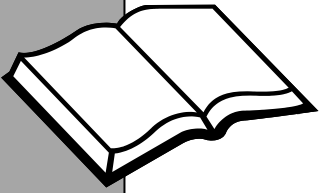
## ***Study and Discussion***

Romans 12:18 above may seem as a bit of a contradiction to some of the other Scriptures presented; however, when we stand for the righteousness of God – we use a sword. That “sword” is the word of the scriptures to rightfully divide the truth from falsehood. This is not peaceful. It is an act of war. This sword often divides families and brethren, cutting right to the bone. Whenever we seek to obey our Heavenly Father, when we yield to His authority and seek to follow His Laws; then as a result in this world, we find ourselves to be at war with those who will not and do not obey Him.

In Matthew 10:34, our Messiah states that he came not to bring peace, but a sword; and in Luke 22:36, our Messiah instructs us to buy a sword. Could He be referring to the Sword of the Spirit that is part of the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:17)?

Blessed are the peace makers. However, peace is not appeasement. You are not honor bound to get along with everyone. Read and discuss Micah 7:6, Luke 12:53, and especially Matthew 10:21-42. Is it realistic to expect people who *do not* pursue righteousness, even family members, to treat those who *do* with honor and respect even when we show love and respect?

# Secret Sin



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 10:28**

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

### **Jeremiah 17:10**

I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

### **Matthew 6:6**

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14**

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

### **Proverbs 21:2**

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

### **Acts 8:22**

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

### **James 4:8**

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

### **Proverbs 4:23**

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

### **Psalms 51:10**

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

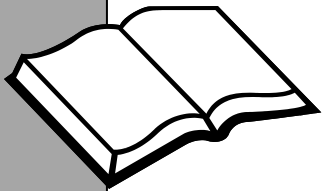
### **Matthew 5:8**

Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

## ***Comments***

Perhaps some of the hardest sins to overcome are those that a person keeps secret. However, the Scriptures tell us that all secrets will be revealed (Matthew 10:26, Luke 8:17 & 12:2). Our Heavenly Father reveals profound and hidden things, and knows what is in the darkness (Daniel 2:22). He is able to look in our hearts, and knows who and what we are on the inside (Psalm 139:15, 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7). When the Holy Spirit left the temple, God showed Ezekiel the secret sins that were occurring there (Ezekiel 8:12). Our bodies are to be the temple of the Holy Spirit (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19). When King David sinned, he was concerned that the Holy Spirit would be taken away from him (Proverbs 51:11). David thought his sin was secret, but God knew and made it known (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:12). The Scriptures also tell us that a poor condition of one's heart could cause God's wrath to build up against us in judgement (Romans 2:5-6). But, a good person's heart is firm in their faith, trusting in their God (Psalm 112:7). So, we should ask our Heavenly Father to test our hearts and minds (Psalm 26:2) and trust in Him with all of our hearts (Proverbs 3:5-6) and ask Him to make our paths straight (consider also the prayer found in Psalm 19:12-14 that asks "cleanse thou me from secret *faults*." in verse 12); seek Him with your whole heart, and do not wander from His commandments (Psalm 119:10). Do not let sin, secret or otherwise, separate you from Him and cause Him to hide His face from you and not hear your prayers (Isaiah 59:2, James 5:16). Do not harden your heart and fall into deeper sin (Proverbs 28:14, Mark 7:21). Repent now (Isaiah 55:6)! Our Messiah bled and died for us such that we can overcome our sins (Romans 8:37) and receive the promises given to those that overcome (Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21).

# How to Destroy a Hebrew



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Micah 6:1-5**

Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

### **Jeremiah 2:24**

A wild ass used to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

### **Leviticus 20:23**

And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

## ***Study***

Hosea 12:13 reminds us that the God of Israel brought the people up out of Egypt by a prophet and cared for them. In Numbers chapter 22-24, an enemy of Israel hired the prophet Balaam to curse them... but, Israel could not be cursed by this evil man and was blessed instead.

However, we learn in Numbers 25:9 that 24,000 Hebrews died in a *plague* during the Exodus. Was this the fault of the God of Israel? Did He fail to protect his people?

Study and find the reason for this plague in Numbers 25. Compare the reason you find to some select passages from the book of Deuteronomy: 7:3, 12:1-5, 12:30-31, 16:21-22.

## ***Discussion***

In the *Scripture Highlight* above, the Lord Yehovah not only makes the statement that He has never wearied His people Israel. He also reminds them of how Balak and Balaam conspired. When one studies deeper, one begins to understand what Balak and Balaam did: if a person or peoples follow the commandments of the God of Israel, they will be protected... but, if they do not, then they bring a curse upon themselves! This is how to destroy a Hebrew.

Being part of a "group" does not protect you. An individual's own righteousness is what is important. Read Ezekiel 14:12-20 and discuss.

## ***Extra***

An underlying issue in this lessons is sexual sin. This is nothing new. The Apostle Paul was shocked with what he heard about the Corinthians after all that he had taught them in person (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:1) and told them to "flee" from sexual immorality (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:18). If sexual sin is an issue in your life... don't just avoid it, "flee" from it!

**Ephesians 4:22-24** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

# A Coveting Heart and a Curse

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Deuteronomy 28:47-48**

Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things*; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

### **Jeremiah 17:9-10**

The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

### **Isaiah 29:13**

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

### **Matthew 15:7-9**

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

### **Ephesians 5:3-6**

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

### **Matthew 6:21**

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



## ***Study***

Most sins are pretty obvious. However, the contents of one's heart are hidden to other people, but God looks at the heart (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7).

Compare Leviticus 26:26-33 to Deuteronomy 28:47-48. Part of the rebuke that causes one's enemies to prevail over them concerns the heart.

It has been said that the eyes are the windows to the soul, compare this saying with Matthew 6:21-24.

## ***Discussion***

Read and discuss Genesis 3:1-6 and discuss the fact that the very first sin was a result of covetousness (for extra study, see also Isaiah 14:12-14).

Ephesians 5:3-6, printed from the *Scripture Highlight* above, warns of covetousness and the wrath that comes due to disobedience and covetousness. As this is just an excerpt/highlight from the Scriptures, read and discuss Ephesians 5:1-21 and also the very similar Colossians 3:1-17 to not only identify the problem, but to also find solutions!

## ***Extra***

Sometimes, our Heavenly Father sends a man or woman with good inspired true words of God. This is a blessing, indeed. People like to hear words that they know are true; however, people do not always actually *do* what is right when they hear good teachings – read Ezekiel 33:30-33 and compare it to Isaiah 29:13 and Matthew 15:7-9 (see also James 1:22). This is a matter of the heart and diligence. Study Proverbs 4:20-23, 8:10-13 and 8:17-21, alongside Matthew 6:19-21.

# Recognizing Covetousness

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Luke 12:26-20**

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry. But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

### **Romans 1:28-32**

And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:1-3**

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.



## ***Study***

Coveting is a sin that is unique in that, although it often leads to further sin, it takes place entirely in the mind. Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:2 and consider that David was alone and had not acted on his impulses. But, this is where the sin began...

What is it we have in Ephesians 6:17 that can help us with such sin? Compare what is being taught in Ephesians chapter 6 to what is spoken of in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:3-6.

## ***Discussion***

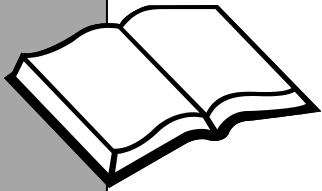
The Garden of Eden was a wonderful place – a place where mankind could have been content. Consider for a moment that Eve was influenced by that serpent who was the most evil of false teachers.

Compare and discuss what is being spoken about concerning the tactics of false teachers in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:3 with the words written to Timothy about the last days in 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-7.

Discuss also the importance of the statement in Philippians 4:11 about being content, and how it would have helped Eve and David.



# Good Workers Needed



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Revelation 7:-17**

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand* of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Reuben *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Gad *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Aser *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Nephthalim *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Manasses *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Simeon *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Levi *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Issachar *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Zabulon *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Joseph *were sealed twelve thousand*. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were sealed twelve thousand*. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

## ***Study***

Read all of Ezekiel chapter 9, paying particular attention to verse 4. Compare this chapter to Revelation chapter 7 and the surrounding chapters.

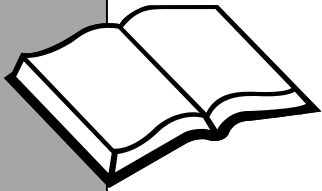
Also review the parable and consider the good and faithful servant found in Matthew 24:45-51 and Luke 12:42-49.

## ***Discussion***

Do you believe that we are in the time of the end? If so, are you spiritually prepared? Most likely, you are not like that other not-so-good servant found in the parable that you have just read. But, are you still a baby (Hebrews 5:11-14, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:1-3), or are you capable of being a teacher? Sure, these questions do not flatter, but do questions like this offend you, or even make you angry? (If so, see Proverbs 9:8, 14:29, 17:10 19:11, 28:23, and 29:11 for some wisdom) Questions like these are only meant to refine you (see 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:13-19, Isaiah 48:10, Malachi 3:1-3, 2 Corinthians 13:5).

*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few* (see Matthew 9:35-38). As you see the times changing around you, remember that Yehovah *needs* good, faithful servants.

# Seek יהוה, and You Shall Live



## Scripture Highlight

### Amos 5:1-8

Hear ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel. For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought. Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench *it* in Bethel. Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, *Seek him* that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: יהוה is his name:

### Psalms 91:1-2

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

### Leviticus 26:14-15

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:8-9

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

## Study

In the *Scripture Highlight* above, it is not listed what will happen after the *if's* in Leviticus 26...

Read and study all of Psalm 91. The protections listed therein are wonderful, indeed. However, one should not assume the protection explained in Psalm 91 is to be expected without a thorough understanding of these *if's*.

Read and compare the Leviticus 26:14-39 to Psalm 91:1-16 to see what righteous obedience to the laws of our Heavenly Father protect one from. Study also Daniel 9.

## Group Study & Discussion

Amos chapter 5 alludes to coming judgement, but contains the secret to possibly escaping judgment. Continue to read all of Amos chapter 5. What does verse 14 tell us to seek, and why? Compare Micah 6:8 with Amos 5:15.

Our God is just (Hebrews 6:10, Isaiah 61:8) and does not show partiality in His judgment (Colossians 3:25). He will show justice and judgement properly and perfectly (Job 34:12, Deuteronomy 32:4) on those who transgress against Him – make no mistake, this will happen (Isaiah 66:24).

Discuss how our Heavenly Father has given one set of laws to all of mankind that we are all expected to obey (see Exodus 12:49, Leviticus 24:22, and Romans 2:11). Compare 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:8-9 to Matthew 7:21-23.

If you believe that righteous judgment is coming upon the world, what must you do to survive?

(*Bonus: If you have access to the previous lesson book, see also the lessons entitled: "Trusting in His Protection" and "The Big 'IF' – Choosing To Obey".*)

# Salvation Through Chastening

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Psalm 94:12**

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

### **Psalm 118:18**

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

### **Proverbs 3:11**

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

### **Jeremiah 30:11**

For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

### **Jeremiah 46:28**

Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

### **Hebrews 12:3-11**

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

### **Revelation 3:19-20**

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

## ***Discussion & Sharing***

It is better to be chastened (rebuked) than to die from sin. One general theme of this entire lesson book from which this lesson has been taken is to repent and better refine your walk with Yehovah. We have all been born into sin (Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23), but we must learn righteousness and come out! Quite often, our flesh strives against the spirit and causes us to stumble (Galatians 5:17), but the Scriptures tell us what is right to get us back on the right path. Do not die in your sins. Accept His chastening and seek the LORD while He may be found (Isaiah 55:6). Open the door, and let Him in.

If you have a personal story that you are willing to share, and that may benefit your study group, of a time when you were chastened and delivered from sin, share this story with the group.

# He Spoke in Parables

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Psalm 78:1-8**

Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know *them*, even the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

### **Mark 13:32**

But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

### **Matthew 13:34**

All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

### **John 10:6**

This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

## ***Study***

When the Christ, our Messiah, spoke, He often spoke in parables. It may come as a surprise to realize this, but He intentionally spoke to the masses in such a way that they would *not* immediately understand. However, He made known these mysteries to His disciples. The Apostle Paul confirms this when he writes that even the gospel (Ephesians 6:19) and the wisdom of God (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:7) is spoken of in a mystery – but to us, it should be known the mystery of His will (Ephesians 1:7-9) – if we are His disciples. Understanding and revelation go hand-in-hand together with righteousness.

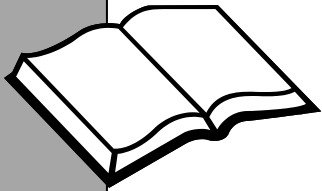
Read together Mark 4:10-13, 4:34 where the Good Teacher explains the mysteries of the Kingdom of Yehovah to his disciples and pray in your heart, as David did in Psalm 119:18, that our Heavenly Father will reveal to you the wondrous things of His law, that you will live righteous such that he will open your eyes (Psalm 146:8) such that you will be one of His disciples such that you will understand the working of His mighty power (Ephesians 1:18-19).

## ***Discussion***

The return of our Messiah is a topic that many had devoted much attention to; however, when it comes to timing, most immediately give the excuse for their ignorance by quoting Matthew 24:36 and saying that no one knows the day and hour without realizing that this scripture is a parable! But, if a person is a disciple who keeps the proper calendar of Yehovah on the proper days each year, then that person understands that the Feast of Trumpets comes every year at a day and hour that no one but our Heavenly Father can know. Likewise, if that same person understands the years of Leviticus 25, then they can understand the calendar of Yehovah and calculate the year of our Messiah's return on the Feast of Trumpets.

Discuss this. If you have a calendar that shows when we are currently living in the 120<sup>th</sup> jubilee from creation, share it. Discuss also how the knowledge of these things was sealed up for this time (Daniel 12:4) and how understanding of such things is not always known to many people of previous generations/ages (Colossians 1:26, Ephesians 3:3-5).

# Do You Presume to Understand?



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Deuteronomy 29:2**

And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

### **Jeremiah 5:21**

Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

### **Ezekiel 12:2**

Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a rebellious house.

### **Romans 11:8**

(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:14-16**

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:1-4**

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

## ***Study & Discussion***

Study the *Scripture Highlight* above. It seems that many in the Christian *and* Jewish world today think that the things written about in this *Scripture Highlight* do not have anything to do with them. Keep in mind that the *Scripture Highlight* above comes from both the “New” and “Old” Testaments of the Scriptures. Who is being spoken to in the following Scripture passage?

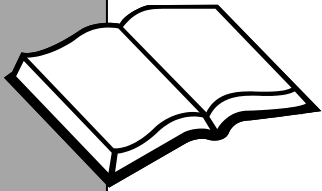
### **Isaiah 42:18-20**

Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant? Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

Discuss some religious issues out there today that others presume to understand, but clearly do not. Your discussion should include the various viewpoints – or sadly, lack of viewpoints – on the return of Yeshua HaMashiach, known as Jesus. End your discussion with a prayer that our Heavenly Father will help us understand the things *we* only presume to understand.



# Open My Eyes So I Might See



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 13:10-17**

And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

### **Psalms 119:18-21**

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me. My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times. Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

## ***Study***

Read Matthew 13:14-15 and compare to John 12:40 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4. It is our Heavenly Father that allows people to be blind and have hardened hearts to the understanding of the truths found in the Scriptures. How can one's eyes be opened and their hearts not be hardened?

When our Messiah walked the earth, the religious men did not understand what he said. Study the confrontations he had with them in John 8:43-47 and John 10:24-30. Many believe that simply by going to church and listening to a religious man speak for a bit that they will then understand, but they often do not because of the same problem. Keep in mind that if you are listening to someone else, you will know them by their actions (Matthew 7:15-20).

Often, both the religious leader, and the students who follow them, miss one important concept and are lying to themselves: Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:3-6 to find out what this concept is that they are lying to themselves about. Sure, some really know a lot of Scripture, but they forget this one simple thing about it: Read James 1:22 to find out what they should do to fix the problem.

What is it they, others, and ourselves need to do to understand and see?

As a student of the Scriptures who has chosen to do the work of studying the Scriptures for yourself by going through these lessons with a group, or even alone, you have made a decision to strive towards realizing 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15 (printed at the beginning of this Lesson Book). Along with this decision, pray a prayer in agreement with the short Scripture passage of 119:18-21 (printed in the *Scripture Highlight* above) such that your eyes will not be blinded, nor your heart hardened.

## ***Discussion***

Christ did not take the time to list all of the commandments at one point, but simply summarized their purpose in Mark 12:30-31. Starting with the 10 commandments, discuss how the commandments and statutes of our Heavenly Father have made life better. Notice how your eyes are opened as you speak.

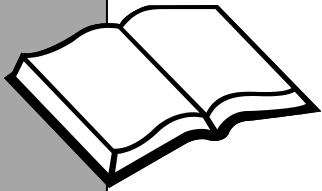
## ***10 Commandments***

The 10 Commandments can be found in the following two chapters:

Exodus 20:2-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21



# Few Are Chosen



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 22:1-14**

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*. But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

### **John 15:13-17**

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

## ***Study***

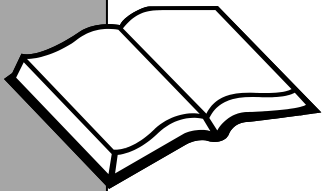
Compare John 15:13-17 above to the words spoken by our Messiah, our Good Shepherd, in John 10:11-17. How does one become “friends” with Christ? If you cannot answer this question just yet from these two passages, another hint is found in the book of John in 14:15.

When people do not love Him by knowing and *doing* His commandments, it is He who blinds them (read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4) because of their unbelief in not just Him, but His Word – because He is in fact that *Word* that they have chosen not to believe in or obey (see John 1:1).

## ***Discussion***

This second Lesson Book has more than one lesson that mentions the parable of the Wedding Feast, even printing the same *Scripture Highlight* of Matthew 22:1-14 in association with other verses. In fact, the very last Lesson presented in the previous Lesson Book prints this same passage as well. One might find it interesting to know that while writing these Lesson Books, reprinting this parable was *not* at all intentional. It is the *deep* desire – the motivation behind writing these lessons – that YOU not *only* hear the call, but are chosen for the Wedding Feast. Discuss this *theme* and its importance in these last days.

# How did the Disciples Understand?



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **John 16:25**

These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

### **Mark 8:16-21**

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have no bread. And when Jesus knew *it*, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

### **Mark 9:30-32**

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know *it*. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

### **Luke 9:43-45**

And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples, Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

### **Luke 18:31-34**

Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: And they shall scourge *him*, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

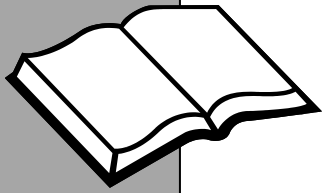
## ***Study & Discussion***

Read and consider John 12:12-15, where Yeshua, the Christ, comes into Jerusalem riding on a donkey as prophesied. When the disciples saw this, did they immediately understand that Christ was their King? Or, did this revelation come later when the account of this event was written down?

From the *Scripture Highlight* above, it is clear that even Christ's disciples did not always understand what was spoken to them... at first. Read Luke 24:44-49, paying close attention to verse 45. How did they eventually come to understanding?

Study James 1:5, Proverbs 2:1-15, Matthew 13:13-17, and the now familiar Psalm 119:18-21 to learn how you, too, can come to understanding. If time permits, talk about your spiritual growth as a believer. What was your starting point, and how have your eyes been opened along the way? This is your testimony to share with others.

# Who are the 5 Foolish Virgins?



## Scripture Highlight

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

### **Matthew 7:21-23**

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

## Study

The 5 foolish virgins written about in the parable found in Matthew 25:1-13 probably thought that they were going to a wedding. They might have even thought they were dressed appropriately and had the lamps that they needed to get through the long night. But, they were unprepared. Worse than that... when the bridegroom spoke to them, He said that He did not even *know* them!

How terrible it is to think that this is speaking to people today who know that there is one God but do not have deeds of righteousness (James 2:18-20)! Read Isaiah 29:13/Matthew 15:8 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:5 and then consider people's strong dedication to religious acts – such as church going and singing and the like – without righteous obedience to the Torah (the teachings/commandments of the Scripture found in the first five books of Scripture). Pray for them.

More so, pray for ourselves. Could this be one of us? A simple truth about what sin is can be found in 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4. Are you praising Him outwardly and claiming that you love Him, but not keeping His commandments? See John 14:15.

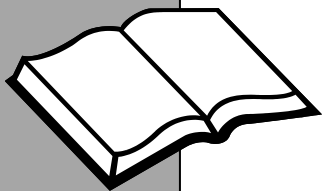
Don't be foolish.

## Extra Study & Discussion

Familiarize yourself with Daniel 8:15-27 and 12:4-10. The prophets did not always understand or fully know what they were prophesying at the time, but they obediently wrote down the words for us to have for this day. Daniel even admitted more than once that He did not understand what he was being shown (see Daniel 8:15, 8:27, and 12:8-10). Throughout his experiences, Daniel did have much of what he was shown explained to him. However, some was sealed up for the time of the end (Daniel 12:9).

In these end times, the enemy has sought to change things around and continue to wear out the saints (Daniel 7:25) while many are trying to understand. Daniel 12:10 gives us direct insight into what needs to be done to understand, and *why* others simply will not understand. Read and discuss this in general, but also in connection to the Matthew 25:1-13 parable above.

# The Oil and The Lamp



## Scripture Highlight

### James 1:22-25

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

### James 2:14-26

What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

### Psalms 23:5

Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

### Ecclesiastes 9:8

Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

## Study

Many people have claimed to have the anointing of God, but their works have proven otherwise (Matthew 7:15-20).

What causes our Heavenly Father to anoint one with oil? Read Hebrews 1:9 / Psalm 45:7 to find out.

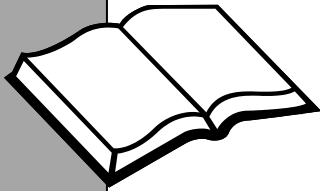
The oil that one needs is the Holy Spirit, but this is not received without righteous works of obedience (John 14:15-17). This is what He desires (1 Samuel 15:22, Hosea 6:6). Study Luke 4:18, Isaiah 61:1-3, Acts 2:37-38 and Acts 10:38 to see the connection between anointing and the Holy Spirit.

## Discussion

Read the parable in Matthew 21:28-32. Many people say that they will obey their Heavenly Father, but do not... and perform the works of men instead. Now, discuss similarities between Matthew 21:28-32 and 22:1-14.

The Lamp: In this lesson, you have learned that the oil in your lamp is the Holy Spirit. There is no store that you can buy that oil from, it must be harvested yourself through works of righteousness. Now read Psalm 119:105 and find out what your lamp is!

# Knowing From What to Repent



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **John 14:15**

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

### **John 14:23-24**

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

### **1<sup>st</sup> John 2:4-6**

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

### **1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-5**

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

### **1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4-10**

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

## ***Discussion***

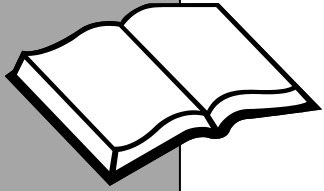
Read carefully what John has written in the *Scripture Highlight* above. Many people do not repent because they do not know what sin is. Sin is lawlessness. Repent/Turn-away from sin. The opposite of sin/lawlessness is God's Law. Discuss what "God's Law" is.

## ***Study***

Believers often speak of the Holy Spirit and knowing God. But, how can we *know* that we know Him? Consider what Acts 2:37-38 tells us that we need to do.

*Bonus: If you have not thought of the commandments of Yehovah, our Heavenly Father, in a positive manner before, skim Psalm 119 and see how King David viewed them (verse 119:172, for example).*

# The Wedding Garments



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Job 29:14**

I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

### **Isaiah 11:5**

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

### **Isaiah 59:17**

For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

### **Isaiah 61:10**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

### **Isaiah 64:5**

hou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

### **Zechariah 3:4**

And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

### **Psalms 132:9**

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

### **Revelation 3:4**

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

### **Revelation 19:7-9**

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

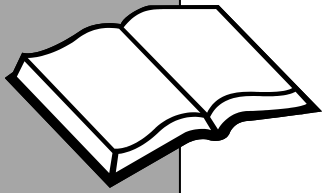
## ***Study & Discussion***

In the parable of the Wedding Feast in Matthew 25:1-13, a man was thrown out of the wedding for having the wrong garments! We know that this parable refers to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and nobody wants to be tossed out. We are to be presented as a pure virgin without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:27).

We obtain this righteous garment (see Isaiah 61:10) by keeping His Commandments. By doing this, we receive the Holy Spirit, receive white robes of righteousness, receive wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, come to know (and, more importantly, become known) by Yehovah, become indwelt by God, are no longer lawless. By doing this, we know that we love Him, and we know that we are loved by Him.



# What was Written on the Cross?



## Scripture Highlight

### Matthew 27:15-20

Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

### John 19:19-22

And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and* Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

### Matthew 11:6

And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

## Study

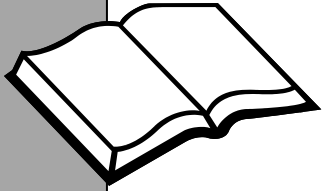
There were many times when Jesus used the phrase “I am” – for instance, lookup these verses in just the book of John: 6:35, 8:12, 10:9, 10:11, 11:25-26, 14:6, 15:5. However, there was one time and place in particular where Jesus says “I am” that the religious men took up stones to kill him (John 8:57-59). Why was this? Does Exodus 3:14-15 give us a hint?

The Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, knowing that the religious leaders had delivered up this Jesus of Nazareth to him out of envy, made an epitaph that read “*Jesus the Nazareth & King of the Jews*” (John 19:19) and refused to revise it. Reading just the “King of the Jews” part as it reads in English alone might be reason enough for the religious men to be so upset over this sign (John 19:21), but is there more to this?

Are the letters יהוה significant in this epitaph, “Yeshua HaNazarei v Melech HaYehudim” in Hebrew, shown below? Did Pilate do this on purpose? Could this be what caused the religious men to petition Pilate to change the sign?

ישוע הנצרי ומלך היהודים

# What was Nailed to the Cross?



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 5:17**

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

### **Colossians 2:11-13**

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

### **Acts 2:13-14**

Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:24**

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21**

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

### **Romans 7:7**

What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

### **Romans 7:12**

Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

## ***Study***

Many who choose to intentionally disregard and violate the commandments of God claim that the commandments were nailed to the Cross. However, it was not the commandments that were nailed to the cross, but rather that *accusations against us* that we all have for violating them (see Romans 3:10 and 3:23).

Compare Colossians 2:14 to Numbers 5:5-31. Will you drink of the living water (see John 7:37-39)? Or, will you drink the bitter water that that contains the *accusations against you* that comes from non-repentance?

## ***Discussion***

Read Hebrews 10:26-29 and attempt to answer the question presented there and discuss. Consider also the warning presented in Hebrews 10:31.

*Bonus: If you have access to the first lesson book, review the lesson entitled "The Accusations Against Us" for more information on this subject.*

# Keep The Commandments?

Quite often, the debate arises of whether or not our Heavenly Father actually wishes us to keep his commandments or not. The answer that we *should* is obvious. King David is known as a man after God's own heart, and he writes most positively on the commandments (often referred to as "the law"). Take a moment and read the 119<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Psalms... take a *long* moment, as it is the longest chapter in the Scriptures and overwhelmingly refers to our Heavenly Father's statutes in the most positive way. Perhaps we too should ask our Heavenly Father to "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." (Psalm 119:18) Below are a few other, well, random verses on the topic:

Leviticus 22:31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: *I am* the LORD.

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

Deuteronomy 7:11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

Deuteronomy 8:1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

Deuteronomy 8:6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Deuteronomy 10:13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deuteronomy 11:1 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

Deuteronomy 11:8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

Deuteronomy 11:32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

Deuteronomy 13:4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

Deuteronomy 13:18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 15:5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

Deuteronomy 26:16 This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Deuteronomy 27:1 And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

Deuteronomy 27:10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee

Deuteronomy 28:9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

Deuteronomy 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*:

Deuteronomy 28:58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 30:8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

Deuteronomy 30:10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Deuteronomy 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deuteronomy 31:12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

Deuteronomy 32:46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

Joshua 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Joshua 23:6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom *to* the right hand or *to* the left;

1 Kings 2:3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

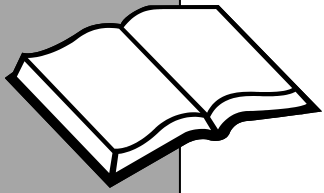
1 Kings 3:14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

1 Kings 6:12 *Concerning* this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

1 Kings 8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

- 1 Kings 9:4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:
- 1 Kings 11:38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.
- 2 Kings 17:13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.
- 2 Kings 17:37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.
- 2 Kings 21:8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.
- Psalms 78:7 That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments,
- Matthew 19:17-19 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- Leviticus 18:26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:
- Leviticus 19:37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.
- Leviticus 20:22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out.
- Leviticus 25:18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.
- Deuteronomy 4:1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you
- Deuteronomy 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.
- Deuteronomy 4:6 Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.
- Deuteronomy 4:14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.
- Deuteronomy 5:1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.
- Leviticus 19:19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.
- Leviticus 20:8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the LORD which sanctify you.
- Leviticus 26:3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;
- Deuteronomy 16:12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.
- Deuteronomy 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:
- Ezekiel 20:19 I *am* the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;.
- Ezekiel 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.
- Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.
- Ezekiel 44:24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.
- Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!
- Deuteronomy 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.
- Ezekiel 11:20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
- Deuteronomy 4:40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.
- Acts 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses.
- Acts 21:24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave *their* heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but *that* thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.
- 1 Corinthians 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.
- Psalms 105:45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.
- Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed *are* they that hear the word of God, and keep it.
- Proverbs 10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.
- 1 Timothy 6:14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
- James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

# Do Not Rationalize Away the Torah



## Scripture Highlight

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15-16**

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

### **Mark 7:16-23**

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, *it* cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

### **Jeremiah 4:22**

For my people *is* foolish, they have not known me; they *are* sottish children, and they have none understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge

### **Hosea 4:6**

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

## Study

The Torah teaches us how to live. The “Top Ten” list can be found in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:4-25. However, a lesser known shorter list of seven “bad things” can be found in Proverbs 6:16-19... and, none of those explicitly point out those nasty things in Leviticus 18, by the way. However, that list is not very well known, so maybe someone could look for an even shorter list of two from Matthew 22:36-40 or Mark 12:30-31. Some might even go further, and just use only Galatians 5:14 and have one commandment – the “New” Testament” is good, and love is good, after all. Some, though, might just decide not to condemn themselves in any way by just having faith through misunderstanding Romans 14:22-23. Sadly, many have *rationalized* away the teachings of the Torah in just this way and misunderstand the Scriptures, often as simply an excuse to sin. Do not be hindered by such people (Galatians 5:7-9). The Torah teaches us how to live. The commandments within *specifically* teach us what sin is (Romans 7:7), so that we can avoid the results of sin (Jeremiah 4:22, Hosea 4:6, Romans 3:23).  
(Bonus Reading: Psalm 32, Proverbs 4)

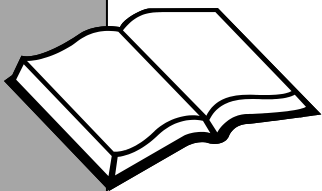
## Discussion

Notice that all of the really bad things that come out of a person that are mentioned in Mark 7:16-23 have little to do with food. In fact, the conversation that Yeshua, our Messiah, was not about food at all. However, if you want to get specific about the mouth, consider for a moment all of the things that are *said* that cause problems in life (see James 3:1-11).

When you gather together to study with other believers, avoid nonsense discussions (see 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:16) that distract from good learning, especially ones that devalue the Torah. Quickly list a few examples of things *to avoid* and move on.



# How to Know for Sure



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Luke 16:19-31**

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

### **Revelation 3:3**

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

## ***Study***

Consider that the man in the story above had five brothers. By Leah, the wife of Jacob, Judah had five brothers (Genesis 35:23-26). Consider that the man in the story was of the house of Judah and that he, like many in the house of Judah, although *given* The Law, did not learn to *do* The Law (see James 1:22). The man in the story *thought* he knew God...

It is a fearful thought to not be *sure* that we have come to know Yehovah. How can we be *sure*? See 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:3 for the answer. Study also the statements in Luke 16:16-17 that precedes the story that you have just read from Luke 16:19-31.

## ***Discussion***

Many use the excuse of "No one knows the day or hour" to remain unprepared for and ignorant about the return of Christ. However, ignorance of the Scriptures is a dangerous thing (see Hosea 4:6). Concerning this very event of the day or hour, the Apostle Paul assume that some would not be ignorant (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-11).

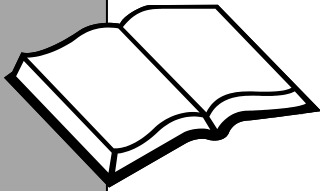
If you already keep the Sabbath each week, discuss how much doing so has taught you as a result.

If you already keep the Holy Days each year, discuss how much your understanding of the Scriptures has been increased.

If you have kept the Sabbatical Year in the past, discuss your understanding of the prophetic years to come as a result.

See 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3 and discuss the following: Keeping His commandments are not burdensome; in addition, not only do we know the love of God by doing so, we can also understand His plans for our life and His people as a whole.

# Use Your Talents, Watchmen!



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 25:35-36**

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:1-6**

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## ***Study***

When we study the Scriptures, we hope to find deeper meaning in even the most familiar Scriptures. For example, when we read Matthew 25:35-36 from the *Scripture Highlight* above, we know that the message that it gives us is good just as it is written: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, quench the thirst of those who are thirsting, welcome and help the stranger, visit the sick and those in prison.

Sometimes though, the Scriptures are meant to be understood and acted upon at an even deeper (spiritual/symbolic) level, as well. Consider those groups of people mentioned in Matthew 25:35-36 from the *Scripture Highlight* above:

**The Hungry:** These are to be given Christ Yeshua Himself, the Bread of Life (John 6:25-59). They are wholly comprised of those who do not know The Torah and are to be taught and fed this living Bread of Life or Torah (Word of God).

**The Thirsty:** These are to be given the Holy Spirit by obeying the Word or Bread of Life. Once they hear the Word of God and repent and *do* His Commandments, they are then filled to overflowing with His Living Water, or Holy Spirit (John 4:14, 7:37-39). These truths are to be shared with all those from the 12 Tribes of Israel and those who are called and chosen to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth who are not of the House of Israel... that is, the nations of the world.

**The Naked:** More than just Bread and Water, by teaching The Word (Matthew 4:4) – The *whole* Word – you are helping clothe those in the Valley of Decision with white Robes of Righteousness (Isaiah 61:10). Also, you are healing them (**The Sick**) by imparting knowledge/understanding by which they can gain wisdom and salvation through the Word of God.

**The Prisoners:** These are those captured and trapped by Satan and deceived by *his* false teachings and doctrines of demons. They are counted amongst those who do not yet know Him. They are stumbling about in darkness with eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear. If you fail to be as an “Ezekiel Watchman” unto them (Ezekiel 33:1-11) – or do indeed succeed, only to have them not heed – Yeshua, our King, will say unto them, “Depart from me, I never knew you.”

## ***Discussion***

The Matthew 25:35-36 discussion in this lesson follows the parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Obviously, share together how you individually and you as a group can use your talents to help those people categorized in the *Study* above. Also, since you are learning to look and learn things on a deeper level, discuss the progression behind the *order of* and *connection between* these parables – they are not random. Attempt going back a little further... can you see how important it is we use our Talents as Watchmen to teach those virgins (Matthew 24:36-51) to know and prepare for the time to come?

# Who is the Thief?

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:4**

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:3-6**

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Mark 13:32-37**

But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:10**

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

### **Revelation 3:1-6**

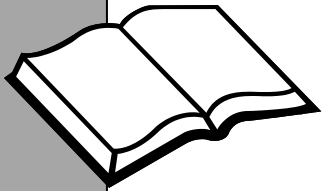
And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

## ***Study & Discussion***

Matthew 24:43-44 tells us to be ready, because there is a *thief* coming! Read Revelation 16:15 and find out *Who* that thief is. Consider the strong words *to watch* in all the Scriptures you have studied. Also, compare the mention of garments to Revelation 3:4-5, 3:18, Isaiah 61:10. Discuss this in relation to the parable about the virgins in Matthew 25 and the one in Revelation 19:8. Much is hidden from the world, because those in the world do not walk in the righteousness of our Heavenly Father. They are blind and in darkness. You should not be in darkness. If you are unable to see clearly, examine yourself (2 Corinthians 13:5) – do not let sin become a barrier (Isaiah 59:2); ask Him to show you what you need to fix (Job 13:23-24).

Consider that there are many that *you* can reach who are blind to the truth (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:3-6). Use what you are learning to do what is written in Job 29:15-17, so that many of them can be reached through you – bear much fruit (Proverbs 11:30)!

# Will You Enter into His Rest?



## Scripture Highlight

### Hebrews 4:1-12

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

### Exodus 20:5-11

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

## Study

The lesson book has presented the teachings from John more than once about how loving our Heavenly Father is directly connected to the keeping of His commandments (examples: John 14:15, 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:3-5, 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:2-3). Many Christians who attempt to keep most of the Ten Commandments, refuse to keep the 4<sup>th</sup> concerning the Sabbath (rejecting *all* of the Sabbaths described in Leviticus 23/25). What does James 2:10 say about removing one of the commandments?

Read Revelation chapter 20 which mentions the millennia of rest that we rehearse for each week when we keep the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment. Also, read Psalm 90:4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:8.

## Discussion

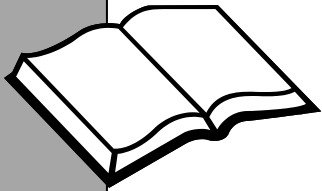
Do you enter into this rest *now*, each week on the Sabbath? Or, do you think that something has changed (see Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6) that means you do not have to? Has Yehovah changed over time? Or have Christians?

### Deuteronomy 19:14

Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

The landmarks are still in the same place, but some are actually outside (ie: Luke 13:23-28) and do not know it. Discuss where and how Christianity is-moving/has-moved the boundaries defined in Scripture and the consequences.

# Three Offerings of Mankind



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Exodus 23:14**

Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

### **Exodus 23:17**

Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

### **Exodus 34:23**

Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

### **Exodus 34:24**

For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

### **Deuteronomy 16:16**

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Kings 9:25**

And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

## ***Study***

Study Leviticus 23 until you find where there are three harvest offerings: a small Firstfruits (Bikkurim) offering in the early spring, then a much larger harvest offering at Pentecost (Shavuot) late spring, and a final ingathering harvest at Tabernacles (Sukkot) in the fall. Every year, our offering at these holy days remind us of the three resurrections of mankind that take place. Study where *the first resurrection has already taken place*: Matthew 27:51-53, John 20:17, Zechariah 3, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:20. Note also that 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:21-23 speaks of a future resurrection. Indeed, there are *three* resurrections of man! The Firstfruits that has *already* happened. The Pentecost resurrection is about to happen before the millennia of peace (see lesson: *Will You Enter into His Rest?*). Afterwards at the resurrection at the end of that 7<sup>th</sup> millennia, that last great harvest (Exodus 23:16, Matthew 3:12 / Luke 3:17), all will make an account to their God (2 Corinthians 5:10).

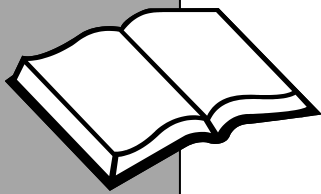
## ***Discussion***

How many people are currently in “Heaven”? In the Revelation, John only sees 24 elders (Revelation 4:4). Christ Yeshua, our Messiah and King, was the first... the “Firstfruits” risen from the dead. Before him, there was no other. He took a few with Him, but not everyone. For example, Acts 13:36 tells us that David still sleeps. But, David will be risen in the next resurrection and help mankind in that millennia prepare for the final and eternal Kingdom (see Ezekiel 34:20-24 and 25-31, Hosea 3:5, Jeremiah 30:9) when the meek inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5) and afterwards, the throne of our God will descend (Revelation 21 & 22) and the King of Kings’ dwelling place will be with man and He will rule and reign forever and ever.

Read and consider passages such as Exodus 34:21-22. We are told similar things over and over throughout the Scriptures. Discuss also Matthew 9:37-38. Do you listen to the Lord of harvest? Are you willing to be one of His laborers in the field?



# Teach us to Number our Days



## Scripture Highlight

### Psalm 90:9-14

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*. The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom. Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

### Deuteronomy 4:5-7

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. For what nation *is there* so great, who *hath* God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that we call upon him for*?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-2

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

### Ephesians 5:15-17

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

## Study & Discussion

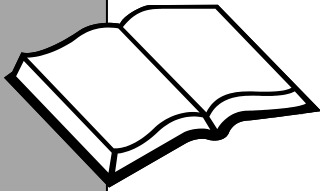
Job 24:1 asks a very obvious question, “*Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?*” Read Colossians 2:17, then as an example, study Leviticus 23:15-17 using the chart below on the *left*, and then compare this to the Sabbatical and Jubilee years taught about in Leviticus 25 using the chart on the *right*:

						Sabbath
Firstfruits						1
						2
						3
						4
						5
						6
						7
Pentecost						

						Sabbath
1996						2002
						2009
						2016
						2023
						2030
						2037
						2044
2045						

This is *just one example* of how knowing the Scriptures reveal truth. Another example from this same chapter is how the Weekly Sabbath reminds one of the coming Sabbath Millennia that is almost upon us. Discuss some the deeper truths associated with other holy days from Leviticus 23. Consider too that many in modern Christianity are not only unlearned in the Scriptures, but do not obey them (James 1:22-25) – expose some of the deceptions Christians may believe as a result.

# The Leaven of Hypocrisy



## Scripture Highlight

### **Matthew 23:13-15**

13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. 15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

### **Matthew 23:23-30**

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

## Study & Discussion

Read Matthew 16:1-12. This study attempts to examine some of the verses in the *Scripture Highlight* to determine what the leaven is that is spoken of. Often when studying the Scriptures, it is good to examine what is been said *line by line*:

**Matthew 23:13** – Often “religion” adds burdens – extra church commandments/rules – that are impossible to achieve. Religion often has knowledge without wisdom. We should measure choices against the actual Scriptures, not against manmade rules (see Matthew 15:9). Often, extra burdens and rituals are placed (such as how one observes the Sabbath, for example) to “require” church observances. Many religious church rules do not produce good fruit, but the healthy study of and adherence to the Scriptures does (see Galatians 5:22-23). This is how we are proved and tested (see Deuteronomy 8:2).

**Matthew 23:14** – Often, ministries are a business. Too often, ministries who take money have little love for the people they are taking money from. See Philippians 3:19, Romans 16:17-18, and the 1 chapter book of Jude just before Revelation.

**Matthew 23:15** – Evangelistic ministries sometimes seek converts only to exert control over them. Many leaders go to great lengths to make someone act and sound Christian church-like or Jewish-like. Doing such things can destroy one’s witness.

**Matthew 23:23-24** – One cannot just go through the motions; true teachers believe and live by the Scriptures. Read Proverbs 12:1 and 16:21. Consider that those who are *willing* to learn grow much faster than those who resist teaching. Consider also that many churches have un-changing and *rigid doctrine* that do not allow them to learn and grow. We should take what we learn from the Scriptures and *change* where needed to be in compliance/obedience to the Scriptures.

**Matthew 23:25** – What is presented by the churches often has an appearance of being clean, but the inside is corrupt and dirty. Worse yet, many do not have the heart of compassion towards others.

**Matthew 23:27-28** – A good outward appearance does not equal righteousness. Read Matthew 10:26 and Luke 12:1-2.

**Matthew 29-30** – Too often, there is a voluntary blindness to reality (see Ezekiel 16:30-32 for an example).

Discuss with those around you, or simply and quietly in your own heart, how the issues that you have read above, mostly directed at religious hypocrisy in *others*, can actually pertain to each of *us* in our own *individual* lives.

# Purge out the Leaven

## Scripture Highlight

### Psalm 26, A Psalm of David

Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide. Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked. I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD: That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

### Deuteronomy 8:2

And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

### Philippians 2:1-13

If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

## Study

In Matthew 16:1-12, Christ gave very stern advice to His disciples. Particularly in verse 12, our Messiah tells them to avoid a certain type of leaven. Study this along with 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:6-8.

We can do very little about the actions of others; however, we are completely responsible for our own actions. In Psalm 26, printed above, David gave us the example of examining *ourselves*. Life throws many things at us, but it's what we throw back out that matters (typically with our tongues, see Matthew 15:11 and James 3:1-11)! We should examine our own actions, correct what we know is wrong, and then, invite the Holy Spirit to examine and correct us again (see Lamentations 3:40 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:5).

## Discussion

So, have you said a prayer of Salvation and asked to be part of the Kingdom? After all, you are studying a lesson from a book called *Scripture Lessons for the Kingdom...*

Are you becoming the type of person, inside and out, that Yehovah would want to allow *FOREVER* in His Kingdom? If you were put on the witness stand in court, would there be enough evidence to convict you as *already* being citizen of the Kingdom. Would the ruling in the end be "Well Done" (Matthew 25:21), or "Woe Unto you"?

# What do the Feasts Tell Us?

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 27:3-10**

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

### **Matthew 27:35**

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

### **Matthew 27:50-53**

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

## ***Study and Discussion***

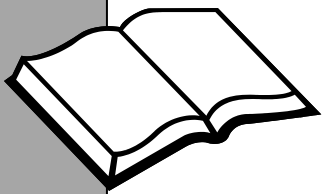
The *Scripture Highlight* above documents three prophecies being fulfilled from just one chapter of the Scriptures concerning the Messiah. There are many more! Study where the crucifixion itself shows Christ as the *Passover Lamb* in John 1:36, Exodus 12:3, Isaiah 53:7, Acts 8:32, 1 Peter 1:19, Genesis 22:8, and Revelation 5:6. Likewise, consider the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2. Study also Matthew 27:50-53 along with John 20:17, Zechariah 3, Ephesians 4:8-10, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:20-23 which show Christ Yeshua presenting the Firstfruits offering (see Leviticus 23:9-14 and Deuteronomy 26:1-15).

Now consider that a day is like a millennium (Psalms 90:4, 2nd Peter 3:8). Also, consider that man is given six days to work and one to rest (Exodus 20:8-11)... but, man did not start working immediately. Consider that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> day of the feast of Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:7-8) are Sabbaths... a Sabbath at the start and end... this may mean that there is something different about the beginning and end of these seven millennia: before sin entered the garden of Eden, things were different... so, after that 6<sup>th</sup> millennia, things will be different as well.

Discuss what you know about Feast days and their meanings. Be as specific as possible about the Spring Feasts, as their fulfillments of prophecy can be found both in the prior written prophecy and the accounts in the gospels and book of Acts. Be sure to also *contemplate* some about the Fall Feasts and their future fulfillment. What are some of the timelines, events, and other things you have learned? Be sure to include topics you may have learned in other lessons from these lesson books.

*Bonus: John 10:22-23 records where Jesus kept the 8<sup>th</sup> day Feast, known as the Feast of Dedication – commanded in Leviticus 23:39 – and spoke on Solomon's porch/colonnade – Read and consider the prayer that Solomon prayed in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8:22-61.*

# Worth Running For



## Scripture Highlight

### **Luke 15:11-32**

And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to *me*. And he divided unto them *his* living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

## Study

It is a rare occurrence to see an aged man of stature run, yet this is the scene described in Luke 15:20 above. We see this scene, too, in the account of the rebellion of Korah when Aaron *runs* to save the people:

**Numbers 16:47** And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and **ran** into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

Study the entire account of the disastrous rebellion, found in Numbers, chapter 16.

*Bonus: Luke 15:1-10, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:3-4*

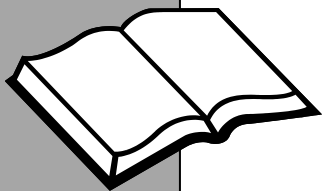
## Discussion

The prodigal son in the story above rebelled, but he came to himself and turned back in repentance. When his father saw him while he was still far off, his father *ran* towards him!

Korah rebelled and died because of it. However, because the high priest (see also Hebrews 4:14) *ran* towards them to make atonement, the sons of Korah were saved! Consider that these sons wrote Psalms chapters 42 through 49. Take a moment and review these Psalms now. Are you in rebellion against the laws of your Heavenly Father's house? He wants you to repent (1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9, 1 Samuel 15:23), so you will not perish (Luke 13:3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9). He will *run* to you (see Psalm 51:17). Repent *now* (Acts 22:16). Seek Him and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Take moment to read Genesis 18:1-2, and consider Abraham's reaction in that day. Perhaps, you will grow to be like Abraham and have the maturity to *run towards Him* in such a day.



# Here I Am. Send Me.



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Isaiah 6:8-13**

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and *it* shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves*: so the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

### **Act 4:13**

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:27**

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

## ***Study***

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:7 describes a situation that is seen today where many in the church are “ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” This leads to the situation described by Isaiah in 13:9, 13:11, 24:5, 26:21, 66:24 and by Jeremiah in 23:36 and by Micah in 5:15 and by Zephaniah in 1:2-18 and various other places in the Scriptures.

But our God sends teachers. And, His teachers are not usually who the world expects. Will you be one of them?

## ***Discussion***

Discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-7 and how it describes the people of today. Also, read verses 12 which describes how good teachers will be treated in these last days.

Revelation 7:1-12 foretells a great number of people who are sealed for a purpose. Daniel 11:32-35 foretells that people who know their God will be strong and do a great many things. Could these two groups of people be one in the same?

Read also 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15, 1 Peter 1:16, Exodus 19:6.

# Attention Seeking

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Numbers 6:22-27**

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

### **Psalms 34:15-19**

The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry. The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. *Many are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

### **Matthew 6:25-34**

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

### **Matthew 6:4-6**

That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

## ***Study***

Christ, our Messiah, speaks of the wrongs of seeking attention from men (see Matthew 23:5-12, Mark 12:38-44). On the other hand, it is a *very* good thing to seek attention the attention of our Heavenly Father. Obviously, we want Him to see us and answer us when we pray.

How can one know that their Heavenly Father is looking upon them? Conversely, what are some of the results of sin/wickedness? Some answers can be found in the *Scripture Highlight* above; in addition, also read James 5:16, Proverbs 15:29, Isaiah 59:1-2, Habakkuk 1:13, 1 Peter 3:12, Job 36:7.

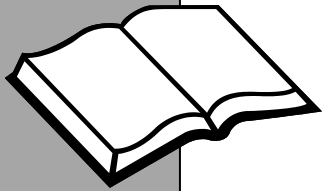
## ***Discussion***

Many people worry about the hardships from the judgements of the coming days. This is a normal reaction. But, we have hope. Discuss these Scriptures:

Zechariah 12:4, Jeremiah 24:6, Matthew 6:4, Psalm 37, specifically verses 23-25

Also read and discuss Daniel 11:32-35.

# Pray for Your Family



## **Scripture Highlight**

### **Acts 11:12-17**

And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

### **Acts 16:28-34**

But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

### **Psalm 66:16-19**

Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*: *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

### **James 5:16**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

## **Study**

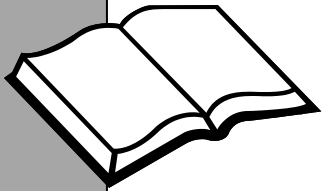
Although Ezekiel chapter 14 explains to us the importance of individual responsibility, Exodus 12:13 reminds us that the blood of the Passover Lamb (see Read John 1:29 & 36, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:7, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:19, Revelation 5:8-14) will be a sign on the *houses* where you are. Continue to pray that the name of everyone in your household will be written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 13:8).

Also, remember the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the year each year as an extra *special* time to pray for your families. Study and compare the following Scriptures: Ezekiel 45:18-20; Hosea 6:6, 14:1-2; Hebrews 13:13-15; Psalm 51:15-17.

## **Discussion**

The *Scripture Highlight* above from just one small area of the Scriptures shows us what can happen to entire households. Your Heavenly Father cares about you *and* your family. Consider the many long lists of family names found throughout the Scriptures. Your God cares about families! Discuss and pray together for those whom you care about.

# Does it Matter to Marry a Believer?



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Proverbs 24:3**

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14**

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

### **John 10:10**

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

## ***Study and Discussion***

The Christ, our Messiah, came that we might have life more abundantly. A good marriage can add to that abundance! However, the enemy desires to destroy us (John 10:10, Luke 22:31). Quite often, foolish young believers allow the path of their lives to be greatly altered by marrying a non-believer, thus greatly hindering this abundance very early on in life.

We are told in Proverbs 4:23 to guard our hearts with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life – perhaps one of our greatest decisions in life that involves the heart is who we choose to be our partner in marriage. The Scriptures very clearly tell us not to marry an unbeliever (Deuteronomy 7:3 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14, for example); however, many do not guard their hearts when it comes to romance. This lesson is primarily directed to the unmarried. For those of you who are married to an unbeliever, Paul gives advice in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7 (specifically verses 12-14) that you may find encouraging – your “role” in this lesson, however, is to share your wisdom with the unmarried among you.

### **Song of Solomon**

Three times in Song of Solomon, the young woman of the book advises the daughters of Jerusalem to not stir up love before its proper time (Song of Songs 2:7, 3:5, 8:4). What does this mean? In our modern society, we refer to “courting” as dating. The only reason to date is to find a spouse. Why would one even begin to stir up love with another before *even* knowing if that other person is a fellow believer (an actual candidate for marriage)?

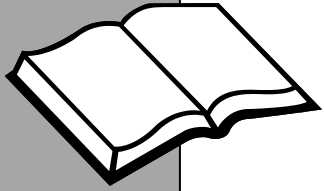
### **Returning to Jerusalem**

Like us, who are returning to keep the commandments of our Heavenly Father, when the Israelites returned to Jerusalem, they made similar promises... which included marriage (read Nehemiah 10:29-31). However, many broke that promise (see Nehemiah 13:23-26). King Solomon is mentioned (verse 26); what did his marriage to unbelievers cause him to do? Is this serious? Ezra thought so and was in deep distress (see Ezra 9:1-4) – it shocks me every time I read the decision made with much weeping. What decision was made in Ezra 10:1-44? Discuss: *Is* who we marry a serious issue and why?

## ***Questions***

King David was a great leader indeed, but why is there no “Book of *Samson*” in the Scriptures? Samson, who was a judge over Israel for 20 years, was an obviously great man – even his name means “Distinguished” or “Strong” in Hebrew. In Judges 14:1-3, Samson ignored the advice of his parents and made a drastic life-changing decision that completely ruined his future. What was this decision? What was Samson’s reason, given in verse 2, as to why he made that decision? Was it based on Scripture, and how did it turn out? Speculate on how different Samson’s life might have been otherwise.

# Unforgiveness



## Scripture Highlight

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-9**

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

## Study

Romans 3:23 reminds us that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Sometimes, during all of the learning and joy of overcoming of our own pasts, we can forget that. We can forget that others have not come to the truth that we have... sometimes they get there a little slower, and sometimes not at all. Fear God. Love your neighbor.

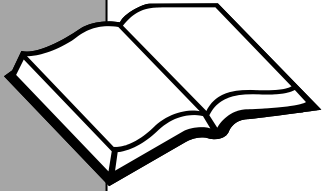
Multiple Scriptures can be found for study; the following are suggestions: Luke 23:40-43, 18:8-14, Proverbs 1:7, 9:10-12, 11:2, 29:23 Psalm 75:4-7, 1 Samuel 2:3, Matthew 6:1,7:3-5

## Discussion

Consider the people of these last days... Can you love those who have hurt you in the past? Someone who abused or mistreated you in some way? Can you love that person who committed terrible sins against you? Can you love your parents even when they have hurt you? Do you love those in that "other" political movement or who live that sinful lifestyle? What about those of a different faith? Do you... can you love them? Does your Heavenly Father? (see 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9)



# Are Prayers Heard in this Place?



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Jeremiah 2:5-8**

Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? Neither said they, Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where *is* the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

### **Romans 8:7-8**

Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14**

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

### **1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14**

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

## ***Study and Discussion***

Ezekiel chapters 14 and 18 make it clear that our Heavenly Father considers the actions of the individual. However, there are many passages of Scripture, such as Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, that seem to be speaking to groups of people, as well as the individual.

James reminds us in James 5:16 that the fervent prayers of a *righteous* man do much good. On the other hand, one's sins create a barrier of separation between them and their Heavenly Father (Isaiah 59:2). The Scriptures, however, speak to groups of people and tell us how our God will react to the groups when they sin (Micah 3:4, Proverbs 1:22-33). Quite often, it is the prayer of repentance that should be prayed first. Study the above Scriptures, then discuss the need for repentance in the nations such that the prayers of the people will be heard.

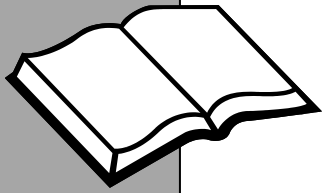
## ***Our Nation***

We are to pray for your country and leaders (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-3, Jeremiah 29:7). Good council is needed (Proverbs 11:14), for our God has power over the nations (Job 12:23-25). Repentance is needed in the nations such that the prayers of the people will be heard (Lev 26:40-42). Discuss this and pray together.

## ***Ourselves***

There is a place in heaven where you want your name to be written down (Luke 10:20, Philippians 4:3, and elsewhere). This place is a book, often called "The Book of Life." It has conditions and consequences (Exodus 32:33, Revelation 20:15, and elsewhere). Discuss how one's name becomes written in this book.

# Altars of Prayer



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:12-16**

And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19**

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

### **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:5**

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

### **Hebrews 13:15**

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

### **Psalms 141:2**

Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as incense*; *and* the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

### **Psalms 119:108**

Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

### **Hosea 14:2**

Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

## ***Study***

When Abraham was given promises from his Heavenly father, he built altars and prayed (Genesis 12:6-8, 13:14-18). Isaac did the same (Genesis 26:24-25); as did Jacob (Genesis 33:18-20, 35:6-7). When Jacob rested at a place that his grandfather, Abraham, had built an altar and prayed, his eyes were opened to the spiritual realm and he saw a gate of heaven (Genesis 12:8, 28:10-19). Eventually, the Temple was built in this place and offerings were made.

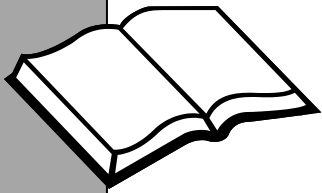
From a study of the *Scripture Highlight* above, where is the Temple now, and what sacrifices should we be offering in that Temple in place of things such as calves?

## ***Discussion***

There was a time when the Daniel mourned three full weeks (Daniel 10:2-3) after praying. Later (in Daniel 10:12-13), we learn that it took this long for an angel to get to him, and that angel even needed help (see also Ephesians 6:12) to get through Persia! Remember, Daniel is a prophet, and that we are talking about mighty angels here as well. However, the hearts and minds of the people of Persia and Babylon were consumed by sin, and *not* altars of prayer. Discussion: Does where we live and the culture around use affect our prayers? If so, how so?

*Bonus Study: James 4:7-10, Philippians 4:8, Psalm 27:14*

# Excuses



## Scripture Highlight

### **Leviticus 19:29-31**

Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD. Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.

### **Deuteronomy 30:11-16**

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off. It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

## Study Question

Often when discussing a commandment, such as Leviticus 19:30 which repeats the commandment to keep the weekly Sabbath, people will skim up the page and look for the statement such as in Leviticus 19:23 earlier in the chapter that begins with, “And when ye shall come into the land...” and then make the excuse that they do not have to keep the commandments because they are not “in the land.”

This excuse is not limited to just a discussion about the *weekly* Sabbath. Often, when teaching someone who keeps the weekly Sabbath about the Sabbath *years* described in Leviticus 25, they will skim up the page to verse 2 that contains the similar phrase, “When ye come into the land...” and make the same excuse.

Study surrounding verses, such as Leviticus 19:29 and 31. Using the logic of the not “in the land” excuse, is it acceptable to prostitute one’s daughters and/or practice sorcery as a wizard when not “in the land” ???

## Discussion

Some use the excuse that keeping the commandments is *too* difficult. Does this agree with Deuteronomy 30:11-16 (printed in the *Scripture Highlight* above)?

Some give the excuse, “but, I was not there when the commandments were given” as an excuse. Does this agree with Deuteronomy 29:14-15 and 11:19?

Some give the excuse that Jesus destroyed/nullified the law. Does this agree with Matthew 5:17-18?

False teachers even teach these excuses in their blind ignorance (see Matthew 15:12-14 & Luke 6:39)!

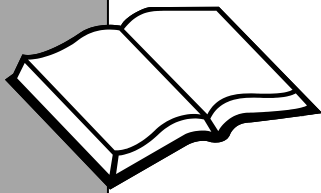
What other excuses have you heard to not keep the commandments of God? And, what Scriptures do you know that prove those excuses wrong?

*Bonus: If you have a question that no one has the immediate answer to... that is OK! You and the others in the group should research this question and share what you find the next time you meet together.*

## Extra

In Acts chapter 15, a tough decision was made concerning circumcision: the new believers at the time were not circumcised, even though it was a commandment to do so, and the council at the time decided to overlook this issue and give them basic advice to get them *started* in their faith. Later in Acts 17:30, the statement is made that even God overlooked some things until such a time that men were commanded to repent. The very knowledge of the gift of Salvation (see John 3:16, 4:10, Romans 5:15, 6:23, 2 Corinthians 9:15, Ephesians 2:8) is usually the *starting point* for many new believers. Remember not to judge others (see Matthew 7:1-6) as the grace of God teaches them not to sin (Titus 2:11-12).

# The Banners of the Camp of Israel

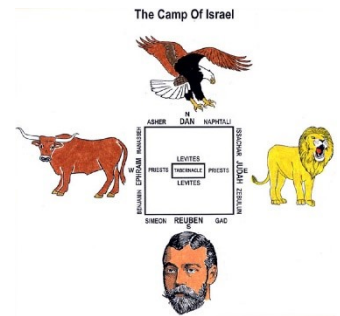


## Study

### Scripture Highlight

#### Numbers 2:2

Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.



Numbers Chapters 1 and 2 is one of those areas of the Scriptures that a casual reader might be tempted to skip over and say, “it’s just a bunch of names.” However in doing so, one might just miss something very close to the heart of our God: His Family. As you read these first two chapters in the book of *Numbers* that describe the camp of Israel with the Tabernacle of God in the very center, consider numbering the *number* of times the word “family” or similar word is used!

Another thing to notice is that each group of families camped by their banners. Often translated into English as *standard* or *ensign*, these symbols were displayed similar to how flags, coat of arms, and official seals are often displayed today. The symbols of the tribes of Israel are the result of the blessings given to them by their father in Genesis 49 (if you have the first *Lesson Book* like the one that you are reading now, consider reviewing the lessons entitled “Blessings on the Twelve Tribes” and “Images of the Tribes of Israel” along with this current lesson). When studying Numbers 2:3, 2:10, 2:18, and 2:25, pay particular attention to the placement of the four leading tribes of Israel and their banners from Genesis 49:

Judah	East	Lion
Ephraim	West	Ox
Reuben	South	Man
Dan	North	Eagle



Now, consider the appearance of the cherubim that are always before Yehovah, our God, by studying Ezekiel 1:1-11 paying close attention to verse 10 which states:

**Ezekiel 1:10** As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

The cherubim were represented on the curtains around and above the Holy Place and as part of the Mercy Seat in the Holy Of Holies as explained to us in Exodus 25 and 26. This stresses their prominence, importance and the righteousness of those who serve Yehovah in His perfect holiness. These cherubim can also be read about in Revelation 4:5-8 – read this short passage as part of your study.

**Additional Study:** *The Face of a Man* represents intellect (the mind, the ability to reason, the soul), emotions, and all things that constitute and pertain to being human. Concerning the faces of animals... *The Face of a Lion* – the Lion has always been recognized as being strong, fierce, and majestic. The Lion is considered to be the most royal of animals or the “King of the Beasts.” *The Face of an Ox* – the Ox has always been depicted as the animal that patiently labors for his owner. The Ox is strong, able to bear a heavy burden, and is well acquainted with his owner. *The Face of an Eagle* – this majestic bird flies above life’s tempests and storms, while below there are only sorrows, dangers, turmoil and distress. The eagle is a swift bird of prey that is strong and powerful, that unlike human beings, and never becomes weary.

To learn more about the characteristics of these animals from the pages of the Scriptures, study Exodus 19:4, Proverbs 14:4, 20:2, 30:18-19, 30:30, Psalms 103:5, 144:14, Isaiah 1:3, 40:31, Ezekiel 17:3, Hosea 8:1

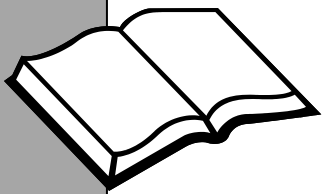
## Question & Discussion

The *Families* of His people are so important to our Heavenly Father, that He dedicated page after page of the Scriptures with family names. He has another book with names: the Book of Life. Is your name in it?

## Internet Extra

If you do not have access to the previous Lesson Book, consider using the internet to lookup the coat of arms and seals of western nations such as those in the British Commonwealth and look for symbols mentioned in Genesis 49 and elsewhere.

# The Proper Garments in the Camp



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 22:1-14**

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*. But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

### **Isaiah 61:10**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.

### **Revelation 19:7-9**

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

## ***Question***

Many speak of the garments of salvation, but forget to speak of another garment that is required apparel for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. What other garment is required such that one does not end up being cast out like the man in the parable in Matthew 22:11-14 above?

*Bonus: Likewise, the bridegroom Himself also dresses appropriately; look for the ornament about His waist written about in Isaiah 11:1-5.*

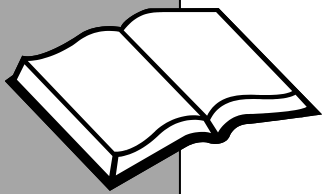
## ***Study & Discussion***

The engagement of the camp of Israel was around the Tabernacle, which contained the presence of the Living God. When a person sinned and did not end up dead, they tended to find themselves cast outside the camp. Read what happened to Moses' own sister in Numbers 12:14-15 (compare to Numbers 5:2). See also Leviticus 24:10-23, Numbers 15:31-36 for more very serious examples.

This is not just an "Old Testament" concept! The "New Testament gospels" speak of this multiple times (see Luke 13:28, Matthew 8:12, 13:32, 24:51, 25:30). Read Hebrews 13:12 and discuss *where* our Messiah suffered reproach, that he did not deserve, for *us*.



# His Banner Over You is Love



## Scripture Highlight

### Song of Songs 2:1-4

I *am* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters. As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love.

### Psalm 91:1

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

### Psalm 20:5

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

### Psalm 60:4

Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

### John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

### Exodus 17:15

And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:

## Study

“Jehovahnissi” means *Yehovah is our banner*.

Isaiah and Jeremiah both prophesy much of displaying a *banner* – sometimes called a *standard* or *ensign*, depending on English translation being read. As a Study, read together Isaiah 5:26, 11:10-12, 13:2, 18:3, 30:17, 31:9, 49:22, 59:19, 62:10 and Jeremiah 4:6, 4:21, 50:2, 51:12, 51:27.

Psalm 91:1-2 proclaims that the Almighty, our LORD, is our fortress. As with any mighty castle or fortress, above this fortress there surely is a banner – Jehovahnissi! Read together the entirety of Psalm 91, and know what it means to be part of the Kingdom of the Almighty living God.

## Discussion

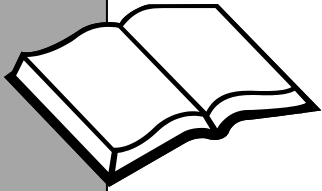
Our God is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5; Deuteronomy 4:24, 5:9, 6:15, 32:16; Psalm 79:5, 78:58). In Exodus 34:14, He states that His very name is “Jealous” when He thinks of even the *possibility* of us, His dearest love, desiring to be with another.

In Joshua 24:16-22, the people earnestly proclaim that they will not turn from their God, and Joshua warns them that Yehovah is a jealous God (verse 19) and what would happen to them if they did.

We belong to Him (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20) and were bought with a price. As a husband, He has betrothed us (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:2). After the price that was paid for us, how could we hurt him?



# Return to Him



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Nehemiah 9:31**

Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou *art* a gracious and merciful God.

### **Exodus 34:6**

And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

### **Numbers 14:18**

The LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*.

### **Psalms 86:5**

For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

### **Psalms 86:15**

But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

### **Psalms 103:8**

The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

### **Psalms 145:8**

The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

### **Joel 2:13**

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

## ***Question***

Have you hurt Him? Has He spread His banner of love over you, and yet you turned away from His love for you?

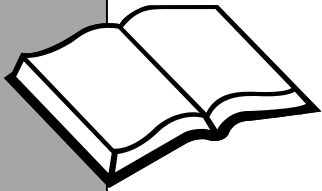
Read Psalm 30:5 and know that His anger is only for a moment, but *if you repent...* His favor will last a lifetime. Rejoice, for He pardons iniquity and does not retain his anger forever (Micah 7:18).

Consider how much He loves family, and that His word states that He *is closer* than a brother (Proverbs 18:24). James 1:9 tells us, "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" Return to Him, so that He may return to you (Zechariah 1:3).

(see also Deuteronomy 30:1-6, Job 22:22-26, Lamentations 3:40, Hosea 6:1-3 & 14:1-2, Isaiah 44:22, James 4:7-10)

*Bonus Study & Discussion: If time permits, read Luke 15:11-32 together and discuss the Parable of the Prodigal Son.*

# When יהוה Leaves the Temple



## Scripture Highlight

### Ezekiel 7:1-16

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come. An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come. The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the sounding again of the mountains. Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations *that* are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smiteth. Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs: neither *shall there be* wailing for them. The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof. For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof. The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.

## Study

Continue reading the entirety of Ezekiel chapter 7; this announcement of judgement sounds very similar as to the edict described in Leviticus 26, if the people sinned. There are *conditions* upon our Heavenly Father's willingness to dwell near to His people? Study where some of these conditions can be found in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 (*additional study: Is this not the direct context of Ezekiel 11:12?*).

Study together Ezekiel 10 – where the presence of our Heavenly Father's Holy Spirit leaves the temple after the earlier declaration and explanation of judgement.

Our God simply takes no pleasure in sin, and will not dwell in a camp/temple full of sin (compare Psalm 5:4 and Habakkuk 1:13 to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19).

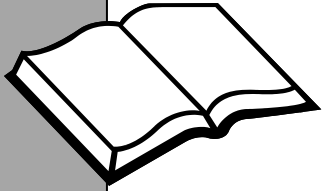
## Discussion

In Ezekiel chapter 8, the people were indeed being *religious*. Discuss what they were doing (verses 13-16 describe the ancient pagan practices associated with Easter and Lent). The Pharisees in the gospel accounts were *religious* as well, but Jesus called them vipers and wicked (Matthew 12:34, 39)! They did not know that the Spirit of God was not with them.

Discuss where even a good man like Samson may not realize when the Spirit of God has departed (Judges 16:20).

Note that in Ezekiel 7:16 above, although not perfect, *some* escape judgment. Read and discuss together the “escape clause” for this judgement on Israel described in Ezekiel chapter 14 found in verses 14 & 20. Discuss also our need for Him after reading together Psalm 103:12, Isaiah 1:18, 43:25, 44:22, Romans 4:7, Hebrews 10:10, 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7.

# Understanding the Divorce



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Zechariah 10:6-12**

And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them. And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD. I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased. And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again. I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them. And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

### **Ezekiel 37:15-23**

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

## ***Study***

Study Jeremiah chapter 3, paying close attention to language related to *marriage*, such as the usage of words like “*divorce*” in verse 8 (see also Deuteronomy 24:1-4).

Many people have attempted to use this as a reason to disregard prophecies like those in the *Scripture Highlight* above. However, we know that through the death and resurrection of our Messiah, we are able to reunite with Him again (Romans 7:1-3). Hence, one can see that the above prophecies will indeed occur.

## ***Further Study***

The concept in the Study to the left was discussed in some detail in the previous lesson book in the lesson titled “Blood Covenant”.

Note, however, that the promise of reuniting with our Heavenly Father at the Wedding Feast to come is *not limited* to only those born into the Houses of Israel discussed above. The reality that one should also remember is that Yeshua told us to go and teach of *all* nations (Matthew 28:19-20). He even reminds us that some of His own will not come and that others are invited (Matthew 22:8-10, John 10:16, Ephesians 2:11-13, Romans 11:11-31). Search also through Isaiah chapter 66 and discover where those not even born into the Two Houses of Israel will someday become Levites!

# Do Not Dishonor Your King

## Scripture Highlight

### Esther 1

Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) *That* in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace, In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him: When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, *even* an hundred and fourscore days. And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; *Where were* white, green, and blue, *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble. And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king. And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to king Ahasuerus. On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him. Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment: And the next unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, *and* which sat the first in the kingdom;) What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains? And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. For *this* deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. *Likewise* shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath. If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (*for it is great*,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small. And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

## Study

It is important to come when your King calls. Vashti would not. Do you come to His Feasts (Leviticus 23)? Even Esther was replaceable (see Esther 4:13-14; also Matthew 22:7-14). It matters what people say about the King's Bride; compare Esther 1:17-18 to Exodus 32:11-13. Study some occurrences where His people are called by His name: Numbers 6:27, Deuteronomy 28:10, Isaiah 43:1-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14, Jeremiah 15:15-17, Daniel 9:19, Revelation 3:12 & 14:1.

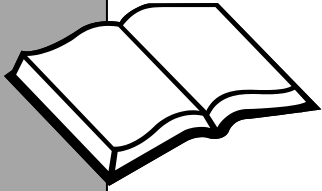
## Discussion

When a woman marries, she takes on the name of her husband. Consider the words of *Exodus 20:7* below:

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

Discuss how those that strive to be the Bride of Christ must realize that they, who are called by His Name, have a responsibility to represent that Name in all that they do, and should not vainly forget the Name they represent.

# A Famine is Coming



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Amos 8:11-14**

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

### **Proverbs 1:22-30**

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

### **Isaiah 43:26**

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

### **Isaiah 46:9**

Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and there is none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me,

### **Isaiah 55:6**

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

## ***Study***

Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 17. After the children of Israel in the north were led away into Assyria for their sins (17:5-23), a group of gentiles were brought into the land and taught the ways of the one true God (17:24-39). How well did these people stick to these teachings (17:40-41)? Is the same thing happening today?

*BONUS: If time permits, read about Hezekiah in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 18:1-8, 2 Chronicles 30:1-20 & 21:20-21.*

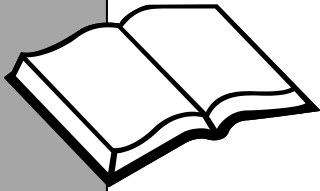
## ***Group Study & Discussion***

One might say that in this current generation which has very popular holidays directed toward their beliefs (for example: a vast amount of beautiful music, popular teachers, and various other very noticeable traits) that our Heavenly Father is well pleased with His children today, and that judgement is far away. Do you believe this to be the case? Or, do scriptures such as Amos 5:21-27 and Isaiah 29:13 (also Matthew 15:8 & Mark 7:6) seem to fit more with our current generation's religious practices?

The prophecy of Joel 2:28, recited in Acts 2:17, states that our God will pour out His spirit on his people in the last days. However these last days seem to be a time when there will be a famine for the *Word of God*. Many believe that we are in those last days. According to Proverbs 1:23 above, what must one *do* such that our Heavenly Father is willing to pour out His spirit upon them, if they have not done so already?



# False Teachers



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Matthew 24:24**

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:3-4**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

### **Ezekiel 13:9**

And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

### **Jeremiah 23:16**

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.

### **Acts 20:28-30**

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:13-15**

For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

### **Jude 1:11**

Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

## ***Discussion***

The apostle Paul instructed Timothy, “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*” (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15) and told the Thessalonians to “*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good*” (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 5:21). One should not let their desire to be accepted by a group cause them to fall in with false teachers; it is one’s own personal righteousness that is important (see Ezekiel 14:14-20). The “group” may talk ill of you, but perhaps this is better than if they had spoken well of you (Luke 6:26, Mathew 23:6-8).

Our Messiah warns us about false teachers/prophets in Matthew 7:15-20, 24:24 and His disciples Peter and John also give advice in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:1-9, 3:14-18 and 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-6 on the topic. Read the Scriptures presented in this lesson and discuss.

*BONUS: Indeed, some are called to be teachers, even prophets and other roles (Ephesians 4:11). However, the scriptures give us advice for teachers. Read James 3:1, Titus 1:6-14, Acts 10:34, Matthew 23:11-12 and discuss.*

# The Nephilim Deception

## Scripture Highlight

### Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

### Matthew 13:38

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*;

### John 8:44

Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

### John 6:70

Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

### Acts 13:10

And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

### 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:10

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

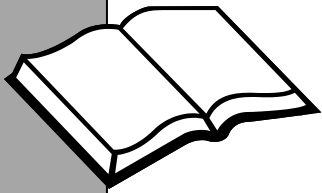
## Study

There is a deception told these days that the devil and his other fallen angels have somehow went around having sexual intercourse with women to have children by them and created half-human hybrids. Teachers, not always knowing that their teachings are false, sometimes tell fables (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:4) and generate strife through unlearned questions (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:23); often the use of Hebrew words like “nephilim” (which simply refers to very large, or giant, *men*) will attract much attention. Teachers of such fables may propose concepts such as mixing DNA/seed/flesh to corrupt the very fact that we are made in our Heavenly Father’s image. Do not be deceived. From the Scriptures, we know that all flesh is different (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:39). Read where an uneducated question is asked, recorded multiple times in Matthew 22:24-30, Mark 12:19-25, Luke 20:27-40). What was the reason our Messiah said that they erred (see Matthew 22:29, Mark 12:24)? Angels are mentioned in the answer (Matthew 22:30, Mark 12:25, Luke 20:35-36). Are angels capable of sexual intercourse and producing children of their own? From the *Scripture Highlight* above, one can clearly see that a person becomes a child of the devil through sin and are still very much completely *human* – their DNA/seed/flesh has not been magically changed! They are not half-human hybrids. Read the parable of the sower and the seeds in Matthew 13:24-43 which speaks of both angels and men. Starting at verse 36, identify both “who and what” exactly are those mentioned as *good* and *bad* seed (human or angel?) and whose children each are called.

## Discussion

Our Heavenly Father created mankind as His Children. However though sin, the enemy of mankind (the one we call the “devil”) has subverted many of mankind to be children of the devil instead. Before the flood, mankind was having many children and our Heavenly Father saw the wickedness of mankind and those children and grieved (Genesis 6:2-6) before passing judgement. Discuss how and why one might be called a child of God and why the world does not know this (see 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1). Many believe that judgement is coming again on the world. Our Messiah told us (Matthew 24:37-39) that times will be similar to these times of Noah before the time of the end; for what reason did Noah escape the judgment (Gen 6:8-9), and how might we do the same?  
*Bonus: What blessing will be given to “peacemakers” (see Matthew 5:9)?*

# The Sexuality Deception



## Scripture Highlight

### **Ephesians 5:5-7**

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

### **Leviticus 18:22**

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:9-10**

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Revelation 22:14-15**

Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

## Study & Discussion

There is a false belief going around that homosexuality and other sexual immorality is a choice that is *acceptable* under the guidelines of Christianity. There are even homosexual church groups with pastors who welcome homosexual lifestyles. Is this in agreement with the Scriptures that Christianity is based upon? Or, is it another lie/deception?

Perhaps the issue is one of ignorance, and not just rebellion. Do they know that a town was destroyed because of sodomy/homosexuality (see Genesis 19)? Have they read Leviticus 18:22? Consider that the Apostle Paul admits in Romans 7:7 that he would not have known what some sins were, had he not read them in the Law/Torah.

Gather together a few different Bible translations and look up the same *Scripture Highlight* verses above. Notice how “whoremonger” is often reads as homosexuals, sodomites, effeminate, and such. Now, notice very clearly that this is a *Salvation* issue (something that will keep such people out of the Kingdom of Heaven); hence, it is important that people not be ignorant of the Law/Torah.

Discuss mankind’s need for the truth, and pray that we might pursue peace with all people, and holiness, (see Hebrews 12:14-15), and also share truth with compassion.

## Study

Study Romans 1:18-32 and answer some of the following questions:

- Who is the wrath of God manifest against, and why?
- Are these people mentioned wise? Or fools?
- What do they dishonor?
- Does it involve men, women, or both?
- How does it affect their minds?
- Does it lead to further deeds?
- In the last verse, what finality does all this lead to?
- But, do they have pleasure in doing it?

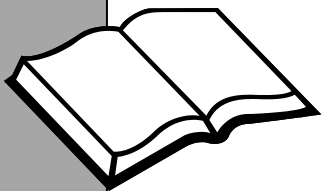
People do bad things; even this Apostle Paul, sinned (Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-2, 22:4-5, 26:9-11; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:9; Galatians 1:13,23; Philippians 3:6), yet there is mercy and forgiveness. Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:5-11, then 12-17.

Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9 and remember to pray for those that have fallen into sin, that they find repentance and peace.

## Extra

The quite literal “Ugly Truth” about different sexual sins can be found briefly listed in Leviticus 18. It’s a bit unpleasant, but everybody should read it, nonetheless.

# Be Not Conformed to This World



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Romans 12:1-2**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:14-16**

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:11-12**

Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

### **James 2:19**

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

### **Philemon 2:12**

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

### **1<sup>st</sup> John 2:15-17**

Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

## ***Study***

Do you know that you can be an overcomer? Do you know that you do not have to face temptation alone? Do you know the rewards for overcoming?

Read the following: Romans 8:37, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:13, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:9-11, Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21

## ***Group Study & Discussion***

We know that judgement upon this world has happened before, and will come again. Discuss 1 Peter 4:17-19, paying close attention to the question presented and answered in verse 18.

We want Him to hear our prayers (James 5:16), but will He hear the cries of the unrighteous (Micah 3:4)? Many allow themselves to be conformed to the ways of this world, yet claim *a belief* in one God (See James 2:19 above). We must not allow ourselves to be deceived into living disobedient lives (Ephesians 5:6) and be shut out of His Kingdom (Matthew 7:20-23). Walk the narrow, righteous path (Matthew 7:13-14).

# Good News for the Broken Hearted

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Luke 4:18 (see also Isaiah 61:1)**

The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

### **Matthew 11:28**

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

### **1 Peter 5:7**

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

### **Psalms 147:3**

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

### **Psalms 34:18**

The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

### **Psalms 73:26**

My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

### **Psalms 18:2**

The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

### **Jeremiah 17:7**

Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD *is*.

### **Revelation 21:4**

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

### **John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

## ***Comments***

The lessons that you have been studying in this lesson book often lead one to the understanding of what sin ultimately leads to (stop and read Romans 6:23, in needed) and to the fact that our Heavenly Father sets before us the choice to choose life by following his commands, decrees and laws (Deuteronomy 30:15-16). Sadly, people often do not make the right choices, and then suffer consequences. They, and those around them, often suffer – and hearts are broken and burdens become heavy.

However, there is good news for the broken hearted! There is a new and living way where He will repair your hearts (Psalm 147:3) and write His ways upon them (Hebrews 10:15-25), so that you can have life and have life more abundantly (John 10:10).

# Overcome the Flesh

## Scripture Highlight

### Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

### Philippians 1:22

But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

### Philippians 3:1-6

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:1-2

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.

### Hebrews 5:12

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

### Ephesians 3:14-20

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

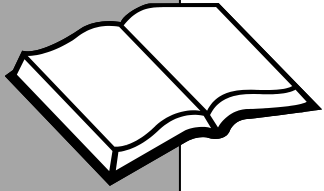
## Discussion

What does it mean to live by the Spirit? In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 3, Paul is surprised that the people there do not realize that their fleshly behavior would destroy them (verses 16-17). Like us, they were predestined to be conformed to the image of Yeshua (Romans 8:29), but the Corinthians still were not mature (verses 1-2). We should not put any confidence in the flesh (Philippians 3:4), and grow by saying “NO” to the fleshly temptations of this life while striving to live by the Spirit.

Read Romans chapter 7 – you will see that you are not the first to struggle with sin and the flesh. Paul, a very educated man in the Scriptures and an Apostle of Christ, struggled as well. But, in the very next chapter, Paul gives some excellent advice: do not live according to the flesh, but live by the Spirit such that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in you (Romans 8:4). Be a conqueror and let nothing come between you and your God (Romans 8:37-39). *(Bonus: Ephesians 6:10-18)*



# Children of the Promise



## Scripture Highlight

### **Galatians 3:1-9**

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

### **Galatians 3:16**

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

### **Galatians 4:22-31**

For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman. but of the free.

## Study

Read Genesis 16:1-16 where Abraham had a child by Hagar before Isaac was born, and read the trouble this later caused in Genesis 21:1-24. Read, also, where something similar happens in Genesis 25:19-34. So, who was the firstborn? With whom does the promise go?

This controversy between the natural order and the supernatural promise of Yehovah did not end. Just as Jacob went to his uncle to marry family relatives (Genesis 29), Esau went to a different uncle, Ishmael, and married into those family relatives (Genesis 28:9). To this day, these descendants of Edom (Ishmael & Esau's descendants) are still a great nation that struggles with the descendants of Jacob (Genesis 25:22-23, 27:38-46). Edom has been kept on a yoke, but that yoke is about to be broken such that even an end time evil kingdom that attempts to rule will not be able to contain (see Daniel 11:41).

## Discussion

Do you believe the promises of God?

Sarah laughed when she heard the promise (Genesis 18:12) and even went as far as giving her husband a maid servant to have a child with. Similarly, Zacharias, the father of John "The Baptist", also did not believe what he was told (Luke 1:18).

Once again, do you believe the promises of our God, Yehovah?

Discuss how not believing our God, Yehovah, can have consequences.

# The Hunters

## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Genesis 16:11-12**

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

### **Genesis 21:17-20**

And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

### **Genesis 27:1-3**

And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, *here am I*. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me *some venison*;

### **Jeremiah 16:14-18**

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

### **Revelation 6:1-2**

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

## ***Study & Discussion***

After the flood, a great leader named Nimrod arises who leads many into false worship in Babylon. He is called a “*mighty hunter before the LORD*” in Genesis 10:8-9 because of this. Later, Esau goes to his relative Ishmael and marries Ishmael’s daughters (Genesis 28:9). Both Ishmael and Esau are also known as hunters – both using the bow.

What religious group of people today are conquering the world – whose founder is a descendent of Ishmael, is breaking away from the restraints (“yoke” – see Genesis 27:40) of the west, who uses the sword against their enemies and is known for beheadings and having harem’s of wives (see Leviticus 26:25-26 and Revelation 20:4)?

*Bonus Reading: Read the short one chapter book of Obadiah for the fate that awaits these violent ones that come against Israel.*

# Bozrah

## Scripture Highlight

**Isaiah 63 (with added notes in *bold italics* showing who is speaking)**

**The Question:**

1 Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength?

**The Messiah Answers:**

I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

**The Covenant People Enquire:**

2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

**The Messiah Answers:**

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. 5 And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. 6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

**Prayer of the Remnant:**

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. 8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where *is* he that put his holy Spirit within him? 12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

**An appeal:**

15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? 16 Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting. 17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. 18 The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. 19 We are *thine*: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

## Study & Discussion

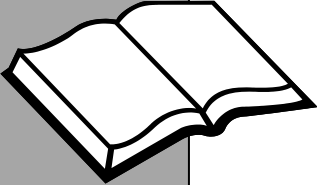
A time is coming when the sanctuary will be trodden under foot (Daniel 8:13), and our Messiah will come and make war against and totally destroy Edom (Obadiah 1:1-21). But before our Messiah comes, Edom will cause great trouble for the descendants of Jacob/Israel. It will be a great and awful time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7-11, Genesis 27:39-40), but Jacob will be saved out of it. Many in Jacob/Israel will be judged and corrected of their iniquities during this time, but there will be a remnant that reminds Jehovah of His promises. Look up all Scriptures mentioned in this study; also, compare Isaiah 63 in the *Scripture Highlight* above starting at verse 10 to Numbers 14:11-47, particularly verses 13-16. Read also Hebrews 12 and discuss.

Revelation chapter 12 speaks of a dragon chasing after a woman who is eventually saved and hidden away. However, the chapter ends with the dragon angry for not being able to destroy the woman and then turns to "*make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*" Discussion topic: Who is this dragon? Who is this woman? And, who are these people that the dragon goes to make war against?

# Salvation is Coming

## Scripture Highlight

### Isaiah 62



For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

### Micah 2:12-13

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude* of men. The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

## Study & Discussion

When a bride marries, she takes on a new name (compare Isaiah 62:2 in the *Scripture Highlight* above to Isaiah 56:5 & 65:15 and Revelation 2:17 & 3:12). There was an exile a long time ago recorded in the book of Exodus where a betrothal occurred at Mt. Sinai. Our Messiah, who is our Bridegroom, will return for the Bride who has prepared herself in robes of righteousness. Also, study and compare Revelation 19:7-8 to Isaiah 62:5-12 in the *Scripture Highlight* above.

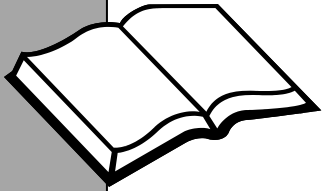
Read and discuss Isaiah 10:20-27. Discuss briefly who the Assyrians are (look for a lesson or two towards the end of the first lesson book beginning with the title "Who Israel is *not*" for the answer). Discuss also this remnant of Jacob, taking notice of the mention of the Bozrah sheepfold in Micah 2:12 and Isaiah 63:1 – is this the woman who is protected in Revelation 12?

If you read these verses and say, "this speaks of Israel... the descendants of Abraham" and not understand, read Ephesians 2:12-13, Galatians 3:29, and the discussion the Apostle Paul presents in Romans 11. Do not forget the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22:1-14. For more info, also search also through the lessons in the first lesson book for lessons on this topic.

An interesting note: The website *sightedmoon.com* has prominently displayed Isaiah 62:1 at the top of the homepage because once one begins to discover truth in the Scriptures, it is hard to be silent. In fact, this is the very reason that these lesson books were written. May this same desire and inspiration fill your heart as well and motivate you to help others learn the Scriptures!

*Bonus: Revelation 19:16 tells us who the King of Kings is, and Micah 2:13 shows Him at the head. However, another king is mentioned in Micah 2:13 how follows the King of Kings. Who is this king? (see Hosea 3:5, Jeremiah 30:9, Ezekiel 34:20-31).*

# Only a Little While



## ***Scripture Highlight***

### **Song of Songs 5:4-9**

My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped *with* myrrh, and my fingers *with* sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer. The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I *am* sick of love. What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, O thou fairest among women? what *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, that thou dost so charge us?

### **Haggai 2:6-7**

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

### **Isaiah 10:25**

For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

### **Isaiah 26:20**

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

### **Psalms 30:5**

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

## ***Study & Consolation***

If one has any discernment at all, then it can be realized that judgement is coming on the world. Do not be deceived (Ephesians 5:6), wrath is determined for the unrighteous (Romans 1:18). As the bride waits for the bridegroom at the door, there are those that will mistreat her and those who will ask her how her God is any different than others (see Song of Songs 5:4-9 in the *Scripture Highlight* above); remember that the Messiah, our bridegroom, spoke of this mistreatment long ago and said to expect it and even worse (Matthew 24:8-13, Mark 13:10-13, Luke 21:12 John 16:1-4).

But remember, this time of wrath is just for a little while. Do not be discouraged and think that you are alone (Elijah thought this in time of trouble, but was wrong – see 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:22 & 19:10, and then 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:3-4). Even when woes are proclaimed on the earth in Isaiah chapter 24, the distant coastlands are glorifying Yehovah and waiting on His law during judgement because they understand that it is only for a little while (see Isaiah 24:14-15 and also 42:4).

Even the enemy, called “the devil”, knows that his time is very short (Revelation 12:12)! Know that we will be sent a little help (Daniel 11:34). Our God keeps for Himself a remnant (see Ezra 9:8, Romans 9:27-29) and will not destroy completely (Jeremiah 46:27-28). He will gather His remnant and pass before them (Micah 2:12-13, also Isaiah chapter 11 & 35:1-4).

The trial of your faith is precious; be steadfast (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:5-9, 5:8-11). Yes, He *will* go out in righteousness for good reason wearing the garments of *vengeance* (Isaiah 59:14-20). Yet, have consolation, His wrath is only for a little while.

*Bonus: The book of Exodus is about the children of Israel being delivered to the Promise Land out of great tribulation. A Second Exodus is coming (Isaiah 11:11-12). Study and discover where we are told about this Second Exodus for all of Israel in Jeremiah chapters 30 and 31 from the far reaches of the Earth (see also Jeremiah 3:18, 16:14-15, 23:7-8; 27:12, 35:8-10, 43:5-12; Hosea 2:14-16, 11:10; Amos 9:13-15, Ezekiel 36:22-32, 37:16-28; Zechariah 10:6, Hebrews 8:8-12).*

# ***Additional Content***

The Scriptures tell us that world could probably not contain the many books that could be written about the things that our Messiah did for us (John 21:25). Likewise, lesson after lesson on the Scriptures could be written for you and placed into Lesson Books like this one.

However, this would not be fair to you to keep doing so without you, as *you* have been given a commission:

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.  
Amen.*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

With these Lesson Books and the vast about of other media resources available from [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com), you have been given ample training to help you in your journey to understand the Scriptures better. Now it is now your turn to join in on the work. The Scriptures tell us directly, and with great passion, how greatly you are needed in this work (Matthew 9:35-38, Luke 10:2). Do not think that your Heavenly Father shows favoritism towards one teacher or the other and will not use you (Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11)! He has given all of His Scripture to all of us for instruction (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17), and you are called to be His disciple.

So while writing these Lessons Books to launch you on this journey, I thought back on a few *tools* that I personally have used which may be tools that you might want in your toolkit:

- The first tool is a *blank lesson template*, suitable for photocopying and with enough room to fit in quite a bit of handwriting. Using this template is definitely not a requirement for making your own lessons, but I thought that you might like it. After all, these Lesson Books started with a blank lesson just like this one.
- The most important tool, obviously, you probably already have: the Scriptures. Continue to study them! If you have and enjoy an audio Bible, listen to it! There are a variety of different tools out there to encourage and help you to read the Scriptures. Similar to a read-in-one-year type of Bible which portions the bible up into daily sections to help a person schedule daily Scripture readings, many students do not realize that there are many various types of *Reading Schedule* tools available. A couple examples have been provided.
- The final tool provided that may help you keep track of the sighted moon as you continue to observe the holy days each year is a beautiful do-it-yourself type of *calendar* created uniquely for [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com) by the same artist that designed the cover of these Lesson Books. Enjoy!  
*(note: The resolution of the included calendar has been compressed for this this e-book – visit [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com) for a high resolution version.)*

Finally, I leave you with this blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:

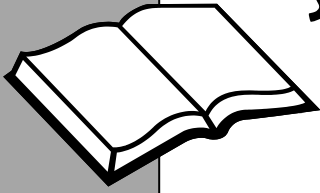
יהוה *bless thee, and keep thee:*

יהוה *make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:*

יהוה *lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*



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***Scripture Highlight***

***Study and Discussion***

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**An Example of a “Torah Portion” Reading Schedule:**

<b>Torah Portion</b>	<b>Old Testament Portion</b>	<b>New Testament Portion</b>
Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:10	John 1:1-18
Genesis 6:9-11:32	Isaiah 54:1-55:5	Matthew 24:36-44
Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16	Romans 3:19-5:6
Genesis 18:1-22:24	2 Kings 4:1-37	James 2:14-24
Genesis 23:1-25:18	1 Kings 1:1-31	Matthew 8:19-22, Luke 9:57-62
Genesis 25:19-28:9	Malachi 1:1-2:7	Romans 9:6-16
Genesis 28:10-32:3	Hosea 12:13-14:10	John 1:43-51
Genesis 32:3-36:43	Hosea 11:7-12:12	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Genesis 37:1-40:23	Amos 2:6-3:8	Acts 7:9-16
Genesis 41:1-44:17	1 Kings 3:15-4:1	Acts 7:9-16
Genesis 41:18-47:27	Ezekiel 37:15-28	John 10:11-19
Genesis 47:28-50:26	1 Kings 2:1-12	Hebrews 11:21-22, 1 Peter 2:11-17
Exodus 1:1-6:1	Isaiah 27:6-28:13	John 17:1-26
Exodus 6:2-9:35	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21	Romans 9:14-17, 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
Exodus 10:1-13:16	Jeremiah 46:13-28	Revelation 19:1-16
Exodus 13:17-17:16	Judges 4:4-5:31	Revelation 15:1-8
Exodus 18:1-20:23	Isaiah 6:1-7:14	1 Timothy 3:1-14
Exodus 21:1-24:18	Jeremiah 34:8-22, 31:31-34	Hebrews 9:15-22
Exodus 25:1-27:19	1 Kings 5:12-6:13	Hebrews 8:1-13
Exodus 27:20-30:10	Ezekiel 43:10-27	Philippians 4:10-20
Exodus 30:11-34:35	1 Kings 18:1-39	2 Corinthians 3:1-8
Exodus 35:1-38:20	1 Kings 7:40-50	Hebrews 9:1-14
Exodus 38:21-40:38	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	Acts 1:1-11
Leviticus 1:1-6:7	Isaiah 43:21-44:23	Romans 8:1-13
Leviticus 6:8-8:36	Jeremiah 7:21-8:3	Romans 12:1-8
Leviticus 9:1-11:47	2 Samuel 6:1-7:17	Mark 7:1-23
Leviticus 12:1-13:59	2 Kings 4:42-5:19	Matthew 8:1-4, Luke 17:11-19
Leviticus 14:1-15:33	2 Kings 7:3-20	Mark 5:24b-34
Leviticus 16:1-18:30	Isaiah 53:1-12	Hebrews 7:23-10:25
Leviticus 19:1-20:27	Amos 9:7-15	Acts 15:1-21
Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel 44:15-31	Colossians 2:11-23
Leviticus 25:1-26:2	Jeremiah 32:6-27	Luke 4:16-21, Galatians 5:1-13
Leviticus 26:3-27:34	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14	Ephesians 2: 11-19
Numbers 1:1-4:20	Hosea 2:1-22	Revelation 7:1-17
Numbers 4:21-7:89	Judges 13:2-25	Acts 21:17-32
Numbers 8:1-12:16	Zechariah 2:14-4:7	Hebrews 4:1-16
Numbers 13:1-15:41	Joshua 2:1-24	Hebrews 3:7-19
Numbers 16:1-18:32	1 Samuel 11:14-12:22	Jude 1-25
Numbers 19:1-22:1	Judges 11:1-33	John 3:9-21
Numbers 22:2-25:9	Micah 5:6-6:8	2 Peter 2:1-22
Numbers 25:10-29:40	1 Kings 18:46-19:21	Acts 2:1-21
Numbers 30:1-32:42	Jeremiah 1:1-2:3	Matthew 5:33-37
Numbers 33:1-36:13	Jeremiah 2:4-28	James 4:1-12
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22	Isaiah 1:1-27	John 15:1-11
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11	Isaiah 40:1-26	Mark 12:28-34, Matthew 4:1-11
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25	Isaiah 49:14-51:3, 52:1-15	Luke 4:1-13
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17	Isaiah 44:11-45:5	1 John 4:1-6, 2:18-25
Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	Isaiah 9:1-6, 49:1-6	Acts 7:35-60
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	Isaiah 40:1-11	Mark 1:1-14
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8	Isaiah 60:1-22	Matthew 13:1-23
Deuteronomy 29:9- 31:30	Isaiah 61:1-63:9, Hosea 14:2-10	Hebrews 13:5-8, Matthew 28:16-20
Deuteronomy 32:1-52	2 Samuel 22:1-51	Romans 10:14-21
Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12	Joshua 1:1-18	Matthew 17:1-9, Jude 1:8-9

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# CYCLES OF SEVEN

## SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION Gen 1:1 - 2:3

Dark & Light	Waters Separated	Land & Vegetation	Sun & Moon	Birds & Fish	Man & Beast	יהוה Rested
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## SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK (The days of the week have been maintained throughout history)

Day 1 Work Day	Day 2 Work Day	Day 3 Work Day	Day 4 Work Day	Day 5 Work Day	Day 6 Work Day Preparation Day	Day 7 Weekly Shabbat Day of Rest
Sunset Shabbat	Sunset Shabbat	Sunset Monday	Sunset Tuesday	Sunset Wednesday	Sunset Thursday	Sunset Friday
Day light Sunday	Day light Monday	Day light Tuesday	Day light Wednesday	Day light Thursday	Day light Friday	Day light Saturday

## SEVEN WEEKS TO COMPLETE THE FEAST OF WEEKS Lev 23:15

Week 1 Days 1 - 7 Shabbat 1	Week 2 Days 8 - 14 Shabbat 2	Week 3 Days 15 - 21 Shabbat 3	Week 4 Days 22 - 28 Shabbat 4	Week 5 Days 29 - 35 Shabbat 5	Week 6 Days 36 - 42 Shabbat 6	Week 7 Days 43 - 49 Shabbat 7
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## SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE FEASTS OF יהוה Lev 23

Month 1 Begins the Set-Apart Appointments	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7 Completes the Set-Apart Appointments
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## EVERY 7TH YEAR IS THE SHEMITAH - LAND REST Lev 25:1-7

*Year 1 is the same as Year 50 and is the Jubilee Year*

Year 1 Jubilee	Year 8 Work	Year 15 Work	Year 22 Work	Year 29 Work	Year 36 Work	Year 43 Work
Year 2 Work	Year 9 Work	Year 16 Work	Year 23 Work	Year 30 Work	Year 37 Work	Year 44 Work
Year 3 Work	Year 10 Work	Year 17 Work	Year 24 Work	Year 31 Work	Year 38 Work	Year 45 Work
Year 4 Work	Year 11 Work	Year 18 Work	Year 25 Work	Year 32 Work	Year 39 Work	Year 46 Work
Year 5 Work	Year 12 Work	Year 19 Work	Year 26 Work	Year 33 Work	Year 40 Work	Year 47 Work
Year 6 Preparation	Year 13 Preparation	Year 20 Preparation	Year 27 Preparation	Year 34 Preparation	Year 41 Preparation	Year 48 Preparation
Year 7 Shemitah	Year 14 Shemitah	Year 21 Shemitah	Year 28 Shemitah	Year 35 Shemitah	Year 42 Shemitah	Year 49 Shemitah

## SEVEN X 7 = 49 YEARS MAKING 1 JUBILEE PERIOD Lev 25:8-22

Cycle 1 Years 1 - 7 Year 1 is the same as Year 50 and is the Jubilee Year	Cycle 2 Years 8 - 14	Cycle 3 Years 15 - 21	Cycle 4 Years 22 - 28	Cycle 5 Years 29 - 35	Cycle 6 Years 36 - 42 The Cycle of Preparation	Cycle 7 Years 43 - 49 The Cycle of Land Rest
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## SEVEN MILLENIA = 1 MILLENNIAL WEEK (1 DAY IS LIKE 1000 YEARS) Ps 90:4

Millennial Day 1 Years 1 - 980 Since Creation of Adam	Millennial Day 2 Years 981 - 1960 Since Creation of Adam	Millennial Day 3 Years 1961 - 2940 Since Creation of Adam	Millennial Day 4 Years 2941 - 3920 Since Creation of Adam	Millennial Day 5 Years 3921 - 4900 Since Creation of Adam	Millennial Day 6 Years 4901 - 5880 Since Creation of Adam	Millennial Day 7 Years 5881 - 6860 Since Creation of Adam
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## SEVEN APPOINTMENTS WITH יהוה Lev 23

Day 1 Matzot Unleavened Bread	Day 7 Matzot Unleavened Bread	Yom Shavout Day of Pentecost	Yom Taruah Day of Trumpets	Yom Kippur Day of Atonement	Day 1 of Sukkot Tabernacles	The 8th Day Feast
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## BLESSINGS FOR OBEDIENCE & CURSES FOR DISOBEDIENCE Lev 26

Blessings or the Curse of Terror	Blessings or the Curse of Drought & Severe Weather	Blessings or the Curse of Pestilence/Disease	Blessings or the Curse of Sword/War	Blessings or the Curse of Captivity/Slavery	Continuing Blessings OR Curses	Continuing Blessings OR Curses
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# EASY AS 1, 2, 3!



**Any day of the month  
Gregorian Calendar**

If the moon is sighted before  
midnight, write the next date  
as Day 1 on יום'ה's calendar.

**Next day of the month  
Gregorian Calendar**

If the moon is sighted after  
midnight, write this date as  
Day 1 on יום'ה's calendar.

The example shows Month 1, Year 5854;  
which was year 2018 on the Gregorian  
Calendar.

Month 1 in 2019 will begin when the new  
moon is sighted **plus** there is enough  
'Aviv' barley for the Wave Offering on the  
first Sunday after Passover. The year will  
then be; 5855 years since the creation  
of Adam. **Both** of these events must be  
confirmed by no less than two witnesses,  
each in Israel.

To learn more about the current year  
since Creation of Adam; please see 'The  
Sabbatical and Jubilee Year Calendar'  
in 'The Prophecies of Abraham' by  
Joseph F. Dumond or visit  
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- 1 Each month write the current year in the heading.
- 2 When the new moon has been sighted in Israel and confirmed by no less than two witnesses; write the date of the sighting in the first box of the first column. The next date will be the first day of the new month.
- 3 Write the days of the week in the second column.  
M/T/W/T/F/S/S

**YEAR 58 54 : MONTH 1**  
SIXTH CREATION OF ADAM

*"From even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:28*

Gregorian Date	Week Day	Month Day	Feasts of יום'ה	Scriptures
18/13/2018 <small>New moon sighted</small>				
19/13/2018 <small>First day of the month</small>	M	1	NEW MOON DAY	NEW MOONS <small>Lev 12:2 This new moon is the beginning of new moons for you. It is the first new moon of the year for you. Lev 16:1 Ps 81:5</small>
20	T	2		
21	W	3		PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY <small>Lev 18:13 Do not return to your father's house, for you have obtained by your youthfulness. Abuse - Gen 2:15, Ex. 41:20-22, Lev 18:1-2, Lev 18, Lev 21-4</small>
22	T	4		
23	F	5		
24	S	6		LAST SUPPER <small>Lev 26:26 And on any new eating, you'll look toward, and have thy bread, bread and give it to the hungry ones and said, "Take, eat, this is my bread," and taking the cup, and giving thanks, he gave it to her, saying, "Drink from it, all of you." For this is my blood that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Mk 10:5 After that he put water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the taught ones, and he wiped them with the towel with which he was girded.</small>
25	S	7	PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY	
26	M	8		
27	T	9		
28	W	10		
29	T	11		
30	F	12		PASSOVER & UNLEAVENED BREAD <small>Lev 23:5 On the first new moon, on the fourteenth day of the new moon, between the evenings, is the Passover to YHWH. And on the fifteenth day of the new moon is the festival of unleavened bread. On the first day you have to eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day is a set apart gathering you do not work. Lev 23:6-12</small>
March 31	Saturday	13	LAST SUPPER MEMORIAL, WASH & FOOT WASHING	
April 01	Sunday	14	PASSOVER / PESACH MEAL	
02	Monday	15	FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD <small>Wave Sheaf Day is the first Sunday after Passover.</small>	
03	Tuesday	16	3	Which day will it be?
04	Wednesday	17	4	Mark it on the calendar!
05	Thursday	18	5	
06	Friday	19	6	OMEN COUNT Day 1 of the Omen Count is Wave Sheaf Day. Count to the 50th day.
07	Saturday	20	7	
08	Sunday	21		1
09	Monday	22		2
10	T	23		3
11	W	24		4
12	T	25		5
13	F	26		6
April 14	Shabbat	27		7
15	S	28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	8
16	M	29		9
17	T	30		10



# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 1

"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32



GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה			SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?				
____/____/____ Insert next date		1	NEW MOON DAY			<b>NEW MOONS</b> Exo 12:2 This new moon is the beginning of new moons for you, it is the first new moon of the year for you. Deu 16:1 Psa 81:3
____/____/____		2				
____/____/____		3				<b>PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY</b>
____/____/____		4				Hos 14:1 O Israel, return to יְהוָה your Elohim, for you have stumbled by your crookedness. Also see - Exo 30:10, Eze, 45:18-20, Hos 14:1-2, Rev 5:8, Rev 8:3-4
____/____/____		5				
____/____/____		6				<b>LAST SUPPER</b>
____/____/____		7	PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY			Mat 26:26-28 And as they were eating, took bread, and having blessed, broke and gave it to the taught ones and said, "Take, eat, this is My body." And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.
____/____/____		8				Joh 13:5 After that He put water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the taught ones, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.
____/____/____		9				
____/____/____		10				
____/____/____		11				
____/____/____		12				<b>PASSOVER &amp; UNLEAVENED BREAD</b>
____/____/____		13	LAST SUPPER MEMORIAL MEAL & FOOT WASHING			Lev 23:5-8 In the first new moon, on the fourteenth day of the new moon, between the evenings, is the Pesach to יְהוָה. And on the fifteenth day of this new moon is the Festival of Matzot to יְהוָה - seven days you eat unleavened bread. On the first day you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work. And you shall bring an offering made by fire to יְהוָה for seven days. On the seventh day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work. Also see - Exo 12:15-20, Lev 23:9-14, Deu 16:9-12
____/____/____		14	PASSOVER / PESACH MEAL			
____/____/____		15	FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD	WAVE SHEAF DAY Wave Sheaf Day is the first Sunday after Passover. Which day will it be? Mark it on the calendar!	Write the Omer Count in this column	
____/____/____		16	FESTIVAL OF MATZOT			
____/____/____		17	3			
____/____/____		18	4			
____/____/____		19	5			
____/____/____		20	6	OMER COUNT Day 1 of the Omer Count is Wave Sheaf Day. Count to the 50th day.		
____/____/____		21	7			
____/____/____		22				<b>FIRSTFRUITS</b>
____/____/____		23				<b>WAVE SHEAF DAY</b>
____/____/____		24				Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before יְהוָה, for your acceptance. On the morrow after the Sabbath the priest waves it. Also see - Exo 23:16, 19.
____/____/____		25				<b>THE FEAST OF WEEKS</b>
____/____/____		26				<b>COUNTING THE OMER</b>
____/____/____		27				Lev 23:15-16 And from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count for yourselves: seven completed Sabbaths. Until the morrow after the seventh Sabbath you count fifty days, then you shall bring a new grain offering to יְהוָה.
____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?			<b>THREE TIMES A YEAR</b>
____/____/____		29				Deu 16:16 Three times a year all your males appear before יְהוָה your Elohim in the place which He chooses: at the Festival of Matzot, and at the Festival of Shabuot, and at the Festival of Sukkot. And none should appear before יְהוָה empty-handed.
____/____/____		30				



# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 2

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה		SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?			
____/____/____ Insert next date		1	NEW MOON DAY		<b>NEW MOONS</b>
____/____/____		2	CONTINUING THE OMER COUNT		<b>Exo 12:2</b> This new moon is the beginning of new moons for you, it is the first new moon of the year for you.
____/____/____		3	Day 1 of the Omer count is Wave Sheaf Day in Month 1.		<b>Deu 16:1</b> Guard the new moon of Abib, and perform the Pesach to יהוה your Elohim, for in the new moon of Abib יהוה your Elohim brought you out of Mitsrayim by night.
____/____/____		4	Count to the 50th day. Day 50 is a Shabbat unto יהוה .		<b>Psa 81:3</b> Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
____/____/____		5			
____/____/____		6			
____/____/____		7			<b>THE FEAST OF WEEKS</b>
____/____/____		8			<b>COUNTING THE OMER</b>
____/____/____		9			<b>Lev 23:15-21</b> And from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count for yourselves: seven completed Sabbaths. Until the morrow after the seventh Sabbath you count fifty days, then you shall bring a new grain offering to יהוה. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto יהוה. And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto יהוה, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto יהוה. Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before יהוה, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to יהוה for the priest. And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you; ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.
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____/____/____		18			
____/____/____		19			
____/____/____		20			
____/____/____		21			<b>THREE TIMES A YEAR</b>
____/____/____		22			<b>Deu 16:16</b> Three times a year all your males appear before יהוה your Elohim in the place which He chooses: at the Festival of Matzot, and at the Festival of Shabuot, and at the Festival of Sukkot. And none should appear before יהוה empty-handed.
____/____/____		23			
____/____/____		24			
____/____/____		25			
____/____/____		26			
____/____/____		27			
____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?		
____/____/____		29			
____/____/____		30			



# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 3

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה		SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?			
____/____/____ Insert next date		<b>1</b>	NEW MOON DAY		<b>NEW MOONS</b>
____/____/____		<b>2</b>	<b>CONTINUING THE OMER COUNT</b> Day 1 of the Omer count is Wave Sheaf Day in Month 1. Count to the 50th day. Day 50 is a Shabbat unto יְהוָה called Shabuot.		<b>Exo 12:2</b> This new moon is the beginning of new moons for you, it is the first new moon of the year for you. <b>Deu 16:1</b> Guard the new moon of Abib, and perform the Pesach to יְהוָה your Elohim, for in the new moon of Abib יְהוָה your Elohim brought you out of Mitsrayim by night. <b>Psa 81:3</b> Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		<b>28</b>			
____/____/____		<b>29</b>			
____/____/____		<b>30</b>	Which night will the new moon be sighted?		



There is a Shabbat Shabbuton on the 50th day!

Which day will it be?

Mark it on the calendar!



# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_ : MONTH 4

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה		SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?			
____/____/____ Insert next date		1	NEW MOON DAY		<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?		
____/____/____		29			
____/____/____		30			





# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_ : MONTH 5

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:38

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה		SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?			
____/____/____ Insert next date		1	NEW MOON DAY		<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		27			
____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?		
____/____/____		29			
____/____/____		30			



# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 6

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה	SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?	<b>NEW MOON DAY</b>	<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
____/____/____ Insert next date		<b>1</b>		
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____/____/____		<b>26</b>		
____/____/____		<b>27</b>		
____/____/____		<b>28</b>	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	
____/____/____		<b>29</b>		
____/____/____		<b>30</b>		

# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_ : MONTH 7

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM

"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יהוה		SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?			
____/____/____ Insert next date		<b>SHABBAT</b> 1	NEW MOON DAY	FEAST OF TRUMPETS - YOM TERUAH The day & hour no man knows.	<b>NEW MOONS</b>  Exo 12:2 This new moon is the beginning of new moons for you, it is the first new moon of the year for you.
____/____/____		2			
____/____/____		3			<b>FEAST OF TRUMPETS YOM TERUAH</b>
____/____/____		4			
____/____/____		5			Lev 23:23-25 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh new moon, on the first day of the new moon, you have a rest, a remembrance of Teruah, a set-apart gathering. You do no servile work, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה."
____/____/____		6			
____/____/____		7			
____/____/____		8			<b>DAY OF ATONEMENT YOM KIPPUR</b>
____/____/____		9			
____/____/____		<b>SHABBAT</b> 10	DAY OF ATONEMENT - YOM KIPPUR You shall afflict your beings. You do no work. A law forever.		Lev 23:26-32 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, "On the tenth day of this seventh new moon is Yom ha Kippurim. It shall be a set-apart gathering for you. And you shall afflict your beings, and shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה." And you do no work on that same day, for it is Yom Kippurim, to make atonement for you before יהוה your Elohim. "For any being who is not afflicted on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people. "And any being who does any work on that same day, that being I shall destroy from the midst of his people. "You do no work - a law forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. "It is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your beings. On the ninth day of the new moon at evening, from evening to evening, you observe your Sabbath."
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____/____/____		14			
____/____/____		<b>SHABBAT</b> 15	FEAST OF SUKKOT TABERNACLES		
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____/____/____		17	3		
____/____/____		18	4		
____/____/____		19	5		
____/____/____		20	6		
____/____/____		21	7		
____/____/____		<b>SHABBAT</b> 22	8TH DAY FEAST SHEMINI ATZERET		
____/____/____		23			<b>8TH DAY FEAST SHEMINI ATZERET</b>
____/____/____		24			
____/____/____		25			Lev 23:36 For seven days you bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. On the eighth day there shall be a set-apart gathering for you, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. It is a closing festival, you do no servile work.
____/____/____		26			
____/____/____		27			<b>THREE TIMES A YEAR</b>
____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?		Deu 16:16 Three times a year all your males appear before יהוה your Elohim in the place which He chooses: at the Festival of Matzot, and at the Festival of Shabuot, and at the Festival of Sukkot. And none should appear before יהוה empty-handed.
____/____/____	29				
____/____/____	30				



# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 8

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה	SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?		
____/____/____ Insert next date		<b>1</b>	NEW MOON DAY	<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		<b>28</b>	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	
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# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_ : MONTH 9

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה	SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?		
____/____/____ Insert next date		<b>1</b>	NEW MOON DAY	<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		<b>27</b>		
____/____/____		<b>28</b>	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	
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____/____/____		<b>30</b>		





# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_ : MONTH 10

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה	SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?	NEW MOON DAY	<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	
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# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 11

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:32

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה	SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?	NEW MOON DAY	<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		27		
____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	
____/____/____		29		
____/____/____		30		



# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 12

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:38

GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה	SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?	NEW MOON DAY	<p><b>NEW MOONS</b></p> <p><b>Psa 81:3</b> Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.</p> <p><b>BARLEY SEARCH!</b></p> <p>This month it's time to search for barley in the land of Israel. Sufficient barley at the correct ripened stage needs to be found for the offering in Month 1 of next year to be made on Wave Sheaf Day.</p> <p>If <i>insufficient</i> barley is found for a Wave Sheaf offering then a 13th Month will be necessary for the barley to ripen for the Wave offering in Month 1.</p>
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____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	
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# YEAR 58 \_\_\_\_\_ : MONTH 13

SINCE CREATION OF ADAM



"from even unto even shall ye celebrate your sabbath." Lev 23:38

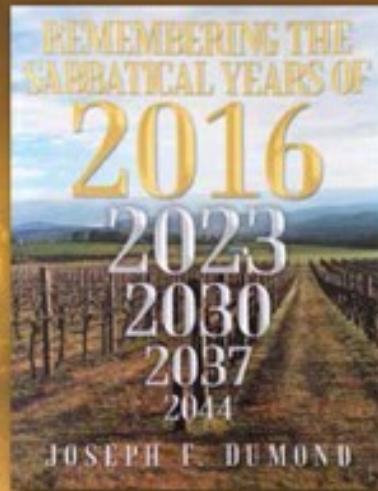
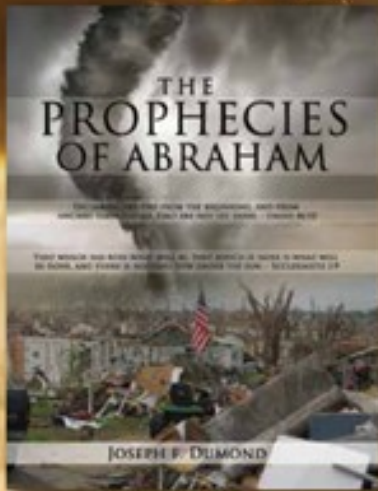
GREGORIAN DATE	WEEK DAY	MONTH DAY	FEASTS OF יְהוָה	SCRIPTURES
____/____/____ New moon sighted	Insert day of the week e.g. M/T/W/T/F/S/S	Last day of previous month was 28, 29 or 30?	NEW MOON DAY	<b>NEW MOONS</b> Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
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____/____/____		28	Which night will the new moon be sighted?	
____/____/____		29		
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**BARLEY SEARCH!**  
This month it's time to search for barley in the land of Israel. Sufficient barley at the correct ripened stage needs to be found for the offering in Month 1 of next year to be made on Wave Sheaf Day.  
If insufficient barley is found for a Wave Sheaf offering then a 13th Month will be necessary for the barley to ripen for the Wave offering in Month 1.



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