

Returning to the Mountain of Elohim

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While much of the world is beginning their new year, I have been busy making plans for the beginning of the new year for Yisrael, which over two months away.

When the Yisraelites were in Egypt, YHWH instructed Moses and Aharon as follows:

"² This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak to all the congregation of Yisrael, saying: On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Yisrael shall kill it at twilight." Exodus 12:2-6

The text literally states: "This new moon (renewal) is for you the head of the new moons (renewals), it is the first for you for the new moons (renewals) of the year."

Now imagine for a moment that you did not have the internet, a cell phone or computer. How would you know what "this month" was?

How would you know when the first day of the new year arrives? How would you know when to select your lamb? How would you know when to slaughter the lamb, and observe the Pesach? How would you know when to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread the following day for seven days? How would you know when to start counting the omer to Shavuot?

I'm sure you get my point. All the counting starts on Day 1 of Month 1. So knowing that date is pretty important.

I see people following the Jewish calendar that is simply a Rabbinic calculation, and it is often wrong. What if you were dropped in the wilderness without a Jewish calendar?

I see people going off the reservation, following solar calendars from the Dead Sea Scrolls. How would you know when to observe the Enochian calendar, the Zadok calendar, or any variation of those made-up calendars without a printed calendar, or a device?

People are following divergent calendars to their own destruction, because it is easy. It all seems so clear cut in this modern age of information, but take away the technology, and most people are lost.

Without observing the sun and the moon, you will not be on the correct calendar. That is the basis for torahcalendar.com, which uses only the sun and the moon *"for signs, Appointed Times, and for days and years."* Genesis 1:14

Even torahcalendar.com is a luxury for people. It takes away all of the work, by projecting the cycles of the sun and the moon forward and backward. It can do this because there is no need for yearly subjective barley inspection teams as the Karaites have added through their traditions.

But what if the internet goes down? Could you determine the Appointed Times on your own? It is definitely something to think about.

So while the world is one week into a new year, and we are still looking forward to YHWH's, I suggest that you take a look back. Before you plan your future celebrations surrounding YHWH's prescribed beginning of the year, go back to the beginning and make sure you are calibrated with YHWH.

Instead of all of the so-called teachers pushing their calendars, go up to the mountain and hear from YHWH directly.

While I was pondering this idea and the fact that so many people are being led astray from YHWH, it got me thinking about the prophet Elijah.

He was in Yisrael during the reign of Ahab, and his foreign wife, Jezebel. Jeroboam had changed dates and locations for worship, and even set up golden calves. Ahab and Jezebel instituted the worship of Baal and Asherah on a national scale in the Northern Kingdom.

It is almost unimaginable that a people who were supposed to be identified with YHWH were actually blatantly mixing with the gods of the surrounding nations.

Here's the thing. To us outsiders, looking back, the problem is obvious to see. For those immersed within the culture, it may not have been so obvious. Things may have seemed completely normal.

It is just like Christians today, who think they are worshipping YHWH Elohim, but instead are following the ways of Baal.

Christmas, Easter and January 1 are nowhere to be found in the Scriptures, except for maybe when Jeremiah refers to worshipping the Queen of Heaven (Astaroth) and weeping for Tammuz. (Jeremiah 7 and 44)

YHWH specifically provides dates and times for us to meet with Him, which Christianity has entirely rejected, including the Sabbath. This is astonishing, yet most Christians see nothing wrong with the situation. After all, “that stuff in the Old Testament was for the Jews.” Right?

This is probably similar to the spell that the Northern Tribes were under.

As a result, it’s hard to get too critical of the ancient Yisraelites. Their leaders changed the times and the places of worship, just like the Catholic Church did. The people were taught lies, just like we were all taught lies.

Thank YHWH He opened our eyes!

Even when it may seem like you are the only one around who follows YHWH, rest assured that YHWH always has a remnant.

So we have a lot in common with the circumstances that Elijah found himself in. This past week, I spent some time considering his life.

The first words we read about him are an interesting introduction.

“And Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead . . .” 1 Kings 17:1

Some translations provide: *“And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead . . .”* 1 Kings 17:1 Others provide: *“And Elijah the Tishbite, of the sojourners of Gilead . . .”* 1 Kings 17:1

The variation is caused by the translation of the word “tishbi,” which means “sojourner.” The word is actually found twice in the passage. While many translate the first “tishbi” as the proper noun “Tishbite,” that is not necessarily the case.

The text could be rendered as “Elijah the stranger, from the strangers in Gilead” or “Elijah the sojourner from the sojourners in Gilead.”

That adds an entirely different flavor to his mission. While he was dwelling in the Northern Kingdom, he was not necessarily at home in the Kingdom. That is how many of us are currently situated. We belong to the Kingdom of YHWH while sojourning in Babylon.

However you translate 1 Kings 17:1, there is no dispute how powerfully YHWH used him. He was a unique and amazing prophet who worked miracles involving the weather, raising the dead, calling down fire from heaven on three different occasions, multiplying food, and parting the waters of the Jordan.

Many of his activities took place within the context of a drought, which is highly significant.

There is no account of Elijah actually dying. After parting the waters of the Jordan, he went east and was taken up in a whirlwind on a chariot.

So special was he that the text of Malachi prophesied he would precede the Messiah.

Consider the final words of the Prophets (Neba'im), in the traditional order of the Tanak.

“⁴ Remember the Torah of My servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Yisrael. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of YHWH comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” Malachi 4:4-6

Many people think Malachi is the name of a prophet, but the author is actually not identified. The word “malachi” is simply a transliteration of the Hebrew phrase “my messenger.”

It is interesting that the text mentions Elijah, preceded by Moses and Horeb.

Horeb was the mountain where Moses originally encountered YHWH. In fact, the first mention of Horeb in the Scriptures involved Moses, the fugitive shepherd.

“Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of Elohim.” Exodus 3:1

Moses was attracted by what appeared to be a burning bush, but that is not what the text actually provides.

“² And the malach (messenger) of YHWH appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush (seneh). So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush (seneh) does not burn.” Exodus 3:2-3

The Hebrew word for “bush” is “seneh.” It looked like the bush was burning, but it was the Messenger, appearing as a flame, in the midst of the bush.

Horeb is called the Mountain of Elohim. Horeb literally means “dry place.”

YHWH later brought Moses back, with the Yisraelites, He provided them with water from a rock.

“Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.”
Exodus 17:6

So YHWH provided water from a rock in a dry place. This event at “Horeb” was at a place called Rephidim, and we are told that here Yisrael was camped at “the mountain of Elohim.” Exodus 18:5

We later read *“¹ In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ² For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Yisrael camped there before the mountain.”* Exodus 19:1-2

What mountain? The mountain in the wilderness of Sinai is Mount Sinai.

Well, prior to Elijah’s arrival at Horeb, an amazing event had previously occurred on Mount Sinai at Shavuot, which is a Feast of Firstfruits.

“¹⁵ On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet Elohim, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because YHWH had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like

the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹ And as the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and Elohim answered him in thunder. ²⁰ YHWH came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And YHWH called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.” Exodus 19:15-20

The word “sinai” comes from the word for bush (seneh). As a result, some believe Sinai is a reference to the “burning bush” at the Mountain of Elohim.

So is it the same as Mount Horeb, or are these two different mountains in two different places? That is something people continue to disagree on. Clearly, the two are intimately related to the Covenant, and both are referred to as the “mountain of Elohim.” (see Exodus 24:13)

The fact remains that Yisrael received water from the rock at the dry place when they were camped at the Mountain of Elohim. They later went to the Wilderness of Sinai and camped at the Mountain of Elohim there.

So it would appear that there was more than one “Mountain of Elohim.”

In fact, Mount Hermon is also referred to as a Mountain of Elohim.

“A mountain of Elohim is the mountain of Bashan; A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan.” Psalm 68:15

For those of you who have travelled to the north of the Land of Israel, this text is clearly referring to Mount Hermon at the north of the region of Bashan, which was a land filled with giants.

Of course, the invasion of the Nephilim occurred on Mount Hermon, which is where the Sons of Elohim made their oath of rebellion. (See I Enoch – The Book of the Watchers)

According to Belgian scholar Edward Lipinski, “Mount Hermon was known to the ancient world not only as the secret dwelling place of the Anunnaki, it was the mountain of the divine assembly of the northwest Semitic god El, the creator god of their pantheon. Mount Hermon is where El held court with his consort Asherah and the ‘seventy sons of El.’”

So mountains had significance to Elohim. Ascending the mountain often symbolized approaching YHWH, described as “*the most high Elohim.*” Psalm 78:56

While Yisrael camped around the mountain, Moses ascended and descended 3 times between Shavuot and Yom Kippur. Each time he spent 40 days and 40 nights on the mountain fasting.

That is interesting to note when we consider Elijah’s trip to the Mountain of Elohim, right after defeating the priests of Baal at Mount Carmel.

“And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of Elohim.” 1 Kings 19:8

He fasted forty days and forty nights on the way to the Mountain.

Elijah, the prophet who called down fire from heaven, was likely expecting a repeat performance of the event with Moses and Yisrael.

In fact, it is possible that he actually arrived at Shavuot. Just as YHWH once spoke from the Mountain like a shofar blast, Elijah’s visit was

prophetic regarding how YHWH would next present His Word through a single man.

Read what happened.

“⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of YHWH came to him, and he said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁰ He said, ‘I have been very jealous for YHWH, the Ehohi of hosts. For the people of Yisrael have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.’ ¹¹ And He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mount before YHWH.’ And behold, YHWH passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before YHWH, but YHWH was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but YHWH was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but YHWH was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁴ He said, ‘I have been very jealous for YHWH, the Elohi of hosts. For the people of Yisrael have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.’ ¹⁵ And YHWH said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Yisrael, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Yisrael, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” 1 Kings 19:8

Now every sermon that I have heard on this event focuses on the fact that YHWH was not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. It's not that He couldn't, but He already did that in the past when Moses brought the Yisraelites to make Covenant with Him.

He was showing Elijah that while we need to be remembering the past, we need to be ready for YHWH to do a new thing in the future.

Twice YHWH asked him "What are you doing here Elijah?"

It seemed like a rhetorical question.

In other words, "I just revealed my power through you. You called down fire from heaven and I answered you in the eyes of Yisrael. They repented, turned back to me, and killed the priests of Baal. Mission accomplished. Now what are you doing here Elijah?"

Twice Elijah responded the same. Not so much with an answer, but with a statement. *"I have been very jealous for YHWH, the Elohi of hosts. For the people of Yisrael have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."*

It is almost as if that statement did not deserve a response. It's great that he had been zealous, but YHWH also empowered Him and provided for him in a miraculous fashion all along. As a result, he wasn't going to get a pat on the back. And he wasn't going to get coddled.

The people had turned back to YHWH, and there was unfinished business. Elijah still needed to anoint two kings and a prophet to replace him. YHWH simply gave him new marching orders at the Mountain.

So did Elijah go off the reservation on this trek to the Mountain of Elohim? Was this the reason for his replacement Elisha, or was his work simply finished?

It's hard to say for sure. One thing is certain – his assumptions were wrong. Previously, when he confronted Ahab, and called for a drought, YHWH told him to hide by the Brook of Cherith. (see 1 Kings 17:1-4)

YHWH later sent him north to Zarephath. He continued to provide food miraculously for Elijah the entire time. During this time of provision, Jezebel was slaughtering the prophets of YHWH. Little did Elijah know that Obadiah was also hiding 100 prophets of YHWH. (see 1 Kings 18:4)

Now, after defeating the priests of Baal in a holy showdown at Mount Carmel, he waited for evidence of rain. Then YHWH gave him strength to run to Jezreel. He actually beat Ahab, who was in a chariot. (1 Kings 18:45-46)

After all those miracles, Jezebel sent him a threat through a messenger, and Elijah turned tail and ran for his life to Beersheba. There, he prayed that he might die. Well that begs the question, if he wanted to die, why did he run for his life?

Well, after that we read about the journey to the Mountain of Elohim. It is as if the true purpose was supposed to be in Jezreel, but because Elijah fled, there was going to be a slight deviation in plans.

I don't think the original plan was to run and hide this time. I think YHWH had plans for Elijah in Jezreel, but He is dealing with imperfect servants. We all fit into that category, and I appreciate that the Scriptures allow us to see the flaws in others. It can be very instructional.

For instance, remember when Yisrael was at Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin. They had no water, and Moses was supposed to take the rod, and speak to the rock.

On previous occasion, Moses had struck the rock with the rod at Horeb, and water flowed out. This time, YHWH specifically told Moses to take the rod, but speak to the rock.

Instead, he raised his “et-hand” struck the “et-rock” twice with the rod. Water came out, but not in the way YHWH commanded. (Numbers 20:8-11)

What may seem like a minor detail was actually a big deal. Because of that slip up, Moses was precluded from entering the Promised Land. While YHWH allowed him to look at it, he could not enter in. (see Numbers 20:12)

It wasn't the water from the rock that YHWH was particularly interested in. Rather, it was how the water was brought forth. I included the aleph-taw (et) that is seen in the Hebrew.

YHWH wanted Moses to believe, and obey Him so that He would be “hallowed” in the eyes of Yisrael. There was an important lesson for Yisrael to learn about the Messiah.

The rock was a picture of the Messiah, Who provides us with living water. (John 4 and John 7:38) We don't need to strike Him; we only need to ask.

Moses was on a need to know basis, but he reacted out of emotion. He repeated what worked in the past, instead of diligently listening to the voice of Elohim.

Interestingly, he got water from the rock. That show we can achieve results, even when we are being disobedient. Outward results are not necessarily the indicator of our walk with Elohim. Riches, wealth, power, likes, subscribers and big churches may all seem like signs of Elohim's blessing, but that is not necessarily the case. The only thing that matters is if you are diligently obeying Him exactly as He commands.

There are many times when we do not necessarily understand why YHWH commands us to do something a certain way. We may even think that we have a better way, but the point is belief. He wants us to believe Him, trust Him and obey Him.

There comes a time in our walk, when YHWH expects us to grow up, get off the milk, and eat meat. The more He provides, the more He expects in return.

Well, YHWH was merciful to Elijah when His messenger went to him under the broom tree in Beersheva, but He was also firm with Elijah when he got to the Mountain.

In fact, while Elijah kept repeating that "I, only I am left," he was wrong.

YHWH simply pointed out "*I will leave seven thousand in Yisrael, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.*"

Notice the reference to the mouth kissing Baal?

YHWH looks at idolatry as adultery. Your involvement in pagan religious activities is seen as "flirting" and "making out" - even copulating with another god, depending upon your degree of

involvement. None of it is good, or acceptable. That is why we must separate from every aspect of Babylonian religious observance.

Sadly, some continue to hold hands, and take romantic walks with Baal. Currently, we see much of the world rolling around in the hay with Baal, his wife Asherah, also known as Easter, or some of their progeny.

Nevertheless, there is a remnant now on the planet, and YHWH knows all of His sheep.

So, we need to learn from the great patriarchs like Moses and Elijah. We can only hope to perform great miracles on the scale that YHWH used them, but that begins with diligent obedience in the small things.

If you can't even refrain from eating pork, or bear the sign of the Covenant etc. - don't expect to be called up for the big tasks that lie ahead.

Remember that the Torah is simply the milk. It's the stuff we nurse on when we're babies. Yahushua was teaching the meat. He didn't just "talk the talk," He showed us how to "walk the walk."

We need to move beyond simple outward obedience to the written instructions, and get them inside of us.

Despite Elijah's apparent weaknesses, he will go down in the Scriptures as the greatest of the prophets, next to John. (Matthew 11:11)

So unique was he that YHWH took him up in a chariot of fire and a whirlwind, and then gave him special treatment when setting the stage for His Son.

The important lesson to learn from Elijah is that we all have a limited understanding of the plan of YHWH – both great and small. We are all on a “need to know basis,” even the ones given mighty tasks in the Kingdom.

Even Yahushua stressed that point concerning His return.

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” Matthew 24:36-37

So this is a piece of information that only the Father knows, and Yahushua acknowledges that fact.

As a result, we must all be attentive, and ready to follow the Messenger of Elohim. We cannot get stuck in the past, expecting the fire, and unwilling to hear and obey the whisper.

On the Mountain of Elohim, YHWH gave instruction to Elijah, and the work would continue without him. That trip would set in motion the mechanism of judgment, and a chosen successor - Elisha.

Elisha ultimately received a double portion of the “spirit of Elijah.” (2 Kings 2:15)

Since Elijah did not die, we can see Elisha as a continuation of the same mission of Elijah, only he did twice as many miracles.

When we combine the names of these two men, we get a powerful message that points to “My Messenger” - the Messenger of YHWH.

You see, Elijah is EliYahu in Hebrew - “My El is YHWH (Yahu).”

Elisha is EliSha in Hebrew - “My El is salvation (shua).”

When you combine them together, joined by Elohim (El), you get Yahu shua. This forms the root of the Name Yahushua – “YHWH saves” or “YHWH is salvation.”

Interestingly, Yahushua mentioned both of these prophets when He was teaching in His home village

“²⁴ Then He said, Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. ²⁵ But I tell you truly, many widows were in Yisrael in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; ²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And many lepers were in Yisrael in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” Luke 4:24-27

It is quite profound that both of these miracles involved foreigners from the northern Nations – people outside of the of the Covenant, and the Covenant Land. And remember the meaning of “tishbi” – sojourner.

Recall also that Moses named one of his sons Gershom, because “*I have been a stranger (ger) in a foreign land.*” Exodus 18:3

We are presently sojourning in Babylon for a very prophetic purpose. We are strangers in a strange land, and that is the point.

We are here temporarily, waiting to be called home. The problem is that some have made Babylon their home. We are not here to fulfill the American Dream. That is simply a distraction of Babylon.

While sojourning, we are here to do the work of YHWH, and fish for the Sons of Elohim.

Did you notice that neither Moses or Elijah had houses? That is because they were sojourners.

As a result, they could follow YHWH, and go to the Mountain of Elohim, where they could hear Him. Sometimes the voice is loud as a shofar blast, sometimes it is a whisper.

By no coincidence, both of these individuals also met with Yahushua on another mountain, often referred to as the Mount of Transfiguration. It was described as a “high mountain,” and I believe that mountain was Mount Hermon, also described as a Mountain of Elohim. (see Matthew 17:1-8)

Is it possible that they both met with Yahushua during their respective times on the Mountain of Elohim? Did YHWH connect these special mountains all together through the space-time continuum?

We can only speculate, but maybe it’s time to hit the pause button, and head up the mountain ourselves.

We are told of another Mountain where YHWH will establish a residence for His people – Mount Tzyon.

*“Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
is Mount Tzyon on the sides of the north,
the city of the great King.”*

Psalm 48:2

The name of this mountain is really quite incredible. Remember that Horeb means a “dryness” or “waste.”

Well, some believe that “tzyon” derives from the Hebrew “tzayan” which refers to a “dry place,” “drought,” or even a “sign post.”

Why would YHWH associate His mountains with dryness?

Yahushua provided the answer on Hoshanah Rabbah (Day 7 of Sukkot) when He proclaimed: *“³⁷ If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”* John 7:37-38

Those who thirst come to the dry place, where their thirst will be quenched by Elohim on His mountain.

Ultimately, we know that Yahushua is the Word, and He provides us with living water.

Like Elijah, we simply need to speak the Word in the midst of all the false voices and false prophets. We cannot fear the threats of Jezebel, and be ready to offer our lives, if need be. That was the example set by our Messiah.

We are not here to be filled up, and to stay filled up. We are here to pour out, and YHWH will fill our vessels with oil. That was the lesson from the provision given to the widow through Elijah. (1 Kings 17:10-16)

It is all about His plan and His purpose.

Many of us have been conditioned by the American Dream, and get caught up in personal kingdom building. We have inherited a self-centered faith, through a self-centered religion.

Many are told that “Jesus died for you,” without grasping the entire context of the Kingdom, the Covenant and the Covenant Assembly.

While we are welcome to join into the Assembly, His plan is far bigger than any one of us.

So, as we walk on this Covenant Journey, we need to always be sure to stay straight and submit our wants and needs to the will of YHWH.

Just as Elijah had certain expectations, so do most of us. The lesson is that we don't know everything, and we need to take our focus off of the past, and look forward.

YHWH is doing a new thing. He always does, as He works to renew His Covenant with His People. That is why His calendar is reckoned by renewals of the sun and the moon.

You and I are not alone in this process, and YHWH is in control of it all. We simply need to do our part.

So make sure to return to the mountain, don't try to bring any Babylonian baggage up with you. You won't be able to carry it.

There is no cell phone coverage up there, and make sure to turn down the volume on your personal listening device, so you can hear the still small voice.

Fasting is an important part of our time on the mountain. It helps us tune into the Spirit, and separate from the desires of the flesh. It is an important discipline that is a vital part of our journey.

As we look to the future, remember that the Appointed Times of YHWH involve both space and time.

Getting the calendar and dates right is only part of the issue. We need to be prepared to meet Him on the mountain.

“² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of YHWH’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many people shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, To the house of the Elohim of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Tzyon shall go forth the Torah, and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem.” Isaiah 2:2-3

The New Jerusalem is the new thing that we should be looking forward to. It is the fulfillment of the picture presented through the Mountains of Elohim, particularly Mount Tzyon.

It is there that we will find waters to quench our thirst from our sojourning among the Nations.

“¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His Name shall be on their foreheads. ⁵ There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for YHWH Elohim gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.” Revelation 22:1-5

Amein!