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On October 3, 2025, we observed Yom Kippur, and in the previous message, we discussed how much of the focus was on the hard work required by the High Priest.

It was a reset for the House due to the sins of the people. Since it was not a Feast (hag) the people did not have to be in Jerusalem. Most would be home, privately afflicting their beings, while the High Priest was mediating on their behalf.

They couldn't see what the High Priest was doing. There was no live feed in the Holy of Holies. They simply had to trust that the High Priest was doing his job.

It was an important lesson for everyone to learn. Sometimes we just need to do our part in the Kingdom and trust that **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** has others doing their part. There are some things that are beyond our control, and times when we just need to have faith – faith in our High Priest.

It was also a refreshing reminder that **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** acknowledges and understands that His people are not perfect. They sin.

Just as He provided a renewal of the Covenant through Moses, who descended with the second set of tablets on Yom Kippur, He also provides another mediator through the High Priest. Clearly, the Aaronic Priesthood was inadequate. The entire exercise pointed to the need for another High Priest.

In the meantime, **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** revealed that He was patient and willing to continue to dwell with His people in less-than-perfect conditions, but there were conditions that had to be met.

His House needed to be regularly purged, and the people were required to afflict themselves, thus acknowledging the problem and the need for a solution. Again, the fact that this is an annual event suggests the need for a more permanent solution.

Indeed, it is a “miqra qadosh” - a set apart rehearsal. It's a rehearsal that requires fulfillment. That is something that should strike people to the core, especially those who claim to observe Yom Kippur.

Every year, I read descriptions of the modern State of Israel on Yom Kippur, and I've been there many times on Yom Kippur to observe what happens.

It's definitely a lot quieter as traffic dies down, but it's really all an illusion. People can dress in white and say prayers all they want, but that's not what אֱלֹהֵינוּ commands.

He requires a High Priest, and those who subscribe to the religion of Judaism do not have one. And let's not forget, the Day was about purging the House so that אֱלֹהֵינוּ would continue to dwell with His people.

And that is the ultimate point here. This rehearsal envisions אֱלֹהֵינוּ dwelling with His people, which has not happened since He sent His Son, Who was ultimately rejected by the House of Yahudah.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ allowed the Romans to destroy His House and remove the inhabitants of Jerusalem. It was wiped out.

Some Yahudim later attempted to recapture the city under the leadership of false teachers and a false messiah named Simon bar Kokhba, but that effort failed miserably.

Emperor Hadrian later renamed the location of Jerusalem Aelia Capitolina, and he built a pagan city on top of the rubble.

That is generally the archaeology that people are seeing when they visit Jerusalem, and the so-called "Temple Mount" was the Roman Praetorium where the 10th Roman Legion was garrisoned. I've written about that in many books and articles.

So, when you see all of these Western leaders placing little beanie caps on their heads and caressing and kissing the wall, it's a very powerful statement being made to Rome and the god that is represented by Rome.

It's no different than when these same leaders go to Rome and kiss the ring of the Pope. It's submission to Rome and has nothing to do with אֱלֹהִים whatsoever.

That wall in Jerusalem is not the House of אֱלֹהִים, and there is not some "divine presence" lingering there under the Dome of the Rock that we should pray to. The "Divine Presence" came as the Word in the flesh Who tabernacled with men 2,000 years ago.

Sadly, most failed to acknowledge Him. While some followed Yahushua individually, the House of Yahudah rejected Him on a national level. That is why אֱלֹהִים moved out and ejected the Yahudim. He hasn't moved back in. So what we are seeing is not a restoration.

The Yom Kippur ceremony that we talked about last week was intended to be a corporate event with a leader. Remember that the High Priest was performing this task for centuries before Yisrael actually had a king. The High Priest was the one initially chosen by אֱלֹהִים to mediate on behalf of a holy, set-apart people, before His Throne.

אֱלֹהִים was the King of Yisrael before they rejected Him for a man. Later, אֱלֹהִים sent His Son as a man, and they rejected Him as well.

Now, there is currently only one High Priest that I know of Who is presently standing before the Throne of אֱלֹהִים. If you look to Yahushua as your King and High Priest, then you have that assurance. If you don't, then you have a serious problem.

No amount of fasting or prayers is going to get your name written in the Scroll of Life. You can wear white if you want, but they are just filthy rags in the eyes of אֱלֹהִים. The only thing that matters is if you are known and remembered, as we discussed around Yom Teruah.

Yom Kippur is focused on the House of אֱלֹהִים and the people of Elohim collectively.

Do you remember how we began this journey at Passover, and the focus was on individuals in their homes, each covered by the blood of the lamb, and each person consuming some of the lamb?

That was a very intimate and private affair. While all of the people in the Covenant were observing at the same time, it was a Melchizedek event focused on the firstborn of each family. The firstborn acted as the Priest for their family.

Yom Kippur, on the other hand, was about the people as a whole. Cleaning the House of אֱלֹהִים and purging it from the sin of all the people. That would ensure that אֱלֹהִים would remain in their presence, and that was the goal. There is no sense in dwelling in the Land without אֱלֹהִים. That is completely missing the point.

A goat was selected to be offered to אֱלֹהִים as part of the purging process, and another was selected to actually remove the sin of the people. The sin was symbolically transmitted upon the goat and sent into the wilderness, as far away as it could go.

You see, the wilderness was often viewed as a wild place filled with demonic spirits. Recall the “dry places” where unclean spirits roam seeking rest that Yahushua referred to?¹ That’s the wilderness.

If you were a walking sack of flesh and water in the wilderness, your tabernacle was seen as an oasis for an unclean spirit. That is why most people feared and avoided the wilderness.

¹ See Matthew 12:24

Well, once the High Priest finished the purging in the House of Elohim, the process shifted to the second goat and another man - a man specially chosen for this job.

You see, all of that work performed by Aaron was for naught if the sin was not removed from the presence of אֱלֹהִים.

The King James translation describes the designated individual as a “fit man,” because much of the time, sin doesn’t want to leave.

We often assume that the man led the goat on a rope like a well-trained dog, but what if he had to drag it away? Not an easy job carrying a goat all the way to Azazel.

And because the man had to grapple with all the sin of Yisrael, he became unclean by handling it. Both he and the High Priest needed to bathe after they completed their tasks, and the man who took the goat into the wilderness could not reenter the camp until he had bathed.

This is all very powerful imagery when you see the two-fold purpose of Yahushua the Messiah.

He did all the heavy lifting for us, and as we progress past Yom Kippur, we now see the focus shift back to our houses, only now we are supposed to dwell in temporary houses known as “sukkas,” “booths,” or “tents.”

The Feast of Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Ingathering, begins on October 7, 2025, after sunset. When we observed Yom Kippur yesterday, the mood was purposefully somber. Dealing with sin is serious business.

Thankfully, we anticipate Yahushua ascending with His renewed Covenant, just as Moses ascended with the renewed tablets. So now,

as we progress toward Sukkot, the atmosphere completely changes. We shift gears from affliction to rejoicing - a seemingly 180-degree turn. Kind of like repentance.

Let's spend a little time focusing on this very important Feast, which leads to the culmination of the annual cycle of the Appointed Times.

The first time that we read about Sukkot in the Torah, it was a place where Jacob dwelled after his name was changed to Yisrael and he returned to the Land.

Remember that Jacob originally fled the Covenant Land because he had disguised himself as his brother Esau, in order to receive the blessing of the firstborn. He returned to the place where Abram's journey began – Haran, also known as Padan Aram.

While there, he married two wives and had 11 sons and 1 daughter while sojourning in Mesopotamia.

It's interesting that his grandfather Abram had previously left Padan Aram in Mesopotamia childless, with the hope of eventually building a family in a new land. Here was Jacob, literally fulfilling the Covenant promise in the very footsteps of Abram.

The last time that Jacob had seen Esau, he was named Jacob, but things changed on the return journey to Sukkot. He had a personal encounter with Elohim, during which His name was changed. Now he was meeting Esau as Yisrael to claim the rights of the firstborn.

He feared the wrath of Esau and essentially bought himself time by showering Esau with gifts. He thought he was going to receive judgment from Esau. Instead, there was a temporary reconciliation.

The fact that the confrontation was without incident must have been an enormous relief for him. He proceeded to build himself a house and made sukkas (sukkot) for his livestock. That is why he called the place Sukkot.²

So, Sukkot was a homecoming celebration for him and his family. He had escaped the “bondage” of Laban and was living back in the Land of Promise. He literally built a home, and I’m sure it was a time of great rejoicing.

The second time we read about Sukkot in the Torah, it was a different place where Yisrael camped after the Passover in Egypt. They actually camped at Sukkot during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. That must have been a joyous time as the Yisraelites experienced their first taste of freedom. They had escaped the bondage of Pharaoh and were headed back to the Promised Land, along with a mixed multitude.³

The patterns for Sukkot were established. The themes involved deliverance from bondage, rejoicing and a return to the Land.

אֱלֹהִים later told Moses that they would celebrate a Feast named Sukkot. It would be celebrated wherever אֱלֹהִים chose to place His Name. So the place associated with deliverance, a return to the Land and rejoicing was now the name of an annual celebration – a seven day appointment and rehearsal.

Read this passage in Leviticus:

“³³ And אֱלֹהִים spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁴ Speak to the children of Yisrael, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Sukkot to אֱלֹהִים. ³⁵ On the first day shall be a set apart rehearsal (miqra qodesh); you shall not do any ordinary work. ³⁶

² Genesis 33

³ See Exodus 12:37-38

For seven days you shall present food offerings to אֱלֹהֶיךָ. On the eighth day you shall hold a set apart rehearsal (miqra qodesh) and present a food offering to אֱלֹהֶיךָ. It is a solemn assembly (atzeret); you shall not do any ordinary work.” Leviticus 23:33-36

The text doesn't end there. It describes more about Sukkot further on in the passage. While it repeats the timing, more detail is added.

“³⁹ On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of אֱלֹהֶיךָ seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. ⁴⁰ And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim seven days. ⁴¹ You shall celebrate it as a feast to אֱלֹהֶיךָ for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² You shall dwell in sukkas (sukkot) for seven days. All native Yisraelites shall dwell in sukkas (sukkot), ⁴³ that your generations may know that I made the people of Yisrael dwell in sukkas (sukkot) when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim.” Leviticus 23:39-43

So, now we read about a specific structure called a sukka that the Yisraelites are to build and dwell in during Sukkot. Notice the fruit of splendid (majestic) trees, the branches of palm trees, and the boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook.

Remember how אֱלֹהֶיךָ prescribed specific ingredients for the Passover meal? Well, these are all required “ingredients” for the Sukkot celebration and actually become part of the sukka.

It was not possible to obey this Command when the Yisraelites were dwelling in tents in the wilderness. These ingredients can only be fulfilled when you live in a well-watered Land.

In observing this Command in the Land, the people were reminded that they now had the resources to build sukkas, and that they only had to dwell in sukkas for seven days instead of 40 years. They could leave their temporary dwellings on the eighth day.

The point was that they were in a bountiful Land as opposed to a dry and hostile wilderness. In order to have “willows of the brook” you need brooks. In order to have fruit from majestic fruit trees and branches of “leafy” trees, you need a lot of water for a long time.

אֱלֹהֶיךָ had fulfilled His promise to give them furnished homes, pre-planted orchards and vineyards, as well as cisterns that they did not need to dig.

“¹⁰ And when אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you - with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant - and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget אֱלֹהֶיךָ, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³ It is אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by His Name you shall swear. ¹⁴ You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you - ¹⁵ for אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim in your midst is a jealous Elohim - lest the anger of אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. ¹⁶ You shall not put אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim to the test, as you tested him at Massah. ¹⁷ You shall diligently keep the commandments of אֱלֹהֶיךָ your Elohim, and His testimonies and His statutes, which He has commanded you. ¹⁸ And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of אֱלֹהֶיךָ, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good Land that אֱלֹהֶיךָ swore to give to your fathers ¹⁹ by thrusting out all

your enemies from before you, as אַיָּאָל has promised.” Deuteronomy 6:11-19

The Land was ready and waiting for them. אַיָּאָל even drove the inhabitants out gradually ahead of them so that it was like a fully functional turn-key operation.⁴

Over the past 25 years, I have witnessed incredible development and growth in Israel. As I saw the expanding roads, infrastructure, and housing, largely funded by America, I couldn't help but wonder if this is similar to when the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Hittites developed the Land and the infrastructure for the future Yisraelite inhabitants.

Is the Land being prepared for the next ingathering?

If you travel into the territory of the Northern Tribes, referred to as the West Bank and Samaria, there are large vacant “mansions” all over the place, as if they are waiting for new occupants to arrive.

Of course, I understand that this notion flies in the face of popular thought. After all, the Jewish people have already returned to the Land - Right?

Well, that is what I refer to as the Israel Dilemma in my latest book.

The “dilemma” is that we currently have a people describing themselves as Jewish, claiming all of the rights and privileges of a restored Covenant people called Yisrael. Yet, there is no prophecy concerning a lawless group of European immigrants, calling themselves Jewish, moving into the Land and setting up a Parliamentary Democracy called Israel.

⁴ Exodus 23:27-31

The primary problem is that the official religion of the Jewish people specifically rejects the One Who renewed the Covenant with Yisrael - Messiah Yahushua, the promised One like Moses. The government has also adopted that policy and could be described as “anti-christ.” While it certainly allows and promotes Christian tourism, it does not want people who believe in Jesus or Yahushua to become citizens.

Just think about that for a moment. Yahushua renewed the broken Covenant with Yisrael at the Last Passover (Last Supper) meal before His crucifixion. He was later resurrected and actually has the title deed to the Land. Yet there is a nation in place that is purposefully blocking His followers from moving to the Land.

And while there is a presumption that the Jewish people are the same as the House of Yahudah, that is not necessarily the case either. The House of Yahudah was judged and expelled from the Land with no promise of a return without the Messiah.

There were many who remained in the Land to continue cultivating and farming the Land for the Romans, but they were conquered and converted by subsequent religious systems, including Christianity and Islam. Their descendants are likely the people currently referred to as the Palestinians.

We know that prior to His crucifixion, Yahushua cursed the fig tree, which represented the House of Yahudah. He specifically declared, *“May no fruit ever come from you again.”* Matthew 21:19

After cursing the fig tree, He went to the Temple and explained what was happening.

“²³ And when He entered the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’

²⁴ Yahushua answered them, 'I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The immersion of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?' And they discussed it among themselves, saying, 'If we say, From heaven, He will say to us, Why then did you not believe him? ²⁶ But if we say, From man, we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Yahushua, 'We do not know.' And He said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, I will not, but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, 'The first.' Yahushua said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of Elohim before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him. ³³ Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance. ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to Him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.' ⁴² Yahushua said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was

אֲנִי אֲנִי's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of Elohim will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."
Matthew 21:23-44

His words were plain and unambiguous. It was all over for the House of Yahudah. They had their second chance, and they blew it. He did not leave the door open for a third return without Him.

The Yahudim were allowed to return to the Land after the Babylonian exile, while the House of Yisrael remained in exile. Instead of being thankful, focused, and diligent, many strayed from אֲנִי אֲנִי. Instead of welcoming the Messiah, the leaders rejected the Son when He arrived. They were not bearing good fruit.

The parables were set within the context of a vineyard and the season of fruit intentionally. That places the focus around the seventh month.

And let's not forget that the Yahudim were actually being ruled by Edomites when Yahushua spoke those words. As previously mentioned, King Herod was an Idumean – an Edomite. The descendants of Esau, who were ruling over the Land, were Edomites as well. They were tenants, along with the Scribes and the Pharisees, and they were about to be evicted.

Later, after the Yahudim were expelled from the Land by the Romans, there is a strong possibility that the identity of Yahudah was actually hijacked by the descendants of Esau, calling themselves Jews.

Remember how Jacob disguised himself as Esau in order to receive the blessing from Isaac?

You've heard the saying that "turnabout is fair play." We are likely witnessing a payback of biblical proportions, as Esau is now disguising himself as Jacob, but only Yisrael will inherit the Promised Land through the Messiah.

The people currently controlling the Land claim to adhere to the religion of the Pharisees, whom Yahushua vehemently condemned. He specifically called them a "brood of vipers."⁵ He said their father was the devil.⁶

They haven't changed their doctrine or repented. In fact, they doubled down by creating the religion of Judaism, which follows the Rabbis and their oral torah, while rejecting Yahushua and looking for a different messiah.

So what's up with that? Did אֱלֹהִים change His mind? Did He allow them to come back to the Land without repentance?

Doesn't that strike you as odd?

It should, if you understand the Covenant and believe the prophets – and specifically Yahushua.

Of course, nothing happens without אֱלֹהִים allowing it, but it is important not to mistake current events with prophetic fulfillment. Many people are blinded to what is currently happening.

In fact, every year around this time, I would witness Christians travelling to Jerusalem for Sukkot in order to participate in the "Christian Embassy" parade. There, Christians would march and wave their national flags along with the Israeli flag to express their support for Israel. Most did this completely ignorant of the fact that

⁵ See Matthew 12:34 and 23:33

⁶ John 8:44

the so-called Star of David is really the renamed and rebranded Star of Saturn.

I'm very thankful that I never participated in that process, because the narrative that has been provided to the world concerning the modern State of Israel is a counterfeit.

The Christian embassy specifically provides in their mission statement: "We recognize in the restoration of the State of Israel God's faithfulness to keep His ancient covenant with the Jewish people."

The problem is that $\aleph\Upsilon\aleph\aleph$ does not recognize the modern State of Israel as a restoration because He is not dwelling with these people. Further, no prophet ever declared that Jewish people could return and establish a secular state after the House of Yahudah rejected Yahushua and was punished.

Add to that the fact that the Israeli people are primarily secular. Most of them are not interested in the Torah of $\aleph\Upsilon\aleph\aleph$, and the religious Jews are following the oral torah of the Pharisees or Kabbalah mysticism, which traces back to the Nephillim. In fact, Kabbalistic practices are rampant throughout Orthodox Judaism. This is not a restoration; it is a corrupted occupation.

The current occupants are completely profaning the Land, despite some outward appearance in their observance of Jewish Holidays.

Now I know many Jewish people and I love them as I would my neighbor, just as Yahushua taught. My only point is that the current inhabitants of the Covenant Land are not conducting themselves as the Covenant Assembly of Yisrael. The nation is not bearing good fruit, just like the House of Yahudah failed to bear good fruit in the past.

This is because most Jews in Israel have specifically rejected the “*Star that would come out of Jacob*” – the One prophesied to make Edom and Seir a possession.⁷ Instead, they have taken up the Star of Remphan (Saturn) used by the Rothschilds.

So, while they may be serving Sikkuth, Chiun, Moloch or Remphan, the modern State of Israel is not a “kingdom of priests” or a “holy nation” to אֱלֹהִים.⁸

The Jewish people claim to be the offspring of Jacob, but it may be that they are from the offspring of Isaac and the rival of Jacob - Esau. They certainly do not promote אֱלֹהִים as a people in Covenant with Him.

Interestingly, I watched a video from Simcha Jacobovici the other day. I don't know how it came across my feed, because I am not subscribed to his channel, and I haven't seen or heard from him in over a decade. He used to have a television show called the Naked Archaeologist, which sometimes had some interesting content.

In the short video, he went through a series of examples showing how Benjamin Netanyahu was just like Herod the Great. The parallels were actually quite profound and uncanny. The only detail that he neglected to mention was that while Herod was a king of the Yahudim, he was also an Edomite. He also forgot to mention that Herod was the illegitimate ruler over the Covenant Land at the time when the Messiah arrived.

I wonder if these are some parallels that are also true? Of course, as an Orthodox Jew, that wasn't what Simcha was trying to prove, but it was really striking. He didn't even realize what he was saying because he has a strictly Jewish-centric perspective.

⁷ See Numbers 24:15-19

⁸ See Amos 5:26, Acts 7:43 and Exodus 19:6

That is the problem with many Jews and Zionist Christians who believe that Christians need to learn from the Jews. Take, for instance, Paula White, Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office. I'll never forget, years ago, receiving an email from her requesting a "Yom Kippur first-fruits offering."

Obviously, there's no such thing, but she was attempting to exploit ~~NY~~'s Appointed Times for money. According to a 2023 Jerusalem Post article, "Paula White, believes Christians should learn from Jews rather than try to convert them, so much so that she is now in Israel studying Torah with Orthodox Jews."⁹

Sadly, she is one of many Zionist charlatans who surround President Trump and have his ear. Instead of correcting the Jews and presenting the Messiah to them, she now wants to learn from the Pharisees. Is it any wonder that America is currently funding and supporting the ongoing atrocities in the Land?

These Christians are giving up their "birthright" gifted through Yahushua, and handing it back to the Pharisees. They are supporting a position that is diametrically opposed to the teachings of Yahushua. Their service is not honoring the

Now, here is a good example of the problem with the Jewish people and their religion of Judaism. I received an email from Rabbi Steven Burg of Aish, a kind of Orthodox Jewish "Evangelistic" outreach. In it, he stated:

"I was honored to have been asked to speak during the Neilah. I quoted Elijah from the first book of Kings 18:21 where he tells the

⁹ *Trump's faith advisor: Christians must learn from Jews, not convert them* By Maayan Jaffe Hoffman, The Jerusalem Post June 15, 2023

Jewish Nation that we Jews are not ‘fence sitters;’ we must choose whether to be for the Almighty or not. Jews can do many things but we can never stay on the sidelines. We must fight for all that is good in the world.”

Now I am very familiar with 1 Kings 18, and I’m quite certain that Elijah was not speaking to a Jewish Nation. In fact, he was not even speaking to the House of Yahudah. Rather, he was dealing with Ahab, Jezebel and the House of Yisrael. The same House of Yisrael that went into exile and the same House of Yisrael that Yahushua came for.¹⁰

This Rabbi completely misappropriated the passage in 1 Kings 18, a practice that the Jewish people are notorious for doing.

He went on to state that: “the focus of the festival of Sukkos is about celebrating together with our fellow Jews.”

Again, not so. First of all, the Feast is called Sukkot, not Sukkos, and according to the Torah - “*seven days is the Feast of Sukkot to אָפֶקֶד*.” Leviticus 23:34

This is not about Jewish people gathering together and having a party while completely ignoring the Messiah Yahushua or the rest of the world. True Yisraelites are supposed to be focusing their celebration on אָפֶקֶד.

And just as Yom Kippur was particularly focused on the High Priest and purging sin from the House and the Covenant Community, Sukkot also has a unique focus.

We already discussed the theme of a return to the Land, and Sukkot is also highly focused on the Nations, where Joseph (the House of Yisrael) is currently scattered.

¹⁰ See Matthew 15:24

Most Jewish people completely ignore the fact that Joseph remains in exile. Why? Because Joseph received the rights of the firstborn from his father Jacob. Joseph has the promise of the inheritance, and they want what they cannot have.

I often mention that the symbol for Joseph is the bull, because it is very important. In fact, it came straight from Moses.

“A firstborn bull-he has majesty, and his horns are the horns of a wild ox; with them he shall gore the peoples, all of them, to the ends of the earth; they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.” Deuteronomy 33:17

Joseph’s brothers wanted to kill him and destroy the promises that he received in a dream. He was actually dead to his father Yisrael, until he was essentially “raised from the dead” and “resurrected” from Egypt.

The account of Joseph going to Egypt was a precursor to Joseph later being scattered amongst all the nations, and Sukkot is a rehearsal for Joseph’s homecoming. The future “resurrection” of Joseph is described by Ezekiel and made possible through the resurrection of Yahushua.¹¹

I mentioned this before, but it is worth repeating the fact that seventy bulls were slaughtered during Sukkot.¹² There is a specific reason for that. Recall that the number seventy refers to the Nations, as well as the number of Yisraelites that went to Egypt because of Joseph.¹³

Those seventy bulls offered during Sukkot represent Joseph.

¹¹ See Ezekiel 37

¹² Numbers 29:12-34

¹³ See Exodus 1:5

אֱלֹהֵינוּ knew that Joseph would be scattered into the Nations, and the regathering of Joseph would draw the Nations back to אֱלֹהֵינוּ. It is a restoration of the Tower of Babel event. It's all part of His plan – an important plan.

The Jewish-centered approach promoted by Rabbi Burg is not in accordance with the plan of אֱלֹהֵינוּ. Amazingly, the setup is very similar to when Jacob returned from Mesopotamia.

I suppose that Esau probably got very comfortable while Jacob was away. He may have thought that Jacob had fled for good. Maybe he won't come back. Maybe Esau would actually inherit the Land after all. Why not just settle in and occupy? Why not take the birthright by stealth?

He was likely surprised to hear of Jacob's return, which was later repeated through the pattern of Joshua, who led Yisrael across the Jordan in the same general vicinity.

The pattern of Joshua was established for the Messiah, and we will see Him fulfill the prophecy in Isaiah:

"¹⁰ Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples! ¹¹ Indeed אֱלֹהֵינוּ has proclaimed to the end of the world: Say to the daughter of Tzyon, surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. ¹² And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of אֱלֹהֵינוּ; and you shall be called Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken. ^{63:1} Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? - I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save. ² Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ I have trodden the

winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. ⁴ For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.” Isaiah 62:10-63:4

Yisrael is supposed to be a nation of priests, and priests teach the Torah to the people.

Did you know that the Jews specifically teach that the Nations (Gentiles) cannot and should not obey the Torah?

They claim that it is only the responsibility of the Jewish people to keep the Torah, but they don't actually follow the Torah themselves. They follow their own oral torah, which is a different torah from the one taught by Moses and Yahushua. They are doing the opposite of the mandate for the Covenant Assembly of Yisrael.

So not only do they reject the Messiah, they also direct people away from the Torah, and they don't even follow the Torah. If the religion of Judaism gets its way, no one on Earth would ever use the Name of **YHWH** or obey His Instructions. That seems pretty diabolical to me.

The words of Yahushua to the Scribes and Pharisees actually resonate through time. *“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”* Matthew 23:13

The Jewish people and the modern State of Israel are not fulfilling the role of the Covenant Assembly of Yisrael. In fact, they are doing quite the opposite. They are shutting up the Kingdom Heaven and directing people away from the King and the Kingdom.

They are rejecting the Son of Elohim, profaning the Name of אֱלֹהִים, adding to the Torah of אֱלֹהִים, taking away from the Torah of אֱלֹהִים, and defiling the Land of אֱלֹהִים.

אֱלֹהִים is very clear. There is one Torah, and it is not exclusive to Jewish people.

“¹³ Every native Yisraelite shall do these things in this way, in offering a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to אֱלֹהִים. ¹⁴ And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to אֱלֹהִים, he shall do as you do. ¹⁵ For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before אֱלֹהִים. ¹⁶ One Torah and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.” Numbers 15:13-16

The formation of the modern State of Israel is not the restoration of the House of Yisrael as described in Ezekiel 36. The dry bones of Yisrael have not come back to life, and the two sticks of Yahudah and Yisrael have not been joined together by the Messiah as described in Ezekiel 37.

With that understanding, now consider what comes before these events of restoration involving Yisrael as described in Ezekiel 35 - the judgment upon Edom.

Why would Edom be judged right before the promised restoration of all Yisrael? The answer is right in the text.

Here are some reasons given by אֱלֹהִים:

“Because you cherished perpetual enmity and gave over the people of Yisrael to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of their final punishment.” Ezekiel 35:5

“Because you said, ‘These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will take possession of them’ - although אַיִן was there.” Ezekiel 35:10

“As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the House of Yisrael, because it was desolate, so I will deal with you; you shall be desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am אַיִן.” Ezekiel 35:15

The region and people of Esau are often referred to as Edom and Mount Seir. Esau never got over Jacob’s deception, and Esau (Edom) wanted the birthright and the Land of inheritance back.

The future desolation of Edom immediately before the restoration of the House of Yisrael becomes clear when you finally understand that Edom has been “disguised” and hidden in plain sight.

So, Sukkot is not about the Jewish people. The future fulfillment of Sukkot will be focused on the Nations, and the restoration of all Yisrael through Yahushua the Messiah.

It will be a joyful time when the separation and curse upon the Nations from Babel is finally healed through the restoration of Joseph - the House of Yisrael.

Currently, the modern State of Yisrael is blocking the return of Joseph to the Mountains of Yisrael. Thus, it becomes evident that the modern state must be judged according to Ezekiel 35 so that the restoration described in Ezekiel 36 can happen.

There will be judgment for those who stand in the way of the returning bull, but rejoicing for those who return.

That is the “big picture” concerning Sukkot, and only those with a recognition of the Messiah and His mission can truly understand the purpose and fullness of this important Appointed Time.

While the Jewish people have conveniently forgotten or ignored Joseph in the Nations, Yahushua has not. He specifically stated: *“I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the House of Yisrael.”*

Yahushua renewed the broken Covenant as prophesied by Jeremiah. He was later resurrected and sent the Spirit to fill us, guide us and teach us in the Ways of the Father – the Torah.¹⁴

He will gather His people again, and here is how Isaiah describes it:

“¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Nations shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious. ¹¹ It shall come to pass in that day that Adonai shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea. ¹² He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Yisrael, and gather together the dispersed of Yahudah from the four corners of the earth. ¹³ Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Yahudah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Yahudah, and Yahudah shall not harass Ephraim. ¹⁴ But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; Together they shall plunder the people of the East; they shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; and the people of Ammon shall obey them. ¹⁵ אַי אַי will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; with His mighty wind

¹⁴ See Jeremiah 31:31-34; Acts 2

He will shake His fist over the River, and strike it in the seven streams, and make men cross over dryshod. ¹⁶ There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left from Assyria, as it was for Yisrael in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.” Isaiah 11:10-16

Even though Isaiah says it will be like the exodus from Egypt, according to Jeremiah, it will be so much more incredible that people will no longer be talking about the exodus from Egypt.

*“¹⁴ Therefore behold, the days are coming, says **אלהים**, that it shall no more be said, **אלהים** lives who brought up the children of Yisrael from the land of Egypt, ¹⁵ but, **אלהים** lives who brought up the children of Yisrael from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them. For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.¹⁶ Behold, I will send for many fishermen, says **אלהים**, and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷ For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸ And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols. ¹⁹ O **אלהים**, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, the Nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things. ²⁰ Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods? ²¹ Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My Name is **אלהים**.” Jeremiah 16:16-21*

Yahushua came and selected fishermen to fish for the lost sheep of the House of Yisrael. After that, there would be hunters. Remember that Esau “was a skillful hunter.” Genesis 25:27

Clearly, אָדנָי will punish the sins of His people, but that is why He places Yom Kippur before Sukkot. He reminds us to repent and that He provides forgiveness and atonement if we allow Him to purge us and make us clean.

*“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”
Psalm 51:7*

This must be done in order for us to dwell with Him, and that is the lesson that we just rehearsed at Yom Kippur. The High Priest prepares the House. That is why Yahushua said that He was going to prepare a place for us.

“² 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. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” John 14:2-3

It’s not if He will gather His people from the Nations, but rather when.

Incredibly, the Christian Embassy encourages Christians to go to Jerusalem for Sukkot to comfort and support the Jewish people, when they should be going to worship the King. Instead of parading in the streets waving the banner of Saturn, they should be waving the Banner of the King and High Priest Yahushua.

Sukkot is not a holiday focused on the Jewish people. Instead, it is our annual reminder that אָדנָי will gather His fruitful children and call them back home to enjoy the fruits of His Kingdom.

No matter where you are located around the world, remember that you’re not home yet. Your current dwelling place is just temporary. It’s a sukka.

And as you celebrate Sukkot next week, may you rehearse with purpose and meaning, anticipating the future ingathering – a homecoming from the Nations.

Hag Sameach!

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Jerusalem Sukkot

Many years ago while in Jerusalem celebrating Sukkot, I prepared a short series called [Under the Succa](#), which you might enjoy as you celebrate Sukkot. I produced one for each day of Sukkot.



Donations

I want to thank everyone who has donated in the past, and especially those who send in funds regularly. It is a really big help to keep everything going. We spend funds on various charity projects and regularly print and mail books to prisoners, among other things.

I hope that people have come to trust me as someone who is only focused on getting the truth out. I'm not interested in marketing, monetizing, or self-promotion.

I recently found a new and simple way for people to donate called "Buymeacoffee." If you find value in these messages, maybe consider buying me a coffee :)

Some people have been using it, and it seems like a nice tool. Again, my thanks to everyone who helps out!

The link is <https://buymeacoffee.com/shemayisrael>



EGYPT TO SINAI TO JORDAN TOUR

We have people signing up for the Passover tour, and I am in the process of preparing the materials that are meant to not only tell the story but also examine the patterns and lessons that are built into these Appointed Times on the correct calendar.

Here is a map showing the sites we intend to visit:



As stated before, I'm not aware of anyone ever having done a trip like this, at the Scriptural Appointed Times, and it is sure to be an amazing opportunity.

We will hold a Passover seder in Goshen on the Creator's calendar and then move on to Mount Sinai in Arabia and ultimately conclude at the Jordan River in the Plains of Moab. It is a literal rehearsal of the Appointed Times, and I am very excited to invite you along on this trip. I believe it will be a life-changing experience.

We will be packing it full of incredible sights and archaeological locations with a really top-notch travel company and fantastic guides. If you would like to find out more information or sign up for the trip, you can do so on the [Living Passages website](#).

I hope you can join us for the trip of a lifetime, which is a remembrance and a rehearsal of our Covenant Journey.



2026 Passover Tour

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For some people, this is a new site with new information. Shema Yisrael Publications began with the twelve-part Walk in the Light Series, which is at the foundation of the message of remembering, returning, and restoring the relationship between man and Elohim. If you have never read the series, it's a good place to begin your journey.



Walk in the Light Series

Shema Yisrael (Hear O Yisrael) are the words that Yahushua spoke when asked what was the First Command:

*"The first of all the Commandments is: 'Hear, O Yisrael,
אֱלֹהִים אֶחָד our Elohim, אֱלֹהִים אֶחָד is one.'"
Mark 12:29*

*"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
Matthew 11:15*