

Staying Focused on the Journey to the Mountain



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It was also Day 26 of the Omer count and the fourth Shabbat in the count up to Shabuot.

Last week we talked about finding rest in the wilderness as we considered the stop at Elim. I hope that you are all finding rest in the wilderness as we commemorate Yisrael's time at the oasis with twelve springs and seventy palm trees.

The Scriptures do not specifically state how long the children of Yisrael remained at Elim, it appears that they were still there at this point in the count and did not depart until around Day 14 of Month 2, which also happened to be the second Passover that אַחֲרָן later provided for people who could not keep the Passover on Day 14 of Month 1.¹

"⁹ Then אַחֲרָן spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ 'Speak to the children of Yisrael, saying: If anyone of you or your posterity is unclean because of a corpse, or is far away on a journey, he may still keep אַחֲרָן's Passover. ¹¹ On the fourteenth day of the second month, at twilight, they may keep it. They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ¹² They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.'" Numbers 9:9-12

Now, I have mentioned this before, but it bears repeating. There is great prophetic significance found in the provision of a second Passover, especially as it concerns Joseph, who has been far off on a journey. Also, remember that Joseph of Arimathea became unclean on Passover day by handling the dead corpse of Yahushua. He would have been unclean for the subsequent Feast.

The Command concerning the second Passover arose because certain men said *"We became defiled by a human corpse. Why are we kept from*

¹ Numbers 9:1-14

presenting X̱- offering of אַיִל at its appointed time among the children of Yisrael?” Numbers 9:7

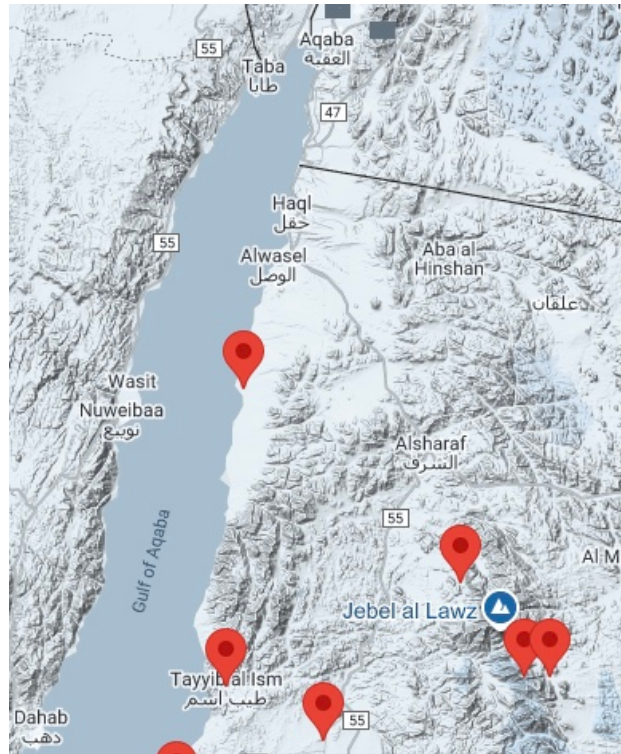
Did you notice the X̱- offering that they could not present?

The second Passover is approaching in a couple days and I suggest that we consider the mercy and provision of אֱלֹהִים Elohim by presenting His Son for our X̱- offering on Passover and He provides a second chance for all of us. And remember, that Yahushua was resurrected from the tomb and alive on the Second Passover after His crucifixion.

Now as we retrace the journey of Yisrael out of Egypt we understand that they could have been in Elim up to the Second Passover.

The Scriptures only provide the following: *“And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Yisrael came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt.” Exodus 16:1*

If Wadi al Tayibb al Ism is the location of Elim and Jebel al Lawz represents Mount Sinai in Saudia Arabia, then we understand them to be in fairly close proximity. It wouldn't take too long to actually enter into the Wilderness of Sin from Elim.



So, they could have spent well over two weeks at the oasis of Elim. It was likely not only a time to rest, but also an opportunity to reflect and process everything that just happened to them. Their worlds had literally been flipped upside down and it was surely a lot to take in.

They would not only think about the past though. I'm sure they were also wondering about their future, and considering where they were going.

What exactly did this Moses fellow have in mind? Where was he leading them next? What was the plan? Was this the end of the journey, or just a pit stop?

Remember that most of the Yisraelites probably never personally met Moses. Sure, they had seen him wielding the staff and heard some of his proclamations from a distance, but he had a busy schedule after returning from Midian with a message of deliverance from ١٢١٢.

The closest thing to a text message was a transmission through a chain of elders and tribal leaders.

So, people had questions and you can't blame them for wanting answers. We all want to know what the future holds, especially when it has to do with our families.

Maybe people were settling in under the shade of their favorite palm tree, or literally "staking" their claim with their tent pegs close to one of the springs. After all, people have a tendency to want to settle down, but that can pose a problem when you are in the middle of a journey.

We are all on a journey and we all should take this time to consider where we are on that journey. Where did we come from? Where are we going and who are we following?

Are we ready to leave the oasis and continue to the Mountain so we can meet with אֵל אֱלֹהִים and hear His voice? Do we even want to leave the oasis?

The nice thing about the oasis is that it is quiet. There are no cell towers nearby. There are no televisions, malls or movie theaters to distract us. We have an opportunity to think, and most importantly, pray.

Hmm . . . it sounds a lot like what Shabbat is supposed to be. A weekly oasis for us to find peace and rest on our journey.

Well, last week I mentioned the so-called "Malachy prophecy" concerning the popes and this past week we saw the selection of a new pope by the Roman Catholic Church.

Instead of Peter the Roman, the Roman Catholic Church got Leo the American.

I pointed out the Malachy prophecy last week in order to emphasize the distractions that people are being inundated with.

Imagine all the books, articles, videos and teachings that have consumed people's time and attention over the years anticipating "the final Pope."

And to what end? A complete waste of time.

I remember when I was writing *The Final Shofar* in 2015 and 2016 all the hype about the four blood moons. I specifically pointed out in my book that while certain people were getting famous, and rich, off of all their books and videos, it was all a lot of hype.

The so-called tetrad moons were not uncommon or unique to one specific time in history. Further, there was only a diverse, and sometimes miniscule, portion of the population that would even see the signs.

How much time and money was wasted anticipating the appearance of the blood moons? Did any of it lead people closer to אָיִן?

And that is what it ultimately comes down to. Does any of this bear fruit?

I send these weekly messages out for a single purpose - to help people maintain their focus in a hectic and busy world full of distractions. My hope is that every individual follows the will of אָיִן Elohim for their lives and bear fruit in the Kingdom

Instead of a long message this week, I think I'm going to spend some quiet time by one of the twelve springs and enjoy the shade of the seventy palm trees.

I suggest that you spend some quiet time and get some much needed rest for the journey ahead.

Consider where you have come from and where you are going.

Are you headed in the right direction?

Are you following the messenger of Elohim or are you spending your time chasing down prophecies of popes, blood moons or some other distraction from Babylon or Egypt that simply gets washed away in the waters of the Red Sea?

We have the benefit of hindsight. We know that there is a wedding in our future, if and when we arrive at the Mountain.

There will be trials and tests along the way, but there is also protection and provision from אַיָּאָל.

All we need to do is keep counting and stay focused on the journey to the Mountain.

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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,
יהוה יהוה our Elohim, יהוה יהוה is one.’”
Mark 12:29*

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