

## The Importance of Knowing Elohim



Shalom all

Today is Day 1 of Month 4 on the Creator's calendar, otherwise known as June 8, 2024 on the Roman calendar. Happy "Rosh Chodesh" – Head of the Month!

We are three months away from Yom Teruah and the conclusion of the cycle of Appointed Times in Month 7.

Last week I talked about remembering the Promised Son. There are many things found in the Torah that point to a future fulfillment, and Abraham offering Isaac was surely one of them.

The name Abraham (אַבְרָהָם) actually begins with “father” (אב) and “son” (בר). They are connected by the “bet” (ב), which represents the house.

This father (אב)/son (בר) combination was all about the Nations, and filling a house of with the Nations. We see this during the Covenant of Circumcision:

*“<sup>4</sup> Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of Nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of Nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish My covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting Covenant, to be Elohim to you and to your seed after you.”* Genesis 17:4-7

By now it should be clear that the promised seed pointed to the Promised Son - Yahushua.

He was the fulfillment of the Covenant because His renewal of the Covenant would be the conduit for the Nations to return to YHWH. That would ultimately be how the Nations would be blessed through the seed of Abraham.

Last week we discussed the incredible message revealed through His last words. He was pointing to the message in Psalm 22 when He uttered the beginning words of the Psalm.

Interestingly, I did not point out that He was referring to a Psalm that was to be sung to a specific melody referred to as “Doe of the Dawn.” Those instructions occur prior to the beginning of the Psalm.

Imagine Yahushua thinking of a song about His Bride as His last words pass through His lips. He may have been remembering the music of the Doe of the Dawn. It hearkens to the passage on the great love story, and the passage "*Who is she who looks forth as the dawn (shakar).*" Song of Solomon 6:10

Of course, His Bride was the context of His work after His immersion. He set the stage at the wedding at Qana (Cana), where He performed His first recorded miracle. He came to "acquire" (qana) a Bride with His blood. And the acquisition was almost complete when He uttered those words before His death.

Just as Hawah came from the side of Adam, so the Bride of Yahushua must come from the blood and the water spilled from the side of the Son of Adam. That is the only way for her into Eden.

That is why during the final Passover meal, Yahushua specifically referred to the broken bread as His body and the wine as the blood of the Renewed Covenant. It was the culmination of the process that began at the joyous Wedding Feast at Qana. At this somber Passover meal, Yahushua was purchasing His Bride through the Renewal of the Covenant. He was the fulfillment of the Lamb of Elohim provided through the pattern of the Promised Son revealed through Abraham and Isaac.

Yahushua gave many parables about weddings through His teachings, and we know that all the virgins who want to be at His future wedding won't make it in. Only those who are known by the Bride Groom.

Remember what is said to the five foolish virgins who show up late? "*Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.*" Matthew 25:12

The Master has to know you in order for you to get into the Great Feast; and it is a narrow gate.

*“<sup>24</sup> Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from,’ <sup>26</sup> then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup> But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’ <sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of Elohim, and yourselves thrust out. <sup>29</sup> They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of Elohim. <sup>30</sup> And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.” Luke 13:24-30*

So it doesn't matter if you attended church, took communion or even if you performed miracles, cast out demons or prophesied in His Name. None of those things mean that He knows you. (see Matthew 7:21-23)

There won't be any successful wedding crashers either.

*“<sup>11</sup> But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.” Matthew 22:11-14*

In other words, many are invited to the wedding, but only a few will actually be chosen to attend.

This week I received two pictures from a friend. One showed a vast desert filled with sand and underneath it said "The World." The other picture showed a finger with some grains of sand stuck to it with the caption "The Remnant."

It was a stark picture of the few that Yahushua was referring to, and like I repeatedly say, Sadly, I think people simply don't believe Yahushua. They don't take His words seriously.

Yahushua was very blunt and to the point, because He wanted to get our attention. Religion has attempted to tone down His message. Indeed it has actually altered His Name and identity. I guess you could call it identity theft. It is the same thing that is currently going on with Israel.

The Christian religion has presented a christ named Jesus to the world. He is a really nice guy who just loves everyone and never confronts sin. In fact, Christianity has essentially promoted Jesus as a lawless christ. So it makes sense that Christian Zionists would support a lawless "chosen people."

I can't help it. I'm currently trying to focus on the Israel Dilemma book and the deception is so obvious to me, I just have to keep reminding people.

We don't have the luxury of knowing YHWH on our own terms. We must be known to Him on His terms. That is the resounding message in the Scriptures and that is why Christian Zionists make absolutely no sense by promoting people who do not follow YHWH in their attempts to take over Covenant Land.

Jacob was promised that his descendants would be numbered "*as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.*" Genesis 32:12 That promise does not mean that every grain of sand that

traces back to Jacob will automatically inherit eternal life and attend the Wedding Feast. Yahushua was very clear on that point.

Likewise, the promise of a multitude does not mean that every grain of sand that traces back to Jacob has an automatic right to live in the Covenant Land.

There are bound to be a lot of speechless people on that day because they thought they could get in on their own terms. They thought just because they were Jewish or because they were Christians, that they were getting in.

Again, it doesn't matter if your mother was Jewish or if your father was Jewish. It doesn't matter if you raised your hand at a church service, made a decision or answered an altar call. The only thing that matters is if you are known by Him.

That is something that Christianity does generally teach properly. It is all about a relationship. The problem is that Christianity often fails to teach that the relationship is specifically defined through a Covenant.

We don't get to decide how we are going to act and relate to our Husband. There are terms associated with this relationship, just like there are terms spelled out and agreed upon at just about every wedding ceremony.

You know the vows – “I promise to love, honor cherish, from this day forward, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, til death do us part . . .” Something along those lines.

We are all conditioned to entering the solemn relationship of marriage with terms and a certain expectation of conduct. Why would our relationship with YHWH be any different?

Our relationship with our Creator is the most important one that we can have. We don't make a decision to "accept Him" and we don't determine if we are saved or have eternal life. Those decisions are completely in His control.

Last week we mentioned some instances when Yahushua was specifically asked what a person needed to do to inherit eternal life. From His response, we saw a certain Hebraic teaching style.

There are a couple of accounts when Yahushua directed a person to the Commandments.

Here is one of them.

*"<sup>17</sup> Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, 'Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?' <sup>18</sup> So Yahushua said to him, 'Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, Elohim. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' <sup>20</sup> And he answered and said to Him, 'Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth. <sup>21</sup> Then Yahushua, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, 'One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the stake, and follow Me. <sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> Then Yahushua looked around and said to His disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of Elohim!' <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Yahushua answered again and said to them, 'Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of Elohim! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Elohim.' <sup>26</sup> And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, 'Who then can be*

saved?' <sup>27</sup> But Yahushua looked at them and said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with Elohim; for with Elohim all things are possible.' <sup>28</sup> Then Peter began to say to Him, 'See, we have left all and followed You.' <sup>29</sup> So Yahushua answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, <sup>30</sup> who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time - houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions - and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'" Mark 10:17-31

The point last week was to reveal how by mentioning some of the Commands, Yahushua was referring to all of the Commands. He wasn't just telling the man to obey six commands to obtain eternal life. He was showing that the Commandments provided the instructions that get you on the path and keep you on the path that leads to life.

This is such a sad story to me because the guy was so close, and the text goes so far as to comment that "Yahushua loved him," which is truly revealing. It makes me think of the comment in 2 Samuel 12:24 when referring to Solomon. That portion provides the brief statement: "Now YHWH loved him."

Remember that Solomon was endowed with incredible blessings including wisdom and knowledge. (see 2 Chronicles 1:11-12) He was given the privilege and honor of building the House of YHWH. YHWH had been dwelling (שָׁכַן) in a tent and would thereafter dwell (שָׁכַן) in a stone structure.

Solomon was also privileged to rule over a united Kingdom throughout His entire reign. In those respects, no other King of Yisrael can compare - not even King David.



He was also known for his great wealth, which ended up becoming his undoing. Because of his riches, Solomon got sucked into a horrific trap of sensuality, lust, pleasure and entertainment that resulted in him falling away from YHWH and ultimately the division of the Kingdom that was originally united under his father David.

So, while YHWH loved Solomon, Solomon loved many women . . . (see 1 Kings 11:1) While Solomon originally loved YHWH and walked in the statutes of His father David, he “*burned incense at the high places.*”  
1 Kings 3:3

His heart was not completely circumcised. He left the door open and he flirted with other gods, which resulted in his complete demise. (see 1 Kings 11) So just because YHWH loves us, does not mean that we have an automatic ticket to paradise.

Interestingly, Yahushua specifically referred to Himself as greater than Solomon, because He had rejected the trap of riches. (see Matthew 12:42, Luke 11:31) He came as the Messiah Son of David, a King without a mansion. He didn't own a bed or have a place to lay His head. (see Matthew 8:20 and Luke 9:58)

He was essentially the anti-thesis of King Solomon. Indeed, He came to restore the Kingdom that was divided because of Solomon. He came to build an everlasting House built with living stones. I could go on and on comparing the two and I think I just came up with another book to write – YHWH willing.

Now just to be clear, there is not a Command that we must sell everything in order to follow Yahushua, but there is a prohibition against idolatry. If there is anything that you cannot let go of, or that gets in between your relationship with YHWH, then you are not loving Him with all your heart, and with all your being. So you are violating the Shema.

That is why Yahushua said it was the first Commandment and tied it with eternal life. His teaching to the rich man was completely consistent with another incident when He was asked about eternal life.

Instead of giving a direct answer, Yahushua asked the opinion of the one asking the question.

*“<sup>25</sup> And behold, a Scribe stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ <sup>26</sup> He said to him, ‘What is written in the Torah? How do you read it?’ <sup>27</sup> And he answered, ‘You shall love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>28</sup> And He said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’” Luke 10:25-28*

These are the two great commands that Yahushua stated were the greatest two Commandments.

In fact, when tested by another Scribe, Yahushua said that the entire Torah and the Prophets hangs on these two Commandments.

*“<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> Then one of them, a Scribe, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, <sup>36</sup> ‘Teacher, which is the great Commandment in the Torah? <sup>37</sup> Yahushua said to him, ‘You shall love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul (nefesh) and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:34-40*

So the Torah and the Prophets are distilled down to love. We are to love YHWH and love others. Not with just some emotional feeling, but with all of our being. Easier said than done.

First of all, it is much easier to love someone who loves you back. Usually that mutual love exists because of a relationship.

The better you get to know someone, usually correlates with a deeper and stronger love for them. That is the ultimate lesson that we are supposed to learn from the marriage relationship, although some people never learn it. I see the reality of that in my profession every day.

While back in New York this past week I contacted a friend that I hadn't seen in awhile. I knew that his wife was suffering from a deteriorating condition known as Huntington's Disease. For the past 20 years he has watched her slowly lose all of her functions to the point where all he can do is communicate with her through her eyes, knowing that she is still inside, but cannot move or speak.

She is still at home and he has seen to her care, with the help of aids the entire time, all while holding down a full time job. That is both heartbreaking and beautiful. It is a testament to the love and commitment that we are supposed to have for a spouse. It is a lesson well learned and I am so proud of him for his faithfulness.

Sadly, in my profession I see many people who have not even considered such a level of commitment to their spouse. Their understanding of a marriage is what they can get from this other person. When it's no longer fun or beneficial, they check out.

That is also how many people view their relationship with YHWH. They just want to get saved and get eternal life without ever getting

to know Him. They want to say a prayer, get their ticket to heaven, and move on.

They want to “enjoy everyday life,” seek prosperity and all the pleasures of Babylon. That is the sad condition of much of Christianity. They have gone the way of King Solomon instead of King Yahushua.

Consider the words of the Prophet Jeremiah that appear to be aimed directly at Solomon – a man who YHWH loved and who initially loved YHWH.

*“<sup>23</sup> Thus says YHWH: Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, <sup>24</sup> but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am YHWH who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things, I delight, declares YHWH.”* Jeremiah 9:23-24

So, it’s not about wisdom, power and riches. The world pursues these things, but that is all a trap. To understand and know YHWH should be our pursuit.

Moses wanted to know YHWH. He wanted to see His “glory.” The word often translated as “glory” in English is “kabod” (כבוד) in Hebrew. (In ancient Hebrew, the “bet” (ב) is pronounced as a “b” and not a “v” as is often done in modern Hebrew.)

Interestingly, the first time we see that word in the Scriptures is without the “waw” (ו) in the context of Jacob acquiring all of “*the et wealth of Laban*” (עשה את כל-הכבוד). (see Genesis 31:1)

The next time was used to describe Joseph in Egypt and the power, position, honor, and esteem that YHWH had granted Him. (see

Genesis 45:13) In that passage, it is described as “et-kol-kabod” (את-כול-כבוד).

The next time we read the word “kabod” (כבוד) was immediately after the promise of manna, when Moses told the Children of Yisrael, “*in the morning you shall see the et-kabod (את-כבוד) of YHWH.*” Exodus 16:7

Of course, the appearance of the aleph tau (אֵת) with the kabod is very telling, as is the promise of the et-kabod in the morning. The kabod did appear in the morning as we read, “*behold, the kabod (כבוד) of YHWH appeared in the cloud.*” Exodus 16:10

After Yisrael arrived at Sinai, the kabod of YHWH rested on the Mountain.

*“<sup>16</sup> Now the kabod of YHWH rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day, He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> The sight of the kabod of YHWH was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Yisrael.”* Exodus 24:16-17

That must have been quite a sight to behold.

Now, I cannot tell you how often I have heard Christian pastors and teachers talk about “the shekhinah glory” of God. Since we are talking about the “kabod” (glory), I thought it was important to note that there is no specific mention of “shekhinah glory” in the Scriptures.

While the verb “shakan” (שָׁכַן) means “dwell,” and the usage is acceptable when referring to YHWH “dwelling” with His people, the “glory” of YHWH is described as “kabod.” The reason I bring this up is because Kabbalistic teaching promotes the notion of the feminine aspect of Elohim, known as “Shekhinah.”

The so-called “Shekhinah Glory” was first promoted by the Targums and then the Talmud.

“In Kabbalah, the shekhinah is identified with the tenth sefirah (Malkuth), and the source of life for humans on earth below the sefirotic realm. The Shekhinah is seen as the feminine divine presence of God descended in this world, dwelling with the people of Israel and sharing in their struggles. Moses is the only human considered to have risen beyond shekhinah into the sefirotic realm, reaching the level of Tiferet, or the bridegroom of the shekhinah.” Arthur Green, *Guide to the Zohar*, Stanford University Press, pp. 51-53.

I have noticed that many Christian Zionists are calling for the “Shekhinah Glory,” which is intimately connected with Kabbalistic Israel. They also wave the banner, including the hexagram, a symbol Solomon used to summon demons. The hexagram was part of the “Seal of Solomon” when He fell away from YHWH.

It had nothing to do with his father, David, who always had a heart for YHWH.

So, many Christians may be unwittingly calling upon a female entity referred to as Shekhinah because they do not know the history of Shekhinah promoted through Jewish mysticism. Of course, they also don’t know the history of ancient Yisrael, the Torah, the Covenant, the Kingdom, the Prophets, the Messiah, the renewal of the Covenant, Zionism, and the modern State of Israel. I think I know of a book series that they need to read called [Walk in the Light](#).

The issue of the Shekhinah Glory goes way beyond YHWH dwelling (shakan) in the midst of His people, and that is why it is important that we really get to know Him. We have been introduced to false gods throughout our lives and it is critical that we look beyond the cloud

that has been presented through religion and climb to the top of the Mountain to personally get to know YHWH.

Moses had seen the same kabod as the Yisraelites, but he knew there was more. He wanted to know YHWH intimately. Read how YHWH introduced Himself to Moses up on the Mountain.

*“<sup>1</sup> And YHWH said to Moses, ‘Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke. <sup>2</sup> So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain. <sup>4</sup> So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as YHWH had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone. <sup>5</sup> Now YHWH descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name of YHWH. <sup>6</sup> YHWH passed before him and proclaimed, ‘YHWH, YHWH, a El merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ <sup>8</sup> And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.” Exodus 34:1-8*

Did you notice that Moses was carrying the renewed Tablets during this intimate time of knowing YHWH? That is not a coincidence.

Now consider what happened. YHWH descended in the cloud. He could have flattened Moses with His power. He could have blinded Moses with His Light. He could have deafened Moses with His voice.

Instead, YHWH described Himself to Moses as merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. He forgives sin, but He also punishes the wicked.

What is so amazing about this is the fact that the Creator of the Universe took the time to reveal His character to Moses, and Moses wrote it down so we can all get to know Him. He could have easily told Moses that He is the Creator God and that's it. Obey me or else!

Instead, Moses is holding the "second set of tablets" after the Covenant was broken, and he is given a lesson of how YHWH loves and forgives.

These "characteristics" or "attributes" of YHWH are repeated throughout the Prophets and the writings.

Here are some examples:

*"So rend your heart, and not your garments;  
Return to YHWH, your Elohim. For He is gracious and merciful, slow to  
anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm."  
Joel 2:13*

*"Ah, YHWH, was not this what I said when I was still in my country?  
Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a  
gracious and merciful El, slow to anger and abundant in  
lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm."  
Jonah 4:2*

*"But You, Adonai, are a El full of compassion, and gracious,  
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth."  
Psalm 86:15*



*“<sup>7</sup> He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Yisrael. <sup>8</sup> YHWH is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.”*  
Psalm 103:7-8

*“<sup>8</sup> YHWH is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. <sup>9</sup> YHWH is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.”*  
Psalm 145:8-9

*“... But You are Eloh, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them.”*  
Nehemiah 9:17

This is a consistent theme and the focus of the TaNaK (the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings). It is to know YHWH and understand Him. We have been given the nature of “the God of the Old Testament.” He is not the mean and wrathful God of the Yisraelites as some like to view Him.

That’s all pure fiction invented by Dispensationalists. He did not change His mind or His character when Jesus allegedly appeared and promoted the Christian religion. In fact, He specifically says that He does not change. (Malachi 3:6) The Son came representing the same love as the Father expressed to mankind from the beginning.

Some of us have been steeped in religion so long that we have traces of Dispensationalism lurking inside of us. As a result, we don’t truly understand the El Who tells Jacob the worm to “*fear not, I will help you.*” (Isaiah 41:13) . He promises to hold our hand, like His little children.

Read how He described raising Ephraim.

*“<sup>3</sup> I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup> I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.” Hosea 11:3-4*

These are the words of a gentle, doting and loving parent. Sadly, we were not always taught about our Heavenly Father - the loving, patient, forgiving Elohim through our religion. Some of us only heard about that from the Son.

Just as Moses went up the Mountain carrying the Commandments to know YHWH, we must do the same.

*“<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the Mountain of the House of YHWH shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the Nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the Mountain of YHWH, to the House of the Elohim of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.’ For out of Tzyon shall go forth the Torah and the Word of YHWH from Jerusalem.” Isaiah 2:2-3*

In the future we will go up to the Mountain so that we can learn His ways and walk in His paths. Through these visits we learn about Him and He knows us. That is what the Appointed Times are all about. In fact, Isaiah is referring to a future fulfillment of the Appointed Times.

The New Covenant as foretold through Jeremiah had the specific purpose of knowing YHWH. We know Him by having His “Ways” inside of us.

*“<sup>31</sup> Behold, the days are coming, declares YHWH, when I will make a new (renewed) Covenant with the House of Yisrael and the House of*

*Yahudah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My Covenant that they broke, though I was their Husband, declares YHWH. <sup>33</sup> For this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Yisrael after those days, declares YHWH: I will put My Torah within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know YHWH,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares YHWH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*  
Jeremiah 31:31-34

I often quote this passage to show how the Torah is an integral part of the Covenant renewed by the Messiah, but that is only part of it.

Just as Moses carried the renewed tablets up the Mountain to get to know YHWH better, we need to have His Torah inside of us so that we can know Him.

If He knows us and we know Him, He will forgive our iniquity and that leads the way to eternal life. We will no longer be separated from YHWH due to our sins.

Interestingly, if you closely examine the Torah you will be hard-pressed to find a specific formula for eternal life. Instead, you will read about YHWH finding a people who will obey Him so that He can dwell in their midst.

Again, it is not supposed to be about a formula. It is about an intimate relationship. When you dwell with your Creator, you automatically have life in His presence because He is the source of life.

The reason why we need eternal life is because we have been separated from YHWH. We need to move back into Eden – the House.

Once we can join in intimacy with Him in the Bridal Chamber (the Holy of Holies) it will no longer be an issue.

Consider the description of when Solomon finished the House of Elohim and YHWH moved in.

*“<sup>1</sup> As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory (kabod) of YHWH filled the אֶל־הַיְהוָה-House. <sup>2</sup> And the priests could not enter the House of YHWH, because the glory (kabod) of YHWH filled the אֶל־הַיְהוָה-House of YHWH. <sup>3</sup> When all the people of Yisrael saw the fire come down and the glory (kabod) of YHWH on the House, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to YHWH, saying, ‘For He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.’” 2 Chronicles 7:1*

How amazing that the kabod caused people to worship and acknowledge His love. The priests could not enter the House because of the kabod, but through the Aleph Tau (אָתָּא), the House will be filled with those who love Him.

So, the answer of eternal life was always there, just not in a 4 Step Prayer to be saved.

Gaining eternal life is not about acquiring a ticket that gets you through the door. It’s about knowing and loving “The Way” and “The Door.”

It is one thing to read about Him and know about Him. It’s an entirely different matter to be known by Him.

He gave you the Shabbat to get to know Him better. Please use this gift of time wisely while we still have it.

Berakhot

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P.S. - I would ask that you keep Brother Mark in your prayers as he continues to steadfastly love his wife, Dori, through her illness.

Also, I have so much going on this month that I ask for your prayers of guidance and protection. There are many attacks and pressures, and I rely heavily on the Hand of YHWH to keep the enemies at bay.

Finally, I am discussing with Brother Thomas in Kenya the possibility of building a structure on some land for all the orphans he cares for. We had a bumper crop this year growing food for the children to eat, but shelter is equally essential. So please keep this in your prayers as well. I only want to do these projects if the Hand of YHWH is upon it.

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,  
YHWH our Elohim, YHWH is one.'  
Mark 12:29*

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