



KI TAVO - WHEN YOU RETURN

Deuteronomy 26:1 to 29:9

Isaiah 60:1-22

James 1:1 to 2:26

Romans 11:1-15

🌿 **Deuteronomy 26:1-2** “And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you *as* an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you, and put *it* in a basket and go to the place where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* chooses to make His name abide.”

The terms *enter the Land* and *take the Land* both refer to realms of God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom; one within the heart of His believers and secondly, within the physical land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their descendants, called the Land of Israel. In this lesson, we are given instructions that assist God’s/*Elohim* people in taking the land in both realms. As believers who embrace the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we may find that we have been held back from truly *entering the Land* and reaping the spiritual and physical benefits due to *our* lack of understanding of God’s/*Elohim* commandments. His commandments are His blueprint for our sanctification and redemption. God/*Elohim* says that if we retain past transgressions, it will not go well for us. If we carry unforgiveness and bitterness, for example, we run the risk of being separated from His blessings.

🌿 **Hebrews 12:15** “looking carefully lest anyone [*believer*] fall short of the grace of God/*Elohim*; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

The purpose of Yeshua’s work on the Cross was to defeat sin and death on our behalf that we might live. He said, “*It is finished.*” “It” being “sin and death is finished.” Therefore, Yeshua is *The Firstfruits* from the dead. Our job is to agree with Him in this work by no longer tolerating or participating with sin and death in our lives again. We must be finished with it also. Those who have overcome sin and death are called *sanctified* and are Yeshua’s *firstfruits*. Walking in firstfruits brings resurrection life (1Corinthians 15:20-23; James 1:18; Revelation 14:4).

Why are believers still imprisoned with broken hearts or living in tribulation? Why are believers still dealing with issues of bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, retaliation, anger, hatred, violence, murder, envy, strife, jealousy, accusation, betrayal, rejection, and rage, etc. towards a wife, a husband, other believers, a neighbor and/or themselves? What about health issues? Are believers struggling with a physical or emotional illness? What about the foods they eat or the way they dress? How can they love their neighbor as themselves if they are not at peace within their own heart? The issues mentioned here are not the fruit of God's/Elohim Kingdom but attributes of sin and death still operating. Have God's/Elohim people let the enemy into their camp? These bring blockages to a believer's life that separates them. Believers need to ask themselves,

“Do I love with all my heart God's/Elohim teaching and instruction and do I love to follow His order to the best of my ability?”

This is not a salvation issue but an issue of sanctification. If unrighteous ways are still active within God's/Elohim people, those unruly ways will keep them from the fruitfulness in Yeshua. That is why Israel has not yet fulfilled her destiny. What people *do* often reflects in the Land of Israel, as they mirror each other. People spend a lifetime outside the land never venturing in due to a lack of knowledge about their identity as *part* of Israel and how to walk in God's/Elohim ways. The only way His people can have access to the land today is through obedience, found in the first five books of the Bible and witnessed by the Prophets, through to the Book of Revelation (Revelation 12:17). Without these instructions God's/Elohim people cannot truly enter into the fullness (authority) of the Spirit or the Land of Israel, as walking in His Truth opens doors *spiritually* and *physically*. When His people come into agreement with His principles (including observing His Sabbath, His Feast Days and His New Moon) and cleanse themselves from acts of sin and death, obedience will bring His blessing to their lives. If believers do not walk in His principles, they lack what Yeshua came to do in their lives, therefore, are not walking in the truth found in Yeshua.

The first generation of Israelites who left Egypt was never allowed to enter the Land but was made to journey in the wilderness forty years on account of *their* rebellious nature. They stumbled over the words Moses not walking in agreement with it. In this study, Moses is teaching *their* children, the second generation, how to possess the land and live in peace. The instructions have not changed. They are still applicable today waiting for the obedient ones to enter in obedience. Those who believe in Yeshua have an automatic inheritance *offered* to them *if* they *choose* to follow the same paths of righteousness that God/Elohim placed before the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai. The gateway to that highway is through the narrow way – sanctification and holiness (Acts 15:19-21; Galatians 3:7, 29).

🏰 **Matthew 7:13-14** “Enter by the narrow gate (*a gate is a reference to a Covenant and in this Scripture the gate is the Mosaic Covenant*); for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (*as few choose to enter*) (John 5:46-47).

God's/*Elohim* are required to take on the identity of the Messiah and walk in His footsteps as confirmed at Mount Sinai. Yeshua walked these footsteps on earth and confirmed them again and again for His people. Returning means to *take possession of the Land*. To do this God's/*Elohim* people must first deal with what is in their hearts. If believers do not identify with the land or find their identity as *part of Israel*, how will they join their brothers in taking possession it? The *Land, Torah, the people of Israel, and Yeshua* are all synonymous. God's/*Elohim* people must check to see if they have any inhabitants within their own land that causes them to stumble. If they do, they need to look at the heart first. Are they *mixing* immorality with Holiness? Are they choosing *their* ways over *His* Principles?

God's/*Elohim* people were set free from the *slavery* of sin and death. Taking ownership of *our* heritage starts first in our hearts, beginning with the choice to *completely* allow Him to rule and reign in our lives. Healing heart wounds begin with us then with family and then others. A soft loving heart offers up sacrifices of praise and worship in thankfulness to God/*Elohim* and is the visible fruit of a resurrected life. The action of entering into Yeshua's *death* leads to *His resurrection life in us*. That *resurrected* fruit of Yeshua is the LIFE that we offer to others through our words, habits, actions, and testimony. That is called taking possession of the land.

The Gospel

Church style evangelism starts and ends with Jesus Christ dying on the Cross and His resurrection. But is this the Gospel? Yeshua's death and resurrection are the fruit *caused* by the Gospel. Yeshua first shared the Gospel then gave His people instruction and direction of how to walk in it *three years before He went to the Cross*.

📖 **Luke 4:18-19** “The Spirit of the LORD/*Yahweh* is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

📖 **Luke 9:1-2, 6** “Then He [*Yeshua*] called His twelve disciples together and gave them *power* and *authority* over all demons, and to cure diseases [*that had come upon them through ungodly disorder*]. He sent them to preach [*teach*] the kingdom of God/*Elohim* [*the Gospel*] and to heal the sick. So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere.”

We are called to be Yeshua's ambassadors. That means we are His mirror image. Yeshua's word, the Gospel (in the Beginning) was imparted in the Covenant given to Moses on Mount Sinai (John 5:46-47). Moses shared the Gospel with the people contained in the Ten Commandments (the summary of the Covenant). The people responded in agreement saying they will *do* and *observe* all of His words. Moses then returned to the mountain with the people's response. God/*Elohim* wrote down the Ten Commandments to seal their vow in heaven so the people could have a record (witness) on the earth. The people's promised agreement made them legal to the

Covenant; that is why it is called *The Law*. The one term that capsulizes this process is known as *the Gospel*.

✠ **Galatians 3:8** “And the Scripture, foreseeing that God/*Elohim* would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, preached **the Gospel** to Abraham.”

✠ **1 John 1:1-3, 2:7** “That which was **from the beginning** [*Genesis/Beresheet*], which we [*believers*] have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning **the Word of life** - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*. Brethren [*believers*], I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment, which you have had **from the beginning** [*Genesis/Beresheet*]. The old commandment is **the word**, which you heard **from the beginning** [*Genesis/Beresheet*].”

The Priesthood

To enter Yeshua’s resurrection life is to conquer all *within* that hinder our walk. The more fully we are *in* Him, the more growth and blessings we will experience. Many have expectations and look for signs, wonders, and miracles, but if His people walk in their own terms that are not in agreement with His Covenant their action will cancel the blessing. If believers participate in overt or habitual sin, they open the door for the enemy. Many have come to salvation but may not walk in redemption through a sanctified holy lifestyle. These blockages prevent believers from reaching their destiny in Yeshua (Exodus 19:5-6; Ephesians Chapter 1; 1Peter 2:9; Hebrews 12:14).

✠ **1 Corinthians 9:23-26** Paul said, “I do all this for the sake of **the Gospel**, that I may share in its *blessings*. Do you not know that in a race all the runners [*believers*] run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we [*believers*] do it to get a crown that will last *forever*.”

✠ **1John 2:9-11** “Again, a new commandment I write to you [*believers*], which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”

Is It Possible To Be In Righteousness And Walk In Holiness?

Absolutely! Many believers have given their *lives* to God/*Elohim* but not quite entered into all He has designed for them. It is by walking in agreement with *His Word* that loosens the shackles of the past. As believers continue to pursue holiness through His instructions, they begin to possess the land. Believers will finally settle and have peace when they become accustomed to walking in His sanctified ways/instructions.

Yeshua's Firstfruits – His Royal Priesthood

📖 **Exodus 19:5-6** “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. ‘And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel” (1Peter 2:9).

When believers are in agreement or *one accord* with the Spirit of the Holy One, they will produce much fruit. It is these *firstfruits* they are to bring in a basket before Him. The terms *inheritance* and *possession* (in the sense of conquering) are often used in conjunction with the word *gift* when referring to the Land of Israel. That is because of the land (that was originally given to Abraham as a *gift*), is also designed to be conquered by his descendants - us. Each generation must undertake for themselves the conquest of the Land. That is accomplished first in the heart. Our firstfruits offering is how we know we are *in* Him (For further references to the land see parsha *Va'etchanan* – Deuteronomy 3:25-7:11 www.sheepfoldgleanings.com)

Do we have a basket of *firstfruits/bikkurim* to present before God/*Elohim*? The fruit that comes from the harvest of our labor (from conquering sin and death) is what believers present at the threshing floor. Those who have not entered into the walk of redemption may not have experienced *His fruit* yet. After conquering sin and death, His fruit is the *sign and wonder* that raises the dead, heals the sick, and cleanses the leper. These fruits are called the *elementary things of the resurrected life* that follow those who have a purified and holy sanctified walk in Yeshua (Hebrews 6:1-2). In this doing, they then become His *firstfruits* as they labor together in Yeshua's field white for the harvest (John 4:35; Ezekiel 37:1-14).

Yeshua's Harvest is also known as the order of Melchizedek (king and priest). When God's/*Elohim* people walk in unity to His Covenant and believe in the three witnesses of *heaven* (The Father, the word, and the Holy Spirit) *that they are one* AND believe in the three witnesses on *earth* (the Spirit, the water, and the blood), *and they too are one*, then you have *two witnesses*. Therefore, the truth can be established. With these two witnesses and a believer who agrees, then the harvest that comes from their testimony bears witness of Yeshua's Truth in their hearts – that is the *firstfruits* they present at the threshing floor before God/*Elohim*. That is why Abraham gave his tithe to Melchizedek – it was *his firstfruits* for our generation (2 Chronicles 30:10-12; Romans 15:5; Ephesians 4:3; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16-21; 1John Chapters 1, 2, and 5).

Priests are to have intimate knowledge of the function of the heavenly Tabernacle on earth. It is their job to teach this pattern and lifestyle to the Israelites (believers) if there is to be a legal witness on the earth. The pattern and outline are called *the Gospel*. Who are the priests today? Today many say they are priests but have left God's/*Elohim* Biblical order. Scores of Jews rely on their Hassidic, Rabbinic, Talmudic, and Kabbalah teachers. The Church has their pastor, bishop or pope. Who is speaking the truth? Thankfully, God/*Elohim* gave us His Biblical Prophets. They hold the *key to the knowledge of truth*, as they only spoke the words of Moses. Moses imparted *God's/Elohim wisdom*. Therefore, we are to go to Moses and the Biblical Prophets to test who is speaking the truth. Yeshua said, "*If you know Moses*" (*and the Prophets*), *you know Me*" (John 5:46-47). Today, using John 5:46-47 as our guide we can ask *do they teach Yeshua from Moses and the Prophets?* We can see what prophets many in Judaism study because if they know Moses and his Prophets (the Gospel), they will know Yeshua. If both houses study the same Bible, they would see Yeshua and His Kingdom clearly with or without a New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* (Luke 11:6-52; Titus 1:13-16).

🌿 **Ezekiel 43:10-12** "Son of man [*a title given to believers walking in the Truth given at Mount Sinai*], describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they [*believers*] may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern [*given them at Mount Sinai*]. And if they [*believers*] are ashamed of all that they have done [*their transgressions and iniquities*], make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write it down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. This is the law of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop is most holy. Behold, this is the law of the temple" (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6).

🌿 **Nehemiah 8:7-8** "Also [*the priests*] Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, *and the Levites*, helped the people to understand the Law [*the words the people confirmed to Moses at Mount Sinai*]; and the people stood in their place [*anticipating the word that imparts life*]. So they [*priests*] read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God/*Elohim*; and they [*priests and Levites*] gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading [*of Moses – the Gospel*]."

The Law of the Temple/Tabernacle in Ezekiel 43:10-12 was the only pattern the priest Ezekiel taught, the only pattern Yeshua and His disciples taught, and the only model Paul shared with the believers in the New Testament/*Brit Chadashah*. Without this pattern, there could be no witness. Thus believers would lose their identity and scatter to the nations. That is just what happened when the people lost sight of the pattern written on their heart. Without the true witnesses of heaven and earth God's/*Elohim* people have no justification or legal authority on earth, therefore become scattered (1John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJV only).

🌿 **Deuteronomy 30:1-6** "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among

all the nations where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* drives you, and you return to the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* has scattered you. If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. And the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live (Jeremiah 33:17-26).

✚ **1 Corinthians 3:10-11** “According to the grace of God/*Elohim* which was given to me [*Rabbi Saul, Paul*], as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation [*Mosaic Covenant – the Gospel*], and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it [*the Tabernacle/temple*]. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is [*the Gospel of*] Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*.”

How Do People *Know* They Are In Yeshua’s Priesthood?

Signs and wonders follow those who walk in His ways. Are signs and wonders following you? When Peter was with Yeshua, his walk was a hit and miss with no signs or wonders following him. Once he surrendered his will, he came to the *saving* knowledge of truly believing Yeshua as His Lord and Savior. He then actively began to participate in Yeshua’s principles and the Spirit/*Ruach* filled his life. He was never the same again. Signs and wonders followed him so that even his shadow healed and the dead rose to life.

✚ **Acts 5:14-16** “And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, *and they were all healed*.”

Is this happening among believers today? If not, why not? What do we need to know or do that will release the Holy Spirit’s *power* and *authority* in our lives that edifies Yeshua’s life within?

✚ **1 John 2:3-6** “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God/*Elohim* is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

🌿 **Acts 10:34-38** “Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God/*Elohim* shows no partiality. *But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.* The word which God/*Elohim* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* - He is Lord of all - that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God/*Elohim* anointed Jesus of Nazareth/*Yeshua HaMashiach* with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God/*Elohim* was with Him.’ ”

The two elements in Acts 10:34 are *firstly* to believe and honor Yeshua as the Messiah, the Holy One of Israel, and *secondly* to walk in obedience to His word. These are His right ways. Righteousness is to observe His Covenants, His Feast Days, and His Sabbaths. All these must be present *if* a believer is to be called a *believer*. Therefore, become a *witness* of Yeshua. Questions like the foods we eat. What is the difference between clean and unclean? What clean animal do believers eat? (One that has *BOTH* split hoofs and chews its cud). What is a clean fish? (One that has *BOTH* fins and scales). It is the same with our walk. A believer needs *BOTH* trust that Yeshua is the manifested word made flesh (the Messiah of Israel) AND walk according to His word. What is a *witness*? If one or both elements are missing, there will be sporadic instances or no signs and wonders of Yeshua that follow as what happened with Peter. Therefore, a *witness* is a believer who *believes* in Yeshua (the Word made flesh) as their Messiah (Lord and Savior) and is a *doer* of His word (the Gospel given at Mount Sinai) with signs and wonders following as a *witness* attesting to this fact.

🌿 **Psalms 119:93** “I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.”

The other component that needs mention is that if a believer in the smallest way thinks that the signs and wonders are as a result of *their* walk they are mistaken. The signs and wonders appear because their life is actively walking *in one accord with the Word* manifesting in their life.

🌿 **Isaiah 66:20** “Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD/*Yahweh* out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the LORD/*Yahweh*, “as the children of Israel bring an offering [*you*] in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

When Israel did not honor their word to God/*Elohim* by having an affair with the golden calf, it caused a breach in their Marriage Covenant. The principle of marriage states that the Bride is not free to have another husband if the first is alive or she would commit adultery. Israel had committed adultery. The word also states that once the wife had another husband and he died (or divorced), she could not return to her first husband. It was only after the first (and/or second) husband died that the Bride would be free to marry again. Therefore, to fulfill the principle in the Torah, Yeshua died thereby renewing the Marriage Covenant to redeem His beloved Bride to full status in Him (Deuteronomy 24:4).

Yeshua is looking for His lost sheep, those who are preparing their wedding garments without spot or wrinkle. One who is made in His mirror image. He will not marry an unclean Bride, one who is walking in a mixture of beliefs with other gods or living a lifestyle outside of His Kingdom principles. If a believer is assimilating by blending unholy, unclean practices or one who celebrates other feast days to other gods with His holy ways, they are known as *entertaining old lovers – adultery*. Yeshua offers His life to all. Yeshua's Bride (believer) is one who has discarded her old unrighteous habits for His holy ways. Those who prepare their heart and walk in His ways are called His Promised Seed, His Firstfruits.

Since believers are under Yeshua's *sonship* and called by the title of priest in Scripture, would they like to know how to pursue this? The writer of Hebrews exhorts believers to leave the elementary things and move on to *perfection*. This is a direct invitation into the High Priesthood of Yeshua – and His Bridal Chamber (Exodus 19:5-6; 1Peter 2:9).

✿ **Hebrews 6:1-2** “Therefore [*believers*], leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ/*Messiah*, let us go on to perfection [*describes the work of obedience*] not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God/*Elohim*, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

✿ **Matthew 5:20** “For I say to you [*believer who has the opportunity of entering into the office of priesthood*], that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees [*Levites and Priests*], you [*believer*] will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven [*be my Bride*].”

The Firstborn Priesthood

Leviticus Chapter 8 outlines the steps of sanctification for those desiring to walk the priesthood. We also find these steps in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha - the writings devoted to the priesthood/bride*.

During the Feast of Passover, after the meal Yeshua purposefully washed His disciple/*talmudim* s feet (washing of the extremities (hands/feet) represent the whole body). Yeshua's washing was *firstly* for a status change and *secondly* to prepare His disciples for the priesthood position they would inherit after His death and resurrection. His people were fishermen, ordinary people, unschooled in Temple service, not all understood the meaning behind the ceremonial washing. This washing was in direct reference to the laver in the outer courtyard of the Tabernacle where the priests washed their hands *and* feet before entering the service and ministry of the Tabernacle. To enter without having washed both would have resulted in their death. The application of water is a perpetual (eternal) principle throughout our generations – thus Yeshua applied this principle to His disciples/*talmudim* for righteousness.

✿ **Exodus 30:18-21** “You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the Tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall

put water in it, for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. When they go into the Tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD/*Yahweh*, they shall wash with water, lest they die. So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them - to him and his descendants throughout their generations.”

Since Yeshua is the living Tabernacle, His desire is to anoint (consecrate) those who choose to follow in His footsteps. Since His *talmudim* were not of the *physically inherited* Levitical priesthood, there needed to be a transfer of God's/*Elohim* authority and a renewing of their hearts, before Yeshua could consecrate them for *priestly* work. Only then could Yeshua's disciples move in His heavenly order on the earth and come into His presence. That is described in Scripture as *piercing the veil*. In washing their feet, Yeshua our High Priest was re-establishing the initial order of the firstborn as priests. That order was set-aside for a season at Mount Sinai. Yeshua now restored this calling upon *the firstborn disciples* and called the *redemption of the firstborn* - Yeshua's priesthood (Exodus 13:2; Numbers 3:12-13; 8:16-19; Hebrews 8:1-2).

The original pattern of the firstborn priesthood had been concealed and hidden under grave clothes since Mount Sinai. Yeshua restored her Bridal Covenant with His blood at the Feast of Passover and at the Feast of Pentecost/*Shavuot* brought her back to life/resurrection filled with His Spirit (Acts 2).

Why the Feast of Shavuot? Shavuot is the *empowering* of the Bride. Yeshua, the manifested Word came to redeem His lost. The Holy Spirit/*Ruach* confirmed the two witnesses of *heaven* and *earth* when *water* and *blood* poured from His pierced heart at the crucifixion. That witness of blood and water proved Yeshua is *the manifested word of the Father, since the beginning*. Those who are in agreement with this Truth are also filled with the Holy Spirit/*Ruach* (*Truth*) like in Acts 2 (1John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJV).

📖 **Acts 1:1-5, 8-9** “The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus/*Yeshua* began both to do and teach, until the day in which He [*Yeshua*] was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God/*Elohim*. And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ *He said*, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

As believers, all are given the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* upon the declaration of their belief

in Yeshua when they said, “*we will do, and we will obey His word.*” That agreement makes our word/confession legal and binding on the earth with Him and activates the heavenly Covenant to work on our behalf: *blessings or curses*. The tongues of fire that we witnessed on *Shavuot / Pentecost* in Acts 2 are a sign and wonder for the redemption of the firstborn. We saw a marked difference with the believers after the infilling on that Feast Day. They had more confidence in knowing the powerful work of Yeshua’s Gospel and a deep desire to walk in His holiness, and share this Good News with others. That is the work of the His Spirit/*Ruach*.

It was only when the two witnesses of heaven and earth came together in the believer’s heart that tongues of fire filled the heart. Thus we see this extraordinary happening with the 120 who were all in *one accord* in the upper room. Later Peter addressed those outside who were not in one accord with the word of the Father and told them to repent. At once they too were touched with tongues of fire. Signs and wonders will follow those who walk in one accord. All who follow Yeshua today have the same opportunity of entering His restored firstborn priesthood (the Bride), no matter the background or nation. In Yeshua, all is made ready (appropriated) for His people, but just like Peter *before* Acts 2, not all understand. The way to God’s/*Elohim* Bridal Chamber, the Holy of Holies, has not changed. It is the walk of the *sanctified* in Yeshua. (Numbers 3:12-13; Acts 2).

📖 **Malachi 4:4-6** “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, *with the statutes and judgments*. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD/*Yahweh*. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike *the earth* with a curse.”

The Eight Steps of the Priesthood

- ☐ **Circumcision** –The first step in a believer’s walk toward the priesthood is by way of the brazen altar. Once born again, they enter the outer court of the Tabernacle and approach the brazen altar. Here circumcision of the heart occurs. Here, the casting off of old unrighteous ways and beliefs are surrendered and repented. It is finished. After forgiveness, the believer takes the time to offer a thanksgiving offering of praise (Colossians 2:11).
- ☐ **Offering** - The thanksgiving offering of praise represents the believer’s decision to walk in agreement with the word in a redeemed lifestyle as written in The Marriage Covenant (Moses at Mount Sinai) (Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 13:15; 1John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJV).
- ☐ **Removing Filthy Garments** – Casting away the old identity and all that entombed the believer in captivity is removed. It is finished. They are no longer considered a stranger or an alien to the Covenant but redeemed, a true natural born Israelite grafted into the true *Tree of Life*, Yeshua - *The Root* (Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:8-9).

- **A Baptism/Mikvah at the Laver** to fulfill the *right of return* requirements for the returning believer. The *mikvah* is a washing function on an earthly level that confirms a heavenly principle. It reveals a maturing process and represents a status change (*transfiguration*) from the *common* to one who is walking in holiness, mirroring Yeshua's walk thus represent His firstborn priesthood. The Laver is not only a physical washing but also represents the sanctifying cleansing of the Word in the heart of the believer. Without the *mikvah*, the believer/Bride cannot enter the priestly service of the Tabernacle. A mikvah is not a one-time event but an ongoing process in the walk of redemption. The Biblical priests washed every time they entered the Tabernacle (Ephesians 5:26).

- **New Garments** – After the mikvah, the believer is still in the *outer courtyard outside* the Tabernacle having just taken part in the laver (ritual cleansing). They are now standing before the door that leads to the Tabernacle. This is where the cleansed, transformed sanctified believer is fitted with new white linen *priestly* apparel – called the wedding garment. Only those wearing white linen are allowed in the Tabernacle. This again is a physical act of a heavenly principle. The garment is provided for the individual through *righteous living* and given to one who discerns the difference between the clean and unclean, the holy and unholy, who keeps His Sabbath, worships His Feast Days and celebrates His New Moon/*Rosh Chodesh*. Walking in His heavenly principles in the Spirit of Yeshua forms the wedding garments. The priestly garment is the Bride's testimony of her walk. Without these garments the believer will not be able to serve as a priest/Bride in the Tabernacle before God/*Elohim* or enter the Holy of Holies where the wedding will take place.

- **New Beginnings** – Once fully inscribed with understanding *and* actively participating in the Heavenly directives on earth, the believer/Bride may tabernacle with the King in His dwelling.

- ✚ **Ezekiel 44:10-16** “And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, *as* gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. Because they ministered to them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised My hand in an oath against them,” says the *Lord GOD*, “that they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy *Place*; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed. Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it. But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood,” says the *Lord GOD*. “They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.”

The New Testament/*Brit Chadashah* is dedicated to the forming of the righteous *acts* and protocol for the believer to facilitate Yeshua's Bride being fitted with white linen priestly wedding garments for her wedding.

🔥 **Matthew 22:11-14** “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man [*believer*] there who did not have on a wedding garment [*white linen priestly garments – obtained by walking in Yeshua's right ways/principles*]. So he said to him, ‘Friend [*Believer – anointed to serve as a priest*], how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ [*A Believer, whose walk does not match their confession – has not been a doer of the Yeshua's Word*]. And he [*the believer*] was speechless [*had no defense*]. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him [*the believer*] hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen [*many are called but few choose to walk in His righteous ways*].”

Anointing And Consecration For The Office Of Priesthood

🔥 **Leviticus 8:23-24** “Also he took some of its [*the ram of consecration*] blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. Then he brought Aaron's sons. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet.”

🔥 **Leviticus 8:35** “Therefore you [*Aaron and his sons*] shall stay at the door of the Tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD/*Yahweh*, so that you may not die; for so I have been commanded.”

Only after the priestly consecration ceremony was complete, were the Levitical Kohath/priests allowed to enter the Tabernacle. These are called *doers* of His word in Scripture.

🔥 **James 1:17-26** “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of *firstfruits* of His creatures. So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God/*Elohim*. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect *law of liberty* [*Torah*] and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

The Sacred Portion

📖 **Deuteronomy 26:12-13** “When you have set aside in full the tenth part of your yield in the third year, the year of the tithe and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat their fill in your settlements, you shall declare before the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim: ‘I have cleared out the consecrated portion from the house; and I have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, just as You commanded me.’”

In past studies, we learned that the tithe carries an *eternal prophetic element*. When we participate in a heavenly principle and mirror Yeshua’s word/walk on earth in response, the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh empowers it. The tithe carries that same benefit for both the giver and the receiver. In Exodus chapters 25 and 35 we learned they built the Tabernacle on offerings and maintained it through the tithes. As believers, the temple is restored through our walk in Yeshua. We are called to be guardians of His word. Therefore, our job is to care and maintain the Tabernacle. That action comes from the heart – as without the giving and receiving of the tithe there is no Tabernacle, and a Bride without a Tabernacle is a Bride without a Bridal Chamber. Thus it is essential that we (priests) in Yeshua give our tithes and offerings (Ezekiel 43:10-12).

📖 **Isaiah 66:1-2** “Thus says the LORD/Yahweh: ‘Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house [Tabernacle] that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,’ says the LORD/Yahweh. ‘But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.’”

When we have finished setting aside a tenth of our increase, we stand before God/Elohim and say,

“I have removed from my house the *sacred portion* and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless and the widow according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them. Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as your promised on oath to our forefathers, a land flowing with milk and honey” (Deuteronomy 26:13-15).

Created To Be Doers Of His Word

📖 **Deuteronomy 26:16-19** “This day the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. Today you have proclaimed the LORD/Yahweh to be your God/Elohim, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. Also today the LORD/Yahweh has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all

nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD/*Yahweh* to be your God/*Elohim*, just as He has spoken.”

The Israelites’ obedience to Yeshua’s heavenly ways on earth fulfills and renews the Covenant given to them through Moses at Mount Sinai. Today, when His people return to obedience and apply His Heavenly ways on earth, they too are drawn from *the wilderness* to fulfill their destiny as the promised seed in Yeshua and in the Land of Israel (Exodus 19-24).

✠ **James 1:25** “But he who [1.] looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and [2.] is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

✠ **Luke 11:28** But He [*Yeshua*] said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who [1.] hear the word of God, and [2.] observe it.”

The Memorial Altar

Deuteronomy 27:2-8 “And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime. You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey,’ just as the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* of your fathers promised you. Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, *that* on Mount Ebal you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall whitewash them with lime. And there you shall build an altar to the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, an altar of stones; you shall not use an iron *tool* on them. You shall build with whole stones the altar of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*. You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*. And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law.”

When God/*Elohim* first gave His Covenant to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (the Children of Israel), it was sealed in blood. He had Moses confirm it again with Israel at Mount Sinai and once more it was sealed with blood. When Yeshua’s blood was shed on the Cross, that third shedding finalized the Covenant. *It is finished*. This is known as *the Blood of the Covenant*. Thus His word *the Gospel* was sealed upon His people for all generations in eternity (Exodus 24; Hebrews 9:18; Hebrews 10:26-31).

Forty years after the Exodus, on the eve of entering the Promised Land, Moses establishes the same Covenant given Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. With instructions that once they cross the Jordan River, all the Covenant words be written on twelve whitewashed stones and positioned in the land on Mount Ebal to stand as a witness of the promises God/*Elohim* made to the Children of Israel that day. When Joshua took the Children of Israel over the Jordan and entered the land, there on Mount Ebal he honored Moses’ instructions. These stones and words still stand and

testify of God's/*Elohim* promise to Abraham that the land belongs to him and his descendants forever, and that even if they are scattered to the nations, He will bring them back. Today, those who are in Yeshua have these very words written on their heart. He never leaves us or forsakes us (Deuteronomy 27:4).

✠ **1 Peter 2:5** "...you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God/*Elohim* through Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*."

✠ **Hebrews 10:26-31** "For if we [*believers*] sin willfully after we [*believers*] have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins [*for us*], but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law/Torah dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses* [1John 5:6-8]. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God/*Elohim* underfoot, counted *the blood of the covenant* by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we [*believers*] know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The LORD/*Yahweh* will judge His people [*those who say they believe in Him*].' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God/*Elohim*."

✠ **Deuteronomy 27:9** "Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, 'Take heed and listen [*Shema*], O Israel: This day you have become the people of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*.'" "

Thus, the Covenant of Moses is confirmed.

A Warning For The People

✠ **Deuteronomy 27:12-13** "These shall stand on *Mount Gerizim* to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin; and these shall stand on *Mount Ebal* to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. The Levites shall recite to all the people of Israel in a loud voice..."

When Abraham was called from Ur, he entered the land and stopped at a place overlooking Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal. There he built his first altar and worshiped Elohim (Genesis 12:6). Near Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal Jacob buried his family idols and grazed his flocks by the well (Genesis 35:4,37:12-14). In Shechem, the town between Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, Joseph is buried (Joshua 24:32).

In the book of Joshua, we read how Joshua stood in this same location and confirmed all the words of the Covenant to the twelve tribes of Israel just as they had done in earlier times (Deuteronomy 27:15-26, Joshua 8:30-35).

🌿 **Joshua 24:19-27** “Joshua said to the people, ‘You cannot serve the LORD/*Yahweh*, for He is a holy God/*Elohim*. He is a jealous God/*Elohim*; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If you forsake the LORD/*Yahweh* and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good.’ And the people said to Joshua, ‘No, but we will serve the LORD/*Yahweh*!’ So Joshua said to the people, ‘*You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD/Yahweh for yourselves, to serve Him.*’ And they said, ‘We are witnesses!’ ‘Now therefore,’ *he said*, ‘put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* of Israel.’ And the people said to Joshua, ‘The LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim* we will serve, and His voice we will obey!’ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God/*Elohim*. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD/*Yahweh*. And Joshua said to all the people, ‘Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD/*Yahweh* which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God/*Elohim*.’ ”

According to what we have just read in Joshua, we see that to be a “witness” (or a believer) the two elements are still observed: We must honor God/*Elohim* first in our lives *and* do His will by actively walking it to have life in Him.

🌿 **Joshua 24:14** “Now therefore, [1.] *fear the LORD/Yahweh*, serve Him in sincerity and [2.] *in truth [walk of obedience]*, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD/*Yahweh*!”

Today we are learning to distinguish and understand the differences between the *blessings and curses* so that we do not bring sin or death toward us. The words given to Moses still speak to us today. That is why the *Mosaic Covenant* is conditional and our manual for life (John 5:46-47).

🌿 **Zechariah 4:6** “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts.”

The Restoration

Those returning to their Biblical roots are finding there is a direct correlation between *how* they walk that either brings the blessings or the curses in their lives. In the past, believers blamed Satan for any misery they experienced. That is true, but it is *the believer* who invites the enemy if they make the choice to disobey. If believers look carefully, they will realize that the lack of blessing may not necessarily come from outside but from *within*. Therefore, they need to examine their heart. The curse can be a warning system, which needs our attention to making it right. Knowing Moses is how believers know Yeshua and cancel the written code against them.

📖 **James 1:14-15** “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his *own* desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

📖 **John 5:46-47** Yeshua said, “For if you [*believer*] believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me [*Yeshua*]. But if you [*believer*] do not believe his writings, how will you believe [*walk in*] My words?”

Blessings For Obedience To God’s/Elohim Word

📖 **Deuteronomy 28:1-14** “Now it shall come to pass, *if* you diligently obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*: Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out. The LORD/*Yahweh* will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The LORD/*Yahweh* will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land, which the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you. The LORD/*Yahweh* will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, *if* you keep the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. And the LORD/*Yahweh* will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD/*Yahweh* will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD/*Yahweh* will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, *if* you heed the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, which I command you today, and are careful to observe *them*. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, *to* the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.”

On the eve of Moses’ last days, he renewed God’s/*Elohim* Covenant with the next generation. Likewise, just before Yeshua’s death, He too renewed that same Covenant with His disciples. Today, the renewing of the Covenant is available for anyone who desires to walk in His ways. The Covenant that was written twice on stone tablets at Mount Sinai, then on the twelve stones between Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal is now written on hearts of flesh and sealed forever with Yeshua’s blood, the *Blood of this Covenant in Him* (Hebrews 4:1-13).

🌿 **Luke 22:20** “In the same way, *after* the supper [*Yeshua*] took the cup, saying, “This cup is the [re]new[ed] *Covenant in my Blood*, which is poured out for you.””

Today *Yeshua*’s people are the living stones and the descendants of those who stood with Moses. The blood of *Yeshua* renewed His Covenant that *sealed* those who *trust* in Him. All that was given at Mount Sinai and that was renewed before entering the land is *sealed* within our hearts by His blood (1 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 4:1-13).

Seal: Strong’s H2856 חַתָּם *chatham* is a masculine noun, from the root *hatam* “to seal,” refers to a seal made of engraved stone impressed in clay or wax to authenticate a document as in covenant.

Our walk of obedience to the Covenant called the walk of redemption is *the witness* that creates His *mark* or *seal* upon us. Our job is to agree with His word thereby giving the environment for the Holy Spirit/*Ruach* to work through (Matthew 27:25).

🌿 **2 Timothy 2:20-22** “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone [*believer*] cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

Blessings or Curses?

Deuteronomy 28:15-44

🌿 **Deuteronomy 28:15-44** “But it shall come to pass, *if* you do not obey the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.”

Henry Wright from *Be In Health* says,

“God allows curses to come upon His people due to our transgressions (sins), many of which go back to our forefathers. *Transgression* literally means to cross or go against God’s will. This is our active refusal to acknowledge and observe God’s teaching and instruction in our daily lives.”

“The Bible describes in detail blessings and curses as consequences of our life choices. As a consequence of our actions, we either choose His way (blessings), or suffer from the consequences of disobedience (curses) in our own lives. Both of which may be passed down to the third and fourth generations. Curses that are passed down from generation to generation are known as *iniquities*. *Transgression* is the disobedience *we* willfully do on our own. Our transgressions can become iniquities. The decisions we make today not only determine our destiny but could determine the destiny of our children and their future generations. It is very important to recognize these as sins in our

life and to take responsibility for them. Then to repent, renounce and remove it from our life. Finally, to resist it [*the temptation*] and thank God for the victory in restoring you and healing you.”

“Do any of these following curses apply to us or to anyone in our family? These signs and wonders in our life are God’s warning that we may have stepped outside His instructions for life and are touching the realm of death. (Deuteronomy 28:46) *Fear, stress and anxiety* are a major plague in the people of America today. It is also the root of many diseases. Bitterness is a principality that hosts unforgiveness, resentment, retaliation, anger, hatred, violence and even murder. Attitudes of the heart are the basis for many physical ailments and diseases in people’s lives, diseases that can bring death. Disease comes from within.”

“Many curses are brought about by internal sins (iniquities) stemming from third and fourth generations or from this generation. The sequence of sexual sins may lead to mental/emotional breakdown, poverty then to rage/anger” (End of quote).

Seven Areas of Breakdown

1. Mental and/or emotional breakdown include:

Madness, driven mad (Deuteronomy 28:28, 34), confusion of heart or confusion of mind, depression (Deuteronomy 28:20, 28), a trembling heart or an anxious mind (Deuteronomy 28:65), the anguish of soul or a despairing heart (Deuteronomy 28:65). The areas affected are described as the heart, the soul and/or the mind.

Possible symptoms/consequences: Confusion and depression and emotional rollercoasters, rebellion.

Possible root causes: Earth worship (Wicca, New Age), occult involvement whether white or black magic and involvement in horoscopes, astrology, Ouija boards, tarot cards, etc., paganism, involvement in secret societies, i.e., fraternities, sororities, Freemasonry, Lodges (Elks, Moose, Kiwanis, etc.) spirits of fear, unloving, self-rejection, torment, death.

2. Repeated or chronic sicknesses (especially if hereditary) include:

Plague or plagued with diseases (Deuteronomy 28:21), consumption or wasting diseases (Deuteronomy 28:22), severe burning fever (Deuteronomy 28:22), inflammation (Deuteronomy 28:22), incurable boils (Deuteronomy 28:27,35), tumors/cancer (Deuteronomy 28:27), scabs or festering sores (Deuteronomy 28:27), incurable itch (Deuteronomy 28:27), blindness (Deuteronomy 28:28), extraordinary, fearful, prolonged plagues like diabetes (Deuteronomy 28:59), serious and prolonged sicknesses or severe and lingering diseases like cancer or heart disease (Deuteronomy 28:59), every other kind of sickness and plagues (Deuteronomy 28:61). Either these are inherited through generations or self-inflicted.

Possible root causes: Bitterroot judgments or unforgiveness (especially towards parents, spouse, ex-spouse, and employers) or against anyone who abused or molested you, late onset of diabetes and asthma often result from bitter root judgments against your parents, and/or against present or past spouses, spirits of fear, stress and anxiety, spirits of infirmity, self bitterness, self rejection, self-hatred and death.

3. Barrenness, a tendency to miscarry or female related problems:

The key phrase from Deuteronomy 28 is “Cursed shall be the fruit of your body” or your womb (Deuteronomy 28:18). This curse may affect any of the various organs or functions involved in procreation. These include: inability to conceive; a tendency to miscarry; fetal death during or before childbirth; endometriosis; failure to menstruate; irregular menstruation; debilitating menstrual cramps; frigidity; cysts, tumors or other growths or structural defects affecting any of the various organs connected with the reproductive process; any condition leading to hysterectomy; prostate cancer in men; low sperm count in men; sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Possible root causes: Many causes relate to violations of the laws of *Niddah* (the Biblical laws of separation during the woman’s monthly flow or after birthing). Scripture is very clear about not having marital relations with a woman during her monthly flow for seven days (start to finish) (Leviticus 15:19-33). Cervical cancer or other female related problems can be linked to a violation of this law. Other possible root causes are: bitterness or unforgiveness, fornication outside Torah principles which include adultery, oral sex and masturbation (which is a homosexual act called witchcraft), pornography, unrepented abortion, soul ties (flashbacks of past relationships), comparing your spouse parents with your own parents, spirits of rejection, self-rejection, self-hatred, and guilt; fear of rejection; fear of failure; unloving spirits; negative vows and oaths regarding conception.

4. Breakdown of marriage and family alienation:

Deuteronomy 28:41 “You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity.”

Possible symptoms/consequences: Divorce, poor relationship with parent/grandparents/ in-laws, rebellious children, abuse to spouse and/or children, neglect or abandonment of children causing them to be orphaned, critical or judgmental spirit, accusations, envy/jealousy.

Possible root causes: Religious spirit, spirits of pride, anger, critical spirit, fear, occultism, not honoring your parents. Note: divorce will cause us to live in poverty for a season, whether spiritually, mentally or financially.

5. Continuing financial insufficiency:

Deuteronomy 28:17 “Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl or trough; you shall not prosper in your ways, or you will be unsuccessful in everything you do.” The full outworking of this curse, however, is most graphically presented in verses 47-48; “Because you did not serve God/*Elohim* with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom God/*Elohim* will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of all things [*absolute poverty*].” Biblically speaking, God’s/*Elohim* abundance is having all you need to do God’s/*Elohim* will and something left over to give to others. We must recognize that there is a higher level of wealth than just the material (Proverbs 13:7).

Possible root curses: One of the biggest areas of continuing financial insufficiency is related to generational or personal sexual immorality, adulterous affairs, pornography, and spirit of covetousness (greed). The spirit of lust is a root of both financial insufficiency and sexual immorality. Typically, when one is involved in sexual immorality, their spirit cries out in the form of anger and rage. Also fear of poverty will keep believers from tithing, idolatry of money, a generational curse, or accusing God/*Elohim* of not providing or caring.

6. Being accident-prone:

“You shall grope...as a blind man gropes in darkness” (Deuteronomy 28:29). Including freak accidents, carelessness, impulsiveness, and unnatural impulse to do harm to another or animals, an unusually high number of vehicle accidents.

Possible root causes: Self-sabotage, self-retaliation, victim spirits, spirit of fear, anxiety and stress, possible occultism (curse of death coming out of Freemasonry), molestation, abuse.

7. A history of suicides and unnatural or untimely early deaths, including:

Thoughts of suicide or trying to commit suicide, lack of joy in your life, critical or judgmental spirit, self-hatred, the untimely death of family members due to murder, suicides, or diseases that took someone’s life at an early age.

Possible root causes: Abuse, molestation, occult activity (false religions) in the generations, often Freemasonry (there is a curse of death coming out of this), self-idolatry, fear of tomorrow, fear of living, broken heart, self-bitterness, murder, lying spirit.

Along with the list above, eating outside Biblical guidelines for our wellbeing further aggravates many health issues (including mental/emotional breakdowns, repeated/chronic sicknesses, and female problems).

We suggest that if a believer recognizes any of the symptoms above from Deuteronomy 28:15-68, the notes at the end of this teaching will help. Yeshua's blood purifies His people, yet believers can incur contamination from sins coming from their own lives or inherited. The process of cleansing is our choice. This is not a salvation issue, as the principles (law) of the blessings and curses still apply under Yeshua's blood. With the High Holy Days approaching, this is a good time for repentance and temple maintenance.

The Mikvah



The mikvah is a Biblical practice of water immersion through which people around the world for thousands of years have reached out to God/*Elohim* for repentance and spiritual renewal. The mikvah encourages people to look for any known or unknown sin that they or their forefathers may have committed. After going through each section on the curses in Deuteronomy 28 listed in this lesson, ask the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* to bring to our attention things that may have been missed. Write

down any patterns that show up. Then invite God/*Elohim* to cleanse you of all iniquities and transgressions through a personal prayer of repentance through Yeshua.

Mikvah's grant believers an opportunity to close the doors on their former unrighteous ways and have a deeper, more profound relationship with Yeshua. *First* believers must forgive themselves, and *secondly* forgive anyone who has hurt them physically, spiritually, and emotionally in the past and those they personally hurt. And *thirdly*, ask God's/*Elohim* forgiveness and thank Him (Colossians 3:12-13).

“Hebrew tradition identifies three stages in the process of forgiveness, whether you are being forgiven or you are forgiving other. The steps are identifies by the words *s'lechah* (forgiveness), *m'chilah* (letting go), *nad kapparah* (atonement). Forgiveness begins with the conscious intention to forgive. But if the process ends there, the feelings of guilt or resentment reappear when you least expect them. Letting go means, *you no longer need the past to have been any different than it was*. At this stage, you may remember the pain, but you are no longer consumed either with guilt or resentment. With atonement, you can accomplish something positive that otherwise would not have been possible. You still remember, and you still may feel the pain, but the act of atonement transforms the pain into a blessing.” Rabbi Ted Falcon, Ph.D.

In the month of Elul, the preparation month for the High Holy Days, many are preparing themselves for the Fall Feast days of *Yom Teruah*, *Yom Kippur*, and *Sukkot/Tabernacle* by entering this cleansing. Many are coming to Yeshua confessing and cleansing their hearts and souls before Him.

If you do not know your Savior *Yeshua Ha Mashiach* we invite you to share this prayer with us:

“I believe that Yeshua of Nazareth is the promised Son of God, the Messiah of Israel. He was crucified for my sins, was buried and arose the third day according to the Scriptures. I believe He is ascended into the heavens and all power in heaven and earth is given unto Him. I believe He has promised to return and all that believe in Him and are immersed into His name (lifestyle) will receive remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and citizenship in the Commonwealth of Israel – God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom. I receive His forgiveness for my sins this day and confess Yeshua of Nazareth/*Yeshua HaMashiach* as my personal Lord and Savior.” Amen

Do you believe with all your heart that Yeshua the Messiah is the revealed manifestation of God’s/*Elohim* word in the flesh?

Prayer of Confession before Mikvah:

“The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I ask You to forgive me of my disobedience, my iniquities, and transgressions. I forgive my forefathers for turning their backs on Your Torah. I forgive all those who hurt me physically, spiritually, and emotionally. In Yeshua HaMashiach’s name, I forbid and not permit any demonic influences from operating in my life according to Torah, and that your Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* be loosed to operate in my life according to Torah, to rule and reign in my life, and to help me walk in Your Will. I ask this in the name of my Lord and Savior, Yeshua Ha Mashiach. Amen.”

Declaration:

“Hear O Israel; the LORD/*Yahweh* Is One and the Only God/*Elohim* of Israel.”
“I vow this day to love and serve the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* of Israel with all my heart and with all my soul, with all my strength, and with all my understanding. I believe that when I walk in His words that are in my heart, in my mouth, and before my eyes, then it will be counted to me for righteousness. And God/*Elohim* will not impute unto me unrighteousness, but will cast my sins into the depths of the sea, and He will pour out His Holy Spirit/*Rauch ha Kodesh* upon me, giving me a new heart, and He will give His angels charge over me to guard me to prosper my ways. I believe salvation is not obtained by works of righteousness that *I have done* but is obtained only according to His mercy. Hereby He saves me, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit/*Rauch HaKodesh*, whom He promises to pour out on me abundantly through faith in Messiah/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, my Savior.”

After your confession, immerse in the Mikvah.

How To Take A Mikvah: Home Immersion

At home, fill the bathtub (or if you just have your shower fill with a couple of inches of water at the bottom), get in, then turn the tap (or shower on) and let the water drain out of the tub while

you submerge in the water. If a lake or fresh water source is available for immersion - all the better! (1 John 5:6-8).

Our prayer for you: “And the God/*Elohim* of Peace who raised Yeshua our Great Shepherd from the dead, through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant, now cleanse you from all darkness and fill you with the brilliance of the Holy Spirit/*Rauch HaKodesh*, making you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well-pleasing in His sight, through Yeshua, your Messiah, to Whom be all glory forever” Amen.

Shabbat Shalom
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