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Exodus 6:2 to 9:35
Ezekiel 28:25 to 29:21
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Plagues: Part One

The last study examined the Children of Israel's four hundred years in captivity and how God's/*Elohim* hand of deliverance began working on their behalf as prophesied in Genesis 15:13-14. God/*Elohim* prepared Moses as prophet and ambassador to bring about the release and redemption of His people Israel. He heard their groaning and remembered His Covenant with them. To begin this great mission, God/*Elohim* assured Moses who He is by His name *I AM* and that He alone is the God/*Elohim* of Israel; *the I AM who appeared before Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob* (Exodus 3:14-15).

God Promises Deliverance

🌿 **Exodus 6:6-8** “Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am LORD/*Yahweh*; ***I will*** bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, ***I will*** rescue you from their bondage, and ***I will*** redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ***I will*** take you as My people, and ***I will*** be your God/*Elohim*. Then you shall know that I am the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ‘And ***I will*** bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and ***I will*** give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD/*Yahweh*”

God's/*Elohim* seven *I wills* were not only for Moses and the Israelites in their day but also carried forward to our day as well. Our part is to *believe* so we can *hear/shema* to do. His inheritance comes toward those who faithfully walk in His Word. The pursuit of holiness rests in the act of obedience. The words spoken in Exodus 6:6-8 are echoed again by the prophet Ezekiel after Israel had broken faith with God/*Elohim*. Thus, this prophecy is still applicable and contains the same redemptive qualities as they had for Moses centuries earlier.

🌿 **Ezekiel 36:24-31** (A Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel) “For ***I will*** take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land. ***I will*** sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; ***I will*** cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, ***I will*** give you a new heart and put a new spirit within

you; **I will** remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will** put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and **I will** be your God/*Elohim*. **I will** save you from all your uncleanness. **I will** call for the grain and multiply it, and **I will** not bring a famine on you. **I will** multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.”

Israel's Response

Exodus 6:9

When Moses reported God's/*Elohim* plan to His people, they were not exactly overjoyed. Their struggles and profound discouragement under Pharaoh's cruelty left them with little hope. They longed to believe Moses but because of their lengthy bondage their hearing had grown dull. Today, many have persevered through struggles and are waiting for His deliverance. During challenging times, know that when we walk in His Covenantal ways, He will strengthen His people as He did Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. This trust in God/*Elohim* will keep hearts from losing hope, as their redemption draws near.

🦁 **Isaiah 35:4-10** “Say to those who are fearful-hearted [*the redeemed ones in the wilderness*], ‘Be strong, ***do not fear!*** Behold, your God/*Elohim* will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God/*Elohim*; He will come and save you.’ ***Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing.*** For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and a road and it shall be called ***the Highway of Holiness***. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; it shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD/*Yahweh* shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

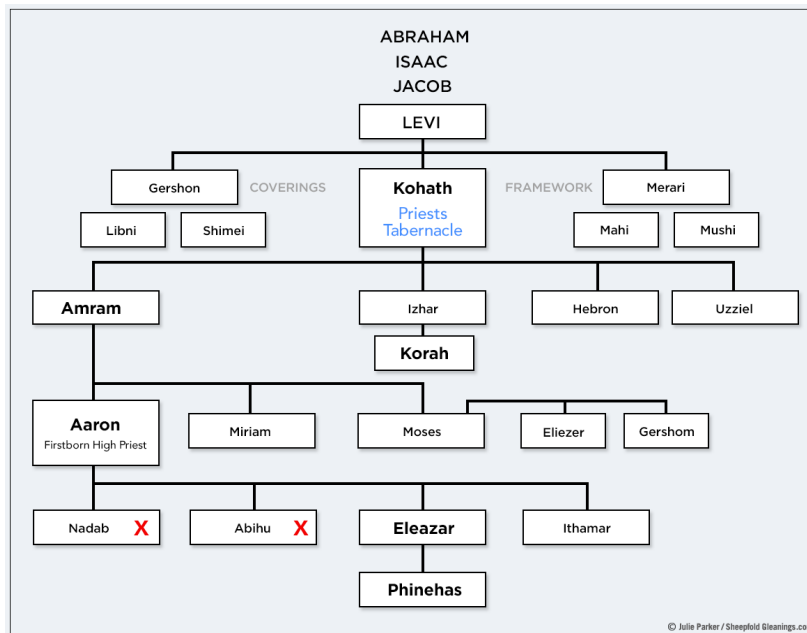
God's/*Elohim* people need to keep His words close to their heart and remember that it was because of their forefather's rebellion to His instructions that resulted in their generation experiencing the wilderness. We must also bear in mind that *if* this generation returns to His ways, the wilderness is where the rebellion ends. Once His people make repentance/*Teshuvah*, the journey of redemption begins. They will no longer be dull of hearing, blind to His ways or poor in heart. Their walk through the desert will become stable, filled with abundant life, and refreshed by streams of living water. The journey home removes any corrupt residual nature of the heart and points to the *Highway of Holiness* (Isaiah 35 and 40). This highway leads to Mount Sinai and the giving and receiving of the ten utterances (commandments).

Many believers today are choosing to discard their grave clothes to embrace the way of holiness. Moses and Aaron understood this journey; therefore stood before Pharaoh with that one purpose in mind - *the release of God's/Elohim people and their walk toward Mount Sinai to worship at His Feast of Shavuot.*

📖 **Exodus 5:1** “Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD/Yahweh God/Elohim of Israel: ‘Let My people go, that they may hold a feast [*the Feast of Shavuot*] to Me in the wilderness [*at Mount Sinai*]’” (Exodus 10:9).

Genealogy Of Moses And Aaron Exodus 6:13-25

Scripture now breaks the narrative to highlight Moses and Aaron’s lineage. As the third son of Jacob, *Levi* had three sons: *Gershon*, *Kohath*, and *Merari*. Moses and Aaron were from the *Kohath* line of Levites. *Kohath* had four sons: *Amran*, *Izhar*, *Hebron*, and *Uzziel*. *Amran* married a Levite, *Jochebed*, and they had three children: *Miriam*, *Aaron*, and *Moses*. *Aaron* had four sons: *Nadab*, *Abihu*, *Eleazar*, and *Ithamar*, and *Moses* had two sons: *Gershom* and *Eliezer*. These families were called Levites in Scripture. The *priestly line* came from the *Kohath* family with *Aaron* and his firstborn son becoming the high priest for the Tabernacle duties. It was Aaron’s son *Eleazar* who became high priest after him, and then *Eleazar*’s son *Phinehas* after him.



Understanding the family tree and the many functions of the Levite clan helps the reader appreciate Scripture in a deeper way, as every function of the *priesthood* instructs the Bride of Yeshua in the walk of holiness. Each Levitical family had their designated duties for the care of the Tabernacle and adjacent areas. Of the three Levitical tribes, only *Kohath* was given the responsibility for the services within the Tabernacle and the building itself. No other Levitical family was allowed to enter or tend to the duties of the Tabernacle. These functions were solely reserved for the *Kohath priestly* family. The *Kohath* ministered *before God/Elohim in the*

Tabernacle while the *Gershon* and *Merari* Levites ministered *to the people in the outer court* before the Tabernacle.

🔥 **Numbers 18:1-4** Then the LORD/*Yahweh* said to Aaron: “You and your sons and your father’s house with you shall bear the iniquity *related to* the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity *associated with* your priesthood. Also bring with you your brethren of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may be joined with you and serve you while you and your sons *are* with you before the tabernacle of witness. They shall attend to your needs and all the needs of the tabernacle; but they shall not come near the articles of the sanctuary and the altar, lest they die - they and you also. They shall be joined with you and attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, for all the work of the tabernacle; but an outsider shall not come near you.”

Assimilation Versus Set-Apart

The understanding of the priesthood, including their attitudes and behaviors, is important for believers today as Scripture refers to those who are redeemed and walking in Torah with the Spirit of Yeshua *as a royal priesthood and a holy nation*. Believers are to bear witness of a heavenly Yeshua/*Tabernacle* on earth and minister this Gospel among the nations/people. Therefore, the understanding of Tabernacle protocol is imperative.

🔥 **1 Peter 2:9** “But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (Revelation 1:6).

🔥 **Hebrews 8:1-2** “Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”

The passage in Exodus chapter six providing the genealogy of Moses and Aaron speaks of the priesthood. It also reveals the beginning or foundation of the Bride of Messiah’s lifestyle and her walk of sanctification and holiness. Here God/*Elohim* unfolds the different functions of the Tabernacle as a shadow or picture of Himself. He also describes the way of holiness for His people, *as they are made in His Image*. Therefore, it is essential that this pattern of the Tabernacle be understood and followed by believers, as this model is God’s/*Elohim* City or Kingdom and tells His people *how* to be set apart as a royal priesthood and His Bride (Exodus 6:13-25; Ezekiel 43:10-12; Matthew 6:10; Revelation 3:12; 21:2; 21:10).

It is also interesting to note that after *four hundred years of exile and oppression*, not only were the twelve tribes still in their distinct tribal units, but we also have an inside look at the tribe of Levi with their firstborn bloodline inheritance intact. When God/*Elohim* called Moses and Aaron from among the Levite tribes to lead Israel from Egypt, their family genealogy was unbroken. Keeping His original plan and family identity was crucial for the return. It also showed God’s/*Elohim* faithfulness to His people. It was true in their day, and it will be true in our day, as this story of Exodus is prophetic of the Messiah’s return and the ingathering of His people.

As we enter into the Messianic Era today, we are beginning to see an order being restored and an assembling of a people called *Israel*. This order confirms His promise by Covenant to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that He will restore His people back to His Kingdom ways. This return is referred to as the restoration of the *House of David*. One of the signs that the restoration is present and growing is that God's/*Elohim* hidden and scattered people among the nations will start to return supernaturally. First by observing His true Sabbath. Secondly, by celebrating His true Feast Days and thirdly, His New Moon festival. These people may not have had any Hebrew roots or ancient Israeli ancestry that they know of, but they do have a strong desire to serve the One True High Priest, *Yeshua Ha Mashiach* and walk in His ways (Ezekiel 44:23-24).

The Exodus is not just a story of ancient times but also a prophetic vision for believers today. The book of Revelation is a reflection of the book of Exodus. When the Apostle John was on the Island of Patmos, he saw the book of Exodus in prophetic imagery in a future time frame. That vision is called *The Revelation of Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach*. The plagues John witnessed and recorded were almost identical to the plagues of the Exodus.

The book of Exodus is for believers, as it holds wisdom for tomorrow. *How* to prepare for Yeshua's return is modeled in the book of Exodus. Egypt is a type of the world system/*olam hazeh*. God/*Elohim* said, "*Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their divisions.*" It was Moses who led the children of Israel out of captivity, and it will be the people who follow Moses in these end days who will *restore* David's fallen Tabernacle and *return* to dwell with Yeshua in the land (the New Jerusalem).

📖 **Amos 9:11** "On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and *repair* its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and *rebuild it as in the days of old.*"

If believers uphold Moses, they uphold Yeshua, as it was Yeshua who gave the Gospel/*Torah* message to Moses initially. Moses did not write down his own words to form the Torah. He wrote Yeshua's words. If we follow His prophetic words, we too will return to the land of promise. *We must turn back* (to Moses) *to go forward in Yeshua.*

📖 **John 5:46-47** Yeshua said, "If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he [*Moses*] wrote about me [*Yeshua*]. But since you [*believer*] do not believe what he [*Moses*] wrote, how are you [*believer*] going to believe what I say [*Yeshua*]?"

When we read Revelation 21:12, it is important to note that in the future, each of the twelve gates into the New Jerusalem is named after *one of the twelve tribes*.

📖 **Revelation 21:12** "Also she [*the new Jerusalem*] had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which *are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.*"

The world says that many of the twelve tribes have assimilated and become unidentifiable, yet after countless generations, in the last days, we read of all the twelve tribes of Israel once again intact and emerging in their original family positions. The Book of Revelation records Yeshua's words saying that His people will know who they are and pass under *their own gate* into the New

Jerusalem. Revelation 21:12 also clarifies that there are no *extra gates* called “*Gentile,*” “*Baptist,*” “*Roman Catholic,*” “*Presbyterian,*” “*Protestant,*” “*Greek Orthodox,*” “*Dutch Reform,*” “*Lutheran,*” “*Non-Denominational,*” “*Christian,*” “*One New Man,*” “*Spiritual Israel*” or one called “*Interfaith for Christislamism, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.*” into the New Jerusalem. God/*Elohim* only listed twelve gates under the names that He chose. Therefore, Scripture tells us that in the end-days Yeshua’s people will not only identify with *physical Israel* but also identify with one of the twelve sons of Jacob (*Israel*).

✠ **Ezekiel 47:13-14** (*A prophetic message yet to be fulfilled*) “Thus says the Lord/*Adonai* GOD/*Elohim*: ‘These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions. You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.’”

Thirty years after Yeshua’s death, Acts 26:7 records the words of Paul who said,

✠ **Acts 26:7** “And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God/*Elohim* to our fathers [*Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*]. To this *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God/*Elohim* night and day, hope to attain. For this hope’s sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews [*not the righteous Jews, but the wicked Jews*].”

Paul’s stood on the promises that God/*Elohim* gifted to Abraham and his descendants by Covenant. He endured hardship and faced death for what he believed. His hope and desire was to see God’s/*Elohim* prophecy fulfilled to the twelve tribes in that Israel would return as twelve individual people groups united in Yeshua. The return of all twelve is the truth of the Gospel. Paul staked his life on this very prophecy and we should too.

Will this happen in our generation? The prophecy states “*bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions*” (Exodus 6:26). Currently, the Spirit of the Holy One is breathing upon the valley of dry bones and re-gathering those who are scattered among the nations. Today, many believers are shedding their worldly beliefs, lifestyles, and cultural identities through the teachings of Moses. This breathing will lead to a great reunification and ingathering. In the end, we will look upon the twelve tribes of Israel in their full divisions. If God/*Elohim* spoke it, *He* will do it, and it will come to pass. Our job, as His disciples, is to believe it. That is the work (Gospel) we are called to share and walk (Ezekiel 37; Galatians 3:7, 29).

Do We Believe?

Many religious Jews do not believe that the return of all twelve tribes is possible today. I spoke with a conservative Rabbi at our local Jewish synagogue who assured me it was impossible. Even if God/*Elohim* said it, and the prophets prophesied it, it was simply not doable. This Rabbi went on to say, “*Can you imagine what chaos this would produce in the world today if they did?*” Because many Jews have lost faith, they no longer believe God/*Elohim* or their Bible. Many say that large sections of the book of Genesis and most of the Torah are *allegorical*. Many Christians debate that also. Due to such liberal reasoning, our society has become corrupt and lacks moral judgments to guide them. Returning to the original pattern given us by Moses is vital

for the survival of *all Israel*, as the Covenants of God/*Elohim* all originate in the first five books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy – called *The Tree of Life*.

✠ **2 Timothy 4:3-5** “For the time will come when they [*believers*] will not endure sound doctrine [*the Gospel as taught by Moses*], but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears [*compromise*], they will heap up for themselves [*false*] teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth [*of Yeshua*], and be turned aside to fables. But you [*believers*] be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

✠ **Amos 9:10** “All the *sinners* of My people [*those believers who choose to turn away from walking according to God’s/Elohim word*] shall die by the sword.”

When Moses and Aaron were about to stand before Pharaoh, they were given no more, and no less faith than any of us have received. It was their trust in God’s/*Elohim* Word/*Gospel* and not in themselves that made the difference and strengthened their faith. Moses and Aaron put their lives and the lives of all Israel into God’s/*Elohim* hand because they believed in *His* faithfulness to perform what He declared. Because many *believers* do not believe in God’s/*Elohim* word their faith has flatlined and become weak, crumbling at the slightest challenges because of it. Many are in need of an injection of the Gospel to rise to life again. It is essential that God’s/*Elohim* people take a stand on His promises so they can *act* upon them. We are not called to pick and choose what we want to believe. We are all called to believe all of it! Every victory and revival begins with *trust and obey*. Since Moses and Aaron trusted God/*Elohim*, they had the confidence to stand unwavering before Pharaoh through all the trials. Great signs and wonders follow those who *believe*.

✠ **1 John 5:13** “These things I have written to you who *believe* in the name of the Son of God/*Elohim*, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to believe in the name of the Son of God/Elohim*.”

✠ **Hebrews 11:6** “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God/*Elohim* must *believe that He is*, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

✠ **James 2:17** “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

✠ **Ecclesiastes 12:13** “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God/*Elohim* and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.”

Yeshua promised that if His people sincerely *believe and walk* in His Gospel (the same Gospel that He gave Moses), their lives would transform. When we do, His Helper, called *the Spirit of Truth*, will teach and convict us of any sin or unbelief, fill us with His righteousness, and give us the ability to discern the temptations and wiles of the enemy. Belief in Yeshua produces much fruit and perfects His love in us and through us (John 13:31-15:17).

One True God!
Appearing Before Pharaoh
Exodus 7:6-19

Moses and Aaron began their ministry in God's/*Elohim* service at the ages of eighty and eighty-three respectively. They were commanded to appear before Pharaoh to perform a miracle. Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh, and it changed into a snake. Pharaoh's magicians were also able to duplicate this sign, so the king's heart remained unchanged, refusing to release the Israelites.

As promised, the plagues began to appear. They came in waves attacking the Egyptian gods, their calendar, their feast days, their land, their houses, their clothing, and their flesh. These plagues exposed Egypt's detestable ways and corrupt hearts (Leviticus 13-14).

Note: God/*Elohim* uses this illustration of the Egyptian plagues throughout history as a warning to future generations not to assimilate into the ways of the nations around them, and especially not to worship foreign gods or idols. His people must be careful not to allow or be tempted into elevating anything other than what God/*Elohim* instructs us in His word, or we too will be marked (consumed) and fall away (Deuteronomy 7:15; 28:60; Isaiah 66:17; Amos 4:10; Matthew 24:6-7 and Revelation 16).

🌿 **Jude 1:5** “But I want to remind you [*believers*], though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe [*obey*].”

God/*Elohim* knew that many of His people would fall into temptation and warned them ahead of time how to prepare using these living examples found in the Exodus. In this study (and the one following), we share about the Egyptian gods to inform. For example, many believers today are worshipping the god of Saturn (called *Saturnalia worship*) without realizing it. This pagan worship in the Christian faith is deeply rooted. Worship such as Christmas (*Santa Claus, Christmas trees, mistletoe, Yule logs, wreaths, etc.*), Easter (*the Easter bunny, decorated eggs, sunrise worship, hot cross buns, etc.*), Lent, Mardi Gras, Halloween, and Valentine's Day all have their origins in Saturnalia worship. Sexual immorality, child sacrifices (abortions), are also part of Saturnalia worship. Today, we have the resource of the Internet to help shed light on what many thought were forms of Christian worship, but are not. As we study the ten plagues of Egypt, it will become apparent. We are commanded to keep the Feast of Passover/*Pesach* each year, to bind the truths of the Exodus story as a sign upon our hand and a memorial between our eyes. Each year Passover is to remind believers of their identity, to keep free from any defilement, to guard their hearts, and to warn and teach future generations why they too are to celebrate this Feast. Passover is a crucial fundamental core feast for every believer in Yeshua.

🌿 **Exodus 13:9** “It [*Passover*] shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD's/*Yahweh's* law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD/*Yahweh* has brought you out of Egypt.”

The First Plague - Blood Exodus 7:14-24

Scripture points out that at this time in history man knew God as *Elohim*.

✠ **Exodus 6:3** “I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as *God Almighty/El* אֱלֹהִים *Shaddai* יְהוָה, but by My name *LORD/Yahweh* יהוה I was not known to them.”

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob only understood God/*Elohim* as Almighty Father, nurturer, and provider. Now He was about to reveal His power and authority through His Name *YHWH/Yahweh* as their Defender and Deliverer by His great signs and wonders.

The hardening of Pharaoh’s heart, set in motion a chain of events that would demonstrate God’s/*Elohim* deliverance and bring about the promised redemption for the Israelites. With Pharaoh’s refusal, God/*Elohim* exposed the false gods of Egypt and displayed His Name (His character and lifestyle - *Glory*) among the nations. In the first series of plagues, God/*Elohim* sent Moses early in the morning to wait by the bank of the Nile River and warn Pharaoh what He planned to do.

✠ **Exodus 7:20-21** “Moses raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile River, and all the water was changed into blood. The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.”

As Pharaoh had commanded every Hebrew newborn male cast into the Nile, this first plague attacked *Hapi*, the Egyptian father of the gods and the god of the Nile. It was said he provided water to all Egypt for the preservation of life and was responsible for watering the meadows and bringing the dew. Hapi is their fertility god that brought fertile flooding by the rising of the Nile. His association was with the Egyptian god *Osiris*. The Egyptians believed that the Nile played a vital role in this life and the next, and comprised the lifeblood of *Osiris*. The Egyptians worshiped the river but when its waters turned to blood they loathed and detested it. This plague brought the Egyptians confusion and shame and defamed their god *Hapi*. Other Egyptian deities connected with the Nile were *Amon* and *Khnum*, who were considered guardians of the Nile.

The Nile held the very life of Egypt and controlled their economy. What happens when people put their hope in an economy or inadvertently make money their god? What would happen if a natural disaster like a tsunami or hurricane hit and their life-support was gone? Lack of food, water, and shelter are traumatic. Can we imagine the loss of livelihood if the world’s economy fell like the Nile? Many are experiencing this today. The loss would not only affect the people personally but nationally and internationally, as many countries depend on other nations for their support. That leaves us with one question: “*Where have we put our hope and trust?*” The Egyptian magicians were able to duplicate this plague. Therefore, Pharaoh was unimpressed.

The Second Plague - Frogs Exodus 8:1-15

After waiting seven days (for purification from the blood), Moses again came before Pharaoh saying, “*Let my people go so they may worship Me.*” When he refused, God/*Elohim* commanded Aaron to raise his staff over the streams, canals, and ponds. Frogs appeared and covered all of Egypt. They died in the Nile, in the houses, the courtyards, and in the fields. They piled up in heaps and the land reeked of them. Frogs and toads were a symbol of inspiration to the Egyptian god *Osiris* and were considered sacred. If anyone killed a frog, even unintentionally, the sin was punishable by death. The plague of frogs was an attack on *Heka (Heqt)* the Egyptian toad goddess, wife of *Khnum*. She was the goddess of resurrection and procreative power, but now she brought the opposite - a stench of death. Pharaoh’s magicians were able to duplicate the frogs, but could not make them disappear. Thus, Pharaoh had to humble himself and ask Moses for help. Moses answered,

Exodus 8:6 “It will be as you have said, *and from this you will learn that ADONAI our God has no equal.*”^{CJB}

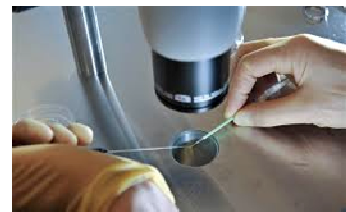
After the land had been cleared, Pharaoh’s heart was still hardened.

Fertility

Much of our culture has paralleled many of the Egyptians practices; therefore, we turn to examine how today the world is at risk for the same judgments of ancient Egypt. As the world is forcing more liberal views on the general public, heterosexual marriage between a man and a woman is being threatened as a minority. Through the media and school systems, the general public is pressured to accept the LGBT agenda of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender relationships as being just as normal as a heterosexual couple, because of their love for one another. Day of Pink (or Pink Shirt Day) is labeled as anti-bullying day. However, it stands for the support of the LGBT activities and community. The LGBT platform says that because God/*Elohim* is love, He also created these other loving relationships. The thought that they bypass the immoral act and biblical implication of sin by empowering the *emotion of love* in their eyes substantiates, endorses, and legitimizes the indecency of the act itself. That is what the world is told to accept socially, if not, those who oppose are labeled as discriminatory, bigoted, biased, and intolerant. Even adoption laws are changing because of this mindset. It is hard to imagine Adam and Adam or Eve and Eve in the garden, but that is what the enemy’s strong undercurrent strategy infers. They want to change God’s/*Elohim* original moral code of creation and rewrite the Bible.

Engineering Humans

Today many married couples are facing a rise in infertility. In 1984, 5% of married couples were infertile. Currently, it is 10% or 6.1 million and another 15% or 7.4 million use services for infertility. Despairing couples are putting their hope in science and the medical profession to seek solutions in their desire to procreate, even consenting to the enormous cost (more than



\$10,000 plus) for *in vitro* (in glass) fertilization clinics. That price not only puts great physical pressure on the couple but also emotionally and in many cases sets the marital relationship in crisis mode. The pain of barrenness is very difficult but who speaks for the ethics of the embryo, which more correctly is a human embryo? We are not saying this procedure is right or wrong. We know of many young couples today that have beautiful children because of the help they have received. The purpose of this article is to inform and equip God's/*Elohim* people with a few facts if they are considering this route.

For those who choose the IVF process, it begins when the woman is instructed to inject herself several times a day for a period of time with very strong hormone chemicals to force her body to produce multiple egg follicles. Her body already produces up to fifteen eggs per month, so this massive dose of chemicals can be an added risk to her. An ultrasound reveals the number of mature eggs, which under heavy sedation are surgically removed just before ovulation. The eggs are each placed in a separate petri dish with the husband's sperm for fertilization. They are harvested as the embryo reaches the eight-cell stage. Those that appear healthy, and that grow normally, are selected and transferred into the uterus. The woman continues to inject more hormones where it is hoped *some* embryos will implant and develop to full term. A woman may have to undergo several treatment cycles before she becomes pregnant.

Human life is precious from the moment of conception. Unfortunately, with IVF clinics, some parents begin to think of a child as a commodity rather than a gift. It is reported that of 150 attempts to implant human embryos only four actually become successful and only one is carried to term.

The multi-billion dollar business of infertility in the U.S. is a lawless frontier. The question arises: What happens to all those extra healthy embryos not selected? "*Are they human life with potential or potential human life?*" Knowingly and willingly wasting human beings is unethical. The remaining *live* embryos are frozen to act as a backup if the first trial is unsuccessful or when the couple wants another child. What if the couple only wants two children, but there are six frozen human embryos? Who decides which *child* gets the opportunity to live and which ones remain frozen? What if in the selection process the parents only want a male child what happens to the female embryos? Does the female child get discarded, left frozen, sold or donated? The ethics involved are enormous. Who speaks for the human embryos? Who decides which ones live, which ones die, which ones to freeze, which ones to sell or which ones to donate?

This daily freezing and stockpiling of scores of humans who are still in their embryonic stages increases. It has been reported that fertility clinics in the United States already warehouse more than a million children in high-tech freezers filled with liquid nitrogen, children who are crystallized by-products of the *in vitro* fertilization process. Parents can choose to *re-animate* their embryonic children by thawing them, implanting them and gestating them, but in other instances, they end up being abandoned because their parents are now too old to carry a pregnancy or are content with the number of their already-born children. Stored embryos often end up being condemned to a kind of perpetual stasis, locked in time in the harsh wasteland of their liquid-nitrogen orphanages. Not to mention the funds needed to pay for the upkeep of these stored frozen embryos *for life*. This practice stands out as one of the great humanitarian tragedies of our age as frozen children have no voice to speak in their own defense. The freezing process

itself subjects embryonic humans to considerable risk. It is estimated that up to 90 percent of embryos do not survive the thawing process.

As mentioned earlier, the IVF specialists can make mention of *donating* unselected embryos. For those who conceive naturally and bear multiple children, we wouldn't think of selling or donating the surplus ones. If the word *human* is not involved, the embryo is thought of as a *thing* and, therefore, can be dealt with in lifeless terms. This injustice, once it has been foisted upon human embryos, is then used by others to argue on behalf of an even more shocking offense against their dignity: the destructive strip-mining of embryos to acquire their stem cells (*For more information, CNN: Determining The Fate Of Frozen Embryos by Paul Ford* <http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/24/living/frozen-embryos-elle-relate/>).

A fertility doctor may suggest a further selection may be necessary if he feels there are too many successfully planted embryos in the womb. The doctor is legally required to tell the parents this. The decision, however, remains with the parents. *Selection reduction* involves the doctor selecting the most accessible fetus, and then inserting a needle containing a potassium chloride solution into the heart. The doctor may recommend this treatment for more than one fetus so that the remaining one or two may have the best chance of survival.

Statistics clearly indicate that of the 4-5% of live births per one hundred fertilizations (in the most successful programs) makes the IVF procedure a relatively efficient method of abortion, with a 95 to 96% success rate. Biblical law is still in effect. Thus, we are talking about life and death here. Sadly today no one talks about this darker side of abortion. The spiritual price tag may be higher than we realize and unfortunately, very few people are aware that innocently violating God's/*Elohim* universal laws governing marriage and human life may bring about infertility. Even though every situation is unique, learning His ways could clear up many infertility problems and save tens of thousands of lives.

Human Harvesting Farms

In 2015, a series of candid videos were released exposing Planned Parenthood as a human tissue harvesting farm, often dissecting live embryos for their organs and trafficking baby parts for large profit. Legal action is still pending (www.lifesitenews.com).

The Third Plague - Gnats

Exodus 8:16-19

With no warning to Pharaoh, God/*Elohim* had Aaron strike the dust of the ground with his staff. Throughout the land of Egypt, the dust became gnats. Gnats were on all humans and animals alike. A gnat is not a mosquito. Gnats do not sting but bite with a scissor or saw-like jaw to feed on the blood. Only the female gnat bite (not the male), as they need the blood to reproduce their eggs. This plague was an attack on *Geb*, the Egyptian god of earth and vegetation. His representation was that of a goose that was said to have laid the egg that hatched the sun. The royal throne of Egypt was known as the throne of *Geb*. He was the father of *Osiris* and husband of *Nut*. Egyptian priests shaved their heads to prevent gnats which, if found, would render them unclean. The plague of gnats literally stopped all priestly rituals. The magicians could not duplicate this and said, "*This is the finger of God/Elohim.*"

Engineered Crops

Many people understand GMO to be a problem when it's eaten, that it can also be combined with special pesticides. Overuse of pesticides, not GMO is what contaminates the soil. Is this true or is there more to the story? One of the most comprehensive resources for Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) is Jeffrey Smith at Institute For Responsible Technology (IRT). Jeffrey wrote about a Monsanto employee who dared to expose the truth.

In 1996-7, Kirk Azevedo, an employee of Monsanto, oversaw the California and Arizona test fields for a new Bt program at Monsanto. He had a chance to observe the way in which the scientists at the test labs inserted the Bt insecticide into the gene, which caused the altering of the DNA of that seed. He was concerned that the way in which it was handled could potentially lead to the mutation of that protein creating new proteins call prions that are very toxic. Usually, the test fields were kept separate and then destroyed so no contamination would occur. However, Azevedo's fields were not destroyed after testing but fed to cattle. Azevedo tried to alert authorities of his fears but to no avail. In the end, the meat ended up on the tables of America and the rest is history.

Engineered crops began to appear in the marketplace in the mid-1990's. Many farmers, who were not familiar with Biblical farming practices, were open to the promises made by agricultural chemical companies saying their compounds would help enrich the soil, produce higher crop yields, and give better profitability. The companies patented God's/*Elohim* natural seed (that has been since time began) and changed the genetics of the seed by infusing it with herbicide and an insecticide. They said it was to help kill the weeds and insects that may try to destroy the plant during growing season. Now, these chemicals have not only shown up throughout the food chain; they are now found polluting our rivers, lakes, and streams, contaminating wild fish and animals, polluting neighboring farms with cross-pollination, and being identified in pregnant women and their newborn babies. The weeds they promised to prevent became superweeds. The soil exposed to these chemicals was found depleted of natural nutrients, organisms, good bacteria, and in many cases had become sterile. Humans who ingested this genetically modified organism (GMO) through the GM foods sold in the market were now becoming resistant to antibiotics and developing compromised immune systems that leave the door open for infection, disease, and infertility. Illnesses that were unheard of fifty years ago were now in epidemic proportions today. Mad cow disease, for instance, was not just an agricultural problem but was showing up in humans in the form of dementia and Alzheimer's.

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The Fourth Plague – Swarming Flies

Exodus 8:20-32

In the second series of plagues, God/*Elohim* told Moses and Aaron to rise early and confront Pharaoh as he came to the water, and say to him, “*Let my people go, so that they may worship me.*” Moses warned Pharaoh that if he did not let them go a plague of swarming flies would come upon the Egyptian people. However, they would not be found near the land of Goshen where God's/*Elohim* people lived. Here God/*Elohim* made a distinction between clean and unclean, holy and unholy. A separation was made between what was Egypt (the world *olam hazeh*), with all its idolatry and what was holy to Him (*olam haba*).

The swarm was an attack on the Egyptian god *Khepfi*, who is the god of insects. Included in the same plague was the beetle, a scarab, which was the emblem of Re (Ra), the Egyptian sun god. Their sun god had now become detestable to them.

Pharaoh's heart remained hard, and the mixture of flies came in swarms on all the people and filled their homes. Pharaoh responded by saying the Israelites could offer a sacrifice to God/*Elohim* but must remain within the borders of Egypt. Moses reminded Pharaoh that the Hebrew sacrifices were detestable to the Egyptians, as God/*Elohim* required the sacrifice of a bull, one of the most sacred gods in Egypt. To stop the massive swarm, Pharaoh again appealed to the God/*Elohim* of Moses for help. The flies left, but Pharaoh's heart remained hard.

Idols In The Heart

God/*Elohim* does not want His people to harbor other gods or idolatry in their heart. He is showing His people what He considers idolatry and what might cause their hearts to go after other gods. Spirits of addiction, greed, lust and the need to keep up appearances (food, clothing, material things, etc.) are all things desirous of the flesh. If not kept in check they will propel a person to work harder for the income to acquire these. Unloving spirits can cause people to feel the need to have man's approval and become like others. Harboring spirits of pride, jealousy, and fear can result in arguments and slanderous thoughts or speech against others. If we allow these struggles to take up residence in our thoughts and overshadow our focus of God/*Elohim*, then they are considered idols and adultery before Him. However, Scripture tells us *our sin comes from within* (James 4). The cure is to separate from that which keeps us from honoring

God/*Elohim*. Repenting and learning the right ways of *how* to walk in His lifestyle and allow God/*Elohim* to circumcise the heart from the idols that bind so we can pursue after Him, the only true God/*Elohim*.

✠ **Genesis 4:7** God/*Elohim* said, “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

All Creation obeys God/*Elohim*. The sun, moon, and stars stay in their orbits, the oceans do not cross their boundaries, seasons change from winter to summer, and birds and animals migrate - all in obedience to God's/*Elohim* creation. It is only man, made in God's/*Elohim* image, who is given a free choice whether or not to obey Him.

The Fifth Plague - On Livestock Exodus 9:1-7

God/*Elohim* again warned Pharaoh of the consequences if he did not respond to “*Let my people go, so that they may worship Me...*” A terrible plague fell on Egyptian livestock in the field. The working domestic animals of horses, donkeys, camels, and the pasture animals of cattle, sheep, and goats died.

This fifth plague struck the Egyptian god *Apis*, who was the bull god. His counterpart was *Hathor*, the cow goddess. The Egyptians held many beasts as idols in their land. The lion, wolf, dog, cat, ape, and goat were very sacred to them, as well as were the ox, heifer, and ram (*Khnum*) especially. The soul of their god *Osiris* was believed to reside in the body of the bull, *Apis*. The plague that struck the Egyptian livestock was a type of anthrax carried by the flies. Pharaoh sent men to investigate and was told that this terrible plague/disease touched not one of the animals belonging to the Hebrew people. This hardened Pharaoh's heart further.

The Sixth Plague - Boils Exodus 9:8-12

With no warning to Pharaoh, God/*Elohim* instructed Moses and Aaron to,

✠ **Exodus 9:8-9** “Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh. And it will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt.”

The sixth plague attacked *Thoth (Imhotep)*, the Egyptian god of medicine, intelligence, and wisdom. The Egyptians had several medical deities to whom, on special occasions, they sacrificed humans alive on a high altar. Their ashes were cast into the air that a blessing might descend upon the people with each scattered ash.

✠ **Exodus 9:10** “Then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered them toward heaven. And they caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast.”

Boils, also called skin anthrax, are black abscesses that develop into pustules. These can be caused by impurities in the blood that threaten the immune system resulting from a diseased spirit (a heart filled with bitterness) or by a sexually transmitted disease.

With the shaming of the Egyptian god of *Thoth*, not even the magicians could stand before Moses.

The AIDS Pandemic

Today, we do not hear as much about AIDS as we used to. Is it because our society is using more liberal terminology and downsizing the AIDS pandemic to a common infection or chronic disease issue rather than a sexually transmitted *viral* disease? To reclassify AIDS similar to a chronic disease such as cancer or diabetes is to ignore a worldwide pandemic. Cancer and diabetes cannot infect people. The statistics on AIDS are alarming. After AIDS was first recognized in 1980, it grew to become a worldwide pandemic peaking around 2005. In 2013 UNAIDS reported that *by the end of 2012, an estimated 35 million people were living with HIV, including more than 1.2 million Americans. They also announced that new HIV infections had dropped more than 50% in 25 low and middle-income countries, and the number of people getting antiretroviral treatment had increased 63% in the past two years.*

Amfar (American Foundation for AIDS Research) worldwide reported that *in 2015, 36.7 million people were living with HIV. In 2015, 2.1 million people were newly infected with HIV. 150,000 were under the age of 15. Every day about 5,753 people contracts HIV—about 240 every hour. In 2015, 1.1 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 78 million people have contracted HIV, and 35 million have died of AIDS-related causes. As of December 2015, 17 million people living with HIV (46% of the total) had access to antiretroviral therapy. From 2010 there have been no declines in new HIV infections among adults. Every year since 2010, around 1.9 million–2.2 million adults have become newly infected with HIV. Obama’s fiscal year 2017 federal budget requested an est. \$34 Billion for combined domestic and global HIV efforts.*

Because of the overwhelming numbers of infected people and the growing liberally open-minded lifestyles found in our society, many have become apathetic towards AIDS under the guise of compassion. Instead of treating it like an Ebola outbreak they are now “managing” it. The medical facilities and AIDS organizations are increasingly using more politically correct terminology limiting the need for responsibility and weakening the care infrastructure for its workers and those infected. That raises the risks involved, as many are not taught the truth about AIDS nor are they aware of its mortal dangers. The cost of a maintaining a management mindset about this pandemic is staggering.

The spread of AIDS can be preventable. Sexual transmission of AIDS, the rise and return of drug resistant gonorrhea, syphilis, and the massive outbreak of HPV (which leads to some cancers) is all preventable. AIDS is a virus. God/*Elohim* gave His people the means to eradicate viruses through His Word and also how to morally care for our body. His diet plan (including supplements, herbs, and essential oils) also carries a code to His anti-viral answer that defeats the enemy and is more cost-effective.

The Seventh Plague - Hail Exodus 9:13-35

With the last set of plagues against Pharaoh, Moses was told again to rise early in the morning to confront Pharaoh and say to him, “*This is what the LORD/Yahweh God/Elohim of the Hebrews, says, ‘Let my people go, so that they may worship Me.’*” If Pharaoh again refused, a force of such that had never been seen before would hit Egypt.

🦁 **Exodus 9:16-17** “I have raised you up, that I may show My power *in* you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go.”

🦁 **Romans 9:17** “For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, ‘For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.’”

God/*Elohim* told Pharaoh to issue a warning for the people and animals not to be out in the open field during the storm, or they would die. The attack came at the height of the flax and barley harvest and was against the Egyptian sky goddess *Nut*, the mother of *Osiris*. Just as God/*Elohim* destroyed *Nut*'s husband *Geb*'s crops (mentioned in the third plague), this outbreak also came against *Isis*, goddess of life and *Seth* the protector of crops. As Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, God/*Elohim* sent thunder, hail, and lightning flashing down to the ground. The massive hailstorm struck everything in the fields, both men, and animals. Some people obeyed the warning, but those who stayed in the field died. The crops (flax and barley) were destroyed, and every tree stripped. Only the land of Goshen was protected against the hail. Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron saying, “*I have sinned this time. The LORD/Yahweh is righteous, and my people and I are wicked. Entreat the LORD/Yahweh, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough.*” Moses left the city (an unclean place), to pray and give the Egyptian king time to process that the earth and all that was in it belonged to God/*Elohim*. However, even this did not stop Pharaoh from sinning, and he again hardened his heart (Exodus 9:27-28).

Today...

The Exodus of the Israelites is a living example for God's/*Elohim* people today. The telling of the Exodus is intended to free His people from bondage and bring His covenantal betrothed people back to a right relationship with Him. The knowing of the plagues gives understanding and cautions His people not to embrace the ways of the world or assimilation into the uncircumcised culture around them. If we do not guard our hearts, we will cause our own loss of identity and expose ourselves to a spiritual and physical destruction. The plagues act as a warning system designed to deliver those who have *ears to hear*.

🦁 **Deuteronomy 28:58-60** “If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name the LORD/Yahweh your God/*Elohim*, the LORD/Yahweh will send fearful **plagues** on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses.

He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt that you dreaded, and they will cling to you.”

God/Elohim Is As Faithful To The Curse As He Is To The Blessing

📖 **Deuteronomy 30:19-20** “This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD/*Yahweh* is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Are we to fear Yeshua’s *return* in what is commonly called the *end times*? Some shepherds teach fearful things will happen to believers in the *end time*, but are they correct in assuming this? In John’s book of *The Revelation of Yeshua*, many plagues are mentioned but John’s fellow apostle Peter says we are to look forward to Yeshua’s coming and not fear. Fear does not come from God’s/*Elohim* kingdom and is not one of His attributes. Fear comes from a lack of understanding and knowledge of God’s/*Elohim* moral and ethical codes, and from placing man’s knowledge higher than God’s/*Elohim*. To walk after man’s intellect is to walk in the lifeless seed of Pharaoh (also called the *Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*) (2 Peter 3:11-12).

As His people, we have Yeshua, the Living Seed of the *Tree of Life* in us. We, who are born of this Seed, walk in the Spirit of Yeshua and not after the seed of lifeless men teaching untruths. Believers need understanding of His word and to be on guard against false teaching and prophets, so they do not fall into the pride or ignorance of Pharaoh.

A true prophet in the Messianic Era/last days is not to teach the sheep what *they think* are pending end-time scenarios but are commanded to teach the sheep about God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom in understanding the difference between what is clean and what is unclean, what is holy and what is not holy. True prophets are also commanded to teach God’s/*Elohim* people all about *His* Feast Days, *His* Sabbaths, and how and why they are to celebrate *His* New Moon Festival. These times/*moedim* are important Feasts as they contain the revelation of Yeshua’s return and how to prepare for His wedding.

I recently received a monthly newsletter from a prominent Messianic teacher. He began his nine-page end times article with a *what if* scenario. It was frightening and written as if it was right out of an apocalyptic movie. It intensified for several pages. Finally, on page three the author injected a little window of good news when the Feast Days were mentioned. It was a small paragraph, but nonetheless, it was a possible flicker of light. I was looking for a *biblical* point of view. Sadly this little section was also enveloped in an end times *what if* scenario that left God’s/*Elohim* Feast Days barely recognizable. By the time I had finished the article, I felt as if a tank had rolled over and dragged me through the trenches, the kind my grandfather described in the First World War. I felt exhausted and barely alive. What happened to the good news? Incredulously the good news was missing. I thought how many had read this article and believed it? Sadly, I know of hundreds.

Because this end-times scene is played over and over again, year after year I have come to realize that many end-times preachers do not have an understand of God's/*Elohim* Covenants, Feast Days or Sabbaths. Many speak from a rabbinical point of view and fail to see that many of the rabbinic never saw Yeshua, the Messiah, in the Feast Days. Because of this, the rabbinic blended folklore and cultic beliefs into their feast day celebrations, leaving their traditions anti-Torah and anti-Messiah. Along with the rabbinic, these end-times preachers strip the Bride and leave her lifeless by the side of the road. It's a matter of the blind leading the blind.

It is up to believers to seek out true *biblical* teachers and *wise* association (Moses). We are also told to fellowship with like-minded and to discern good from evil through the standard of God's/*Elohim* Word (Ezekiel 44:23-24; Deuteronomy 28).

🌿 **Ezekiel 44:23-24** “And they [*teachers: rabbis and pastors*] shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.”

(Note: For a biblical approach to Yeshua's Feast Days, please visit www.sheepfoldgleanings.com and scroll to the Leviticus and Deuteronomy sections)

The state of our belief comes from the strength of our trust. Whether we are weak or strong, our belief will be revealed in the actions we take. If we trust God/*Elohim*, we will walk in His righteous ways, which include His Biblical Feast Days and New Moon festivals. When we obey, what will we have to fear?

What are His righteous ways? They are written in the Gospel that Yeshua gave Moses on Mount Sinai.

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

Walking and taking hold of His principles in our daily life is to be obedient and abide in Him – *His words*. To trust in His Gospel is to walk hourly, daily, monthly, and yearly in what He has instructed. That action is what strengthens and secures our faith and builds confidence in God/*Elohim*. *Faith* in Hebrew also means to *drive a stake, as in to secure a structure, as example, the Tabernacle - God's/*Elohim* pattern for how to live in Him*.

The Old Testament/Torah has been considered by some to be a harsh, cold book of old laws and rules and, therefore, regarded to hold little value for today. In Hebrew thought, the Torah holds the very key to life for every believer. Within the Torah is the Gospel, which contains the written oracles of heaven for life on earth. God's/*Elohim* word delivers believers from the *olam hazeh* (evil thoughts, deeds, and actions) by teaching them His principles for a cleansed heart. Torah/the Gospel describes in detail what our Heavenly Father's Kingdom is like and how to mirror His love here on earth. His Word is a gift from the Creator's hand, as He desires to have a like-minded relationship with His inheritance.

The story of the Exodus prophetically guides believers in this Messianic Era where the world system is likened to Pharaoh. It will be destroyed at the same time as the Bride is delivered to her Bridegroom. There will be a war, and there will be a wedding. In which kingdom will we be found? Those who are taught to fear the return of their Messiah - are they preparing for a wedding or a war? If a shepherd is preparing his sheep for personal destruction, then they are false teachers. A true shepherd today will be found teaching Yeshua's flock about sanctification and holiness through His Covenants and Feast Days to prepare the Bride to meet her Bridegroom. Only then is the flock *a light in a dark world* (Matthew 6:10; Revelation 21:22-23).

✠ **Matthew 6:9-13** “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. *Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

✠ **2 Timothy 4:3** “For the time will come when they [*believers*] will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

Rabbi Saul

Paul/*Rabbi Saul*, who exhorts Yeshua's people to choose between clean and unclean, holy and unholy, said,

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers [*a believer who rejects God's/Elohim plan*]. For what fellowship has righteousness [*a believer who is faithful to God/Elohim*] with lawlessness [*a believer who is unfaithful to God's/Elohim principles and teaches against them*]? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ/*Messiah* with Belial [*worthless or wicked/olam hazeh*]? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God/*Elohim* with idols? ***For you are the temple of the living God/Elohim.*** As God/*Elohim* has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God/*Elohim*, and they shall be My people’ (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Leviticus 26:12; Jeremiah 32:38; Ezekiel 37:27). Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord/*Adonai*. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you (Isaiah 52:11; Ezekiel 20:34, 41). I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD/*Yahweh* Almighty’ (2 Samuel 7:14). Therefore, having these promises, beloved, ***let us [believers] cleanse ourselves from all filthiness [sinful nature] of the flesh and spirit,*** perfecting holiness in the fear of God/*Elohim*” (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1).

The apostle Peter said,

“*But the day of the Lord/Adonai* will come as a thief in the night [*reference to the sighting of the new moon which usher's in God's/Elohim feast of the Blowing of Trumpets/Yom Teruah*], in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up [*the worthless or wicked/olam hazeh*]. Therefore, since all these things will be

dissolved, *what manner of persons ought you to be... in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God/Elohim*, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ***Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless***” (2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21).

2 Peter 3:10-13 is written in *biblical end-times language (the Messianic Era) to those walking in sanctification*. Peter’s teaching is not about the destruction of believers. He was exposing false prophets, those who were walking in a Pharaoh-like lifestyle and mindset among the people. Believers are to be a reflection of the days of Moses, when as a baby, his basket (ark) was placed on the waters of tribulation and destruction to ride on the surface of deliverance. If Yeshua’s people walk in obedience, they are not found in the waters of destruction. God/Elohim is not raising up a bride to destroy her. By Covenant, He has promised to protect and care for her until His return.

🌿 **Isaiah 66:1-2, 17** “Thus says the LORD/Yahweh: Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house 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.... [But] Those [*believers*] who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens after an idol in the midst, eating swine’s flesh and the abomination and the mouse, shall be consumed together [*with the unbeliever*], says the LORD/Yahweh.”

Many *desire* the righteous ways that honor God/Elohim, but at the same time may live and eat in a manner that defiles His Altar, the place He desires to dwell. If we do not harden our hearts, the time to pursue holiness is *today*. May we heed God’s/Elohim following words.

🌿 **Isaiah 66:22-23** “For just as the new heavens and the new earth which I make will endure before Me, so your offspring and your name will endure. And it shall be from New Moon to New Moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath [*which includes His Feast Days as they are also Sabbaths*], all mankind will come to bow down before Me.”

To be continued...

Shabbat Shalom
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