

Lesson No. 110 – ELOHIM's Plan of Salvation, Part Two

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In tonight's lesson, we recap what we have learned during this incredible journey we have all embarked upon by following up on Lesson No. 109 – Elohim's Plan of Salvation, Part One, and pulling the entire Plan together and highlighting how our walk must continue to focus on the only person who has to this date, qualified to be called the FIRST FRUITS of YAHWEH.

Let's recap what we have learned over these past two years; and please don't be thrown off by my words if some of you were previously knowledgeable of these things long before this Bible study began.

Psalms 55:12–14 spoke to co-equal members of a family of omnipotent SPIRITS and how that these TWO took sweet counsel together. This word counsel is from the Hebrew word “sod” which implies a company of persons in a close session or deliberation. First, ELOHIM, the family title for these co-equal members, created a great plan for the eternal habitation of this planet. This great plan was devised based upon a seasonal foundation during the first seven days of what we know as creation week. Let's remember one of the fundamental foundations of the plan.

- Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: Gen 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

We now know that the word seasons also means appointed times. Each year we know that there will be, regardless of what calendar we use, winter, spring, summer and fall. We call them seasons. Yet, mankind refuses to acknowledge that these seasons are a type of appointed times created by ELOHIM. However, we understand that there is duality in ELOHIM's WORD. We know that ELOHIM had a far greater purpose in mind than just these four seasons, or appointed times. This greater purpose revolves around the most merciful and graceful opportunity given to any of the primary species created during the week of creation. Prior to this week, ELOHIM created a spiritual species HE called angels. These beings assisted ELOHIM in the creation of the following.

- Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. Gen 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

ELOHIM would use the creations of this third day to establish a plan of salvation primarily based on potential harvests of both the land and another creation to follow. Notice how that it was after these creations that ELOHIM created the lights in the heavens to establish the times of the days and years, centered around these seasonal harvests. Then, ELOHIM's plan called for the creation of beings of flesh upon the earth.

- Gen 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

- Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. Gen 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. Gen 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

So, ELOHIM first filled the great waters of the earth and then HE brought forth the land creatures; all on the 4th and 5th days of creation week. Each of these creations were created after their own kind. And being made in their own kind tells us that this was the limitation of their potential. Why?

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

The answer to the question I just posed lies in the reality that the next creation of this week of creation was man; created in the image of ELOHIM and after ELOHIM's likeness. Only man was created in this manner, not after his kind. This was not his destiny, to be made after his own kind. Doesn't this tell us of the duality of ELOHIM's WORD. Man was not made to remain as man. He was made for something far greater. I pray we all see this? This is the thought provided by this great plan of salvation that we have been provided.

Being made in the image and likeness of ELOHIM speaks to the great potential of man to become members of the family of ELOHIM, based on a timetable established by these appointed times of ELOHIM.

- Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

To accomplish this, mankind (man and woman) was given a great commission of two parts. First, be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it. We have studied this word replenish, which generally is translated as fill, and determined that fill is the proper use here because mankind had never been on the earth prior to the 6th day, as such, there was nothing for him to replenish. Man was given dominion over the other flesh animals of the earth. And as we shall see, a time would come that man would no longer exist.

Now, in past lessons I have spoken of a reset in this great plan because, as we now know, the first man Adam brought death into the equation through his sin, which ELOHIM's WORD would eventually make quite clear is the transgression of HIS law. Adam was warned.

- Gen 2:4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, Gen 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

The concept of harvesting was established with the first man. He was then placed in this great garden.

- Gen 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
- Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Here is where we also read where it was YAHWEH of ELOHIM who made the heavens and the earth. The man was to till the land, dress the garden and keep it. This was the first part of his first commandment. This really has not changed. Man was expected to grow in his ability to perceive what ELOHIM was working out on his behalf. This is when man was given the second part of this commandment. Why do I say parts one and two?

- Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

You see, any time ELOHIM says do something, it is a commandment. We also see that it was YAHWEH of ELOHIM who gave this commandment. Man was obviously told to till the land by dressing and keeping the garden. In so doing, he was also told he could eat of all the trees in the garden but one.

Next, ELOHIM gave Adam a help meet for him, a woman named Eve. And this is where another vital component of ELOHIM's plan also began, even though it may not have been explained in great detail here; faith. And another important concept was probably also born; the volatility of second-hand knowledge. Adam was given a commandment which included a warning to not eat of a certain tree. He did not, initially. He told his "help meet for him" of this commandment. Perhaps the commandment was not as strong with this "help meet for him" because it was not directly given to her by ELOHIM, as it was to Adam. I.e., it was second-hand knowledge.

- Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? Gen 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

- Gen 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

I have heard a concept of the man being present when the serpent lied to Eve. Brother and Sisters, we must have faith in ELOHIM's WORD. The woman told the serpent in verses 2 and 3 what the man had instructed her. Then, ELOHIM's WORD says the serpent told the woman the big lie.

- Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

When the woman ate of the tree, it seemed pleasant and full of wisdom to her. And then, she fed her husband these lies, who then ate of it. So, the woman ate of this tree first, and then fed her husband its food. Isn't that what we just read? Later, an apostle of CHRIST would confirm this to us.

- 1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

But the man was responsible to cover his "help meet for him", and he did not.

- Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

- Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. Gen 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

This established that man would die in the day that he was created. The plan had taken a turn, whether or not it was expected. We know that Adam's seed became increasingly wicked. In fact, there were only three of his seed that appear to have walked in accordance with ELOHIM's commandments; Abel, Enoch and Noah.

- Gen 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
- Gen 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: Gen 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

And, by the time Noah came into existence, ELOHIM was pretty much fed up with mankind's wickedness.

- Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

- Gen 6:9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

We know that the flood came next, after Noah was commanded to place the animals of the world in pairs (male and female), seven clean and two unclean. And when it ended, Noah was given a great commandment.

- Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

Here we see that same word replenish which the KJV reads was also given to Adam, discussed earlier. In previous lessons we discussed how that replenish is probably a good translation in this instance because man had preciously existed. As such, it was both a replenishment, and a reset of what ELOHIM had intended for mankind in the first place. Eventually, another man was called by YAHWEH for a great commission. This was Abram, later named Abraham. From his seed, his grandson Jacob (Yacob) would be chosen to provide mankind with vital details with which to accomplish this great plan of salvation. Yacob's name was changed to Yisrael, which was one of ELOHIM's names, and vital components were established.

Yisrael's seed were first humbled through captivity in Egypt and then YAHWEH would call, and chose one, Moses, to lead HIS people, the offspring of Yisrael to become a most important component of the plan. We know about their escape and the punishment of the Egyptians. We know that the first appointed times they were given were YAHWEH's Passover and Unleavened Bread, as they were delivered from captivity in Egypt. When they were brought into the wilderness, they were taught the 7th-day Sabbath.

Eventually, these Children of Yisrael (COY) would be drawn to Mount Sinai to be given commandments which would set the plan in motion, as intended when appointed times were spoken of during creation week.

First, YAHWEH HIMSELF would speak directly to the COY.

- Exo 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying, Exo 20:2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Exo 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exo 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: Exo 20:10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: Exo 20:11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. Exo 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Exo 20:13 Thou shalt not kill. Exo 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery. Exo 20:15 Thou shalt not steal. Exo 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.
- Deu 4:13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

- Deu 4:14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

These commandments set the tone for this “called-out” nation to live by and set an example for the other nations of mankind. Other details would be given to them. And amongst them we read this.

- Deu 8:6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. Deu 8:7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; Deu 8:8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; Deu 8:9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. Deu 8:10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Deu 8:11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

We see how that they were to exist on the harvests of the land. The COY were established in the land YAHWEH had chosen for them to be shepherds of crops and herds of lambs and goats. What they did not know is that these harvests were a plan of much higher potential. Notice how YAHWEH characterized the COY.

- Isa 5:4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? Isa 5:5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

- Isa 5:6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. Isa 5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

The COY were YAHWEH's vineyard. They were HIS plan. They were chosen to be harvested. They failed. They would not be pruned. Yet, the plan given them would not. Notice.

- Lev 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts. Lev 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: *it is* the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

YAHWEH would first give them HIS weekly Sabbath on the 7th day of every week. It was something to remember, and rest from their work while having a holy convocation. It remembered the creation week rest of YAHWEH. It was then something for them to live by week to week to rest their bodies, minds and spirits by focusing entirely on YAHWEH for this one day of the week; something mankind still struggles to do.

- Isa 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words: Isa 58:14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

This day would set the tone for the plan. But it also looked forward to something the COY did not understand, and as such, many did not maintain the needed faith to simply obey in spite of.

- Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. Heb 4:3 **For we which have believed do enter into rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, **if they shall enter into my rest**: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. Heb 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. Heb 4:5 And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest. Heb 4:6 **Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein**, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Heb 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Heb 4:8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. Heb 4:9 **There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God**. Heb 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. Heb 4:11 **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief**.

The COY did not understand this. Modernity does not understand this, even though many claim to be followers of ELOHIM's WORD. The "Household of Faith" must understand this if it is to "endure until the end".

After the Sabbath, which we see remains, and is yet to come, they were given a most special day to honor.

- Lev 23:4 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even *is* the LORD'S passover.

Why did the creator of the heavens and the earth call this HIS Passover? HE knew the plan HE and HIS co-equal partner had developed. Later in ELOHIM'S WORD, HE would provide greater understanding.

- Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

YAHWEH knew that in order for mankind to have a change to endure HE had to create what might be called, a survival protocol, so HE would not entirely destroy mankind again. This protocol was blood. And HE made the Passover the primary cleansing protocol for those who would obey HIM. In the beginning, the COY were to offer an unblemished lamb of the first year so that they might escape death. In fact, the men were required to shed their own blood through physical circumcisions in order for the entire families to partake in YAHWEH'S Passover.

- Exo 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, Exo 12:2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. Exo 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: Exo 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats: Exo 12:6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

It would establish the beginning of the year. It was based on the fathers' households. And then this ordinance.

- Exo 12:43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: Exo 12:44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. Exo 12:45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. Exo 12:46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. Exo 12:47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. Exo 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. Exo 12:49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. Exo 12:50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

After this day of cleansing of each household they were given a time to consider it and focus on the annual journey to follow.

- Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. Lev 23:7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. Lev 23:8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

These three appointed times, the weekly Sabbath, YAHWEH's Passover and Unleavened Bread set the tone for the COY to walk before YAHWEH. Yet, the COY disobeyed and followed after the nations all about it. This is why they would not be pruned as YAHWEH's vineyard. This is why it was necessary for a New Covenant to be made with them.

To implement this New Covenant, we find out another reason it was called YAHWEH's Passover. HE knew of the great sacrifice HE had agreed to with HIS partner, FATHER ELOHIM, to perform for HIS love of HIS creation in HIS image and likeness.

Eventually, after the COY, as also promised, were sent into the captivity amongst the nations, the second phase of the plan was implemented.

- 1Co 5:6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

We learn through the Apostle Paul the purpose of both YAHWEH's Passover and Unleavened Bread. It was never intended to be a physical thing, but all about our attitudes and acceptance of YAHWEH as our CREATOR and SAVIOUR. YAHWEH became our PASSOVER. During the seven days of Unleavened Bread we were to eliminate our old leaven, sins, to prepare for the annual journey through our wilderness.

Now, something about this New Covenant Passover always seems to be misunderstood by too many, even with what we know to be the Household of Faith. We know that under the New Covenant, YAHWEH as YESHUA would call HIS apostles to speak for HIM after HE would perform the two phases of YAHWEH's Passover.

- Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

YAHWEH became our Passover as YESHUA by shedding HIS blood for us to bear our sins. But this alone did not complete the mission.

- Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

We are now justified by HIS blood, but we are saved by HIS life. Not only this, we have learned that HE would become something else for us.

- Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

HIS shed blood became our circumcision. We now partake of HIM through baptisms as individuals who accept HIM, believe in HIM, and enter into our own personal covenants to obey HIM. We know that HE gave us new protocols and commandments (baptism and foot washing) to partake of in HIS highly updated (bread and wine) Passover observances in order to be “a part of HIM”. And for those who observe this as commanded, the next appointed time, Weeks, provides a beautiful potential for those choosing to obey and endure in HIM. We discussed this in the last lesson. The COY were told this by YAHWEH.

- Exo 23:14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Exo 23:15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

- Exo 23:16 And **the feast of harvest, the first fruits of thy labours**, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

To the COY this was all about the crops of their fields at the beginning and the end of the year. There are several metaphors worth mentioning here. There is a reason why the Passover preceded this. The process of man bearing the first fruits of what he has sown had to have an anchor. CHRIST, as our new Passover, became that anchor. Yet, as we just stated, HIS death was simply the first phase of this.

- 1Co 15:20 But **now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept**.

It was through HIS resurrection from the dead that HE became the FIRST FRUITS, as well as HIM being “declared to be the SON of ELOHIM”. And through HIS actions a new form of crops is to be sown to grow the first fruits of mankind. Remember what we saw of mankind’s creation and potential in Genesis. This is the first harvesting of that potential.

- 1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. 1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

CHRIST is now the FIRST FRUITS. Those who are HIS, who endure until the end, will also become the first fruits of mankind at HIS second coming. Thus, this appointed time looks back at CHRIST becoming the FIRST FRUITS, and forward to those who replaced the COY as the vineyard of YAHWEH, now YESHUA, the Household of Faith, joining HIM upon HIS second coming.

This appointed time teaches us that it can only be by YESHUA's resurrection that the sheaf commanded by YAHWEH to the COY, and now to the Household of Faith, can be waved (presented to the FATHER), so that the count to fifty, the Appointed Time of Weeks, can occur each year.

Now, remember the duality of ELOHIM's WORD. If we can see it, notice that the actual harvesting associated with Weeks in Exodus 23:16 at the beginning of the year is not realized until the return of the original FIRST FRUITS, YESHUA. When does this occur?

- Lev 23:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Lev 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Lev 23:25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein*: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Whether the COY had any idea what this next appointed time was all about is anybody's guess. What we do know is that their experience taught them that whenever a trumpet sounded relative to YAHWEH, something big was about to happen.

- Exo 19:13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

This trumpet announced the coming of YAHWEH to face and speak to the COY at Mount Sinai. However, there were other trumpets such as the one that brought down the walls of Jericho. However, this appointed time follows the Appointed Time of Weeks, in the 7th month of the year, implying the completion of something very special.

The Prophet Isaiah spoke of it in this way.

- Isa 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Here we see the phrase “in that day”. We have studied how that at the inception of “in that day”, the COY that exist at that time shall be brought again from their captivity amongst the nations, when the great trumpet shall be blown. We have studied how they will be brought under the rod and purged. Two-thirds of them will not survive this rod. The remainder shall return to the land of Yisrael. There, they will reinstitute the blood covenants of their ancestors during the one-thousand-year reign of YESHUA and HIS saints. And speaking of HIS saints, we remember how that the Appointed Time of Weeks looked ahead to their becoming the first fruits of the harvests of the spiritual food commanded of them under the New Covenant at YESHUA’s second coming. Well, this trumpet announces this event. The Apostle Paul spoke of it this way.

- 1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

This is when they shall be changed into their immortal bodies.

- 1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Now, we sometimes are confused by ELOHIM's WORD and fail to remember the basics of "here a little, there a little". True, it says here that the "called-out ones" are now the "sons of ELOHIM". Yet, the true "called-out ones" know that this is not a permanent status. There is a qualification.

- Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

The Apostle John (Yochanan) tried to teach us this as he said in 1 Yochanan 3:2 that "it does not yet appear what we shall be". So, the saying that the "called-out ones" are now "the sons of ELOHIM" is but a metaphor. When YESHUA appears, those who endured shall be changed and for the first time see HIM as HE is because then they will no longer be in HIS image or likeness, as they were originally created. At the last trump, these shall be like as HIS kind, in the likeness of ELOHIM, and able to see HIM as HE is. This Appointed Time of Trumpets announces these events for "called-out ones".

Now, there are other events that this day announces as well, such as the last seven trumpets. There will be seven trumpets as described in Revelations, chapters 8 through 11. These describe the wrath of YAHWEH on the remnant of the COY as well as the nations, who will exist "in that day".

- Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

This great trumpet announced the Day of YAHWEH, which we know begins that period we also know is called "in that day". This day begins with YAHWEH's wrath and is described to be the first six trumpets. This wrath will be to the COY first, and then to the nations.

- Rom 2:9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

Now, the hope of the “called-out ones” is in the 7th trumpet. However, before these events can occur, ELOHIM provided HIS “called-out ones” with a solemn reminder of HIS love for them by causing them to annually remember what it took for this unmerited favor to take place.

- Lev 23:26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Lev 23:27 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. Lev 23:28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. Lev 23:29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. Lev 23:30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Lev 23:31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Lev 23:32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

It is a day of fasting and affliction for “called-out ones”. Unfortunately, in modernity many of the Household of Faith seem to have forgotten the full equation necessary for their ultimately becoming first fruits.

- Lev 16:5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. Lev 16:6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. Lev 16:7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. Lev 16:8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. Lev 16:9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering.

- Lev 16:10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

Some now teach that the second of these two goats represents Satan because HE will be put away before the resurrection of the saints for one thousand years. Well, notice in verse 5 that both goats are for a sin offering. Then, in verse 7 both goats must be presented before YAHWEH. Verse 9 states that one goat is to be offered. The other goat is to be presented alive before YAHWEH for an atonement and a scapegoat.

It truly amazes me how that anyone of the Household of Faith sees Satan in this presentation. Didn't we read where YESHUA became a sin offering for us? Okay, this we all agree on. Well, did we not also read how that YESHUA became both FIRST FRUITS, and was declared to be "the SON of ELOHIM", by the power of the resurrection from the dead? Earlier we read Romans 5:9 and 10 which spoke of YESHUA dying for us and justifying us by HIS blood. Verse 10 also said that we are saved by HIS life. And then there is this.

- Rom 5:11 And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom we have now received the atonement.**

It is by both phases of HIS becoming the FIRST FRUITS, by which we now have received the atonement. HE now has become a scapegoat for those who are HIS. This day then reminds those who are HIS, of HIS death and resurrection, both of which were required in order for them to ultimately become the first fruits of the harvests of mankind. And yet, Moses also spoke of this day in this manner.

- Lev 25:9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

- Lev 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

In previous studies we have understood that this 50th-year, the Year of Yubilee, is also a metaphor for the conclusion of the dualities presented the Appointed Time of Weeks and the final Appointed Time, Tabernacles. At some point in the future of this earth, the Household of Faith shall be afflicting their souls before ELOHIM at the Appointed Time of Atonement on ELOHIM will know to be the Year of Yubilee. Then, on that day the trumpet shall sound when YESHUA shall descend to the earth and both the dead in CHRIST and those living in CHRIST shall rise and be changed into their new spiritual bodies.

From the reading of these scriptures, Atonement is a reminder of CHRIST, the sin offering, CHRIST the FIRST FRUITS, and CHRIST, the KING of KINGS.

Notice how these appointed times are also designated reminders of these major events in the history of ELOHIM's two vineyards; the COY and the Household of Faith. Well, the final piece of this great plan does not disappoint.

- Lev 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD. Lev 23:35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*. Lev 23:36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

So, we read here about eight days which begins and ends with a commanded Sabbath.

- Lev 23:39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath.

There are those of the “Household of Faith” that teach that the seven days represent the one-thousand-year Kingdom of YESHUA’s reign with HIS saints. What we must always remember are the metaphorical and duality principles inherent in ELOHIM’s WORD. We read the following earlier.

- Exo 23:16 And **the feast of harvest, the first fruits of thy labours,** which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

The question we must ask is this. Are the first fruits of our labors at the Appointed Time of Harvest the same as that of the Ingathering in the end of the year, when our labors are gathered out of the field? Later, YAHWEH would express it a little plainer.

- Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

This Appointed Time of Weeks is all about the first fruits, both YESHUA and HIS saints pictured as the first fruits of the wheat harvest at the beginning of the year. And then there is another gathering at the end of the year.

As we continue, a little light begins to shine in ELOHIM’s WORD.

- Lev 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. Lev 23:41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Lev 23:42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

During the first seven days of this final appointed time the COY were to dwell in booths, temporary dwellings. This is key to our understanding. Remember, one thousand years is as one day to YAHWEH, both in Old and New Covenant times. Here, the COY dwelt in temporary booths for seven days. Notice what we learn in the faith chapter.

- Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Abraham obediently dwelt in tabernacles with the fellow heirs of the promise, in faith. They were looking forward to that promise. Was it not the same for the COY? Is it not the same for those of the “Household of Faith”?

The apostles of YESHUA always had something to instruct us if we have willing eyes and ears.

- 2Pe 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance; 2Pe 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 2Pe 1:15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

Like the Apostle, we all still dwell in these mortal tabernacles, which are temporary booths. Remember, through Noah, ELOHIM reset HIS plan of salvation. This all occurred after the flood. The flood had to have occurred during or shortly after creation week Sabbath, making that Sabbath the first day of mankind's dwelling in these tabernacles of flesh. For the heirs of salvation, this living in mortal tabernacles of flesh is to last 7,000 years, or seven prophetic days, which we metaphorically remember each year by dwelling in temporary dwellings for seven days during the Appointed Time of Tabernacles.

And then, there is this eighth day. Again, the same factions of the "Household of Faith" that teach that the first seven days represent the one-thousand year Kingdom of YESHUA, also teach that this eighth day is an "eternal day", when all mankind will have either put off these temporary tabernacles or been destroyed in a lake of fire after "the great white throne judgement". There are other groups, primarily Hebrew Yisraelites, who teach that all flesh will be changed to spiritual tabernacles and forever live in either the good or the bad side of the Kingdom forever, beginning with this eighth day.

Well, we know that the first harvest was that of the "Household of Faith" as the first fruits of our labors, metaphorically at the beginning of the year. Why do I say metaphorically? We already know that when the last trumpet shall sound, the dead "in CHRIST" shall be raised incorruptible, and shall be changed.

What else do we know? The Apostle Paul provides us with the reason the COY, and now we, are to celebrate as we dwell in those booths for seven days. Like Abraham and his seed, we look ahead to an incorruptible promise that is ours for the taking if we endure and continue to strive to meet YEHSUA's mandate to become as one. The Apostle is talking to you and I.

- 1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

For the first seven days of Tabernacles these are the words we comfort one another with on a heightened basis. When YESHUA descends with the shout, the voice of the archangel, the trump of ELOHIM, the dead in CHRIST first, and then those in CHRIST who are alive, shall be caught up together to meet YESHUA in the air and from that day forward shall always be with HIM. When does this happen?

- Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

This happens at the very beginning of the one-thousand-year reign of YESHUA.

We remember what YESHUA HIMSELF had to say about this eighth day.

- Joh 7:37 **In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

These powerful words appear to have been totally misunderstood, or forgotten, by some members of the “Household of Faith”, as well as those Hebrew Yisraelites, who believe that the eighth day is not a part of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles. What do you think? Verse 2 of this discourse confirms that these events occurred during Tabernacles.

- Joh 7:2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

So, YESHUA, whom we all claim to believe in, stated that “in the last day, that great day of the appointed time”. This is not some vague statement that we should debate. HE said in the last day of the appointed time, which ELOHIM’s WORD makes clear is Tabernacles. So, the eighth day, the last day, is still Tabernacles. Notice HE then says that for those that believe in HIM, out of their bellies shall flow rivers of living waters; beginning with the Appointed Time of Weeks, and fulfilled at the beginning of the eighth day.

Yet, also remember that YAHWEH stated that there was to be an ingathering at the end of the metaphorical year. The saints will become first fruits at the beginning of this day, and or year. What happens at the end of it?

- Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

So, we see that whatever happens from this point onward, occurs at the end of the eighth day, or the prophetic year. We also remember from our lesson on “In That Day, the Ultimate Prophecy”, how that there will still be mankind existing on the earth during the one thousand years in their physical tabernacles; which is another reason why the eighth day is a part of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles.

- Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

So here, Satan is finally punished for his own sins, not the sins of mankind, as some would teach. And then we read of something quite awesome.

- Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

This my Brothers and Sisters is “the ingathering at the end of the year”, spoke of in Exodus. It is the gathering of all that have lived from Adam throughout the eighth day, who were not of the Household of Faith.

These will finally have their minds opened to the things which were written in the books. These books are the collective works containing ELOHIM's WORD. Until this point, these of this great ingathering were either blinded, or they had simply rejected the understanding of the contents of these books. According to their works, they will be judged from the contents of these books. And after a time, which we are still in study about, they will be judged. The Book of Life shall be opened. Either their names shall be written in this great Book, or not. If it is written, they join the first fruits as the final and no doubt greater in number, harvest. If their names are not written in this great book at this time, the following shall be their fate.

- Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

And, while this seems a terrible fate, it will be by their choice that they will incur this second death. What a marvelous plan of salvation, unparalleled in the history of mankind.

- 1Ti 2:3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

This wonderful plan of salvation sums up ELOHIM's desire, which is for all men (mankind) "to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth".

All praise to ELOHIM, YAHWEH and YESHUA!!!

Shalom!!!