

Lesson No. 111 – The Period of Endurance, The Evidence of The Spirit

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This Bible study follows the completion of the Appointed Time of Weeks. Congratulations to all of you who have just completed the symbolic spring harvesting commanded by ELOHIM's WORD. This attests to the fact that you have appeared before ELOHIM on the fourteenth day of the year and performed a most humble service to your fellow Brothers and Sisters by washing them so that they would symbolically be qualified to partake of the cleansing body and blood of YESHUA HAMASHIAC. And for this act of obedience, whatever your past sins, they were passed over.

Next, you symbolically cleansed your homes of all leavening, recognizing that this was the opportunity to eliminate the root causes of whatever was the cause of the growth of any form of transgressions in your life. You recognized that it was also an opportunity to grow in the love of fellow believers and partakers in YESHUA.

And then, you acknowledged who the true FIRST FRUITS was by honoring the commanded Appointed Time of Weeks. In so doing, you further recognized the symbolism of the opportunity this day provided to you and fellow believers of a future for you all to join YESHUA as first fruits in HIS Kingdom, when the last trumpet shall sound, and YESHUA descends back to the earth just as HE ascended in the sight of HIS disciples from the Mount of Olives.

Perhaps there were some who partook of this last appointed time, while yet looking forward to becoming baptized into YESHUA. To all, congratulations.

Now, the Household of Faith eagerly looks forward to the next opportunity to come before ELOHIM to honor HIS grace that has been poured out onto you and fellow believers to be called, drawn and chosen to partake in a growing understanding of this great plan of salvation. Yet, with all of the knowledge we have obtained, we realize that now, we must endure until the next appointed time, Trumpets. This is the life of the members of the Household of Faith.

Hopefully, we understand how that this period of time between the Appointed Times of Weeks and Trumpets (approximately 3 1/2 months) also has the potential to thwart us from maintaining our intended spiritual goals. After all, it's the season of the summer, when all of the pitfalls come outside to prey on others in the nicer weather. Have you ever considered that it was designed that way? Well, that is what this discussion is all about as we study Lesson No. 111 – The Period of Endurance, The Evidence of the Spirit.

Yes, we must endure until the next appointed time. And, we must further realize how important the lessons we continue to learn about Weeks are to our endurance. Congregations celebrating the appointed Time of Weeks all more than lightly read the following verses.

- Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; Act 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need. Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Following the first Appointed Time of Weeks under the New Covenant, the church, “the Household of Faith”, was operating on one accord, sharing with one another, donating possessions and goods as every man had need. Is this the church in modernity? I’d be the first to acknowledge that I probably have failed to measure up to this standard. In fact, is anyone amongst all who believe that they are members of the “Household of Faith” knowledgeable of this form of activity in modernity?

Perhaps those in the 2nd chapter of Acts were able to grow in their oneness because there was another powerful testimony associated with this appointed time.

- Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This was the promise given to the disciples just before CHRIST would ascend into heaven. They would receive power, after the Holy Spirit was to come upon them. We know how that this power was manifested.

- Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Here, during the Appointed Time of Weeks, the apostles of YESHUA HAMASHIAC were all “filled with the Holy Spirit”. So many interpretations have been put forth as to what this phrase “filled with the Holy Spirit” truly means. Here, as the apostles were “filled with the Holy Spirit”, with the assistance of these “cloven tongues”, they began to speak with other tongues, or languages.

We know that those Children of Yisrael (COY) that were present were “out of every nation under heaven”, and each heard the apostle’s words, “the wonderful works of ELOHIM”, spoken in their individual tongues. And this has become the calling card for many whom claim to be Christians. To them, the evidence of the Spirit is to speak in tongues. And of course, we see and hear many pastors and teachers who regularly profess this ability, or power. In fact, many years ago I was in attendance when the speaker asked the audience, “who wants the power”. She was and remains a very popular televangelist. She proceeded to teach people how to “babble”. It was a sad effort.

Notice quickly what the Apostle Paul said of this evidence of the Spirit.

- 1Co 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

This was the case at the Appointed Times of Weeks. Those in attendance were there in obedience to the Old Covenant. They were not yet not of YESHUA. Thus, the phenomena of the apostles speaking to them in a manner that each attendee heard their words in their own language attests to the fact that this powerful event was a sign to those unbelievers. The apostle gave instructions that I guess has been ignored by modernity.

- 1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 1Co 14:27 If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. 1Co 14:28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

There is no clarification or interpretation needed from me on what the Apostle is instructing “the Household of Faith”, “the church of ELOHIM at Corinth”, and ultimately you and I. Sadly, I have never seen anyone of these that showcase their “speaking in tongues” actually provide to the audiences what they are saying.

Well, what we all need to grasp is how did these members of the church begin their period of endurance following this great appointed time.

- Act 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. Act 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Act 3:3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. Act 3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. Act 3:5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Act 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

You see, the apostles were not wealthy men, yet they had something that is far greater than material wealth. They had received power from on high. It was first exhibited at the Appointed Time of Weeks in Yerushalaim as they gave testimony to the COY that heard them. Let’s remember something we recently studied.

- Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and *let him be* your fear, and *let him be* your dread. Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Isa 8:15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. Isa 8:16 **Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.**

This is what was prophesied about these disciples who would become YESHUA's apostles. It was for them to bind the testimony and seal the law, which is very noteworthy. The word seal is the Hebrew word "chatham", which means to close up, make an end, to stop. I., e., the law would not be sealed, closed, closed up, or stopped, until after their testimony. They would define and refine the law as directed by the Holy Spirit, reminding and teaching them YESHUA's words. Remember, YESHUA prayed only for these and those who would believe on HIM through them.

The church of the New Covenant was built on the foundation of the prophets and apostles. Yet, it was the commission of the apostles to bind up the testimony and close the law. They taught us of the upgrades to the law given them by YESHUA. Why?

Verse 15 told us; so that "many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken". This them, initially represents members of both the houses of Yisrael. Isn't this what happened at the Appointed Time of Weeks? However, we also know that what the disciples began there that day had far greater implications.

- Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, **and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

From that moment, we begin to understand that while they were now teaching the COY as the result their commissions to bind and seal, the New Covenant they were jumpstarting this day would be available to people of all nations; as many as ELOHIM would call. And then the apostles began to walk in a tremendous faith, assisted by the power they had been given.

- Act 3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. Act 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

- Act 3:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: Act 3:10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

This is how they began their period of endurance. The speaking in other languages was simply the first example of their being “filled with the Holy Spirit”. This was accomplished by them being provided “power from on HIGH”. What was this power? Was it them now simply having the power to speak in other languages? Or, was it them being given access to a greater power from on HIGH to meet whatever need the moment called for?

Let’s look at what something we have been provided in ELOHIM’s WORD that we must never forget.

- 1Jn 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1Jn 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 1Jn 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

First, it is one of those disciples who makes it plain to those who just celebrated this mighty Appointed Time of Weeks that “greater is HE that is in you, than he that is in the world”. The COY did not understand this when they were given the oracles of YAHWEH. However, the prophets of the COY understood it.

- 2Ki 6:8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp. 2Ki 6:9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

- 2Ki 6:10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. 2Ki 6:11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel? 2Ki 6:12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 2Ki 6:13 And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan. 2Ki 6:14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

I suppose this was meant to frighten the man of ELOHIM, as it no doubt did to the servant and others who witnessed this. Yet Elisha, the man of ELOHIM, understood the great power he had been given access to.

- 2Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 2Ki 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

Remember, we just read the words of those who instruct us in the New Covenant that “greater is HE that is in” us, “than he that is in the world.

- 2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 2Ki 6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

These horses and chariots of fire were the power from on HIGH. They were the same power that came upon the apostles in the form of coven tongues. When necessary, this is the same power that ELOHIM provides to members of the “Household of Faith” at appropriate moments. It is this power that assures us that we can endure until the next appointed time. Again, it is the apostles of YESHUA who bind up the testimony.

- Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

How do these spirits minister to the heirs of salvation? From the foundation of the worlds they have protected and chastised them, they have admonished them, they have brought them messages, they have taught them, they have healed, they have brought the WORD of ELOHIM back to their memories. They have accomplished the will of ELOHIM according to the words spoken by HIS disciples at the appointed times. We saw it with Elisha. We saw it at Weeks. We saw it in the 3rd chapter of Acts.

What does this mean to you and I as we embark on this next phase of our journey? Well, is it any different for us? One of the great lessons for all of the “Household of Faith” who have just experienced these three appointed times (Passover, Unleavened Bread and Weeks) is that we each must step backwards and realize our greater need for more of the essential ingredient necessary to our endurance; faith itself. There is a reason why the 11th chapter of Hebrews is called the faith chapter.

We already know nothing will befall us that is not common to man. We also know that ELOHIM is faithful unto us so that we will not suffer anything that we are not able to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13), and provide the way of our escape. Yet, we must remember our commissions to bear fruit, to remain tasteful to the salt that we have been provided, according to the measure of HIS faith in each of us.

How did the apostles bear fruit during their period of endurance? Well before that period came, they knew they would need help.

- Luk 17:1 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe *unto him*, through whom they come! Luk 17:2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Luk 17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. Luk 17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. Luk 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Even though we are on a high from our celebrations, the world is waiting and watching. Satan is plotting continuously. The disciples realized this. As such they knew they needed YESHUA's help to grow in the faith needed to sustain the mission they were being chosen for. So too should each of us in our prayer requests for ourselves and our fellow Brothers and Sisters. And as they grew in faith, they continued to be "filled with the Holy Spirit".

- Act 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Act 4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Notice something that may sometimes get a little lost in the apostles' words. They taught and preached through YESHUA "the resurrection from the dead". This was their message. Remember, this was the fear of the spiritual leaders when YESHUA was killed; HIS resurrection. We see the importance it carries in the messages of the apostles.

- Act 4:3 And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

- Act 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. Act 4:5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, Act 4:6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. Act 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

This is the fifth instance of the phrase “filled with the Holy Spirit” given in the WORD of ELOHIM. We already saw how that the apostles spoke in other languages. Here, as they are “filled with the Holy Spirit”, they simply spoke the “WORD of ELOHIM” in a language they shared with the rulers and elders of Yisrael. This is the true power of being filled, not some babbling episode by those not understanding they have been deceived.

- Act 4:9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Act 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

This name carries power. And whose name is this? We know through study that this is the name of FATHER ELOHIM given to YAHWEH ELOHIM when HE took upon HIMSELF “the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men”. This making the lame man walk was the evidence of the apostles’ continued growth in the fruits of the spirit right after they were given power from on HIGH. We too must believe that we have been given “power from on HIGH” to continue to bear fruit.

Notice the first instance of “being filled with the Holy Spirit”.

- Luk 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. Luk 1:16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. Luk 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

This was Yochanan the Baptist. We know that he taught ELOHIM’s WORD, as it was given to him. Notice the second instance.

- Luk 1:39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; Luk 1:40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. Luk 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: Luk 1:42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

This was Yochanan the Baptist’s mother Elisabeth, the cousin of Mary. What happened as she was “filled with the Holy Spirit”? She spoke. Did she speak in another language? No! In fact, this is consistent throughout ELOHIM’s WORD. When ELOHIM’s servants became “filled with the Holy Spirit”, they spoke HIS words in complete faith. We become sidetracked when we lean to our own understandings, or that of those who choose not to grow. Let’s look at a few other instances.

- Luk 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Luk 1:68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, Luk 1:69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

- Luk 1:70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

Zechariah, Yochanan the Baptist's father, spoke the words of the prophets and prophesied.

- Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Act 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Act 4:33 **And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.**

I hate to continue to mention this, but the Household of Faith does not. Verse 33 again asserts that the apostles taught and gave witness to the resurrection of YESHUA. Why? Because they knew that it is by HIS life that we are saved. And as they taught as they were “filled with the Holy Spirit”, we see the oneness of those who heard and repented and were baptized.

- Act 4:34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, Act 4:35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. Act 4:36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, *and* of the country of Cyprus, Act 4:37 Having land, sold *it*, and brought the money, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

The apostles prayed and spoke the words of ELOHIM. And we see what followed. All of this was shortly after the Appointed Time of Weeks.

The “Household of Faith” walked in a spirit of oneness because it was being led by the same SPIRIT, YESHUA, who promised them that FATHER YESHUA would provide them with the Comforter. HE did this at that infamous appointed time, beginning with both houses of the COY.

Brothers and Sisters, this is what it means to be “filled with the Holy Spirit”. We bear the fruit of the SPIRIT, the wonderful WORDS of ELOHIM. We speak ELOHIM’s WORD according to the commission each of us have been given, in faith and boldness. In each instance we read, someone spoke ELOHIM’s WORD. And, the advanced knowledge of ELOHIM’s WORD, including the keys to the “Household of Faith”, the Church”, began on the Appointed Time of Weeks as the apostles were “filled with the Holy Spirit” and began to speak. They had learned ELOHIM’s WORD directly from YAHWEH. Now, their memories were being assisted by those ministering spirits YESHUA had promised to them.

Well, we have this same promise. And, this appointed time we have just experienced provides us with an awesome opportunity to further grow in ELOHIM’s WORD and further become as one, if we are willing to continue to bear fruit. I say this because of the “agree to disagree” spirit that has settled within the “Household of Faith”. I want to share with you what I am experiencing this year as we both approached and experienced this important appointed time.

Some of you know how that I have anguished over some congregational doctrines that with additional study, have been proven to be averse to ELOHIM’s WORD. One such doctrine is that one of the next appointed times, Atonement, represents the putting away of Satan, who will be punished for our sins. I ask the “Household of Faith”, is this something we are looking forward to? Some of us have debated this with some of our fellow Brethren during Tabernacles in the past. However, it was during this year’s celebration of Weeks that I began to see just how awesome this WORD of ELOHIM truly is; and how connected HIS appointed times are.

We know that these appointed times begin with the weekly Sabbath. Then we have the Passover, Unleavened Bread, Weeks, all in the beginning of the year. And then, we look forward to Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. We read the following several times lately.

- 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.

Here we have Unleavened Bread, Harvest, and Ingathering. And be aware that Abib is at the beginning of the year. The Ingathering is at the end of the year. Note that Tabernacles is in the seventh month of the year; technically, not the end of the year. In last Sabbath's study, I explained that this too was metaphorical. However, we will see this even clearer in a moment. We have also read this.

- Exo 34:18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.
- Exo 34:21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. 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. Exo 34:23 Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

Here we have Unleavened Bread, the weekly Sabbath, Weeks (of the first fruits of a harvest), and Ingathering.

We talked last week about the first fruits and the ingathering. Now we are in our journeys to pull together all that we continue to learn so that we can endure this period of our wilderness in the faith and clearer knowledge of why we celebrate with hope.

We know that becoming unleavened is both essential and required for members of the “Household of Faith” to eventually become first fruits with YESHUA. Right? So, these three times we must appear before the ELOHIM of Yisrael in both these sets of scripture are consistent and teach the same lessons. Become unleavened, endure, and become as the FIRST FRUITS.

In verse 21 above, the weekly Sabbath is thrown into the mix of these three times. Why? It says so that in earing time and in harvest there can be rest. Whose rest is it talking about? We remember how that the Appointed Time of Weeks is a Sabbath that occurs on the fiftieth day after the morrow following the weekly Sabbath, which follows the resurrection of YESHUA.

Remember how the apostles taught more specifically about the resurrection after Weeks? Obviously, they were referring to the resurrection of YESHUA. But we remember the duality of scripture. There are two other appointed times that get far too little attention by “the Household of Faith”.

- Lev 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, Lev 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

Now remember, the first appointed time given in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus was the weekly Sabbath. And we must always remember that these appointed times are simply metaphors of far greater events that will occur in the future. I stress this because we continue to learn of those of “the Household of Faith” that teach that much written by the prophets about these future events must not be taken literal.

- Lev 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. Lev 25:5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land. Lev 25:6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, Lev 25:7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

Now, the COY are commanded another appointed time; a seventh year. Now, instead of six days, in six years the COY were to prune their vineyards, gather the fruit, and rest the seventh year. Every seventh year was to be a Sabbath of rest unto the land; a Sabbath for YAHWEH.

Now we have the concept of the Sabbath being a year of rest unto the land for YAHWEH. We just read in Exodus 34:21 how that for “Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.”

So, the weekly Sabbath was simply a shadow of the Sabbath year. We just read how that three times we are to appear before YAHWEH at the beginning and the end of the year. Remember, Weeks pictures something to occur at the beginning of the year; and the ingathering pictures something to occur at the end of the year.

But wait just a minute. In the 34th chapter of Exodus we read how the commandment for the weekly Sabbath preceded the commandment to appear before YAHWEH on the fiftieth day, the Appointed Time of Harvest (Weeks), the first fruits of the COY’s labours, also the wheat harvest.

Well, YAHWEH next commanded an appointed time that admittedly took me years to understand. This was because there were other incremental steps and understanding I needed to master before I could understand this, in order to teach it unto others of this great body of believers.

- Lev 25:8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. 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.

Notice, this sound of the Trumpet of Jubilee was to occur in the 50th year, on the Day of Atonement throughout the land. Now you're probably saying; "we all already know this"!! What I want us to do is to open up our minds to see what ELOHIM's WORD is teaching us.

The COY are given another appointed time with a central theme of years instead of weeks of days. After commanding an annual seventh year Sabbath of rest unto the land, from sowing and harvesting, the COY were commanded to number 49 Sabbaths of years. And on the fiftieth year, there was to be the sound of the trumpet of Jubilee. Today, after we have just celebrated the annual Appointed Time of Weeks, we look forward to the next appointed time, Trumpets. We know that YESHUA was killed and resurrected in the beginning of the year to become the FIRST FRUITS. Let's remind ourselves of this.

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

We know that the Passover reminds us of the death, circumcision and sacrifice of YESHUA. HIS resurrection reminds us of how HE became the FIRST FRUITS, and the declaration of HIS becoming the SON of ELOHIM. Yet, we also know that the Appointed Time of Weeks looks forward to those who are CHRIST's, to also become of the first fruits at HIS coming. We know that this process began in the second chapter of Acts with the giving of the Comforter and the addition of 3,000 souls. And here is where many have been sidetracked in the teaching they have received.

Metaphorically, at the end of the spiritual year we celebrate Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. What many in the "Household of Faith have never been taught is that these three appointed times (Weeks, Trumpets and Atonement) all point to the coming of the MESSIAH. We have read the Apostle Paul's binding of the testimony in recent weeks. First, we read this.

- 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.
- 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.

As we endure until the next appointed time, metaphorically, the last appointed time should picture these events. This is why we should be celebrating. The next appointed time shall be the sound of the Trump of ELOHIM. With it, YESHUA shall descend. So now, what does Leviticus 25:9 teach us?

It will be during the fiftieth year when this trumpet shall sound. It will be called the Trumpet of Jubilee.

And specifically, during that 50th year, the Year of Yubilee, on the Appointed Time of Atonement of that year, while the “Household of Faith is gathered together in their assemblies, afflicting themselves by fasting before ELOHIM, that this trumpet of Yubilee shall sound and announce the return of YESHUA in that year, on the Day of Atonement. As the Trumpet of Yubilee will sound, and YESHUA begins HIS descent back to the earth, those members of the “household of faith who will have endured, shall be raised up into the air to meet YESHUA and be changed into immortality; joining YESHUA as the first fruits, at the symbolic beginning of that year.

Some of my Brethren must reconcile where their teachings about Satan fits in this plan of two resurrections, the FIRST FRUITS and the other first fruits.

To further put this into perspective, what else do we know about this year? This Day of Atonement will be the beginning of a new day; metaphorically a new year, first ushering in the one-thousand-year reign of YESHUA and HIS saints. This is why the Appointed Time of Weeks should be a great celebration by the Household of Faith. It should always bring back to our memory the Yublilee yet to come. This should be our incentive to continue to bear fruit, allowing ELOHIM’s spirits to operate through us, leading and directing us in how to endure through this period. Yet, we read something else last week. So, we have a Sabbath day, which will become a Sabbath year to look forward to.

We have now studied this to know that this day/year points to that period ELOHIM’s word calls “in that day”. We also know that this day is the eighth day of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles. It represents something different to the saints than it does to non-saints. We read how that Weeks was at the beginning of the year. This too is a metaphor for the fiftieth year, the last day, the final Sabbath year. At its beginning the saints become first fruits.

For them, it is a Sabbath year. And, while they do present a type of ingathering, they are not at the end of this year. What about for those who are not saints?

- Lev 25:11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed. Lev 25:12 For it *is* the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. Lev 25:13 In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

We read something else about this day/year last week.

- 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.

We have studied much about the return of the COY to their land. We have studied about the remnants of the other nations who shall survive all of the wars of those times.

- Lev 25:14 And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another: Lev 25:15 According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, *and* according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: Lev 25:16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for *according* to the number *of the years* of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. Lev 25:17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God. Lev 25:18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

- Lev 25:19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. Lev 25:20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Lev 25:21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. Lev 25:22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat *yet* of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat *of* the old *store*.

What does this all say to us? If we can see it, doesn't this all merge right in with other scriptures we have read about life for those who will inhabit the earth in the flesh during the one-thousand-year reign of YESHUA and HIS saints; both the COY and the nations of the world.

- Isa 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. Isa 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. Isa 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

We have studied the details of life for those who will remain in the flesh during this day/year. We know that these all will be raised at the end of this day/year in the second resurrection with the opportunity to be ingathered into an eternal life of immortality with the first fruits. The first fruits and the ingathering are all about harvests of those who become born again spiritually. These should be our thoughts and hopes as we celebrate Weeks and look forward to the potential futures of all.

Now, these are the difficult lessons of our walk. How often do we sit with family and friends and listen to their interpretations of the events of modernity? How often do we hear the news of the day and the solutions of politicians that offer no hope? This is where the challenge exists. This is why we must increase our faith. This is why we must continually allow ourselves to be broken and snared as members of the “Household of Faith”.

The evidence of the Spirit, as we have read, is primarily speaking the wonderful WORD of ELOHIM. Yet, it is also in the discernment of the existence of the spirits that will approach us during the summer months. Think about it. In the spring, at the beginning of the year, life begins anew. The animals of the earth know this and target their births in the spring when water and food is in abundance. We remember how that the actions of the COY are examples for “the Household of Faith”.

- Isa 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. Isa 1:3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

The COY were given this wonderful seasonal plan to live by and rebelled against it. They played the harlot and rebelled. Even in the spring there exists dangers all about, however for man, the joy of spring and summer also begets the dangers of the world. The power shown by the apostles of YESHUA was first evidenced by the words spoken through them by the evidence of being “filled with the Holy Spirit”. These too are examples for “the Household of Faith”.

- Act 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Act 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

- Act 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Act 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Act 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Act 6:6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them. Act 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

During this season of the endurance of the apostles and others, the WORD of ELOHIM increased. The need for this increase continues. It remains the essence of the faith of those who are of the “Household of Faith”. What does this say to us today as we now begin another annual period of endurance?

Well, we see that the apostles were given access to this power from on HIGH at the Appointed Time of Weeks. We see that this phenomenon grew mightily immediately after this appointed time. Well, the one thing we must never think is that we have arrived. The MESIAH challenged us.

- Mat 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Mat 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, Mat 18:3 **And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.** Mat 18:4 **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.** Mat 18:5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Mat 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

These are the lessons of Passover, Unleavened Bread and Weeks. We must remember that we are beginning to see into the mind of ELOHIM, the more HIS plan is revealed to us. While others are denying elements of the plan, “the Household of Faith” must continually humble itself as little children and be “filled with the Holy Spirit”.

We have learned that the Passover, Unleavened Bread and the first seven days of Tabernacles will be in operation during the one-thousand-year reign of YESHUA and HIS saints. Weeks, Trumpets, Atonement and the eighth day of Tabernacles will not. Why not? The weekly Sabbath, Passover, Unleavened Bread and the first seven days of Tabernacles are reminders of the hope for the world that concludes with the Appointed Time of the Ingathering. Until that great ingathering, these are not washed by the blood of YESHUA.

Until the next celebration of Trumpets and Atonement, there is work to be done in humility. This is why YESHUA gave something so powerful that we sometimes allow its words to not sink in. Let’s close with these words.

- Mat 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Mat 6:2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Remind ourselves daily; our reward is ahead, not today. Let’s not allow the vanities of this world to live in our walks, simply to be seen of others.

- Mat 6:3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: Mat 6:4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

- Mat 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. Mat 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

These rewards given in secret may be for us individually or for others whom we pray, who have needs.

- Mat 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Mat 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

This is how HE instructed us to endure our period of endurance.

- Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

There has been so much discussion about this name. What we now know beyond doubt is that this is the name of the FATHER. HE did not simply come up with some name out of a hat. YESHUA was already HIS name which HE gave to HIS equal partner in order to accomplish something for us.

- Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

We look forward to the Year of Yubilee when the FATHER's will be done on the earth. If we humble ourselves and grow together, HIS will be done in our lives as HIS Church.

- Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

What is this bread that each member of the “Household of Faith” needs daily?

- Mat 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

It is the WORD of ELOHIM that must feed us each and every day for endurance.

- Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Joh 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Physical bread is needed for physical endurance. However, it is not the essential ingredient for us to “endure until the end”.

Just as we now know that Weeks, Trumpets and Atonement are all about the return of YESHUA, we also know that the WORD of ELOHIM has one central figure, YAHWEH/YESHUA; the true bread we should be seeking daily.

- Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

To be forgiven, we must forgive. We see how this prayer contains instructions for each of us.

- Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Finally, HE makes us aware of the long summers that have entrapments, even in the midst of “the Household of Faith”. What we must make sure of is that these entrapments do not come from us. Did we notice how that this prayer essentially begins (“Thy Kingdom come”) and ends with the FATHER’s Kingdom? And then HE begins to humble us even more.

- Mat 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: Mat 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Mat 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. Mat 6:17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; Mat 6:18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

This is how we endure. And then more meaningful instructions are given to us, knowing that these bring about even greater entrapments.

- Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: Mat 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

No comments needed. Just gage for ourselves where our hearts lie.

- Mat 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness! Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

This is vital. Most do not realize how much we serve man and believe we also serve ELOHIM.

- Mat 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Mat 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Mat 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? Mat 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: Mat 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Mat 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

- Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? Mat 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

These are the needs of the flesh which all men need. The FATHER already knows this. I.e., don't grumble about it as the COY did. Maintain our faith and learn the lessons life has to offer. And as we, members of the "Household of Faith" remember these basic needs, always remember to the spiritual basics that will see us through this period of endurance.

- Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

So, we thank ELOHIM in HIS holy and righteous name, YESHUA, for today. We know we have need to improve. In our private spaces, we humble ourselves, and yet boldly request the spiritual assistance needed for each of us. And above all, we seek to be "filled with the Holy Spirit", the Spirit of Truth. If we accomplish this during this season, we will walk, talk and eat as one, enduring until the next appointed times, as YESHUA HIMSELF so desires.

Shalom Brothers and Sisters!!