

Lesson No. 123 – The Seven Parts of ELOHIM’s Creation, Part Four

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Part 4 – Moses and the Vineyard of YAHWEH

This lesson focuses on the events that both lead up to Moses’ role in ELOHIM’s plan of salvation and the fulfillment of the first blessing promised to Abraham, the Vineyard of YAHWEH. In Part 3 – The Abrahamic Blessings, we walked through the blessings promised to Abraham and his seed, noting how we continue to grow in our understanding of the duality in ELOHIM’s WORD, and these blessings. Why is this so important, not only to the Household of Faith, but to the entire world? As we continue to walk through this seven-part lesson, these blessings will form the foundation upon which ELOHIM’s plan of salvation is presented to the world. As our understanding of these blessings increases, so too will our understanding of the plan of salvation. All that follows is established upon these blessings, which are based upon the promises made to Abraham. There were basically two blessings and three covenants.

The first blessing was and continues to be directly related to the first covenant. This was in fact a multi-tiered blessing. It included these following promises wherein YAHWEH said, I will:

- 1) Make of thee a great nation,
- 2) Bless thee
- 3) Make thy name great
- 4) Bless them that bless thee
- 5) Curse him that curseth thee:
- 6) Make thee exceeding fruitful,
- 7) Make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee
- 8) Give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession
- 9) Be their ELOHIM (speaking of the physical seed of Abraham)

All of these promises relate entirely to the very first covenant between Abraham and YAHWEH of ELOHIM. We then read that there was a second covenant, physical circumcision. We read that this covenant was also a token of the first covenant, which, based upon the punishment for breaking this covenant, allowed Abraham's seed, and others who kept it, to remain in the land promised to them by YAHWEH of ELOHIM. These promises all relate to the first two covenants, which are both physically based forms of salvation.

We then read of another promise, which was the basis of a third covenant. We learned that this promise was unconditional because Abraham's works of obedience, based on his faith, satisfied the condition. Thus, YAHWEH unconditionally promised to Abraham the following:

“In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

We read by the mouth of the Apostle Paul that this seed was singular. It was CHRIST. It was spiritual. This promise was not based upon the first two covenants, although, we will read how that the physical seed highlighted by the first two covenants would become the first to be offered the opportunity to partake in the blessings that resulted from this third covenant.

This sets the tone for Abraham's son Isaac, and his grandson Jacob (Yacob). We read Genesis 26:3-4 in which both the first and third Abrahamic covenants were passed on through Isaac.

Now, as I was preparing tonight's Lesson No.123 – The Seven Parts of ELOHIM's Creation, Part Four – Moses and The Vineyard of YAHWEH, I struggled with an approach. Why? Because we are all aware of the historical actions that happened to Isaac and Jacob (Yacob) that led to them becoming a part of the fathers of Yisrael. We know that Yacob's name was changed to Yisrael. Yacob also received the blessings of Abraham from YAHWEH of ELOHIM.

- Gen 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Gen 28:13 And, behold, **the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;** Gen 28:14 And **thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south:** and **in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.** Gen 28:15 And, **behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.**

Again, we see here the first and the third covenants passed down to Yacob. While not stated there however, we know that the second covenant was observed by both Isaac and his son Yacob. We will see it later become a prominent commandment and protocol to YAHWEH's vineyard.

We know the story of how that Yisrael's (Yacob) son Yoseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, and this would land him in Egypt. We know the stories of what he dealt with in Egypt and how he would become the second highest official in Egypt because of the fact that YAHWEH of ELOHIM was orchestrating his every move as he saved Egypt during the times of the famine. We know how that eventually Yisrael sent his other sons to Egypt and Yoseph would scheme to get his father and other family members to come and dwell in the safety of Egypt. We also know that as Yisrael was about to die, he prophesied about each of his twelve sons.

Many have tried to interpret the fulfillment of each of these prophecies. Well, perhaps some have gotten it right, or perhaps not. Our challenge and our responsibility is to present and discuss what we have been given and continue to "study to show ourselves approved" unto ELOHIM until we are given better understandings of other bits and pieces of ELOHIM's WORD.

As we have now read of the blessings of Abraham passed down to Isaac and Yacob, what is important to the Household of Faith is that we grow in our understanding of what these blessings mean to us, and how these blessings have and continue to impact us in our growth in the knowledge of the truth. And with that, let's revisit one of the prophecies Yisrael made to one of his sons that shall prove to be very relevant to the plan of salvation.

- Gen 49:10 **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come;** and **unto him shall the gathering of the people** *be*. Gen 49:11 **Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:** Gen 49:12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

This prophesy about Yisrael's son Judah (Yehudah) shall become the direct fulfillment of the final promise and covenant given to Abraham, that his seed shall bless all of the nations of the earth. Abraham blessings were given in two tiers. One was based on the growth of his physical seed and its being given the land of Canaan. The other was based on his spiritual seed (Shiloh), which would become a spiritual blessing to all of the families on the earth.

After these prophesies, the prophecy Abraham dreamed about his physical seed dwelling in another nation in affliction was about to be fulfilled.

- Exo 1:6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. Exo 1:7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them. Exo 1:8 **Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.** Exo 1:9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we: Exo 1:10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and *so* get them up out of the land.

- Exo 1:11 **Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens.** And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. Exo 1:12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

This sets the scene for the next significant phase of ELOHIM's creation to occur. A king that did not know Yoseph ordered not only the affliction of the Children of Yisrael (COY), but he also ordered the Hebrew midwives to kill all of the male newborns because of the growth of the Hebrews in Goshen out of fear of the sheer number of Hebrews in the land.

- Exo 2:1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi. Exo 2:2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he *was a goodly child*, she hid him three months.

This begins the story of Moses. We know how that Moses was hidden in the river so that he would not be killed because the King had ordered the Yisraelite midwives to kill all of the new male babies.

Now, we have read of the reasons Enoch, Noah, and the fathers (Abraham, Isaac, and Yacob) were chosen by YAHWEH of ELOHIM. This baby child would eventually be chosen to become the most important man in the history of that physical seed of Abraham's promises. Why was he chosen? Perhaps it was because we read where Exodus 2:2 stated that Moses was a goodly child.

Later in ELOHIM's WORD, we learn the following.

- Heb 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Remember, Moses' parents were both descendants of the tribe of Levi, which would become designated as the priestly tribe of Abraham's physical seed to come. Here ELOHIM's WORD reads "by faith" Moses was hidden. By whose faith was he hidden? It is generally the faith of Moses that the Household of Faith, and others concentrate on. Yet, it was by the faith of his father and his mother. They, the parents of Moses, are listed in the faith chapter along with their son. By this, we can now discern here that his parents had found a measure of favor before YAHWEH of ELOHIM because of their faith. They saw that Moses was a "goodly" child.

The word goodly is translated from the Hebrew word "towb" which is translated good (361 times), better (72 times), well (20 times), etc. Let's look at a consistent use of this word towb for context.

- Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- Gen 1:10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

Throughout the creation week, the Hebrew word for good is towb. Hopefully this provides a decent context of what Moses' parents and YAHWEH saw in him. Moses' parents walked in faith, were of the tribe of Levi, and had no fear of Pharaoh. Obviously, this factored in why this particular child was chosen.

After Moses' mother hid him, Pharaoh's daughter saw him, took him in, as his sister watched. Like Yacob's mother, we see how Moses' mother schemed as well, to ensure this "goodly" child would have a future.

- Exo 2:6 And when she had opened *it*, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This *is one* of the Hebrews' children. Exo 2:7 **Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?**

- Exo 2:8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. Exo 2:9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. **And the woman took the child, and nursed it.** Exo 2:10 And the child grew, and **she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son.** And **she called his name Moses:** and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Now, a few interesting facts we are provided. Pharaoh's daughter gave Moses his name. She knew he was a Hebrew child, yet she then adopted Moses as her own. For her to pull this off, it should be apparent that Moses was able to pass as an Egyptian child. Why? If it was so obvious that he Hebrew, he may have been killed by Pharaoh. We can probably conclude that Pharaoh's daughter deceived her father and others in Egypt about Moses' true identity at the time. The fact that he passed as an Egyptian will be confirmed a little later. It is also possible that Moses' sister worked in Pharaoh's palace and maneuvered for Moses to be nursed by his own mother. His mother obviously taught him his heritage.

- Exo 2:11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. Exo 2:12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. Exo 2:13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? Exo 2:14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. Exo 2:15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

As Moses fled to Midian out of fear, we are told the following:

- Exo 2:16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. Exo 2:17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. Exo 2:18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, *How is it that ye are come so soon to day?* Exo 2:19 And they said, **An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds**, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

These daughters of the priest of Midian saw Moses as an Egyptian. He married one of these daughters, Zipporah, all the while the fulfillment of the prophecy to Abraham about the affliction of his seed was materializing.

- Exo 2:23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. Exo 2:24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. Exo 2:25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto *them*.
- Exo 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb. Exo 3:2 And **the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush**: and he looked, and, behold, **the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed**.

Believe or not, there are many of the Household of Faith that do not know that there was an angel, a ministering spirit, in this burning fire. This is because they have become hearers only, and not students of scripture.

- Exo 3:3 And **Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt**.

- Exo 3:4 And **when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush**, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

Moses was first drawn to the burning bush. YAHWEH waited to see whether or not Moses would accept the bait. Once Moses accepted the bait, YAHWEH spoke to him through HIS angel.

- Exo 3:5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground. Exo 3:6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Then Moses was called-out by YAHWEH of ELOHIM. If we remember our lessons, the calling is an invitation. This is the challenge that all mankind will be ultimately be offered. Moses is being called-out and chosen for a special commission. Yet, we all have or will be offered opportunities to choose to participate in ELOHIM's plan of salvation.

This angel spoke in first person as though he were YAHWEH HIMSELF. Do we remember what YAHWEH said to HIS disciples regarding the Spirit of Truth?

- Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth**: for **he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak**: and he will shew you things to come.

The Spirit of Truth speaks in precise words what he has heard from the mouth of ELOHIM. We read of the protocol of How ELOHIM communicates with mankind in Revelations 1:1 - FATHER to SON; SON to angel; angel to man.

- Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; Exo 3:8 And **I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.**

YAHWEH is now ready to fulfill the first set of promises HE gave unto the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Yisrael; the land of Canaan.

- Exo 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. Exo 3:11 And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? Exo 3:12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? Exo 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. Exo 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations. Exo 3:16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt:

- Exo 4:19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life. Exo 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. Exo 4:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. Exo 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn: Exo 4:23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn.

Here is the first instance where the COY are referred to by YAHWEH as HIS son, HIS first born. This proclaims the adoption of the COY as the firstborn son of YAHWEH. This created the metaphor for the future fulfillment of YAHWEH's third covenant with Abraham of his seed blessing all the families of the earth.

- Mat 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.** Mat 2:14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: Mat 2:15 **And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

This now sets the stage for YAHWEH to remind Moses and HIS firstborn of the second covenant made between Abraham and YAHWEH; circumcision.

- Exo 4:24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that **the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.**

- Exo 4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast *it* at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me. Exo 4:26 So he let him go: then she said, **A bloody husband *thou art*, because of the circumcision.**

We know the covenant of circumcision is a token of the first covenant which was primarily about the land about to be given to the COY. We will see this play out on an even grander scale as Moses' commission also plays out.

- Exo 4:29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: Exo 4:30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. Exo 4:31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Now, we know the overview of how Moses commission plays out. Notice Pharaoh's words when Moses and Aaron would approach him with YAHWEH's request. And as we read these words, consider the nations of modernity. Also, think about the seriousness of what mankind is being offered that we have previously read in ELOHIM's WORD - "to see YESHUA as HE is, because we will be like HIM".

- Exo 5:1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, **Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.** Exo 5:2 And **Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.** Exo 5:3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

Aren't these same thoughts in evidence today in modernity?

How many leaders of modernity's nations know YAHWEH of ELOHIM? Probably none. As many of us know, and others will learn, the COY of modernity are right back where they started; haven been taken back to Egypt (i.e., scattered throughout the nations and their pagan practices) in affliction. We will see this as continue through this lesson.

- Exo 5:6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, Exo 5:7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

This Pharaoh now stood in direct defiance to YAHWEH. History tells us that the Egyptian Pharaoh's were thought to be gods. Thus, the arrogance of this Pharaoh. Through Moses, YAHWEH would systematically show HIS power to the Egyptian Pharaoh 12 times; 1) Aaron's rod swallows the rod of the Egyptian wise men, 2) The Nile was turned into blood, 3) Frogs, 4) Lice, 5) Flies, 6) Death of cattle, 7) Boils upon man and beasts, 8) Hail, 9) Locusts, 10) Darkness. We will see nos. 11 and 12 shortly.

Throughout this process YAHWEH consistently hardened Pharaoh's heart to show Pharaoh and Egypt that HE alone is ELOHIM. Finally, we read the following which will begin what is beyond a shadow of doubt the most important appointed time given to the COY, as well as the Household of Faith.

- Exo 11:3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. Exo 11:4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: Exo 11:5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that *is* behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

- Exo 11:7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.
- 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.**

Recently, I was reading a debate on Facebook about the Sabbath and Sunday in which a number of persons questioned all calendars and created their own commandments about a day of rest. Well, YAHWEH knew and now knows when is the first month of HIS calendar year.

And this is what the Household of Faith follows. In our walks we will also be told by some that this calendar was previously known by other ancient cultures, who also had prophecies that in some ways coincided with some of those given to the COY. No doubt this is true. However, this is in part why the COY were called-out, to set the plan straight, which we now have seen being fulfilled just as it was given to the COY. Exodus 12:2 did not say that YAHWEH invented a new calendar at that time. Whatever month of the calendar that was in practice at that time, YAHWEH proclaimed it to be the first month of the year, which we know to be Abib, which coincides with the middle of the 3rd and 4th months of the Roman calendar of modernity.

- 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:**

There was to be a lamb for each father's house. We have learned that under the Old Covenant, this was the standard for keeping this commandment we are about to read about. Whatever its purpose, the entire house was covered by it. And, we already know that each male eight days of age had to be circumcised.

Soon, this circumcision would be directly linked to this new commandment. Now, continuing with the commandment.

- 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. Exo 12:7 And **they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.** Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

Again, we read of a custom that has become so misunderstood in modernity. There are those in modernity that, while eating unleavened bread and drinking wine as required under the New Covenant, also allow unbaptized men, women and children to partake of that bread and wine; just as women and children of the COY were allowed to partake in what we are reading of, as long as the father of the house was physically circumcised.

- Exo 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD'S Passover. Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. Exo 12:13 **And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.**

This was the beginning of YAHWEH's Passover. And then YAHWEH gave another commandment, that once understood just might be the second most important commandment given to mankind.

- Exo 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. Exo 12:15 **Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.**

This commandment would also become one of the most misunderstood metaphors of the duality of the spiritual plan ELOHIM designed for mankind. Verse 15 contains two commandments. First, eat unleavened bread for seven days. Second, “even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses”.

It is interesting that those groups that generally maintain the physical circumcision now in New Covenant times, also do not accept this second commandment. The Apostle Paul would later provide the spiritual understanding of why these two commandments were given to the COY; something the COY failed to fully grasp.

- 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.**

How ironic. These verses establish the truth of why YAHWEH commanded the COY to put away all leaven from their houses on the first of the seven days of Unleavened Bread. Verse 8 explains the duality of the metaphor. Leaven is representative of malice and wickedness, which by eliminating it from the houses on the first day should urge all “called-out ones” to spiritually purge and become new lumps for CHRIST. So, YAHWEH’s commandment is rejected by those that maintain the circumcision.

And, most who claim a faith in CHRIST reject both the Passover and Unleavened Bread.

- Exo 12:17 **And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread;** for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance forever. Exo 12:18 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. Exo 12:19 **Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.**

This commandment was so important to YAHWEH that HE repeats it in verse 19 with a consequence. Failure to abide in both of these commandments would result in that soul being cut off from Yisrael.

- Exo 12:29 And it came to pass, that **at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.** Exo 12:30 And **Pharaoh rose up in the night,** he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead. Exo 12:31 And **he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Exo 12:32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.**

Finally, we read of YAHWEH performing the 11th showcase of HIS power to Egypt; the killing of all of their first born. This would set the stage for the 12th instance for HIS showcasing HIS omnipotent power. But first, there was the following:

- 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.**

We remember that the covenant of circumcision was also a token of the first covenant that promised the land of Canaan to Abraham's seed. Now, it is also linked as a requirement to partake in YAHWEH's Passover. A little later, we will see how that this commandment continued to be associated with the land promised to Abraham and his physical seed.

As YAHWEH guided the COY out from Egypt, HE guided them on a route that would appear to trap them. HE then hardened Pharaoh's heart to follow them. And here is where this first version of the "called-out son" showed its lack of trust in YAHWEH of ELOHIM and HIS promises.

- Exo 14:10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. Exo 14:11 And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

- Exo 14:12 *Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.*

The COY simply did not then, nor do they today in modernity, trust in ELOHIM's WORD. They lacked the crucial ingredient its fathers had; faith.

- Exo 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. Exo 14:14 The **LORD shall fight for you**, and ye shall hold your peace.

This salvation that Moses shouts about is directly linked to the first two covenants made with Abraham. It was a form of physical salvation.

- Exo 14:15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

I believe this is also what HE is admonishing HIS New Covenant “called-out ones” to do in modernity. Move forward based on what HE has taught us in HIS WORD. Trust in HIM.

- Exo 14:19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: Exo 14:20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness *to them*, but it gave light by night *to these*: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

How awesome, the omnipotence of our ELOHIM, and the weakness of mankind. Once again, we read of HIS use of HIS angel to showcase HIS omnipotence.

- Exo 14:21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and **the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.** Exo 14:22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Exo 14:23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

Lately, we have learned that some in the Household of Faith have been taught that the omnipotence of ELOHIM must mean that when ELOHIM commands things in HIS creation, it is done in a moment of time. We simply do not accept the evidence of how ELOHIM works. Verse 21 teaches that YAHWEH caused the sea to go by a strong east wind all that night. Earlier in the Book of Exodus, we read the following:

- Exo 10:19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

This is how YAHWEH rid Egypt of the locusts HE plagued them with. We see the consistency, if we “study to show ourselves approved”, and believe in the WORD of ELOHIM.

We know the end of this story. The Egyptians were destroyed when sea was returned to its normal state. The COY were then guided by YAHWEH through the wilderness of sin where YAHWEH began to reacquaint them with another key commandment, the weekly Sabbath. This was done by providing them the manna from heaven, which is also metaphorical. They were to gather the manna six days and rest from this gathering (working) on the seventh day. As usual they didn't listen.

Eventually they were brought before YAHWEH to fulfill the first two covenants made with Abraham at Mt. Sinai.

- Exo 19:3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Exo 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Exo 19:5 Now therefore, **if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:** Exo 19:6 And **ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.** These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Exo 19:7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. Exo 19:8 And **all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.** And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

First, let's recall that Abraham was commanded to walk before YAHWEH and be perfect. The COY are now commanded to obey HIS voice to become a peculiar treasure, a kingdom of priests, and, a holy nation. This was a conditional covenant. The people agreed.

We know that after three days YAHWEH spoke the words of the ten commandments directly to the COY. YAHWEH then began to give HIS commandments on altars, slavery, restitutions, social justices, and then the annual and weekly Sabbaths and other festivals. And then this.

- Exo 23:10 And **six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:** Exo 23:11 **But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat.** In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, *and* with thy olive yard. Exo 23:12 **Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.**

- Exo 23:13 And in all *things* that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth. 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.** Exo 23:17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

At this point, YAHWEH only commanded the Sabbath and the three festivals (Unleavened Bread, Weeks, and the Ingathering/Tabernacles). Moses would then seal words the covenant with the COY.

- Exo 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. Exo 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

Eventually, YAHWEH would command a sanctuary and the ark of the covenant. And there is an interesting statement HE made about the ark.

- Exo 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. Exo 25:22 **And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.**

We have learned that YAHWEH dwells between the cherubims. We now know that there are two; no doubt Michael and Gabriel. We also now know what the contents in the ark would be. YAHWEH would make Moses' brother Aaron and his sons the holders of the office of priesthood. Moses would then spend forty days and forty nights with YAHWEH, receiving HIS commandments, while the COY showed their lack of faith, enticing Aaron of all people to make a golden calf and assert that it was ELOHIM. How disgusting. YAHWEH was then prepared to do to this people what HE had done to others before them, totally destroy them. But here, Moses truly establishes that he was indeed the intercessor for the COY.

- Exo 32:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people: Exo 32:10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. Exo 32:11 **And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?** Exo 32:12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Exo 32:13 **Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.**

Moses was indeed bold. And yet, he obviously had a measure of favor before YAHWEH of ELOHIM similar to that of Abraham.

- Exo 32:30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

- Exo 32:31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Exo 32:32 **Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.** Exo 32:33 **And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**

This is the first clear reference to the Book of Life in ELOHIM's WORD. And here we read how that those who participated in this grievous sin were blotted out of HIS Book. However, we know that YAHWEH would make this conditional.

- Eze 18:26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

If these do not repent before the first death, they will die (i.e., be blotted out of the Book of Life).

- Exo 32:34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. Exo 32:35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Now, as Moses continued to appear before YAHWEH of ELOHIM, his face began to shine. He alone had a direct personal relationship with YAHWEH. He would lead the COY in their exodus toward the land of Canaan. On this journey, Yisrael was given additional commandments on burnt offerings, grain offerings, peace offerings, sin offerings (these established the concept of atonement), guilt offerings, guidance on the priesthood and offerings, the consecration of Aaron and his sons, the details on clean and unclean animals, child birth purifications, leprosy, and discharges related to sexual relations between men and women.

This then brings us to the 16th chapter of the Book of Leviticus, which details the Appointed Time of the Day of Atonement. Based on my studies up until this day, Atonement is the only appointed time for which an entire chapter of ELOHIM's WORD is fully devoted to. What does this say to us? Obviously it was and is important. Perhaps YAHWEH knew how that misinterpretations would influence future "called-out ones". And of course, it serves as sort of an end of the spiritual year cleansing, just before the Appointed Times of Trumpets and Tabernacles.

There are three key verses in this chapter, which if accepted, provides "called-out ones" a framework for future understanding.

- 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.

We read for ourselves that beyond a shadow of doubt, the two goats of this Day of Atonement ritual were for a sin offering.

- 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**.

The word scapegoat has been debated by so many. And yet, we but need to follow ELOHIM's WORD for our understanding of this. Later, YAHWEH would provide the purpose and consequence of the failure to honor this commandment.

- 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.**

No additional explanations should be needed to interpret YAHWEH's words here. We but need to accept them. However, for those who will see, the Apostle Paul offers these words about the Atonement.

- Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 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. 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 ONLY through YESHUA HAMASHIAC that we can receive atonement with ELOHIM. One goat alone could not accomplish this metaphorical protocol. We become justified and reconciled to ELOHIM by HIS blood (the first goat). We are saved by HIS life (the second goat). By both goats, we have received the Atonement. Let us pray that our Brethren cease to elevate Satan to a place in ELOHIM's Appointed Times that he simply does not deserve.

Now, the various commandments continue against eating blood and unlawful sexual relationships. We encourage all of the Household of Faith to become familiar with all of these commandments.

In the midst of these commandments we read the following:

- Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, **but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself:** I *am* the LORD.

I chose to read this because so many believe this commandment to be a New Covenant commandment. In fact, the entire 18th, 19th and 20th chapters provide a variety of miscellaneous, yet very important commandments for which the COY were to follow to obey the covenant. Note this one.

- Lev 20:26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD *am* holy, and have severed you from *other* people, that ye should be mine. Lev 20:27 **A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones:** their blood *shall be* upon them.

The COY were to be holy, for YAHWEH was and is holy. The punishment for not being circumcised got one kicked out from amongst the COY. However, familiar spirits were not to simply be put out of the camp, they were to be put to death.

The entire 21st and 22nd commands the priesthood in how to walk before YAHWEH. This brings us to the infamous 23rd chapter of Leviticus. This chapter begins and ends with a Sabbath day, the 7th day end of the workweek Sabbath, and, the eighth day end of Tabernacles Sabbath. It described all of what we now know to be YAHWEH's appointed times – the weekly Sabbath, Passover, Unleavened Bread, Weeks or First Fruits (called Pentecost in modernity), Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles.

In the 25th chapter we read of the Sabbath year and the Year of Yubilee. Most “called-out ones” now know that these appointed times are set forth as a guidance for ELOHIM's plan of salvation, which we have studied and written about. We will revisit these when we discuss Part 6 – The Ingathering, Duality In Motion.

As we continue through what ELOHIM's WORD tells us about Moses and YAHWEH's vineyard, we see that there is so, so much to discuss, which is why other specific studies are required.

- Num 4:3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

This was the age in which each of the sons of Levi were to serve their duties. There was another guide for young men being responsible at the age of twenty. These types of instructions/commandments continued until Moses and the COY were ready to enter into Canaan.

We can read of Balaam, his donkey and the angel in the 22nd chapter. In fact, much of what is contained in these chapters are lessons to themselves. As the COY approached and camped at the river Jordan, Moses said the following.

- Deu 6:1 **Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:** Deu 6:2 **That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.** Deu 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. Deu 6:4 **Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:** Deu 6:5 **And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

Should this be any different for the Household of faith this day?

- Deu 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, Deu 10:13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Deu 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD'S thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*. Deu 10:15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day. Deu 10:16 **Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.** Deu 10:17 For **the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:**

I believe Moses says it all here. Very important, verse 16 offers another form of circumcision, which the COY never seemed to understand. This is the second of three types of circumcisions we will see taught in ELOHIM's WORD. And when Moses is on his death bed, he speaks these words.

- Deu 33:26 *There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.* Deu 33:27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy *them*. Deu 33:28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

We clearly see the physical nature of the blessings to be given to YAHWEH's vineyard through Moses' guidance.

- Deu 34:1 And **Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho.** **And the LORD shewed him all the land** of Gilead, unto Dan,

- Deu 34:2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, Deu 34:3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. Deu 34:4 And the LORD said unto him, **This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.**

We remember Moses' sin when he struck the rock for water rather than obeying YAHWEH. YAHWEH allowed him to see the land, but not enter into the land. It was now up to Joshua (Yoshua) to carry the COY over the river Jordan into the land flowing with milk and honey.

- Jos 1:1 Now **after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Jos 1:2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.**

We will close tonight's discussion with what Yoshua was commanded when the COY crossed the river Jordan.

- Jos 5:1 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them anymore, because of the children of Israel. Jos 5:2 At that time the **LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.**

Yoshua was commanded to circumcise the COY again. As the COY prepared to enter into this land, this will cement what we have earlier read about the first form of circumcision; the physical circumcision.

- Jos 5:4 And **this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.** Jos 5:5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but **all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.** Jos 5:6 **For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.** Jos 5:7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. Jos 5:8 And it came to pass, **when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.** Jos 5:9 And **the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you.** Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

This action took away their reproach, necessary for their next action.

- Jos 5:10 And **the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.**

This is why the circumcision was needed as the COY were now fulfilling the first promise made to Abraham. We remember the ordinance of the Passover. This physical circumcision was required for the Passover. It was also required before they would enter into the promised land of Canaan. In closing tonight however, I want to allow YAHWEH of ELOHIM to teach us what HIS ultimate intention was for mankind as HE gave these commandments through Moses and Yohua.

- Joh 7:14 **Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.** Joh 7:15 And **the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?** Joh 7:16 **Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.** Joh 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself. Joh 7:18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Joh 7:19 **Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law?** Why go ye about to kill me? Joh 7:20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?

This is YAHWEH of ELOHIM now come in the flesh to transition HIS commandments from the physical to the spiritual as YESHUA HAMASHIAC.

- Joh 7:21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Joh 7:22 **Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.**

Somehow, the COY began to see circumcision as the law of Moses. We should know better. Now HE teaches us a lesson.

- Joh 7:23 **If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?** Joh 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

YESHUA came to make mankind “every whit whole”, which is to be whole throughout. Even at that time in their history, the COY had not understood how to discern the physical from the spiritual.

This wholeness YESHUA spoke of was and is spiritual, and as we will see, was and is not based on the first type of circumcision.

We will later read in this lesson, how that it was necessary to transition some of the major protocols and commandments given to the COY for the promise of land, to new protocols and commandments to be given to YEHSUA's new vineyard, the Household of Faith, with the promise of eternal salvation.

We will continue Lesson No. 123 next week, as there simply is too much to consider to present it in one discussion. Prayerfully, what was presented continues tonight encourages us to remember the past, to walk appropriately in the present, while understanding the future that is available to each and every one of us.

Shalom!