#### <u>Lesson No. 124 – The Seven Parts of ELOHIM's Creation, Part Five</u>

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#### Part 5 – YESHUA, and the New Vineyard

During Part 1 of this lesson we read of the seven days of creation week. In Part 2 we read how Noah was led to replenish the earth with mankind and other living creatures after the flood. In Part 3 we read of the promises and covenants YAHWEH of ELOHIM made with Abraham, his son Isaac and grandson Yacob. In Part 4 of this Lesson, we read a little of arguably one of the greatest, if not the greatest of all of the men we will read about in the history of the Children of Yisrael (COY). Moses was commissioned to bring the COY out of the bondage of Egypt, bring them face to face with YAHWEH, and prepare them to fulfil the promises YAHWEH had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Yacob regarding the land and physical blessings.

Moses was not allowed to be a part of this fulfillment. And yet, his legacy lives on even until today in modernity. Whenever we think of the COY in history, the name of Moses is sure to take center stage. Moses was the intercessor between the COY and YAHWEH of ELOHIM. He was their first judge. He was a prophet. Through Moses, YAHWEH of ELOHIM presented to the COY a set of standards that established a most important insight into the mind of ELOHIM. Simply put, these standards established the basis of holiness on which the CREATOR of the universe has chosen to govern that element of this great creation that was given the greatest potential of all other elements created in the heavens and in the earth, mankind.

However, there are moments in modernity when Moses is perhaps spoken of and pushed onto a stage that he was not commissioned to accomplish. One interesting fact struck me about Moses as I researched this lesson. Parts 1 thru 4 specifically highlighted Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Yacob and Moses (which includes his successor Yoshua).

Of these five Biblical powerhouses, YAHWEH of ELOHIM made a covenant with each them, except for Moses. I dare say that this simple fact in no way dilutes the importance of his role in ELOHIM's plan of creation, which we also refer to as the plan of salvation. And yet, there are times that mankind forgets who is the KING of CREATION. Let's look back to the commission given to Moses.

• 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. Exo 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. 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.

This was the first part of the commission given to Moses, to lead the COY out of Egypt. Just before he died, Moses was commanded by YAHWEH to say the following words to the COY.

• Deu 29:10 Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel, Deu 29:11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water: Deu 29:12 That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: Deu 29:13 That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

This was part two of Moses commission, to guide the COY in how they must walk in the covenants given unto the fathers of Yisrael.

- Deu 30:10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.
- Deu 30:14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. Deu 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; Deu 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. Deu 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; Deu 30:18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: Deu 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

This sums up what came to be known as the law of Moses. The entirety of these verses sums up Moses commission. The land of Yisrael was established for all time, and this is where his commission was accomplished. It was only meant to serve as a necessary precursor for another intercessor that was to come. And, this is where modernity has taken a nose dive into vain and false religions that fail to see the mind of ELOHIM that we have been exposed to. Moses said this to the COY.

• Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

This prophecy by Moses sets the stage for this Part 5 of this lesson. Later in ELOHIM's WORD, we read of the ultimate fulfillment of these words.

# • Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The law given by Moses set the tone for the COY's initial fulfillment of the first two covenants YAHWEH made with Abraham. However, it simply set the stage for the final covenant made with Abraham. There was to be a seed to come that would bless all of the families of the earth. That seed would bring grace and truth. We read of Moses and the Vineyard of YAHWEH. This Part 5 now focuses on HE who would bring a necessary quality of YAHWEH's commandments that Moses could not bring, YESHUA HAMASHIAC. And this quality was and is spiritual grace and truth.

When one considers the sweet counsel that the family of ELOHIM once engaged in, it must have been obvious to these two omnipotent beings that they would one day have to take drastic measures to accomplish all that THEY desired to happen on this earth. So, as we are provided the knowledge of the truth of ELOHIM, we first see how that the original earth as we know it was created. We know that the primary focus of the counsel of ELOHIM exposed to mankind was YAHWEH of ELOHIM. We know also of ELOHIM's choice to teach us of this great plan through the use of metaphors. YAHWEH's prophets wrote often of these metaphors.

• Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. Isa 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

• Isa 40:12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Isa 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? Isa 40:14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

As usual, YAHWEH of ELOHIM revealed to HIS prophets the intricate details of HIS plans. The Prophet Isaiah wrote how that YAHWEH of ELOHIM will come and HIS ARM shall rule for HIM. This ARM's reward and work shall be before HIM. This ARM shall feed YAHWEH's flock like a shepherd.

• Isa 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding. Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. Isa 40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

I believe that many know that YAHWEH often had HIS prophets write of HIMSELF, and yet have not accepted the depth of what has been written. The true question as we read these prophesies is how were they to be accomplished.

Somewhere in the midst of these prophesies is the following.

• 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. Isa 8:17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

We read earlier in this lesson how that YAHWEH was so disappointed in HIS vineyard that HE said this vineyard would not be pruned (Isaiah 5:6). And here the Prophet teaches us of YAHWEH's future role with this vineyard. HE would become a "stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to the COY". And as a result, many shall stumble, fall, be broken, snared and taken. The Prophet then writes a most important prophecy that many of my Hebrew Yisraelite Brethren have yet to account for. It is the disciples of YAHWEH that shall bind the testimony and seal the law. It is a future prophecy about the commission of YAHWEH's disciples. And then the Prophet writes this.

• Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Remember, earlier we read that Moses gave the law and YESHUA grace and truth. As we read and accept more and more of ELOHIM's WORD, it should not confuse the fact that the first two covenants made with Abraham were incomplete to accomplish the final part of ELOHIM's creation, yet to come. This was something Moses or any man of the flesh could not provide.

For those who are accepting and believing in ELOHIM's WORD, it must become obvious that the prophets themselves are teaching us that the testimony to come was necessary to take the physical components of the law to a higher level. Mankind had to begin to think higher than the physical mindset that existed under the law. YAHWEH HIMSELF would have to accomplish this personally.

And yet how would HE do this? This is why HE had HIS prophets to prophecy about HIS disciples, the law, and the testimony. <u>Isaiah 8:16 is the only passage written in the Old Covenant that mentions the word disciples.</u> These disciples would be called-out to take the law into the realm of the testimony, which would become the most controversial spiritual confrontation the COY and other families on the earth has ever faced. It is the testimony that teaches us what the prophets did not.

• Heb 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. Heb 10:2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. Heb 10:3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

The law was never meant to be perfect. As given to the COY it had flaws. And yet, obedience to the law in faith landed quite a few individuals in YAHWEH's grace, as documented in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Hebrews. The law contained metaphoric language that only the testimony, as planned through the counsel of ELOHIM, could decode. The Prophet King David was inspired to write this prophecy, ripe with metaphors.

• Psa 40:4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. Psa 40:5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which* are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered. Psa 40:6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Psa 40:7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, Psa 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

YAHWEH of ELOHIM never truly desired sacrifices and offerings, nor required burnt offering and sin offerings. David was not given the step that would result in the fulfillment of this prophecy. He did not know how that someone greater than himself would accomplish this, except to know that whoever it was, HE was written of in the volume of the book, and, that HE would someday come with delight to do the will of ELOHIM. It was one of those disciples Isaiah prophesied about that provided the testimony.

• Heb 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

YAHWEH of ELOHIM knew that the law, with its sacrifices and offerings, had primarily accomplished a mindset of burden rather than joy in Yisrael. The law was not within their hearts, as a nation. A change had to be established. A body was made in order to fulfill this. Notice this genealogy, recorded in the testimony by one of those disciples.

• Mat 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Mat 1:2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

We remember that the plan required YESHUA to come through the genealogy of Yehudah. And just for informational purposes, the name Yacob in verse 12 is the same Greek word translated James for the disciple of YESHUA. Why this distortion and mistranslation? ELOHIM knows.

• Mat 1:15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; Mat 1:16 And <u>Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary</u>, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

• Mat 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ *are* fourteen generations.

Through these 14 generations from Abraham to YESHUA, 39 men begot sons until we read of Yoseph, the husband of Mary. Yoseph did not beget YESHUA. Verse 16 of this testimony reads "Mary, of whom was born YESHUA".

• Mat 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Mary was with child of or by the Holy Spirit. This too is metaphoric because the member of the family of ELOHIM that remained in the heavens above the heavens, the FATHER impregnated Mary with the body that had been made for YAHWEH. HE, like YAHWEH, is an omnipotent HOLY SPIRIT. And yet, HE did this, just as YAHWEH had always done things, through the use of HIS ministering spirit. And from this moment on we begin to read how that the duality of ELOHIM's WORD unfolds.

We know the story of Yoseph and his pregnant maiden wife Mary and how that Herod, whom we now have evidence that he was an Edomite, wanted the child dead because of the prophesies about HIS royalty.

• 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 was the first of the Old Covenant prophesies in which we read how its duality was fulfilled. ELOHIM's SON had to be called out of Egypt.

- Mat 2:19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Mat 2:20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. Mat 2:21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
- Mat 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Here is the second fulfillment.

• Luk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When YESHUA was brought into the world, HE was born under the law of Moses, and thus HE was circumcised the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

• Luk 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Luk 2:41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. Luk 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. Luk 2:43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.

This is where YESHUA's parents were about to witness a fact they no doubt suspected, that this 12-year-old was not your typical Yisraelite young man of 12 years old. Somewhere on their way home they noticed HE was not with them.

• Luk 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. Luk 2:47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. Luk 2:48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. Luk 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Many in modernity still have not grasp these words. They have mistranslated and substituted their own doctrines to supplant ELOHIM's business. It interesting that YESHUA appears to have begun HIS teaching immediately following the Passover week. Well, we are told little else about YESHUA's growth into a young man except for the following.

• Luk 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. Luk 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

HE subjected HIMSELF to the authority of HIS parents. Based on the customs of the men following somewhat after their fathers, it is a strong possibility that YESHUA, as the oldest son, performed some form of carpentry during these years. And finally, it was time for HIM to present HIMSELF to mankind. We also read this last week.

Mal 3:1 Behold, <u>I will send my messenger</u>, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

How would this messenger prepare the way for YAHWEH to come to HIS temple as the messenger of the covenant? And FYI, this is the third covenant made with Abraham, blessing all the families of the earth.

• Joh 1:19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? Joh 1:20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. Joh 1:21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Joh 1:22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? Joh 1:23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

Here, Yochanan confesses that he is the messenger to prepare the way for YAHWEH. He was the one chosen by YAHWEH to implement a new protocol and commandment — baptism, a word that means to wash. Under the Old Covenant, the word wash was primarily associated with hands, feet, head, clothes and skin. It was primarily physical in nature. And yet, even the prophets hinted of the need to be more profoundly washed.

• Psa 51:1 **To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Psa 51:2 **Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.** Psa 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. Psa 51:4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest. Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psa 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Psa 51:7 **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow**.

Reading these words, one can easily see how that David was a man after YAHWEH's own heart.

One can also see where these verses could easily have been written as a part of the testimony. David's repentant heart desired to be washed in a manner that was not given the priority that was required under the Old Covenant. The Prophet Yeremayah hinted at what was desired by YAHWEH.

• Jer 2:21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? Jer 2:22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, *yet* thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.

Physical washing of the body simply could not make one clean.

• Jer 4:14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

This was the form of washing desired by YAHWEH. And yet, under the Old Covenant, there wasn't a protocol sufficient enough to accomplish this. You see, under the Old Covenant, everything was either national and concentrated on the males. The third covenant made with Abraham and YAHWEH would need to be established based on greater protocols more acceptable to ELOHIM. As such, Yochanan was sent to prepare the way for YAHWEH to implement these new protocols.

• Joh 1:25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? Joh 1:26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; Joh 1:27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. Joh 1:28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Joh 1:30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

This new protocol was water baptism, the perfect upgrade from the Old Covenant protocols, which all emphasized blood in one form or another. As such, Yochanan's preparation was also dual in nature. It prepared the way for YAHWEH to appear in the flesh before HIS vineyard. It also prepared the way for YAHWEH to ultimately substitute HIMSELF for all of the blood-based commandments to more meaningful water-based protocols that would emphasize the spirit, the mind of the believer. The following also would happen based upon Yochanan's commission.

• Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized, both men and women**.

Concerning the Kingdom of ELOHIM, men and women were responsible for their own minds and commitment to YAHWEH. Notice how Mathew recorded Yochanan's words.

• Mat 3:11 <u>I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance</u>: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: <u>he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire</u>: Mat 3:12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and <u>he will throughly purge his floor</u>, <u>and gather his wheat into the garner</u>; <u>but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire</u>.

It is for this reason YAHWEH would come in the flesh. HE came to work for HIS own prized creation. HE came to sort the wheat from the chaff. And yet, the COY still don't fully understand HIS commission. Yochanan also gave this insight into this greatest baptismal moment of all time.

• Joh 1:31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. Joh 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

• Joh 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. Joh 1:34 And <u>I saw</u>, and bare record that this is the <u>Son of God</u>.

Yochanan bore record of who YESHUA was before the Apostle Peter later would. The Gospel of Luke records another part of this event worth noting.

• Luk 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, Luk 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Luk 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

Most of us never previously considered the significance of YESHUA being about 30 years old when HE was baptized. And yet we read where the Levites could not begin their service as priests until the age of thirty.

• Num 4:46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers, Num 4:47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,

YEHSUA came to become our HIGH PRIEST. Immediately after HIS baptism, YESHUA was led by the spirit to be tempted by Satan. The temptation would come after HE had fasted for 40 days and nights. You know this sends each of us a message. It is when we are at our weakest when our true spirit testifies of our hearts.

Perhaps this is why one of those who became a key disciple wrote the following:

• Jas 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Jas 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. Jas 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

YESHUA came to show us how to elevate in our minds, our understanding of the required faith for the Kingdom of ELOHIM, which the COY never quite grasp. YESHUA's disciple, now an apostle encourages us how to receive and cherish our temptations by understanding that if we allow our faith to work patience, we will lack for nothing. YESHUA set the examples for us to follow.

• 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.

Somehow, even many who honor the appointed times given by YAHWEH, fail to understand what is "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of ELOHIM". I was reading the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Yochanan with a few brothers this week who questioned why I left their congregation. I spoke of the importance of the foot washing ceremony at Passover as one of my reasons. When I read the following: "Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you", one of the brothers emphasized that YESHUA simply said one "should do". I.e., "should do" did not represent a commandment.

This is an example of how that we sometimes fail to discern what represents "every word that proceeds from the mouth of ELOHIM". Do we not get it that everything YESHUA spoke to HIS disciples, and this includes the foot washing at Passover, came from the mouth of FATHER ELOHIM? As YAHWEH of ELOHIM, YESHUA HAMASHIAC was preparing the foundation of the new vineyard for their commission, HE said the following words to them, and to all whom the FATHER would draw to HIM through their words.

• Joh 14:21 <u>He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he</u> it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

These Hebrew Yisraelite Brethren, who believe that they are following CHRIST, also believe that HIS words to HIS disciples regarding the New Covenant Passover and foot washing are not commandments. Here, YESHUA is addressing this issue on that same Passover night. If you have HIS commandments and keep them, you love HIM and shall be loved by HIS FATHER. And yet, the Hebrews would still maintain that HIS earlier instructions to them were not HIS commandments. Well, let's allow HIM to be our guide.

• Joh 14:22 <u>Judas saith unto him</u>, not Iscariot, <u>Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world</u>? Joh 14:23 <u>Jesus answered</u> and said unto him, <u>If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.</u>

This disciple asks YESHUA for clarification. And YESHUA clarifies. If a man loves HIM, HE will keep HIS words, and then, the FATHER will love HIM. Then and only then will YESHUA and HIS FATHER come unto to that man and make their abode with him, or she. Let's continue, for this is too important not to seek the proper understanding.

### • Joh 14:24 <u>He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings</u>: and <u>the word which ye hear is not mine</u>, <u>but the Father's which sent me</u>.

YESHUA said we are to live by every word proceeding from the mouth of ELOHIM. Those words in Yochanan 13:15 proceeded from the mouth of YAHWEH of ELOHIM. By very strong implication, when YESHUA said man shall live by every word proceeding from ELOHIM, there exists a cause and effect consequence. There exists a penalty for deciding to not live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of ELOHIM. Now, YESHUA provides the total clarification of the power in all of HIS words. They are the WORD of ELOHIM. All of HIS sayings are to be kept, for they are all the words of HIS FATHER, who sent HIM. What words is HE talking about? Well again, let HIM tell you.

# • Joh 14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

By HIS own mouth, YESHUA's sayings are the words HE has spoken to HIS disciples, while being present with them. And this is where the world of modernity has corrupted itself by nor reading fully the words HE spoke to HIS disciples, and, their words which would come later. I exhort my Hebrew Yisraelite Brethren to wake up and read HIS words, so that HE may bless up each of them and HE and the FATHER can make THEIR abode with them.

Now, the disciple, now apostle of YAHWEH, said that we should be happy to endure our temptations. As I was preparing this Part 5, I noticed something we need to emphasize more about the Passover observance and the example YESHUA gave to HIS disciples to teach the world.

• Joh 13:15 For <u>I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you</u>. Joh 13:16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

First, HE is clear that this is a New Covenant example that they "should do" as they prepare to partake of the New Covenant Passover. Secondly, HE establishes the hierchy. HE is their master. The FATHER sent HIM and thus is HIS MASTER. The disciples will become masters to others yet to come. If we can see it, each member of the Household of Faith will become masters to others, as their destiny is to reign with YESHUA for 1,000 years (Revelations 20:6). And now notice the following verse very, very carefully.

• Joh 13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

What things? If we have come to the knowledge of the things YESHUA has just shown them through HIS example and HIS explanations, happy are you, if you do them!! Sadly, the COY of modernity chooses to continue to do things that incorporate Old Covenant mentalities rather than elevate their minds into the New Covenant that any member of the Household of Faith must incorporate into their doings.

Let's continue with YESHUA establishing HIS examples to us.

• Mat 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, Mat 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Mat 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Mat 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; Mat 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Mat 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

YESHUA showed us this first example. The temptations will come. And they will come from unexpected places. YESHUA came to teach us what the stakes were, and, how we must learn to overcome these temptations by discerning how to worship ELOHIM only. HE now is ready to implement Part 5 of ELOHIM's creation – The New Vineyard. As the prophets taught us, the key element of this new vineyard would become YAHWEH's disciples, who would "bind up the testimony and seal the law".

• Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Mat 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. Mat 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Prior to this point, the COY were only concerned with the land promised to the fathers Abraham, Isaac and Yacob. They were not so concerned about the third covenant – "all of the families of the earth would be blessed". And yet, this was what YESHUA came to preach, the Kingdom of Heaven, not the Kingdom of Yisrael. Peter and Andrew were the first of the twelve disciples given to YESHUA by HIS FATHER. Their new commission was to become fishers of men. Did HE say they would become fishers of the COY? Just a thought.

• Mar 3:13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth *unto him* whom he would: and they came unto him. Mar 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, Mar 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: Mar 3:16 And Simon he surnamed Peter; Mar 3:17 And James the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: Mar 3:18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

• Mar 3:19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

YESHUA now ordains twelve of HIS disciples to preach, heal and cast out devils. Wow! What a commission HE gave these twelve. It would be this twelve that would "bind up the testimony and seal the law". YESHUA would give them words from the mouth of ELOHIM, often in the form of parables. And yet, even though HE had revealed things to HIS prophets as YAHWEH, they were not privileged to be directly taught by YAHWEH as were these disciples. Remember the following dialogue between them?

• Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, <u>Why speakest</u> thou unto them in parables? Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

It was given unto these disciples "to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven". This was not given to the original vineyard. I have heard some say that there are no mysteries in ELOHIM's WORD. Well, who's word should we accept, theirs, or YESHUA's? These words explain so much about the foundation of this new vineyard.

• Mat 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. Mat 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: Mat 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Let's remember the following words we read recently.

• 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.

This is what the New Covenant vineyard is all about, having the courage to humble oneself, to become converted to YEHSUA and to become as a little child, spiritually. This is required to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. As we look back to chapter 13, YESHUA further establishes the importance of these disciples prophesied to "bind the testimony and seal the law".

• Mat 13:16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

YESHUA establishes a poignant fact. The prophets would love to have seen or heard the things the disciples of YESHUA saw and heard.

Now, we know that, even though the vineyard of YAHWEH would not be pruned, yet it also would not be completely destroyed. We know this prophecy.

• Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

We also know that they will not be totally consumed because YAHWEH's name is in them.

• Isa 48:9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

• Isa 48:10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. Isa 48:11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: for how should *my name* be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

This is also why the New Covenant would be established with the COY, first.

• Mat 15:24 But he answered and said, <u>I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel</u>.

They were given the first invitation to partake a glorious and spiritual future, as announced by the prophets of YAHWEH. However, it was the disciple/apostle of YAHWEH who was given a clearer explanation of what the Prophet Yeremayah prophesied in Yeremayah 31:31-34.

• Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Heb 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

We know these verses are describing the fact that YESHUA, YAHWEH in the flesh, became the mediator of a better covenant than was established in the past. This covenant was established upon greater promises than those simply associated with the land and material wealth. This is the covenant by which Abraham was promised that "all of the families on the earth would be blessed".

• Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when <u>I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah</u>:

• Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

For HIS names' sake, YAHWEH would give the Houses of Yehudah and Yisrael the first opportunity to partake in this New Covenant. But there is something else stated here.

• Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Who are they here? We read how that "all" will know YAHWEH". Notice a slight shift in the emphasis here?

• Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Heb 8:13 In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. **Now that which decayeth** and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

The Old Covenant is now ready to decay and vanish away. Although, the New Covenant was first made to the COY, and, YESHUA said HE was only sent to the lost COY, HE later said the following:

• Joh 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. Joh 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Joh 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

• Joh 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father

We must always remember that this New Covenant will bless all of the families of the earth. And, we just read "they shall not teach", because all will know HIM. Now I know this will need further study, yet we cannot discount these words.

Now, we know that the COY were the vineyard of YAHWEH. With the New Covenant, there would of necessity be a change, because the first vineyard would not be pruned. As such, YESHUA taught HIS disciples about how the change would occur.

• Luk 20:9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. Luk 20:10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent *him* away empty. Luk 20:11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty. Luk 20:12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast *him* out.

These servants were the judges and prophets sent unto the COY.

• Luk 20:13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence *him* when they see him. Luk 20:14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. Luk 20:15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed *him*. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

We know, or we should know that this son is YESHUA.

Those that killed HIM simply would not acknowledge that the prophets clearly had told them how that HE would come in the flesh. When HE came, they would not then, and most still not today, accept the New Covenant HE brought to them. They chose not and still choose not in modernity, to be HIS vineyard. So, what did ELOHIM do?

• Luk 20:16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard *it*, they said, God forbid.

This vineyard would be given to others. Now, we must also understand how this will work. This new vineyard, which will be given to others, is being taken from the nation. It is no longer the Nation of Yisrael. However, it still began with those who are of the Nation of Yisrael. However, the New Covenant enforces the fact that each member of this new vineyard, called the Household of Faith, can enter in and remain in only based on their individual obedience, trust and faith in ELOHIM through YESHUA HAMASHIAC.

YESHUA told us how this would work.

• Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? Mat 16:14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Here YESHUA asks a simple question which the bold and inquisitive one, Peter, answered. And yet, we don't emphasize YEHSUA's response to HIM enough in the context it truly should be. Why do I say this? This response by YESHUA sets the tone for ELOHIM establishes this new vineyard.

• Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, <u>Blessed art thou</u>, <u>Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee</u>, <u>but my Father which is in heaven</u>.

Peter correctly answered the question. But this response teaches us how that the new vineyard will work. Flesh and blood did not reveal that YESHUA was indeed CHRIST, but HIS FATHER who is in heaven. Is it any different for you and I? Did flesh and blood reveal this to us, or the FATHER? Remember, one cannot even come to YESHUA unless the FATHER draws one (John 6:44).

• Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and <u>upon this</u> rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

As a result, the rock, YAHWEH now being the CHRIST, the SON of ELOHIM, is what HIS church would be built on. This is based on the fact that the FATHER also reveals to those who will become members of this church knowing this.

• 1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 1Co 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 1Co 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 1Co 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 1Co 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

The COY as a nation was baptized unto Moses in the sea. Yet, YESHUA was the rock upon which they all stood. HE is the ROCK upon which the New Covenant church is built upon.

Mathew 16:18 is the first occurrence of the word church, the Greek word ekklesia, which is an assembly of "called-out ones". For Peter's boldness and faith in ELOHIM he is now given a leadership position within this new church.

• Mat 16:19 And <u>I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven</u>: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Now we see the Prophet Isaiah's words beginning to be fulfilled through the disciples of YESHUA. Peter was chosen as a leader of this group. We also know the following:

• Mat 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

This simply establishes that the dialogue below is between YESHUA and HIS disciples, only.

• Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. Mat 18:16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Mat 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

These are simply some of the many instructions given to them as HE prepared them for the leadership in HIS church HE is now establishing.

• Mat 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Do these words sound familiar? They should. We just read them applied to Peter. Now, we are reading them being applied to the entire twelve disciples. Remember, they are "to bind the testimony and seal the law".

• Mat 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

This is the church, the group of "called-out ones", being established first in the form of 12 disciples, later named apostles. This is also the initial foundation of the New Covenant vineyard. And this is the New Covenant church of today, which exists wherever two or three are gathered in the name of YESHUA. We would see this vineyard grow after YESHUA would accomplish the main commission given to HIM in the flesh: HIS death and resurrection.

• Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 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.

Isn't it amazing that so many so-called Christians are honoring these days that include something called Christmas, as if it is holy, and reject this fiftieth day we know to be the Appointed Time of Weeks ELOHIM commanded to YAHWEH's first vineyard?

We now read how that those who were chosen as the foundations of HIS NEW Covenant church continued to keep HIS appointed times after HIS death and resurrection.

These twelve "were all with one accord in one place" on this appointed time when they each received a ministering spirit which caused their words to be heard in the language of those COY who heard them. Why was this necessary?

• Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Those who had traveled to attend this appointed time had come from all over the earth.

• Act 2:14 But <u>Peter, standing up with the eleven</u>, lifted up his voice, and <u>said unto them</u>, <u>Ye men of Judaea</u>, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

The Apostle Peter now began to showcase his statute as the leader. All these Yehudans from all these nations clearly understood his words.

• Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

The first additions to this New Covenant church began by YESHUA with these twelve disciples were all Yisraelites. Now, those who believed asked the vital question. So, obviously now knew that they were here at this Appointed Time of Weeks in a vain manner. So, what must they do?

• Act 2:38 Then <u>Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost</u>.

Peter was swift and provided the key New Covenant protocol and commandment. Repent and be baptized. This is so key, and yet so still misunderstood by the COY of modernity.

• 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.

The Apostle then teaches how that this New Covenant was first established with these COY, but would also be offered to those who "are afar off".

He further admonished them to do the following.

• Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

And with this, 3,000 Yehudans and possible some members of the House of Yisrael were added to the church founded by YESHUA through HIS disciples. Another apostle would clarify who those are that "are afar off".

• Act 13:44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. Act 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Act 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

This was the beginning of YAHWEH's fulfillment of the covenant and promise HE made with Abraham. This is why the Apostle Paul wrote the following:

• Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This perfectly describes YESHUA's relationship to HIS new vineyard. It continues to grow in all of the families of the earth. It is challenged by false teachers, family members, friends, and believe it or not, fellow members. This is why we must develop the character YESHUA HIMSELF commanded; "Be converted and become as little children". This is why HIS Apostle taught us to "study to show ourselves approved". This is why HIS apostle taught us to "put on the whole armor of ELOHIM".

The leaders of YESHUA's vineyard have done just what the prophets were told they would do. They have bound the testimony and sealed the law. And yet, we are all surrounded by many who do not accept their commission. For instance, we know the following.

• Act 15:22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: Act 15:23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia: Act 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: Act 15:25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

• Act 15:26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Act 15:27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth. Act 15:28 For <u>it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things</u>;

These words document to the Household of Faith how that through the guidance of the Spirit of YAHWEH, these disciples, now the apostles of YESHUA, sealed the law of circumcision. And finally:

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

This is an example of how they bound the testimony. There are too many other examples that have and will continue to increase our knowledge of how this new vineyard teaches us those new and better promises, as long as we continue to "study" ELOHIM's WORD "to show ourselves approved" as members of this new vineyard unto YAHWEH of ELOHIM, now YESHUA HAMASHIAC.

Shalom Brothers and Sisters!