

Lesson No. 128 – Out With The Old, In With The New – A Covenant of Hope For All

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What we are beginning to understand more and more is that there exists a major misunderstanding of the relationship of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Some believe that every aspect of the Old Covenant has been replaced. Some believe that the sacrificial law is the only thing not also applicable to the New Covenant. Many do not believe that YESHUA is the SON of ELOHIM. Some believe that as the SON of ELOHIM, the commandments given to the COY have been replaced by a new day of rest on the first day of the week; along with new days such as Easter and Christmas. In other words, it is a very confusing time in modernity where the Bible is concerned. What does the WORD of ELOHIM truly teach us about what HE has told those who claim a belief in the Bible is important to HIM?

We know how the Children of Yisrael (COY) existed under the Old Covenant after they came up out of the Red Sea, where we have been informed by an apostle of the New Covenant that the whole nation was baptized. We have studied the fact that the men of the COY were physically circumcised before the COY were allowed to be baptized in the Red Sea. Through additional studies we know the physical circumcision did little to circumcise the hearts and the ears of the COY. The COY were consistently deemed to be uncircumcised, even though they continued to honor the physical act of circumcision in the flesh.

If one reads through the writings of the prophets of the COY, it is obvious that something had to change in order for ELOHIM to complete HIS plan for HIS prized creations, planet earth and mankind. As such, in this lesson we are revisiting a study we did a couple of years ago as Lesson No 128 - Out With the Old, In With the New – A Covenant For All.

There are three scriptures that specifically mention the phrase “new covenant” in the MOST HIGH’s WORD.

- Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, **saith the LORD**, that **I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah**: Jer 31:32 **Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake**, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

We first read that there was a covenant made with the COY when they were brought out of Egypt, which was broken by the COY. As a result, this “new covenant” to be made with the Houses of Yisrael and Yehudah would not be according to the original covenant. This strongly suggest that the “New Covenant” will be different.

YAHWEH would go on to say the following about HIS “New Covenant”.

- Jer 31:33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; **After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.** Jer 31:34 And **they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.** Jer 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:

At this time, whenever this happens, YAHWEH will put HIS law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts, and all will know YAHWEH.

The 2nd instance of the phrase reads very similar, except it starts as follows:

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

This verse teaches that YAHWEH found fault with the COY. Verses 9 thru 12 are essentially repeats of what we read earlier in Yeremayah 31:32 thru 34 with one exception.

- Heb 8:12 For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness**, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

And here, instead of saying “I will forgive their iniquity”, it says HE “will be merciful to their unrighteousness”. Also, here in the Book of Hebrews, the passage started out and ended a little differently.

- Heb 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

So, in the New Covenant writings, we learn that obviously, there was fault found in the first covenant. What we must clearly understand as the Household of Faith, is that it was designed that way by ELOHIM. This is what the New Covenant was designed to repair, and provide the needed, one and only, standard of belief, faith.

- 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.

And as such, the old vanishes with the new. This is a concept that has been explained in a lot of different ways that has caused great confusion amongst “so-called” believers. The last instance of this phrase is also in the Book of Hebrews.

- Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, Heb 12:24 **And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

The word mediator in the 24th verse is “mesites”, which means reconciler. And so, YESHUA is the reconciler of the New Covenant. The English word “reconcile” carries 4 basic meanings; 1) to restore to friendship or harmony, 2) to settle or resolve differences, and 3) to make consistent, and 4) to cause to submit to or accept. This was YESHUA’s commission in mediating the New Covenant by reconciling the Old with updates to create the New. While each of these 4 meanings may have a bit of relevance, it is the second definition that we will see as being more applicable here, because the testimony of YESHUA and HIS disciples reconciles the Old Covenant to the New Covenant by resolving the differences.

Now in considering the man-made confusion that exists about these covenants, we must gain a better understanding of what ELOHIM’s WORD truly teaches. To do this, let’s first understand the Old Covenant. Yeremayah 31:32 says “Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt”.

So, let’s revisit the key components of this covenant made with the COY when they came out of Egypt. We know from previous lessons that the first Passover was in every father’s dwelling (Exodus 12:3), just prior to the COY leaving Egypt. We also know that the Feast of Unleavened Bread was commanded at that time as well.

We know that in Exodus 14:21-30, Moses describes how the COY were brought through the Red Sea.

YAHWEH parted the Sea and allowed the COY to cross it on dry land, while the Egyptians pursued. Once the COY were safely to the other side of the Sea we read the following:

- Exo 14:27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Exo 14:28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. Exo 14:29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry *land* in the midst of the sea; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Exo 14:30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. Exo 14:31 And **Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.**

With this great act, we learn in verse 30 that YAHWEH saved Yisrael from the Egyptians, and thus the COY feared and believed YAHWEH. Just food for thought here. While it says they believed YAHWEH, it does not say they believed in HIM. Seems to be a difference to me. I.e., they believed in HIS power, but were not ready to accept HIS absolute authority as their ELOHIM. Now let's see what happened a little later.

- Exo 19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

This sets the timetable of the following chapters. This chapter details YAHWEH's words to Moses as HE commands the COY to appear before HIM as HE comes down to speak to them.

- Exo 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

- Exo 20:2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Exo 20:3 **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

It is important to understand that the first and perhaps the most important law given to the COY in what would become the Old Covenant was for the COY to have NO OTHER god before their ELOHIM! Perhaps it is equally as important that YAHWEH spoke the words of the ten commandments directly to the COY. Chapters 21 thru 23 detail YAHWEH's judgements about basic living together and social justice as well as the Sabbath and the 3 feasts when man was to appear before YAHWEH (Unleavened Bread, Weeks and Tabernacles), given to Moses to give to the COY, which are all a part of the Old Covenant.

- Exo 24:3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do. Exo 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. 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.**

These verses from the 19th chapter to the 24th chapter form the basis of the Old Covenant made after the COY came through the Red Sea. They include the 10 commandments and laws about altars, slaves, restitution, social justice and the weekly and annual Sabbaths & festivals.

Initially, the sacrificial laws were not included. It was after this that the following happened.

- Exo 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: Exo 24:10 And they saw the God of Israel: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness. Exo 24:11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink. Exo 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

And these are the basic instructions given to Moses during these 40 days and nights spent with YAHWEH on the mount.

- Exo 24:16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and **the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.** Exo 24:17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. Exo 24:18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and **Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.**

And it would appear that Moses was called up into the midst of the cloud on the weekly Sabbath to receive the tables of stone, the law and commandments; as well instructions on the ark of the covenant, the tabernacle and the establishment of the priesthood, during those 40 days and nights. And then the following happened.

These verses confirm the words of CHRIST's words in Yochanan 1:18 and 5:37 as HE stated that man had never seen ELOHIM, i.e., the FATHER. Exodus 24:10 & 11 says the nobles saw the ELOHIM of Yisrael. They saw YAHWEH of ELOHIM, who came in the flesh as YESHUA the CHRIST.

- Exo 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. Exo 32:2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me. Exo 32:4 And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and **they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.** Exo 32:5 And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it; and **Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.** Exo 32:6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

Man enjoys creating his own feasts to false gods. It is not new. It did not take this people long to proclaim their own god. They still do this in modernity, perhaps in ignorance. That was and remains a big problem. In the absence of immediate answers, we seek our own answers instead of patiently waiting on ELOHIM's guidance.

- 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.

Notice here that it is because the COY created new gods, breaking that very first commandment given to them, that YAHWEH was ready to wipe them from the face of the earth. However, Moses interceded for them. After this event, beginning with the 1st chapter of Leviticus, the sacrificial law is given to the COY.

And so, beginning with the physical circumcision performed by Joshua in the wilderness, the Covenant given at Mt. Sinai, and now the sacrificial laws and the other laws described in the Books of Leviticus and Numbers, we collectively have what is called the law of Moses, which became synonymous to the Old Covenant.

Needless to read at this time, we know that the COY never circumcised their hearts or their ears. In fact, the COY consistently played the harlot and rejected YAHWEH. The Old Covenant was broken by the COY. It did not work for the purpose YAHWEH desired. This is why Yeremayah prophesied about, and the Apostle Paul wrote about, the need for a New Covenant.

And yet, a part of the confusion of modernity is the failure to recognize that the Old Covenant is actually two different covenants fused into one. The first covenant was all about the land, material promises, and the multiplication of the physical seed promised to Abraham, Isaac and Yacob. The second covenant, the physical circumcision, was simply a token of the first covenant. However, there was a third covenant made which had nothing to do with the land or the COY as a nation. It was to do with a seed that came out of the COY.

The Apostle Paul further explains this.

- Gal 3:15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Gal 3:16 **Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

So, there was a promise made to Abraham concerning CHRIST. Let's remember what we have grown to learn about ELOHIM's WORD. Through the prophets we now know how that the disciples of YESHUA would bind the testimony and seal the law.

Here is another prime example of one of those disciples fulfilling this commission.

- Gal 3:17 And this I say, *that* **the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.**

Now it has been speculated that the 430 years spoken of here represent the years of Yisrael's captivity in Egypt. However, the numbers don't add up, because according to research they were only in Egypt 230 years. More research is obviously needed. Yet, perhaps a closer look here provides some clarity. Verse 17 says the law was 430 years after. After what? Verse 16 refers to the promises or probably the promise. So, looking at the context, these 430 years probably represent the time from the promise(s) given to Abraham to the giving of the law to the COY in Sinai.

- Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

Again, we are talking about a particular promise given to Abraham, because YAHWEH made several promises to him.

- Gal 3:19 **Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;** *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Now we are talking about the law that was added because of transgressions, because of sins. Whose transgressions? Whose sins? Obviously, we are talking about the COY. And, because we are talking about a law that was added, by context, based on what we have read earlier, this is the sacrificial law.

- Gal 3:20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one. Gal 3:21 *Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.* Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

This added law wasn't against the promises of ELOHIM. It was given for a purpose, albeit it, a temporary purpose. In fact, much of the law of Moses had a temporary purpose. This is a part of the reconciliation that must be understood, and will be understood to all drawn to and called-out to YESHUA who study, and yet are willing to become as little children.

- Gal 3:24 Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.

This is the purpose of this law, that could not make one whole. As we look into verses 23 and 24, they set the tone for the plan established in ELOHIM's WORD. This law, which was given to the COY because of their sin related to the law of Moses, was simply added as a schoolmaster, the Greek word "*paidagōgos*", which implies it was a tutor or guardian unto CHRIST. We will look at the word "unto" also in this study, because we need to get the true context of these words.

As I researched this word "*paidagōgos*" further, it was used by Greeks in the context of "a guide and guardian of boys. Among the Greeks and Romans, the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals of boys belonging to the better class. The boys were not allowed so much as to step out of the house without them before arriving at the age of manhood".

The fact that the translators (of the Hebrew scriptures to Greek) used this particular word to describe the added sacrificial law teaches us that they understood the importance of the COY to YAHWEH, and, how important the MOST HIGH desired for individuals amongst the COY to develop a trust in YAHWEH. The sacrificial law was in essence a type of punitive law to keep these people called by YAHWEH's name in check, until YAHWEH HIMSELF would come in the flesh to usher in a New Covenant based on "faith only". It was only a substitute until CHRIST came to reconcile the three covenants made with Abraham, Isaac and Yacob.

Notice also how the Apostle said in verse 23 that "we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed". Now, like so many words, the Greek word translated "unto" here, "eis", has multiple meanings. It can mean unto or until. You decide which by context appears clearer. It certainly appears that they were shut up under the law "until" faith should be revealed.

- 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.**

Now remember, under the Old Covenant, the entire nation was baptized into Moses. Now, it is the individual (both man and woman) that is baptized, not into Moses, but into YAHWEH come in the flesh as YESHUA the CHRIST. Once baptized into CHRIST, you have now "put on CHRIST". And while it is not the purpose of this lesson, like the COY, our putting on CHRIST must be understood as a one-way ticket. The COY were kicked out of the land and/or died physically. One of YESHUA's disciples warned us.

- Heb 10:26 **For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,** Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

- Heb 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

This why we are to count the cost of our calling, whether or not we are ready (Luke 14:26-29).

Now, this same apostle taught us much about the transition from the COY to the one fold YESHUA spoke of.

- 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.

Once baptized into CHRIST, you are no longer a Yisraelite or of the nations. You are now a now a member of that one fold we read CHRIST speak of in Yochanan 10:16, of which HE alone is our SHEPHERD. We are then “heirs according to the promise”. What was this promise?

- 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.**

Remember, the Apostle stated in Galatians 3:16 that this discussion relates to the promise of the one seed, CHRIST, not the COY, to which the first part of this verse speaks of. In fact, this first promise is all about the COY as a physical nation, while the second promise related strictly to making one whole spiritually, not physically.

Yet both of these promises to Abraham were not based on the physical circumcision or sacrificial law, but on Abraham's faith in YAHWEH (Abraham being the father of all those that believe by faith).

And with that, let's transition our thoughts and begin to understand the attributes of this promised New Covenant.

- Joh 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

When we look back on Biblical history, I am sometimes in awe of the spiritual stupidity of the COY. They didn't trust in YAHWEH even when HE parted the Red Sea for their escape from Egypt. Here, we see that they didn't trust HIM when HE came in the flesh to guide them back to ELOHIM. Let's continue reading in Yochanan.

- Joh 7:8 Go ye up unto this feast: (**HE's talking to HIS disciples here**) I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. Joh 7:9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee. Joh 7:10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Joh 7:11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

Now we are told this all occurred at the Appointed Time of Tabernacles, a holy time unto YAHWEH. Why would the Jews seek to kill YESHUA on what is arguably one of the most joyous of all the MOST HIGH's appointed times? Why would a true believer in YAHWEH seek to do harm, willfully or unwilfully, during one of the MOST HIGH's appointed times?

- 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.

If we are able to receive YESHUA's words, HE is instructing the Jews, who sought to kill HIM, and us, on a very, very spiritual level. Be careful not to seek your own glory, for to do so, there is no righteousness in us. If we do the FATHER's will, HE will ensure we know HIS doctrine.

- 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?

Here YESHUA is planting more spiritual seed that further shows that the Jews ears were uncircumcised.

- Joh 7:20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? 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. 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.**

Let's digest YESHUA's words here very carefully. In verse 21 HE said for one work they marvel. HE then speaks about the physical circumcision, which although it was given to the fathers and not Moses, it became a part of the Law of Moses and thus, the Old Covenant.

HE then says something of major significance in verse 24. HE contrasts the Jewish custom of physically circumcising on the Sabbath with HIS making a man "every whit whole on the Sabbath day".

HE then says don't judge appearances but judge righteousness. So, becoming "every whit whole" is deemed to be righteousness under the New Covenant by YESHUA's own mouth. Let's look back at this work HE did on the Sabbath day.

- Joh 5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. Joh 5:3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. Joh 5:4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. Joh 5:5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

So, we see this man who probably for years had sat by the pool wanting to be the first one in the pool when the angel came.

- Joh 5:6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, **he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?** Joh 5:7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Joh 5:8 **Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

Now, let's be clear on what we are reading here. Let's circumcise our ears. The man could not walk. Yet, YESHUA did not ask the man if he wanted to walk. Instead, in verse 6, HE asks the man if he wanted to be "made whole"! YESHUA then said to him to "take up thy bed, and walk". Was HE saying to him to physically walk only?

- Joh 5:9 And **immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:** and **on the same day was the sabbath.**

Here we see that the man was made whole, and, he began to physically walk.

Once again, if our ears are circumcised, we see the duality in the MOST HIGH's WORD. We should understand that physically walking does not make us whole. It is how we walk spiritually that makes us whole. We also know that this is a process, mercifully given to us by the MOST HIGH.

- Joh 5:10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed. Joh 5:11 **He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.**

Notice that making the man whole always was spoken of prior to him speaking of being able to physically walk.

- Joh 5:12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? Joh 5:13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place. Joh 5:14 **Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**

Now YESHUA makes it plain to the man and to us. The man was made whole and told to “sin no more, lest a worse thing come to thee”. The man was made “whole”. According to John 7:23, he was made “every whit whole”. Here in the 14th verse YESHUA said to the man “sin no more”. We now see the spiritual essence of being made “whole”. The man had been made spiritually clean by YESHUA. This is for you and me. We must first be made whole spiritually, and then we must walk and “sin no more”.

- Joh 5:15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. Joh 5:16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. Joh 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

The Old Covenant never made the COY whole. We see that for this act of saving grace done on the Sabbath day, the Jews sought to kill YESHUA on one of the MOST HIGH's holy days. As we reflect on these things, we must ask the question, was the Jews celebration of the MOST HIGH's Appointed Time of Tabernacles a spiritual celebration or a physical celebration? Let's set the times, or the age, which existed at this time.

We consistently see the reference to the Jews because after Solomon the COY became two nations; the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah. At the 1st coming of YESHUA, primarily, only the remnants of the House of Yehudah, i.e., Jews, were left in the land. However, since we first studied this subject, we have learned that there was a smaller remnant of the House of Yisrael, who had been taken into captivity, who also were in the land. Thus, categorically it speaks that there were only Jews present at 1st Weeks of the New Covenant in the 2nd chapter of the Book of Acts. This is why, even though these Yisraelites were obedient to the commandment to attend the MOST HIGH's appointed time, they still needed to repent and be baptized into CHRIST.

What was the hope of the Old Covenant? For if there was hope in it, why would there be a need for something new. Well, perhaps the answer lies in our understanding of faith. We just read where through CHRIST, we are justified by faith.

- Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the WORD of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

The Greek word for substance is “hupostasis”, which means assurance or confidence. The Greek word for hoped for is “elpizo” which means to expect or confide, trust.

This gives a little more strength to this statement. I.e., the true believer under the New Covenant has assurance of things he trusts will happen. It is not just what the English word hope implies, which is a maybe. Faith involves having the assurance of certainty.

It will happen just as YAHWEH said it would happen, if we truly believe “in HIM”. Under this New Covenant, the laws of the MOST HIGH are written on the hearts of man and woman through their faith in YESHUA. And we know from previous study that this involves the calling and ultimately the giving of “another comforter”.

Now remember that the New Covenant said that the laws would be written on the hearts of both the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah, which collectively is the Nation of Yisrael. Well, to truly understand the context of this prophesy, we must also understand the duality of scripture, which we know was established in the beginning with the creation of man and woman. This statement, while clearly referring to the physical seed, the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah, was also clearly referring to only the spiritual seed of the COY, whose KING is and will be YESHUA the CHRIST.

The chief apostle of the New Covenant made this plain as he wrote the following:

- Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel:

The Apostle here is clearly explaining a difference between those who walk in the physical and those who walk in the spiritual. Notice what he proclaims to the “called out ones in Phillipi”.

- Php 3:3 For **we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.**

Here is the Apostle Paul trying to lift all, physically born Yisraelites and others to grasp the spiritual nature of the New Covenant.

- Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

The COY were not even knowledgeable of the righteousness of YAHWEH. They tried always to establish their own righteousness, which is why they sought to kill YESHUA on a high day.

- Rom 10:4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

If we believe in CHRIST, we know HE is the end of the law. Now 2 very interesting thoughts about this, because this is used by many to not accept the MOST HIGH's laws. The Greek word for "the end of" is telos, which comes from a root word "tello", which means to set out for a definite point or goal. So, this verse is telling us that YESHUA is the goal of the law into or towards righteousness to all that believe in HIM.

- Rom 10:5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. Rom 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) Rom 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The WORD is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the WORD of faith, which we preach;

- Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

These scriptures speak for themselves.

- Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

The words preacher and preach are translated from the Greek word “kerusso”, which means to proclaim or one who proclaims the gospel of peace.

Now let’s remember that it was YESHUA who was the mediator and reconciler of a New Covenant. Let’s look back at something briefly.

- 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.

Now this is talking about YESHUA and a better covenant established on better promises. The Apostle Paul just told us that “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”, right? He also told us about the gospel of peace.

So, if one proclaims the gospel of peace based on the covenant brought by YESHUA, what is included in this covenant? Well let's go back to the beginning.

- Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Here we learn that the believer that calls upon the name of YESHUA should recognize that the gospel of peace and the gospel of the kingdom are one and the same. YESHUA told us the following.

- Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

We must understand that everyone that proclaims the gospel is not legit.

- Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Now YESHUA informs us that the believer must endure until the end, and, the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world. How did HE make it, the gospel of the kingdom, which is in essence, the New Covenant, available to all the world?

The first phase started with YESHUA's walk amongst the COY. The leadership rejected HIM. HE reestablished the spiritual hierarchy calling 12 disciples to teach first hand this gospel. But what about the New Covenant? Up until this time the COY were still under the law of Moses.

However, throughout HIS ministry YESHUA's words and actions foretold of something greater happening.

- Luk 16:16 **The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached**, and every man presseth into it. Luk 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Let's remember, the WORD of YAHWEH was provided to the COY by the prophets, beginning with Moses. This ended with Yochanan the Baptist. Something better was here, not to destroy the law, but to reconcile the law to the gospel into the New Covenant. This began in earnest on the last Passover observed by YESHUA, where we have previously learned that YESHUA changed the protocols of the Passover.

With HIS death, man no longer was required to shed blood of any kind. First remember these things about the New Covenant.

- 1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

It is the blood of YESHUA that cleanses. With the shedding of His blood, the gospel was available to all.

- Joh 13:4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. Joh 13:5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded. Joh 13:6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

- Joh 13:7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Remember that all the men had to be circumcised before the first Passover. Yet, it did not make them whole. Notice HIS words to HIS apostles as HE began to institute the New Covenant. The Apostle Peter was still operating just like the other COY at that time, in the physical mindset.

- Joh 13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

Then, Peter could not accept his master in a sense, bowing to him (Peter). Then YESHUA gave a stern rebuke, which we will see, is meant for all who will believe in HIM. If HE didn't wash Peter's feet, Peter wouldn't be a part of YESHUA. Peter's words after that would have been in vain. Peter would have given up his spiritual birthright, just as Esau gave up his birthright.

- Joh 13:9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head*. Joh 13:10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

Peter, still operating in the physical is bold and perhaps thinking this is a reenactment of the customs of the Levitical priesthood. Again, he is rebuked. This is where many of my physical Yisraelite brethren miss the boat. YESHUA informs Peter that if you have been washed, one needs only to wash the feet. Let's reason together. If one is already washed physically, what is the need to wash the feet again? Well some would say that one who bathed before leaving home, and after a journey, may need his feet washed. Yet, would washing the feet only in this situation even make one physically clean? No. YESHUA's next words should generate an ecstatic hope for those whose hearts and ears are being circumcised. YESHUA plainly says, if one is washed, meaning having repented and been baptized by water, needs at this time only to wash the feet.

By doing so, one is then deemed by YAHWEH to be “clean every whit”. And where have we seen this before? Yes, with the example of the man whom HE healed in the 5th chapter of Yochanan, we now know that this means by washing the feet at Passover one becomes made spiritually whole. This is the entire purpose for the gospel of the kingdom; to make man and woman whole spiritually.

- Joh 13:11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. Joh 13:12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Joh 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am. Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Verse 11 tells us Judas was not clean. These words should provide a great example for the Apostle Paul's teachings on the Passover and the Feast in the 5th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Judas did not come to the Passover supper unleavened. And as we have now learned, he was not allowed to partake in of the next important protocols of the New Covenant. Once we are made whole; if our walk, our minds and our heart, are pure, we are ready for this next protocol of the New Covenant.

- Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; **this is my body**. Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; Mat 26:28 For **this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**.

And now we see the next 2 protocols for the believer in YESHUA. What were HIS final face to face instructions to HIS disciples?

- Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Mat 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

HIS disciples were commanded to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the FATHER, YESHUA; in the name of the SON, YESHUA; and in the name in which the Holy Spirit was sent, YESHUA. Then HE left NO DOUBT what they were to teach ALL NATIONS under the New Covenant.

- Mat 28:20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

YESHUA would further explain this by the Apostle Yochanan's writings.

- Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, 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. Joh 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. Joh 14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

These words to HIS disciples seal the commandments of the New Covenant we are to follow. They are the collective words HE gave to these disciples.

And let's be reminded of YESHUA's first instructions on the gospel.

- Mar 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

- Mar 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

YAHWEH told us in Yeremayah that man wouldn't rely on man for the truth in the New Covenant. It would come from HIM. YESHUA said, repent and believe. The steps for the New Covenant for every man and woman are to first be called, because only those drawn and called can come to YESHUA. Next repent and believe. Next be baptized. Next obey.

The disciples were to teach ALL NATIONS repentance, water baptism, foot washing, unleavened bread, wine, and obedience; the protocols of the New Covenant.

- Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God. Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Many false teachers assert that we don't need to obey the MOST HIGH's laws because "we are not under the law, but under grace". Their uncircumcised ears never learned that sin is the transgression of the law, as we have learned through opening our eyes and ears to all of the MOST HIGH's WORD.

- Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

This fruit unto holiness is the words of YESHUA, put in our minds and written in our hearts.

- Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And here then is the fulfillment of being made whole “every whit”; eternal life through YESHUA.

And yet, this potential fulfillment comes with another primary purpose. We know that during the time of the Old Covenant, the COY took center stage. It was a desire that they walk with YAHWEH as a nation, just as men such as Noah and Abraham had before them. Through HIS prophet, YAHWEH told them of their prestigious place before HIM.

- Amo 3:1 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, Amo 3:2 **You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.**

Under the Old Covenant, the COY were the only family of the earth known by YAHWEH, which is why their punishment will exceed the other families of the earth. The prophet of YAHWEH was then led to write one of the most underappreciated scriptures in ELOHIM’s WORD.

- Amo 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

The obvious answer to this question is a profound NO! We of the Household of Faith cannot buy into the vain principle of “agreeing to disagree”. As YESHUA was implementing the new and better promises of HIS New Covenant, HE both answered this question and established a fundamental knowledge that the COY were never provided.

- Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. Joh 10:30 **I and my Father are one.**

The concept of FATHER and SON was not understood about ELOHIM until YAHWEH came in the flesh to make it plain to those whom the FATHER would draw to the SON. The leaders of the COY when HE came in the flesh did not know this, and, they never truly allowed themselves to grasp HIS words because of their arrogance. And as HE proclaimed this new truth, HE also profoundly stated that HE and the FATHER were one. This new gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven would be founded on the principle of oneness. But not the oneness of the COY.

HE taught us in Yochanan 10:16 that HE came to establish “one fold” which would have “one SHEPHERD”.

We know that the understanding of this great plan of ELOHIM was given to YAHWEH’s New Covenant apostles. They would make it plain what ELOHIM’s desire was all along.

- 1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; 1Ti 2:2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1Ti 2:3 **For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;** 1Ti 2:4 **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.** 1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1Ti 2:6 **Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**

The ransom of YESHUA was for all men, from the beginning of their creation until the end of HIS soon coming reign on this earth. This is why all men, man and woman, are given, and/or will be given an individual opportunity to enter into this New Covenant of Hope YESHUA confirmed with HIS life, death and resurrection.

Mankind continues to add their own thoughts to what ELOHIM has given and as a result, gross confusion exists. There is very little, if any, mindset of oneness on the earth today in modernity.

When YESHUA comes to claim HIS throne with HIS saints, the remnant of the COY shall live once again in the land promised to Abraham. It will again be required to live by a covenant of peace that is totally being mistaught as if it is the New Covenant. The prophets of the COY told us about this covenant. It will not be new. It is a return to a physical existence of sacrifices and physical circumcision. It will be a form of physical salvation, available to the COY and the remnants of the other families of the earth.

However, the inclusion of the “other families of the earth” began with YEHSUA’s apostles. And while the name of Yisrael and his sons shall always be relevant to ELOHIM, the opportunity for all to come to the knowledge of the truth is based on an entrance through one door ONLY; YESHUA HAMASHIAC. After HIS reign with HIS saints for 1,000 years, the fulfillment of the apostles’ words will finally come to fruition.

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

- Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

All who were not amongst those saints who were resurrected to new spiritual tabernacles and reigned with CHRIST for the 1,000 years will now be resurrected to a judgement for or against. How do we know there will be this great opportunity of hope for these? Well, YESHUA gave us hints.

- Mat 11:20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Mat 11:21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. Mat 11:22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. Mat 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. Mat 11:24 But I say unto you, **That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.**

Sodom was punished as an example of the final punishment, the lake of fire (Jude 1:7). In the judgement of the final resurrection, it will learn the knowledge it never had. It's residents will then have an opportunity to receive the hope of the New Covenant; their names written in the LAMB's Book of Life and their being given new spiritual bodies so that they also, can then live in and see the Kingdom of Heaven, the new heaven and new earth with the FATHER and SON now dwelling in the midst of that new and spiritual earth.

The Old Covenant was all about the COY. This was not what the overall plan of ELOHIM was created to accomplish. This new hope is what the New Covenant is all about as it reconciled the Old to the New. This is the hope of Abraham's seed blessing "all of the families of the earth.

What a wonderful plan and covenant of hope for all mankind.

Shalom!