

Lesson No. 137 – The Humility of David, Future King of Yisrael

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One of our greatest concerns in our spiritual walks should always be whether or not we are walking the walk that we talk. Some of us have tried to dedicate our walks toward believing in the WORD of ELOHIM, which is the Bible, without interpretation, or relying on man's various beliefs that cannot be read in ELOHIM's WORD. In so doing, we have learned that there are protocols that must be considered when we are dedicated to the ELOHIM's WORD. Context comes to mind. Because of the European input, translations come to mind. Duality comes to mind. Metaphors come to mind. Discernment of Biblical maturity comes to mind. Each of these, and others, are important to one's understanding, depending on the subject being studied.

In modernity, those that believe themselves to be a part of what the Apostle Paul refers to as the Household of Faith, have been provided the tools to accomplish what was told to the Prophet Daniel by YAHWEH ELOHIM in a scripture that we read often.

- Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall be increased.**

Whether one accepts that we live in the “time of the end” or not is irrelevant because today in modernity we do have access to knowledge that is unprecedented. Unlike the Children of Yisrael (COY), we have the written words of YAHWEH's prophets detailing the history of the world in accordance to ELOHIM's plan of salvation. We also have the written testimony of YAHWEH, primarily written by HIS disciples, who later became HIS apostles, as HE came into the world as YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, to save the world.

Both the prophets of YAHWEH and the disciples of YAHSHUA provide the guidelines that all members of the Household of Faith should have knowledge of, and faith in its authenticity and truth.

However, we all know that for whatever reasons, those of the Household of Faith have failed in a very important phase of their commission. Through the Prophet Amos, YAHWEH spoke these words and ask this question.

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

After informing us that the COY were the only family YAHWEH has known of the earth, for which they would be punished as a child, YAHWEH ask a simple and yet quite practical question. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? This was a question to the COY. The COY were commanded to walk together with YAHWEH through the guidance HE provided them through HIS prophets, beginning with Moses.

- Amo 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? **shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?** Amo 3:7 **Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.**

This is how YAHWEH made sure that the COY was properly provided with all that it needed to walk together with HIM. HE revealed HIS secret to HIS prophets. ELOHIM's WORD and history testify that the COY failed to walk together with the prophets, and of course, YAHWEH.

When YAHWEH came into the world and prepared HIMSELF to fulfil HIS mission, HE prayed the following prayer we also tend to repeat quite often.

- Joh 17:6 **I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were,** and **thou gavest them me;** and **they have kept thy word.** Joh 17:7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. Joh 17:8 For **I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me;** and **they have received** *them*, and **have known surely that I came out from thee,** and **they have believed that thou didst send me.** Joh 17:9 **I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.**

Now, a skeptic might ask. Didn't HE say to HIS disciples in John (Yochanan) 12:47 that HE "came to save the world"? The answer of course is yes. So, why did HE not pray for the world? Well, ELOHIM established a plan of salvation that highlighted the COY under the Old Covenant, and the Household of Faith under the New Covenant. And here is where the spirit of discernment is important. While HE came to save the world, the plan of salvation provides a timetable for the world. First, those listed in the faith chapter of the Book of Hebrews, second, YAHSHUA's saints beginning with HIS disciples and those who would believe on HIM through their teachings, and finally, those who will have their names written into the Book of Life after the second resurrection. These disciples were chosen by ELOHIM to bridge the covenants give to the COY under the Old Covenant to the Household of Faith under the New Covenant. Through them, the Household of Faith could learn the plan of ELOHIM, which details there a little and here a little, how that ELOHIM shall provide for the whole world to be saved. It is only the disciples and the saints that shall reign with YAHSHUA when HE returns. It is a simple matter of timing, which is so misunderstood.

- Joh 17:11 And **now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world,** and I come to thee. **Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.**

- Joh 17:12 **While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name**: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
- Joh 17:14 **I have given them thy word**; and the world hath hated them, because **they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world**. Joh 17:15 **I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil**.
- Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The disciples were given to YAHSHUA by HIS FATHER. Once converted to YAHSHUA, they were in the world, but not of the world.

- Joh 17:20 **Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word**; Joh 17:21 **That they all may be one**; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

As we travel through these moments of trial in this world, these are important lessons to be remembered by the Household of Faith. YAHSHUA first prayed for the men that HIS FATHER gave to HIM, HIS twelve disciples. HE asked the FATHER to keep them through the FATHER's own name, which HE gave to YAHSHUA. HE asked the FATHER to sanctify these men through the FATHER's truth; HIS WORD.

HE then prayed for those who would believe on HIM through those disciple's word; which all who believe in and trust in YAHSHUA's words should trust that those disciple's word is also the FATHER's WORD. These too, once converted unto YAHSHUA, are in the world, but most importantly, are no longer of the world.

These represent the members of the Household of Faith, the Church of ELOHIM, the saints, the "called-out ones".

HE then prayed that they may be one, as YAHSHUA and HIS FATHER are one. I.e., these believers are to walk as though they are one. In fact, the apostles of CHRIST echoed the theme of oneness and togetherness throughout their writings.

Knowing this, the question YAHWEH asked through the Prophet Amos is also a question to the Household of Faith. And yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we know that this is not even close to happening in modernity. Why?

Well, there is a theme established by way of YAHSHUA's own commandment that speaks volumes to a major reason that the Household of Faith remains disjointed.

- Mat 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Mat 18:2 And **Jesus called a little child unto him**, and set him in the midst of them, Mat 18:3 **And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

For every “called-out” member of the Household of Faith under the New Covenant, these words of YAHSHUA are not a suggestion. The Household of Faith must, without differences, recognize that the COY were “called-out” as a nation under the Old Covenant. However, all “called-out ones” under the New Covenant are so called out as individuals purposed to become as “one body”. Beginning with Romans 12:4 through Colossians 3:15, the Apostle Paul echoes this theme of “one body” nine times.

The MESSIAH HIMSELF says that if we are not converted and become as little children, we shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. This is a commandment. If this is unclear, we probably are not members of the Household of Faith, and as such, are not led by the Comforter promised to YAHSHUA's followers.

Be converted and become as little children. And then the MESSIAH states the primary ingredient required to be converted and walk as little children.

- Mat 18:4 **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.** Mat 18:5 **And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.**

Members of the Household of Faith must humble themselves as little children. And the next verse is equally important. We must receive such children in HIS name, or else, we are not receiving the MESSIAH. Wow! The more I read these verses, the more powerful they become.

This, Brothers and Sisters, is the missing ingredient that is keeping members of the Household of Faith from walking together as one.

While we have discussed this topic of humility in various ways in the past, there is always more that ELOHIM's WORD has given us for our understanding of its importance. In fact, ELOHIM's WORD has given us such a great example in tonight's Lesson No. 137 – The Humility of David, the Future King of Yisrael.

During a congregational rap session at a past Feast of Tabernacles, a pastor asked whether or not a widow with two children, out of work for two years, should accept a new job that will require her to work on the weekly Sabbath. I spoke up and said it is a matter of conviction. I mentioned that there may be some that have the conviction that ELOHIM would provide for them if they did not take this job. And yet, others might not be so sure. I then mentioned that David committed murder, and was forgiven by YAHWEH.

Well, in fact, David committed multiple sins during his kingship. Perhaps there is something in the life of David that is of value to the Household of Faith during these trying times. These are the final instances of David's name in ELOHIM's WORD.

- Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David**, and the bright and morning star.
- Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

We know that both of these verses are speaking of YAHSHUA as the Lion of the tribe of Yehudah, and the Root and the offspring of David. The question to be asked is how did David warrant this honor? Why not Moses? Why not Abraham? We will allow the WORD of ELOHIM to answer these questions. Prior to these scriptures, we read the following.

- Rev 3:5 **He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

This is major to those who have been drawn and called out of this world. We must overcome whatever this world throws at us to thwart our ability to endure until the end.

- Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; **These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth**; Rev 3:8 **I know thy works**: behold, **I have set before thee an open door**, and **no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name**.

These verses also refer to YAHSHUA as HE that is holy, true, hath the key of David, and that opens what no man can shut, and no man opens, and shuts what no man can open.

This is interesting and important. CHRIST has “the key of David”. So, David obviously had been given a key. This word key is also used twice in the New Covenant to refer to an angel given the key to the bottomless pit (Rev. 9:1 & 20:1); once (Rev. 1:18) to refer to CHRIST as having the keys of hell and death; once (Luke 11:52) where lawyers have taken away the key of knowledge, with an obvious reference to the Kingdom of heaven: and finally, once where the Apostle Peter is given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven by YAHSHUA (Mathew 16:19).

To the Household of Faith, we must all agree that CHRIST is the possessor of each of these keys to distribute as HE so desires. Verse 8 is a message to each of us, particularly in these troubling times. The open door before us by ELOHIM cannot be shut by modernity’s reeling to and fro. We have a little strength to keep HIS WORD and to not deny HIS name.

We must agree also that it is CHRIST, who has given the keys to the angels, David and of course, the Apostle Peter. We continue to learn of the depth of David to the plan of ELOHIM. Now I wonder, has any man, other than David and Peter, been given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven? Prior to these scriptures, we read the following:

- Heb 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and *of* Barak, and *of* Samson, and *of* Jephthae; **of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets**: Heb 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

David here appears in what we know to be the faith chapter. We have a confidence that all those mentioned here qualified for the promise of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Apostle Paul was led to say this.

- 2Ti 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. 2Ti 2:8 **Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel**:

This is an interesting lesson to us as well because the Apostle also wrote the following:

- 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.**

All that are CHRIST's are one in CHRIST YAHSHUA, and Abraham's seed. This is a spiritual seed, not the physical seed. However, YAHSHUA the CHRIST, is both the physical and spiritual seed of David. The Apostle had more to say about David.

- Rom 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded Rom 11:8 (According as it is written, **God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;**) **unto this day.** Rom 11:9 And **David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompence unto them:** Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.

Here, it is interesting how that the Apostle chose to quote David as he spoke of the COY as the elect being blinded. We will read David's words in a moment. But what we are seeing is where the Apostle of YAHSHUA is bridging the gap of why the COY were blinded. Notice the following:

- Rom 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* **through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles,** for **to provoke them to jealousy.**

There was and is a purpose for Yisrael's temporary falling.

It had to stumble to allow salvation unto the nations, not just unto Europeans, as many Hebrew Yisraelites are taught. To fully understand these words, we need to read David's words in their original context.

- Psa 69:21 **They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.**

Earlier, I mentioned duality and context as two of the protocols we must master as we grow in the Household of Faith. Well here is that duality of ELOHIM's WORD. There is only one other instance of these words in ELOHIM's WORD.

- Mat 27:34 **They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.** Mat 27:35 **And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet,** They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

David was never given gall and vinegar to eat or drink. This is why we know he was also a prophet. He prophesied of CHRIST, as Mathew teaches us. Understanding this, we now know that it was YAHWEH speaking of HIMSELF in this prophecy.

- Psa 69:22 **Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.** Psa 69:23 **Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.** Psa 69:24 **Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.** Psa 69:25 Let their habitation be desolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents. Psa 69:26 For **they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.** Psa 69:27 **Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.** Psa 69:28 **Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.**

These are powerful words against those who are causing others to suffer willfully. I say willfully because of verse 28.

- Psa 69:29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. Psa 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

The Apostle took David's words to another level as a temporary indictment against the COY that was needed for the good of the larger plan. The question for the Yisraelites of modernity is whether or not they will place themselves, as individuals, under the salvational blood of YAHSHUA. The Apostle continues to teach of David to us.

- Rom 4:4 **Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.** Rom 4:5 **But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.**

Do we approach our spiritual walk as though it is a job, seeking a reward? The Household of Faith must not be deceived by these words alone. For we know that our works of faith, or lack thereof, will impact whether or not our names are written in the LAMB's Book of Life. The Apostle is speaking of grace, which is unmerited favor. I. e., the promise cannot be earned because of the sheer awesomeness of it. However, our failure to keep the words of YAHSHUA is deemed by HIM as our unrighteousness.

- Rom 4:6 **Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,** Rom 4:7 **Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.** Rom 4:8 **Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.**

As he quotes David, he then asks a question.

- Rom 4:9 *Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also?* for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

The Apostle is making a point that these blessings were meant for all the nations of the world, not just the COY (the circumcision). We need to really read David's words in their entire context.

- Psa 32:1 *A Psalm of David, Maschil. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Psa 32:2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

These are David's words the Apostle quoted. And yet, the more we read, the more we begin to see the humility that David teaches us.

- Psa 32:3 **When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.** Psa 32:4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

If we know we have sin, if we are of the Household of Faith, and remain silent before YAHWEH, this is our sentence. We incur the words of verses 1 and 2. When we humble ourselves in true repentance, our life changes.

- Psa 32:5 **I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** Selah. Psa 32:6 **For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.** Psa 32:7 **Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.** Selah.

It is David, who like Moses and Abraham, that sets the tone for faith as a major part of our repentance. And as he speaks of this repentance, he incorporates the value of a song in our deliverance. He makes it plain who should be our refuge in times of trouble. Then he prophecies how YAHWEH reacts to faith and humility unto HIM.

- Psa 32:8 **I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.** Psa 32:9 **Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:** whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Horses simply work as commanded. They have no understanding. Our works must be based on our understanding and our faith in the ONE that we believe in.

- Psa 32:10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but **he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.** Psa 32:11 **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.**

As we read the entire discourse, we see that David and Paul are indeed speaking the same language. Paul simply used these words in the context of the circumcision versus the uncircumcision. David gave a fuller picture of how his prophetic SON, YAHSUA, wanted us to trust in HIM. The Apostle continues.

- Act 13:33 **God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again;** as it is also written in the second psalm, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.** Act 13:34 And **as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption,** he said on this wise, **I will give you the sure mercies of David.**

What does he mean by these words? This phrase “sure mercies of David” was actually spoken only by the Prophet Isaiah.

- Isa 55:1 **Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.** Isa 55:2 **Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is not bread?* and your labour for *that which satisfieth not?* hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is good,* and let your soul delight itself in fatness.** Isa 55:3 **Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.**

This is YAHWEH speaking through the Prophet. The Household of Faith should know and agree that YAHSHUA is the BREAD and the WATERS that we must convert to. What is “the sure mercies of David”?

- Isa 55:4 Behold, **I have given him *for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.***
- Isa 55:6 **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:** Isa 55:7 **Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.** Isa 55:8 **For my thoughts *are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*** Isa 55:9 **For *as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.***

Do we see it? Through the life and words of David, we are taught the true mercies of YAHWEH. The MESSIAH is the SEED of David. Well, look back to the Apostle Paul’s words.

- Act 13:35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

- Act 13:36 For **David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:** Act 13:37 **But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.**

Both the Apostle and the Prophet are speaking of the SEED of David, CHRIST. HE is the sure mercy of David, because HE came through David to become the mercy to the whole world. David was chosen by YAHWEH. And this choice teaches us much about him.

Saul was Yisrael's first king chosen by YAHWEH after the COY had gone to Samuel to request a king like the other nations, rather than YAHWEH HIMSELF. However, YAHWEH eventually rejected Saul because of disobedience when Saul allowed the people to take spoils of the defeated Amalekites after they were commanded to not do so. This sets the stage for David to become Yisrael's king.

- 1Sa 16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. 1Sa 16:2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 1Sa 16:3 And **call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.**

So, we read that YAHWEH was revealing to Samuel, HIS prophet/judge, who HE would anoint as the next king of the COY.

- 1Sa 16:4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

- 1Sa 16:5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 1Sa 16:6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him. 1Sa 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: **for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**

Isn't it interesting how that a form of fear always develops when one stands for truth? Samuel was feared. Truly, this is a lesson to the Household of Faith, even in this day of modernity. YAHWEH cares not about our outward appearance. HE cares only about our hearts. This is the foundation of true humility. After observing and rejecting David's brothers, Samuel is instructed to keep looking until he finds the son who had the right heart.

- 1Sa 16:10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. 1Sa 16:11 And **Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children?** And he said, **There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

One of the first characteristics we should recognize about David was that he was a shepherd. He cared for his flock. What about his seed?

- 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.

The result of verse 16 is the Household of Faith, the New Covenant saints, “called-out” unto YAHSHUA from all of the nations of the world, including the COY. And they will have One shepherd”, CHRIST, metaphorically, David.

- 1Sa 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now **he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to.** And **the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.** 1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and **the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.** So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

David, the youngest of Yesse’s sons, was then anointed, and the Spirit of YAHWEH came upon him from that day forward. In order for our oneness to manifest itself, the entire Household of Faith needs to be led by the Spirit of YAHWEH. The Comforter is still in the business of ministering unto those given to YAHSHUA, as a family of ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14).

- 1Sa 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

Here is another protocol that the Household of Faith should absolutely agree on. Once David was anointed, the Spirit of YAHWEH came upon him. At the same time, the Spirit of YAHWEH departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from YAHWEH troubled him. So, we have the Spirit of YAHWEH and an evil spirit from YAHWEH. Both of these are ministering spirits were used for opposite purposes. The Spirit of YAHWEH always serves as a protector for those in obedience to YAHWEH’s commandments. While on the other hand, evil spirits from YAHWEH always serve to punish those in disobedience.

Now, notice what Saul’s servants had to say of David as they were to find someone to help Saul endure the evil spirit.

- 1Sa 16:18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, **I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.**

We know that David was a shepherd with a beautiful countenance, ruddy and goodly to look at. He was cunning at playing music and a valiant man (which we knew as well), but now we also find that he was a man of war, prudent in matters, a comely man, and best of all, YAHWEH was with him.

I wonder, how did Saul's servants know all of this about David? This tells us that although he was the youngest of his siblings and a shepherd, he had already developed a reputation for all of those other attributes. Perhaps they knew of the following about him through word of mouth.

- 1Sa 17:34 And **David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:** 1Sa 17:35 And **I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.** 1Sa 17:36 **Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear:** and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. 1Sa 17:37 David said moreover, **The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.** And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

David knew no fear. Obviously, he had already obtained YAHWEH's favor, even before his anointing. Perhaps this was the plan even before the COY requested a king. YAHWEH knew the hearts of HIS people, even before they were given HIS laws, statutes, and commandments.

- Deu 17:14 **When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;** Deu 17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.

These words were spoken before the COY entered the land of Canaan. ELOHIM calls the end from the beginning. It is HIS plan. However, notice what HE said about these future kings. And as we read this, understand the context of these words to Moses.

- Deu 17:16 But **he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses:** forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Deu 17:17 **Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.**

They were not to multiply wives to themselves. Why? So that their hearts would not turn away from YAHWEH. They were not to be greatly concerned with material wealth as well.

- Deu 17:18 And it shall be, **when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:** Deu 17:19 **And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:** Deu 17:20 **That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.**

This was to be the mindset of the future kings. And yet, these were also commandments. I believe we have a problem with what constitutes a commandment. YAHSHUA said the HIS words were spirit and they are life. These were HIS words regarding the future kings of HIS nation. They were HIS commandments. Remember as well, they were replacing HIM.

Verse 20 signals an element of humility, as their hearts were not to be lifted above their brethren. I.e., they were to have the heart of a shepherd. David had been a shepherd over his family's herd. Now, the first act he was called upon to perform after his anointing was to shepherd the king he was anointed to replace, as his music comforted Saul as he was plagued by the evil spirits from YAHWEH. In his calling, David, a man with so many qualities that included being a man of war, showcased a form of humility for Saul, whom he called YAHWEH's anointed. Perhaps we are seeing a characteristic through David that the believers in CHRIST would later be required to showcase.

- 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.**

This is also a question for each member of the Household of Faith. Who is your master and Lord, YAHSHUA, or perhaps your pastor?

- Joh 13:15 For **I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.** 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.**

When YAHWEH came into the world in HIS FATHER's name as YAHSHUA, individual repentance, baptism and humility were the primary protocols HE established through HIS disciples, to be passed on to others of all nations who would come to believe in HIM. HE served HIS servants, the disciples. HE then commanded that they serve one another, as HE had now served them.

David served Saul, knowing that he himself was the future king of Yisrael. Obviously, with what we have read thus far, he checked off all of the characteristics of who ELOHIM wanted to lead the COY. We know that before he became the king however, Saul became jealous of David and tried several times to kill him. David had at least three opportunities to kill Saul, yet he spared him. He remained humble to YAHWEH's anointed.

However, we need to understand that David was not perfect. In fact, he was a sinner. What was his first sin? Most would think of Bathsheba. However, we read the following.

- 2Sa 5:12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. 2Sa 5:13 And **David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem**, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

David had taken multiple wives unto himself prior to him meeting Bathsheba. YAHWEH had commanded this not be done of the kings of the COY. As such, this was a sin. Later, we read this.

- 2Sa 11:2 And it came to pass in an evening tide, that **David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.** 2Sa 11:3 And **David sent and enquired after the woman.** And *one* said, *Is not* **this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?**

After sending his soldiers off to war while he stayed back, we read of this. Because of the physical emphasis of the Old Covenant laws, statutes and commandments, David's inquiry about Bathsheba alone, was not considered to be sin. Yet, he knew she was someone's wife. However, when YAHWEH came in the flesh, HE changed this.

- Mat 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That **whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

This is certainly important as we are now in the process of removing the leaven from our homes, and more importantly, from our hearts; or, we should be. We must search our hearts to honestly detect whether or not we are thinking with clear minds as we prepare to face our appointment with our CREATOR. Spiritually speaking, David's inquiry of Bathsheba was already a sin because of what happened next.

- 2Sa 11:4 And **David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her;** for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. 2Sa 11:5 And **the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.**

It was obvious that when David saw her from that balcony, his mind said wow, I must have this woman, regardless of who she was. And being the king, he used his authority.

As such, one could argue that he committed two acts of adultery; in his heart and in his flesh. And then the woman became pregnant, which began another diabolical plot against Bathsheba's husband, Uriah. He tried to entice him home to be with his wife. This effort failed, and as such, David devised another sinful plot.

- 2Sa 11:14 And it came to pass in the morning, that **David wrote a letter to Joab**, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. 2Sa 11:15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, **Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.**
- 2Sa 11:17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and **Uriah the Hittite died also.**

This diabolical sinful plot against Uriah resulted in his death. Based on verse 15, it amounted to Uriah's murder. We can easily see how that David's ignoring YAHWEH's words regarding multiple wives created a spirit of arrogance within David.

- 2Sa 11:26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 2Sa 11:27 And when the mourning was past, **David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.** But **the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.**

This was one of the most obvious instances of willful sin in ELOHIM's WORD. David already had multiple wives before Bathsheba. Now, he slept with her while she was Uriah's wife, and then plotted to have Uriah killed at the forefront of battle. Now, YAHWEH weighs in with punishments that would plague David's house until his death.

- 2Sa 12:11 **Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.** 2Sa 12:12 **For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.**

For these sinful lapses, the house of David was cast into a bloody mess. David's wives would be given to others, one of whom would be David's own son, Absalom.

- 2Sa 16:21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong. 2Sa 16:22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and **Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.**

This is also why taking on multiple wives was an obvious sin for a king. We know what would later happen to David's son Solomon, the wise one, as a direct result of having so many wives and concubines. However, as the sentence is given, David does not run from his sin.

- 2Sa 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, **I have sinned against the LORD.** And Nathan said unto David, **The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.** 2Sa 12:14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die.

We see in verse 13 perhaps why David wrote Psalms 32. Another aspect of the sentence is that the conceived child will die. However, we all know that a second child to be born to David and Bathsheba, Solomon, would inherit David's throne.

There was one other instance that David was involved in.

- 2Sa 24:1 And **again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel,** and **he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.**

How did YAHWEH move him? The Book of Chronicles reads it this way.

- 1Ch 21:1 And **Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.**

- 1Ch 21:2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.

In YAHWEH's anger with the COY, HE used Satan to provoke David to number Yisrael. David's servant Joab attempted to persuade him to not do this unsuccessfully. And then Gad the Prophet came to David.

- 2Sa 24:10 And **David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people.** And **David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.** 2Sa 24:11 For when David was up in the morning, **the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad,** David's seer, saying, 2Sa 24:12 **Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.** 2Sa 24:13 So **Gad came to David,** and told him, **and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land?** now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. 2Sa 24:14 And **David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.**

David knew he had done a great wrong. He repented. Some do not say that David sinned. Yet, David himself said he had “sinned greatly”. Who should we believe? And yet in this dark hour, David showed his true resolve. Knowing that punishment was inevitable, he placed himself entirely under the mercy of YAHWEH, rather than man.

Perhaps this was the beginning of “the sure mercies of David”, placing our entire trust in YAHSHUA at all times.

- 2Sa 24:15 **So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.** 2Sa 24:16 **And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand.** And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite.

Does this remind us of current events in modernity? YAHWEH sent pestilence upon Yisrael by way of HIS angel. Remember, we read YAHWEH's words earlier?

- Amo 3:6 **Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?**

Even in these times, we must remind ourselves who is in control as we navigate man's authority versus the commandments of ELOHIM. With all that we read of David, even with his more serious sins, CHRIST is still his seed. It is obviously how David responded under crisis times that continually endeared him unto ELOHIM. David's psalms are probably the most read and quoted of all the books of ELOHIM's WORD. His humility jumps off of the pages to those choosing to believe in and keep the faith in ELOHIM. When David considered the depth of his sins, he wrote these psalms.

- 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 thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.** Psa 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

David always placed himself in YAHWEH's hands. He confessed. He didn't just ask for forgiveness, he asked for a thorough washing of sin. These words show that he looked at himself with clearness and acknowledged a need for change.

- 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.**

He acknowledged the truth about himself before YAHWEH. YAHWEH looks at the heart, the inward parts. David had gone astray.

- Psa 51:7 **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.** Psa 51:8 **Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.** Psa 51:9 **Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.** Psa 51:10 **Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

Shouldn't this be the prayer of all of the Household of Faith as they approach the appointed times of each new year? How many quotable verses are we reading here about leaven and repentance?

- Psa 51:11 **Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.** Psa 51:12 **Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;** and uphold me *with thy* free spirit. Psa 51:13 **Then *will* I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**

Verse 13 is a key verse. David now dedicates his life to teaching life; conversion to YAHWEH.

When YAHWEH came in the flesh, what did HE command? We are to convert to HIM, as David came to do; as David is teaching us to do.

- Psa 51:14 **Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.** Psa 51:15 O Lord, **open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.** Psa 51:16 **For thou desirest not sacrifice;** else would I give *it*: **thou delightest not in burnt offering.** Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psa 51:18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Psa 51:19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Even knowing that the COY offer the sacrifices, he knows that is not what YAHWEH desired. David is teaching New Covenant attributes because of his fall, and subsequent humility. It was always a part of him. After the death of Saul, notice David's actions.

- 2Sa 9:1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? 2Sa 9:2 And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name *was* Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is he*.
- 2Sa 9:9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. 2Sa 9:10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

- 2Sa 9:11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.
- 2Sa 9:13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

David set an example of his mercy and humility. He then fell down before YAHWEH with the wives and Bathsheba. Perhaps this is why Solomon fell so strongly. But then David showed us another example of YAHWEH's mercy.

The Household of Faith knows about the unpardonable sin, which is the same as "willful sin". And yet, YAHWEH, by the mouth of another of HIS prophets taught us why YAHWEH did not give up on David.

- Eze 18:24 But **when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.**

This is willful sin. Willful sin is having the knowledge of the truth, i.e., living in righteousness, and then turning from it and committing iniquity. Notice that there was but one death mentioned here. Let's continue.

- Eze 18:25 **Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal.** Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

We recall how ELOHIM's WORD speaks of the "sure mercies of David", which we earlier said was a direct reference to YAHSHUA. Notice the following words of YAHSHUA while HE still existed in HIS own name, YAHWEH.

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

Notice that that there are two deaths spoken of here. The righteous that turns from their righteousness, and dies the first death, for their iniquity they shall also die the second death. This is the unpardonable sin. If they repent before their first death, they shall not die this second death, as long as they endure until the end. Thus, any sin is pardonable, as long as they do not die the first death in willful sin.

David endured and he repented, and his light shines upon every member of the Household of Faith.

- Psa 1:1 **Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.** Psa 1:2 **But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.** Psa 1:3 **And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;** his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

These words attest to the sure mercies of David, YAHSHUA, also known as YAHWEH of ELOHIM. This should be everyone of the Household of Faith. We earlier read of his humility in Psalms 51. Was that humble enough for us? Finally, let's read how David taught us after his fall.

- Psa 133:1 **A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!** Psa 133:2 **It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard,** *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; Psa 133:3 **As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.**

No further words from me are necessary on these scriptures. This happens to be my personal favorite for over thirty years. Finally, it was David that taught us what we should to believe in and obey.

- Psa 119:169 TAU. Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: **give me understanding according to thy word**. Psa 119:170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word. Psa 119:171 **My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes**. Psa 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: **for all thy commandments are righteousness**.

Anyone asserting themselves to walk with CHRIST must accept this as their oath. All HIS words are commandments, and, they are righteousness.

David, the second king of Yisrael, shall once again become king of Yisrael.

- Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. Jer 30:8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: Jer 30:9 **But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them**. Jer 30:10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid.

This is the “Day of YAHWEH”. The following will happen “in that day”.

- Eze 37:4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Eze 37:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

- Eze 37:6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Even recently, I heard some Brethren teach that this was a physical resurrection. Too many of us of the Household of Faith have not learned how to follow David's examples. Read the context, and then read the conclusions; YAHWEH's conclusions. Then you can truthfully conclude.

- Eze 37:19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.**

Read and listen, as YAHWEH explains HIS own metaphor.

- Eze 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:**

Is this is a resurrection, the physical ingathering of the COY back to their land? Brothers and Sisters, there should be NO disagreement on this within the Household of Faith. This is what the dry bones metaphor teaches us.

- Eze 37:22 And **I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel;** and **one king shall be king to them all:** and **they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:** Eze 37:23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

- Eze 37:24 **And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd:** they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

In the entire WORD of ELOHIM, we know that when this time comes, CHRIST will reign for 1,000 years. HIS disciples will be the rulers over each of the twelve tribes of Yisrael when YAHSHUA returns in the glory of HIS Kingdom. HIS saints will rule with CHRIST during that 1,000-year reign on this earth. And, David shall once again be king over his people.

I know of no other in the entire WORD of ELOHIM, who have been assigned their specific tasks of rulership, but David and the disciples of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. Both David and the disciples were required to first learn how to serve others, even unto the least of them, following the example of their CHRIST.

As we endure the trials upon us, let us remember the examples of humility ELOHIM's WORD has shown us, first through the words and examples of YAHSHUA's disciples, second and most importantly, through YAHSHUA HIMSELF, and yet finally through David, with all his attributes of greatness and failure, but in the end, with all of his humility, through repentance and conversion.

- Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Rev 22:14 **Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

This is what David spoke about. It is what the prophets spoke of, as it was given unto them. This is what the apostles of CHRIST highlighted and taught. It is our hope in time of trouble. Follow CHRIST.

- Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.** Jas 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God.** Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded. Jas 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. Jas 4:10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

David gave us the example and was lifted up to become king once again. Each of us were called out because of what ELOHIM saw in us. David showed how to submit to ELOHIM after our falls. His life taught us that ELOHIM will lift us up. Through our ups and downs, let us never forget that HE will see our humility, if we are willing to show it, as HE saw David's.

Shalom!