

Lesson No. 145 – The Leadership In Yisrael, Past and Present **What Is Different?**

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We are being told that today in modernity, the world is in a crisis. Most see this crisis in the physical realm because we are being told that many are being physically infected by a new virus that is now in the world. However, in fact there are many other things that are infecting people such as the flu, heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, etc., etc., etc., that too are taking the lives of many loved ones around the world. It is probable that each of us have mourned the lost of a loved one, or two, to one of these many causes recently. And sadly, it is also becoming very clear that many deaths are being promoted as occurring from this virus that are actually the result of other causes.

And yet, according to the statistics that we are provided, for the people of color, these threats are tripled in comparison to other cultures, particularly in places where the descendants of slavery exist. Of course, there are physical reasons we can dissect to find various physical causes of these statistics. Being a member of this group, I can testify to the fact that our physical bodies are starving because of improper nourishment. Obviously, there is a major problem in our community.

So, tonight we are discussing Lesson No. 145 – The Leadership In Yisrael, Past and Present, What Is Different. Most creditable sources assign the following definitions to leadership: 1) the action of leading a group of people or an organization, 2) the state or position of being a leader, and 3) the leaders of an organization, country, etc.

If we look back on the history of the Children of Yisrael (COY), we should agree that its first leader was Moses.

I say this, even though in modernity, it has become questionable what those within the Household of Faith can agree on in modernity. However, based on the accepted definitions, Moses was called-out of Egypt and invited by YAHWEH to assume the leadership of the COY's escape from Egypt.

As mentioned earlier, the so-called Black man in America is suffering and dying from these international viral issues at a tremendously higher rate than any other culture because of the equally higher incidences of heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc. While we are learning that the classifications may be skewed, we are dying at alarmingly higher rates.

Well, most members of our culture have been taught that the dietary laws given to the COY by Moses do not apply to us in these days of modernity. This is modernity's Christianity 102. Christianity 101 has taught us that Sunday, Easter and Christmas are staples of the Christian community of modernity, replacing what the first leader, Moses, taught the COY to observe from YAHWEH. This has resulted in the majority of Black Americans, descendants of those brought here in slave ships, living in a manner not taught by this great spiritual leader, Moses. And these Black Americans of modernity have adapted to these other teachings with reckless abandonment.

To add insult to our pain, some of modernity's Black Americans, in the U.S. and the Caribbean, have awakened to know that ELOHIM's WORD presents an entirely different narrative than modernity's Christianity 101 and 102. These now keep the weekly Sabbath. They also keep some form of the Passover, Unleavened Bread, Weeks, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. And yet, there remain great differences that keep these various groups (congregations and fellowship groups) these adhere to, from in fact becoming one as we have often read that YASHUA HAMASHIAC desired of those who would believe on HIM. The true question is why have these not walked in a manner of oneness that would allow it to take a leadership role amongst other "called-out ones" that is pleasing to ELOHIM.

There indeed is a physical thirst amongst these causing so much physical pain and suffering. And yet, there is something else we must consider in these days of modernity.

Where is the leadership amongst these Black Americans that teaches us in the spirit of Moses? Can we learn from ELOHIM's WORD about what exists today in modernity that might insight us to action that will be pleasing unto HIM and allow us to lead others to what HIS WORD desires? The Prophet Amos provides the following telling scripture.

- Amo 8:9 And **it shall come to pass in that day, saith YAHWEH ELOHIM, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:**

We have studied the time period pictured by this phrase “in that day”. It is yet future. The Household of Faith must also wake up and recognize that for every appointed time of ELOHIM, there is a preparation period that precedes them. We don't know if the preparation period for “in that day” has begun or not, or, how long it shall last. This is a function of leadership to research ELOHIM's WORD, and ELOHIM's WORD alone, to see if the events of our time are seen there, and rely upon HIS Spirit of Truth to bring to its memories what the WORD of ELOHIM has presented.

- Amo 8:10 And **I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.**

Now, as we have studied this phrase “in that day”, we know that this encompasses the days that immediately precedes it, which also includes the Day of YAHWEH's wrath upon the world. At that time, YAHWEH says that HE will turn the feasts of the COY into mourning, their songs into lamentation. This is a prophecy for the COY only.

The Apostle Paul was led by the Spirit of Truth to teach us about this bitter time as he wrote the following:

- Rom 2:8 But **unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,** Rom 2:9 **Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;**

The Apostle teaches that for disobedience to the truth under the New Covenant, indignation and wrath, and, tribulation and anguish, shall come upon all that do evil, beginning first with the Yehudans (which metaphorically represents the COY in the context given).

Why would ELOHIM assign tribulation and anguish to the COY first, when anyone with the ability to reason knows that European gentiles have led the world towards deception and ignorance of the WORD of ELOHIM? How can I say this someone might ask?

- Dan 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. Dan 7:25 And **he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws:** and **they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**

Most clearly understand that this fourth beast is the Roman Empire. Most also know that the horn/king spoken of in verse 24, is the papacy. It takes only a little studying to determine that it was the papacy, under the authority of the Holy Roman Empire, that has instituted a set of alternative laws that modernity has accepted as though they came from YAHWEH.

And, verse 25 states that he, this horn/king, shall wear out the saints of the MOST HIGH. Who are these saints?

The Prophet Daniel also says the following:

- Dan 7:27 And **the kingdom and dominion**, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High**, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

This is an obvious reference to the resurrected saints of all nations that endured to reign with YAHSHUA for the 1,000 years. Notice what the Prophet Hosea taught us after Daniel.

- Hos 11:12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: **but Judah yet ruleth with ELOHIM, and is faithful with the saints.**

Whoever these saints are, they are associated with being faithful to ELOHIM.

- Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of YAHSHUA.

Now we know that these saints are those “that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of YAHSHUA”. And yet, the beast of Daniel shall wear these out. Wear out is translated from the Hebrew word “bela” which seems to imply to harass constantly and wear away mentally.

We all know the history, how that the House of Yisrael was removed by the Assyrians, not to be returned until YAHSHUA returns a second time. However, the House of Yehudah was removed by Babylon. And yet a remnant was allowed to return.

Now, in a subsequent lesson, we studied the fact that after the House of Yisrael was removed by the Assyrians, there also remained a remnant of the House of Yisrael during King Hezekiah's reign in Yehudah. So, these remnants from both the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah were collectively the remnant that YAHSHUA came to in the flesh to establish HIS church.

Remember, the Holy Roman Empire had assumed its role in the world at this time. The saints of the MOST HIGH that the Prophet Daniel wrote of began with these COY, who were supposed to take on the role of spiritual leadership amongst the nations.

As concerning this European beast, the Household of Faith should know that this beast was commissioned by ELOHIM to "change times and laws".

- Pro 16:4 YAHWEH hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

The Roman Empire and its ecclesiastical arm both represent wickedness in the world, past and present. YAHWEH has told the Household of Faith that it is HE that made "the wicked for the day of evil".

As we must endure these days of trial and tribulation that are now upon us, the Household of Faith must also recognize that if there is evil being perpetrated in the world of today, ELOHIM remains in control. However, those members of the Household of Faith, who are also of the COY should recognize something else that YAHWEH declared to us through the prophets.

- Amo 8:11 Behold, **the days come, saith YAHWEH ELOHIM, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of YAHWEH:**

- Amo 8:12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, **they shall run to and fro to seek the word of YAHWEH, and shall not find it.**

These days are prophesied to occur immediately prior to the Day of YAHWEH, “in that day”. Notice that this is not a physical famine. No doubt is there a famine today in modernity for hearing of the words of YAHWEH. In fact, it has become such a famine that I recently read the following to a group of Brethren of the Household of Faith, after there was confusion inserted about whether or not HAMASHIAC conceptually could be seen as having taken away our sins to a wilderness.

- Joh 3:13 And **no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven,** *even* the Son of man which is in heaven. Joh 3:14 And **as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:** Joh 3:15 **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

Did not YAHSUA teach us this metaphor, comparing HIS being lifted up, to Moses’s lifting up the serpent in the wilderness? So, why is it so farfetched for these members of the Household of Faith to simply accept the words of YAHSUA HIMSELF, who is YAHWEH come in the flesh, and see HIS metaphor of HIM also being in a wilderness? Now, let’s not misunderstand. I never said YAHSUA took our sins anywhere but away from the people of ELOHIM. It should be understood by the saints that YAHSUA simply forgives us our sins. This is how HE takes our sins away.

There is indeed a famine in the land for the words of YAHWEH. And this famine is a direct result of the COY forfeiting their commission to European gentiles who are perceived as so-called scholars. When YAHWEH called-out the COY HE said these words to strengthen them so they were well equipped to carry out their commission.

- Deu 2:25 This day will **I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.**

First, YAHWEH put the dread and the fear of the COY upon the nations under the whole heaven. How long did this last, and, does this dread and fear exist in modernity? The following verses detail the simplicity and potential of the commission given to the COY, and its intended impact on the world.

- Deu 4:1 Now therefore **hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live,** and go in and possess the land which YAHWEH ELOHIM of your fathers giveth you. Deu 4:2 **Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of YAHWEH your ELOHIM which I command you.**

How often do we see and hear so many add unto YAHWEH's words, or diminish HIS words? It seems like the closer we get to that time period represented in the WORD of ELOHIM as "in that day", the more we are willing to follow the precepts and concepts of man, rather than that of YAHWEH/YAHSHUA.

- Deu 4:6 **Keep therefore and do them;** for **this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.** Deu 4:7 For what nation *is there so great, who hath ELOHIM so nigh unto them, as YAHWEH our ELOHIM is in all things that we call upon him for?*

Look at what YAHWEH had Moses say to them.

HIS commandments would be their wisdom and understanding in the sight of the nations, had they kept them. The COY were given this great opportunity to have leadership amongst the nations of the world. Had it obeyed the WORD of YAHWEH, it would have assumed this leadership and been the envy of these nations, i.e., the gentiles. Yet, because of what ELOHIM's WORD and history has taught us, we know that the COY failed to do what was required of them by YAHWEH.

We learned some very disturbing facts about our ancestors when we studied Lesson No.123 – The Seven Parts of ELOHIM's Creation, Part Four. We know that when the COY were given their land, after Solomon's fall, the COY was split into two Houses, Yisrael and Yehudah.

Between the 2 kingdoms there were a total of 39 kings (which included 1 queen) after the reign of Solomon. **Only 9 (23%) of these 39 kings and queen were obedient to YAHWEH.** That's only 23% obedience! The prophets that YAHWEH raised up during the times of these leaders would tell us all that we needed to understand about these amazing statistics. Of HIS prophets, YAHWEH had this to say.

- 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 YAHWEH hath not done it?**

We just read that YAHWEH made the wicked for a day of evil. According to one of HIS prophets, if there is evil in a city, YAHWEH did it. Why can't the leadership in the Household of Faith simply accept these words? We also remember Isaiah 45:7, where YAHWEH proclaimed that HE that created evil.

However, YAHWEH also proclaimed HIS fairness.

- Amo 3:7 **Surely YAHWEH ELOHIM will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.**

- Amo 3:8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? YAHWEH ELOHIM hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

In verse 7, the Prophet Amos teaches us of one of the primary commissions of the prophets of Yisrael. They were commissioned to receive YAHWEH's secrets and proclaim them to the COY, and to the Household of Faith.

Probably, if our leadership taught their words sufficiently in modernity, much of the differences we have today would not exist. The Prophet Isaiah spoke these words about the COY.

- Isa 1:3 **The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.** Isa 1:4 **Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken YAHWEH, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger,** they are gone away backward.

Verse 3 is such a powerful testimony of the state of the COY, past and present. YAHWEH compares the COY to beasts of burden, who know their owner and their master's crib. Sadly, these two verses sum up the story of the COY, as they resided in the land flowing with milk and honey, and also prophecies of them when they were driven into the captivity of the nations.

They were created by YAHWEH of ELOHIM. HE gave them their name. HE gave them a choice land and protected them from their enemies. And yet, the ox and the ass were considered smarter than the COY. Its prophets constantly cried out for their repentance while predicting in absolute unison the consequences.

It was a prophet of YAHWEH that taught us the following:

- Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I *am* ELOHIM, and *there is none else; I am* ELOHIM, and *there is none like me,*

- Isa 46:10 **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done**, saying, **My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

YAHWEH of ELOHIM has declared to the Household of Faith the end from the beginning, and that HIS counsel as a member of the family of ELOHIM shall stand. HE will do HIS pleasure. The COY were warned about the abominations of the nations.

- Deu 18:9 **When thou art come into the land which YAHWEH thy ELOHIM giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.**
- Deu 18:13 **Thou shalt be perfect with YAHWEH thy ELOHIM.** Deu 18:14 For **these nations**, which thou shalt possess, **hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners:** but as for thee, YAHWEH thy ELOHIM hath not suffered thee so *to do*.
- Jer 10:2 **Thus saith YAHWEH, Learn not the way of the heathen,** and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. Jer 10:3 **For the customs of the people *are* vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.** Jer 10:4 **They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.**

With so many great instructions and guidelines that clearly spelled out to the COY how to become a great nation, and maintain its status as the apple of YAHWEH's eye, and HIS vineyard, what happened? Even in modernity, why has the leadership of the COY in modernity not taught these words to its followers?

When we think of the leadership in Yisrael, it came in various forms. First there was the judges. There was Deborah and Barak, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, Micah, and Samuel.

- Jdg 2:16 **Nevertheless YAHWEH raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.** Jdg 2:17 **And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of YAHWEH;** *but* they did not so. Jdg 2:18 And when YAHWEH raised them up judges, then YAHWEH was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented YAHWEH because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. Jdg 2:19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and corrupted *themselves* more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. Jdg 2:20 And **the anger of YAHWEH was hot against Israel;** and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

We read earlier about the kings of the COY and their 23% obedience. YAHWEH made sure that the needed leadership was always there for the COY to know what was required for them to follow HIM. We read of YAHWEH's prophets, how that HE would do nothing unless HE informed them, so that the people were properly guided. So, what happened in the past?

It was and is YAHWEH that answers this question.

- Jer 12:10 **Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.** Jer 12:11 **They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.**

The Hebrew word translated pastor is "raah", which means shepherd.

The Household of Faith should know the Biblical history of the COY. Both the House of Yisrael (9 tribes) and the House of Yehudah (3 tribes) have been scattered amongst the nations of the earth. Notice the following.

- Jer 23:1 **Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!** saith YAHWEH. Jer 23:2 Therefore thus saith YAHWEH ELOHIM of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; **Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them:** behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith YAHWEH.

It was these pastors/shepherds who were responsible for destroying and scattering the COY. They were of the leadership. Obviously, these pastors must have leaned unto their own understandings and that of the beasts of Daniel, rather than to that of the prophets of YAHWEH.

We read about the famine in the land that shall occur. Well, the prophets let us know that this started with the COY. The prophets of the COY wrote this:

- Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of YAHWEH, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me. Isa 6:9 And he said, **Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.** Isa 6:10 **Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.**

The COY obviously made a tactical error in their relationship with YAHWEH. They should have listened to the prophets, given to them by YAHWEH. Instead, they listened to their pastors, their shepherds. How did these pastors cause this great destruction?

- Jer 10:21 For **the pastors are become brutish**, and have not sought YAHWEH: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

The pastors became brutish and did not seek YAHWEH. They kindled the wrong fire. They obviously leaned to their own understanding and the ways of the other nations.

YAHWEH blamed the pastors. When YAHWEH described to the COY the curses that would befall them, HE spoke how that they would serve the gods of wood and stone of the nations where they would be scattered. Well, speaking of the scattering in ships back to Egypt, what are the pastors of modernity teaching their flocks?

In the history of the world, there is only one people documented to have been shipped to so many nations and sold into slavery, in a manner that totally meets the curses prophesied to the COY by Moses in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. We most commonly know them as the descendants of the pan-African slave trade who now reside in both North and South America called African Americans, Jamaicans, Belizeans, Trinidadians, etc., etc.

From a spiritual perspective these have primarily adopted Christianity, Islam, and a for some, Hebrew Yisraelism. Many of these in modernity claim to be both Hebrew Yisraelites and Christian. Other Hebrew Yisraelites do not recognize the New Covenant. And yet, most of the Christians have been taught very little about the Old Covenant, and have accepted a teaching based on various European interpretations of the New Covenant.

Why do all of these different spiritual beliefs exist amongst the descendants of those slaves who came to the Americas in those slave ships? Are they being taught the Gospel of the Kingdom, or some other gospel? And, what is the result of the acceptance of what is being taught to these communities?

We read where the Apostle spoke of the indignation and wrath, and, tribulation and anguish, that shall come upon all that do evil, beginning first with the Yehudans (the COY). Well, he also taught the following.

- Rom 2:5 But **after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of ELOHIM**; Rom 2:6 **Who will render to every man according to his deeds**: Rom 2:7 **To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life**:
- Rom 2:10 But **glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile**: Rom 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with ELOHIM.

There is an obvious hierchy amongst these words. The commission given to the COY under the Old Covenant did not entirely die with their captivity. They still have an opportunity to become first in glory, honor and peace, if they work good. They shall be first if they are patient in continuing in well doing. This also is to the Yehudans first.

We now know of the impact of the pastors to the COY under the Old Covenant. The disciples of YAHSHUA were called-out into the shoes of the prophets, and yet with a greater commission. One of them taught the Household of Faith the following:

- Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of ELOHIM; Eph 2:20 And **are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC himself being the chief corner stone**; Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in YAHWEH:

- Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of ELOHIM through the Spirit.

The essence of these scriptures is that the building can ONLY be fitly framed together unto a holy temple in YAHSHUA for a habitation of ELOHIM through the Spirit of Truth, if our teaching and hearing is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC as the chief corner.

The pastors were the local shepherds of the people. Remember, the pastors of the Old Covenant did not seek YAHWEH. Obviously, they hearkened not unto the words of the prophets. We are told that the Household of Faith must walk in a foundation of the apostles and prophets. Are we doing this in modernity as a people? Are we seeking YAHWEH?

YAHWEH came into the world as YAHSHUA, in the name of HIS FATHER, the second member of the family of ELOHIM. Under the Old Covenant, HE revealed HIS secrets to HIS prophets, whom the pastors obviously failed to adequately inquire of. When HE came in the flesh, HE told a new group of Yisraelites the following:

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

First, to whom was HE speaking to in parables?

- Mat 13:1 The same day went YAHSHUA out of the house, and sat by the sea side. Mat 13:2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. Mat 13:3 And **he spake many things unto them in parables,** saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

This is how HE spoke to the masses. And let's keep in mind that this included the leadership. HE warned these disciples about these leaders.

- Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Mat 5:20 For I say unto you, That **except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**
- Mat 16:4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. Mat 16:5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Mat 16:6 Then YAHSHUA said unto them, **Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.**

When YAHSHUA came unto HIS own, the COY, the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees were the leadership of the COY. The disciples and the Household of Faith were warned by YAHSHUA to take heed of them and to make sure their righteousness exceeded these leaders.

The New Covenant ushered in an entirely new concept of righteousness. It is an entirely individual selection and choice, for the purpose of becoming a “building fitly framed together” growing “unto a holy temple” in YAHSHUA. After telling HIS chosen disciples that “it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given”, HE also spoke the following words.

- Mat 13:12 For **whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.**

- Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. Mat 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: Mat 13:15 For **this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Mat 13:16 But **blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear**. Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That **many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them**.

The prophets longed to see and hear what YAHSHUA's disciples saw and heard. To the COY of modernity, our leadership should be clear, if we are hearing, reading, and seeing ELOHIM's WORD for ourselves. We have an individual responsibility to open our eyes to see and to hear the words of YAHSHUA and HIS apostles, ONLY.

During a recent presentation to a group consisting primarily of modernity's COY, who incidentally are clueless as to their true physical heritage, I spoke of our need to rely upon the apostles of YAHSHUA to understand the spiritual essence of the appointed times commanded to the COY by YAHWEH through their first leader, Moses. This was not well received by the leadership of audience I was presenting to. Why not?

Each year, this group reads the words of YAHSHUA during their Passover observance where HE prays for HIS disciples and those "which shall believe on me through their word". This actually reminds me of the pastors of the Old Covenant COY who did not accept the words of YAHWEH's prophets. You see, it was amongst the leadership of this group of "called-out ones", that rebuffed the importance of an Apostle's teaching on a very important appointed time, the Day of Atonement.

Instead, led by this leadership, many of the COY of modernity have held on to the teaching of the European leadership of congregations that observe a form of the appointed times given to the COY by its first leader, Moses.

While this lesson is not to recreate that presentation and the relative comments that followed, it does highlight what appears to be symptomatic of the Household of Faith in modernity. We have the writings of those disciples YAHSHUA HIMSELF said that HE gave “to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven”.

Brothers and Sisters, these disciples are the head of the leadership YAHSHUA HIMSELF established for the New Covenant Church of ELOHIM, the Household of Faith. YAHSHUA would later call-out and commission one other apostle to join this leadership group. In fact, the one apostle to whom YAHSHUA gave the “keys to the Kingdom of heaven” wrote of this other apostle. I urge all who are of the Household of Faith to note with urgency these words by the Apostle Peter.

- 2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

We recently partake in YAHSHUA’s body and observed the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread for the purpose of continuing our personal covenants with YAHSHUA, and growing in our walk towards discarding all leaven so that we may appear before ELOHIM in peace, without spot, and blameless.

- 2Pe 3:15 And **account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**

What the Household of Faith must accept is that the Apostle Paul was given wisdom. Who gave this wisdom to him?

YAHSHUA spoke these words regarding this man Paul.

- Act 9:15 But **YAHWEH said unto him**, Go thy way: for **he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel**: Act 9:16 For **I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake**.

I want to interpret these words for you. The Apostle Paul was “a chosen vessel unto YAHSHUA to bear the name of YAHSHUA “before the nations, kings and the COY”. Let’s see, did I do a decent job of interpreting YAHSHUA’s words? It was YAHSHUA that gave Paul the wisdom that Peter is writing about. Peter continues.

- 2Pe 3:16 As also in all *his* epistles, **speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood**, which **they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction**.

The Apostle Peter writes in a “matter of fact” manner about Paul’s epistles. They are hard to understand. And because of that, those “that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction”. In my experience amongst the COY of modernity, we seem to always want to be seen as being in the know. And this is okay, if we are learned. We become learned by doing what the Apostle Paul admonished us to do in 2 Timothy 2:15; “study to show ourselves approved unto ELOHIM”. If we do this, its okay to be in the know, as long as we remain humble in our knowledge.

What is the Apostle Peter warning the Household of Faith about here? He is saying, be careful of those who are unlearned and unstable and undermine both the Apostle Paul’s, and other scriptures. For they do so to their own destruction.

And here is something of note in modernity.

There are many COY in modernity who are taught that the scriptures entail only the Old Covenant by their leadership. Well, the Apostle Peter begs to differ. Scripture is simply ELOHIM's written word.

When will the COY of modernity wake up from its slumber? When will those who seek leadership awaken from their Biblical ignorance and lead according to the structure ELOHIM has created in HIS plan of salvation?

For those of us who simply trying to walk in accordance to ELOHIM's WORD, the Apostle Peter makes no apologies.

- 2Pe 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.** 2Pe 3:18 But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. To him be glory both now and forever.** Amen.

Now to the majority of the COY in modernity, this lesson represents thoughts that are foreign to them because they have been led astray by Daniel's beast. Rather than hear and see the truth of the apostles and the prophets, they have achieved a status that the Apostle Paul spoke of.

- 2Ti 4:3 For **the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;** but **after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;** 2Ti 4:4 And **they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.** 2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

The teachings they follow such as Sunday, Easter, Christmas, etc., are just that, false fables given to the world by the beast and its ongoing European leadership.

And yet, there is also leadership amongst the COY that teaches that the Apostles' teaching on physical circumcision and some other spiritual matters are in error because they present a different narrative than what was given to Moses. These have not understood the difference between the physical protocols of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. YAAHSHUA spoke these words.

- Joh 10:7 **Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.** Joh 10:8 **All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers:** but the sheep did not hear them.

I.e., anyone seeking to teach Moses over and above YAHSHUA is a thief and a robber. Moses accepted from YAHSHUA as YAHWEH the WORD of ELOHIM appropriate for his day. When YAHWEH came as YAHSHUA, HE brought with HIM the next and final phase of ELOHIM WORD to be presented to the people of ELOHIM.

And even more important to this is the fact that these leaders of the COY in modernity reject the teachings of YAHSHUA HIMSELF as HE instructed HIS disciples to follow HIS example given to them on how they must now observe HIS Passover. In so doing, they have led their followers in a direction that we just read the Apostle Peter warn us about.

Well, these same leaders fail to even accept their first leader Moses' instruction about the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

- Exo 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; **even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses:** for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

These teach that only leavened bread is to be put away. Is that what Moses wrote to his people?

- Exo 12:19 **Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses:** for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. Exo 12:20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

This commandment of removing all leaven from your homes was spoken twice by Moses. Why would the leadership of the COY of modernity teach its followers otherwise? These appear to be pastors in modernity doing the same thing the pastors did in the past, by not seeking YAHWEH/YAHSHUA, as HE has commanded us. The Apostle Paul provided the spiritual understanding of why YAHWEH commanded Moses to teach the COY this in the first place.

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

According to the Apostle, it is the leaven that leavens the whole lump. Without the leaven, a loaf of bread is not leavened. So, Moses and the Apostle are in agreement. Why does modernity's COY leadership fail to understand these words? And even more important, why do we continue to follow after these leaders in Yisrael that teach such things? The Apostle wrote the following guidance.

- Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of YAHWEH shall be saved. 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!

There are two ways to hear. It can be by our ears and/or our eyes. This is why YAHSHUA told HIS disciples that many desired to see and hear what they were seeing and hearing.

- Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? Rom 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of ELOHIM.**

The Apostle appears to comparing his gospel teaching to that of the Prophet Isaiah's teaching. Who has believed the hearing of the WORD of ELOHIM in faith?

- Rom 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Rom 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are no people, and by a foolish nation* I will anger you. Rom 10:20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. Rom 10:21 But **to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.**

Brothers and Sisters, YAHSHUA is still reaching out to the COY through HIS apostles and prophets. The problem is that, too often, our leadership refuses at times to lead in a manner required by ELOHIM. It chooses to follow, sometimes other unlearned Yisraelites; and more often than not, unlearned Europeans. As we have read, our faith must be in every word out of the mouth of ELOHIM. It seems to be more often than not that it is the Apostle Paul that teaches the clarity.

- 1Co 1:20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? **hath not ELOHIM made foolish the wisdom of this world?** 1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of ELOHIM the world by wisdom knew not ELOHIM, **it pleased ELOHIM by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.** 1Co 1:22 For **the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:** 1Co 1:23 But **we preach HAMASHIAC crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;** 1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, HAMASHIAC the power of ELOHIM, and the wisdom of ELOHIM.
- 1Co 1:27 But **ELOHIM hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and ELOHIM hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;** 1Co 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath ELOHIM chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 1Co 1:29 **That no flesh should glory in his presence.** 1Co 1:30 **But of him are ye in HAMASHIAC YAHSHUA, who of ELOHIM is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:** 1Co 1:31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in YAHWEH.

To the prophets, YAHWEH told the COY that HIS ways were not their ways. This remains true unto the COY of modernity. However, it also remains true that the COY must not be led astray by the teachings of the nations, even though some of those that are of the nations have come the knowledge of some truth.

Recently, some of you heard me present to a group of Brethren what ELOHIM has led me to understand about the Day of Atonement. You heard considerable comments from those amongst the listeners that consider themselves to be a part of leadership. I learned a valuable lesson in humility. Timothy was admonished to do the following.

- 2Ti 4:1 I charge *thee* therefore before ELOHIM, and YAHWEH YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2Ti 4:2 **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**

While I am not a preacher, I have now been led to teach. This is what I taught about the Day of Atonement.

- Rom 5:8 But **ELOHIM commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, HAMASHIAC died for us**. Rom 5:9 Much more then, **being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him**. Rom 5:10 For **if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to ELOHIM by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life**. Rom 5:11 And not only *so*, but **we also joy in ELOHIM through our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, by whom we have now received the atonement.**

The European leadership of many congregations amongst the Household of Faith teaches that Satan has a part to play in our atonement. Well, this is the same Apostle's words that the Apostle Peter warned us to beware of those who subvert his words to their own destruction.

To the Household of Faith, these words are of the utmost importance to the entirety of ELOHIM's plan of salvation. If we are to understand the spiritual essence of the Day of Atonement, how can these words not be taught and heard by the leadership of the Household of Faith? More importantly to tonight's lesson, how can the leadership of the COY in modernity ignore the importance of the Apostle's teaching here on the atonement? What is the Apostle saying?

First, ELOHIM the FATHER “commended HIS love for us? How did HE commend HIS love for us? Well, “while we were yet sinners, HAMSHIAC died for us”. Now, because of the death of HAMASHIAC, we are now being justified by HIS blood. It is an ongoing process, as long as we endure. And so, if while we were enemies (i.e., sinners), we were reconciled to ELOHIM by the death of YAHSHUA (which, the last time I read was at the one and only Passover), much more reconciled, we shall be saved by HIS life. We now joy in ELOHIM through YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Brothers and Sisters, if we continue to endure, we have received the atonement, and yet, we are not yet saved. When will we be saved?

- Lev 25:9 **Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.** Lev 25:10 **And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.** Lev 25:11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed. Lev 25:12 For it *is* the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

When we are saved, on a future day of Atonement, when the last trumpet shall be blown, we will be freed from these physical tabernacles. This is the essence of the atonement. The leadership of the COY should hear, see and totally understand these words of both the apostles and the prophets before they teach a false conclusion, based on the teachings of the leadership of the nations.

Much has been taught about the importance of Satan being bound for 1,000 years in the bottomless pit. Why will Satan be bound for 1,000 years?

Will it be because this is needed for those who will receive their atonement when YAHSHUA returns. Well, the leadership of the COY in modernity should know that every scripture in ELOHIM's WORD teaches that our salvation has been made possible by ONLY by the actions of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. When YAHSHUA was presented in HIS own name as YAHWEH, HE said this.

- Eze 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith YAHWEH ELOHIM; 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: 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 ELOHIM. 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. Eze 37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince forever. Eze 37:26 Moreover **I will make a covenant of peace with them**; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. Eze 37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their ELOHIM, and they shall be my people. Eze 37:28 And **the heathen shall know that I YAHWEH do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.**

Brothers and Sisters, at the same time the saints of YAHSHUA shall receive their spiritual salvation, Satan is put away. Why? Because it shall also be that at this same time, the COY shall be brought back to the land of Yisrael from being scattered amongst the nations. **They shall be brought back to their land under a covenant of peace which YAHWEH shall make with them.** It is for this reason that Satan must be removed. The COY shall live in peace for 1,000 years. They simply could not do this with the ultimate liar and accuser continually attempting to influence them. This shall be a blessing unto the COY, only because they have ELOHIM's name in them; not because they have obeyed as they should have.

These are the lessons of ELOHIM's WORD that the leadership in Yisrael of modernity should understand. We read earlier that it is that one that calls upon the name of YAHSHUA that shall be saved. Being saved is the reason for our calling. Let us close with the Apostle given the keys to the Kingdom.

- 1Pe 1:3 **Blessed be the ELOHIM and Father of our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC from the dead,**

Wow, this is interesting, our lively hope is not simply because of the debt that YAHSHUA HAMSHIA paid in our stead. It is because of HIS resurrection from the dead. Last week during my presentation, I read where the Apostle Paul details this to the "called-our ones" in Corinth. Now, the Apostle Peter teaches us the same lessons about our atonement.

- 1Pe 1:4 **To an for you inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven,** 1Pe 1:5 **Who are kept by the power of ELOHIM through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.** 1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

This is why we celebrate during the Atonement observation, in our affliction. And we do so with the understanding that we must endure until our resurrection from the dead.

- 1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC: 1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

He repeats himself. This is why we celebrate and rejoice; the future receipt of the end of our faith.

- 1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: 1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of HAMASHIAC which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of HAMASHIAC, and the glory that should follow. 1Pe 1:12 **Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.**

Brothers and Sisters, praise the ELOHIM of Abraham, Isaac and Yacob, that HE has developed this grand plan, and called-out this class of Yisraelites, to receive from HIS Spirit of Truth.

This is why we have been called-out from this world of modernity, to learn and understand the Gospel of the Kingdom.

We do so in the midst of this world full of spirits that are actively trying to keep us split from one another as descendants of the COY and detour our receipt of the blessing the Apostles have written on our behalf.

These are the standards that any leadership of the COY in modernity must embrace for its people. There are two types of salvation available to the COY, physical and spiritual. Unfortunately, one is dependent upon the other. Without the proper teaching of ELOHIM's spiritual salvation that has been described by YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC HIMSELF, and further through HIS apostles and prophets, there can be no physical salvation.

The end conclusion is that the leadership in Yisrael remains the same in modernity as it was in the past. And yet, there must be hope that there are some amongst this leadership that get it, or that will get it.

In order for this to happen, leadership must discern the times. It must discern the forces that are in play. ELOHIM's WORD has described these forces.

The Apostle Paul said, resist them, and they shall flee from us.

Shalom!!