

## **Lesson No. 154 – Exciting News For the Household of Faith – Looking Ahead To Tomorrow**

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The month is July. The year is 2020. What is the state of the earth as we look to the east, to the west, to the south, and to the north?

There are conflicts. Silently, there is a shortage of clean water. In nations like Nigeria and others, there are tribal/racial exterminations. There is cyber warfare internationally and individually, wherever modernity's version of technology exists. There is politics that destroys some in favor of others. There is the subtle attempt to destroy the concept of father (male), mother (female), sons (boys) and daughters (girls), primarily it seems amongst the descendants of the pan-African slave trade.

There is what appears to be the total lack of agreement in the world on what is the appropriate spiritual guidance that can guide us through these situations mentioned above, for which we know the true list is far greater than I have described.

Even within what we refer to as the Household of Faith, there is widespread disagreement on an assortment of beliefs such as the identity of the Children of Yisrael (COY) in modernity, how to date some of the appointed times commanded by YAHWEH, the spiritual implications of these appointed times, the Holy Spirit, etc., etc., etc. There are those who believe themselves to be of the Household of Faith who maintain a belief that physical circumcision is required for spiritual salvation, that Enoch still lives and is now of the family of ELOHIM, that children may partake of the Passover bread and wine, that only leavened bread should be removed during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, that we only need to observe two days of the appointed time of Tabernacles, etc., etc., etc.

Of course, there are the so-called big three most dominant religions of the world; HAMASHIACianity, Judaism and Islam. And then there are what appears to be an infinite number of other smaller religions, with just as powerful an impact on the followers of these spiritual groups. And finally, there are the atheists who do not accept any spiritual beliefs.

This, Brothers and Sisters is the state of the earth on July 10, 2020. And did you notice that I didn't even mention the coronavirus? The true question for me does not concern most of the groups I previously mentioned. It really does not concern the circumstances I previously mentioned.

We all remember the following words by YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC written in what we know to be the WORD of ELOHIM.

- Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

These words were spoken by YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC on the night of the Passover, just after HE had eaten HIS final Old Covenant Passover meal, while implementing to HIS disciples the new protocols of the first New Covenant Passover. This was also prior to HIM being arrested to be taken before the Sanhedrin that night, and before the Roman governor that next morning, to be tried, found guilty by HIS fellow countrymen, and killed. HE knew that these disciples would form the foundation of all others who would come to believe in HIM after HIS death and resurrection.

- 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.**

These are the most important words for those who form the Household of Faith to understand and accept. This forms the first important protocol of the New Covenant. YAHSHUA manifested the name of the FATHER only to these disciples. They were given to HIM by the FATHER. They had kept the FATHER's WORD.

- 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.**

They were so important to ELOHIM that YAHSHUA prayed only for them.

- Joh 17:10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 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 17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 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.**

And now we see a major key to the Household of Faith. These disciples were not of the world, because YAHSHUA was 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 17:16 **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

Now notice how that YAHSHUA repeats the fact that they and HE were not of the world. Obviously, this was an important fact to HIM. It should be to the Household of Faith as well.

- Joh 17:17 **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** Joh 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 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.

This is so important to those others who would come to YAHSHUA through these disciples. ELOHIM's WORD is truth. Based on this prayer, if the Household of Faith follows YAHSHUA's protocols by coming to HIM through these disciples' words, they all should be of one mind, as YAHWEH and YAHSHUA are as one. And as previously spoken, during these uncertain times, the Household of Faith is not as one. Shouldn't it be?

Well, even though the world is reeling to and fro, according to ELOHIM's WORD, the Household of Faith has been given some very exciting news about tomorrow. This was designed in the very beginning of this world. The only question from generation to generation has been the acceptance of it. And yet, regardless of any spiritual group one accepts and believes in, or even those who are atheists, there is one protocol that ELOHIM created that all accept, possibly without even recognizing it.

- Exo 20:11 For *in* six days YAHWEH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore YAHWEH blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

For sure, most of the world does not honor the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of YAHWEH. In fact, most so-called Christians do not honor the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of YAHWEH. Obviously, Muslims, other faiths, and atheists do not honor the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of YAHWEH.

But guess what? All of these groups do honor a seven-day week. Have you ever stopped to ponder this fact? Have you met anyone who does not accept a seven-day week? I have not. As such, do these that do not accept the seventh-day Sabbath of YAHWEH have any clue why they accept a seven-day week?

Well, for the members of the Household of Faith, as we exist in this wretched world of modernity, that we are admonished that we are not of, this is actually a core fact that we should acknowledge that is exciting.

Some call this time of the year, “the dark days of summer”. And because of the perils that exist in this world of modernity, the days appear to be dark. However, we should celebrate the fact that the whole world celebrates ELOHIM’s creation, even though they may not acknowledge or even recognize it. However, for the Household of Faith, our excitement should acknowledge that from the beginning, ELOHIM’s concept and use of the number seven has established an important roadmap for us to follow and understand. Notice the first instance.

- Gen 7:1 And YAHWEH said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Gen 7:2 **Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female:** and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female. Gen 7:3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. Gen 7:4 **For yet seven days,** and **I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights;** and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

Typically, when we have read these verses in the past, the Household of Faith has concentrated on the fact that Noah was to take seven males and seven females of all clean animals.

Wow! Just think of how certain factions amongst the descendants of the pan-African slave trade are attempting to circumvent this rather obvious protocol established as ELOHIM further sheds light on the importance of the concept of seven in the creation. There were seven clean male beasts and seven clean female beasts taken aboard the ark; and for what purpose.

- Gen 8:16 **Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.** Gen 8:17 **Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.**

The entire purpose of Noah and his wife, his sons and their wives, and the seven male and seven female beasts, was for the breeding, being fruitful, and multiplying their species upon the earth. Wow, how far too many have strayed away from this most precious established basic protocol of life commanded by ELOHIM from the beginning. It is as if many now want to create a new species on the earth. But for what purpose? I doubt if any of these perpetrators have a clue that they are eating the fruit of lies.

But notice verse 4 of chapter 7. YAHWEH has now completed HIS instructions to Noah about what is about to befall the earth; and now Noah has seven days to get his affairs in order. And we all know that Noah's affairs were for he and his family to do as YAHWEH had commanded. He had seven days to ensure that all species were on the ark.

- Gen 7:10 And **it came to pass after seven days,** that **the waters of the flood were upon the earth.**

Noah had walked with YAHWEH and now is given a great commission for the survival and future of the human race and other life on the earth. Verse 10 teaches us that YAHWEH did exactly as HE told Noah. After seven days, HE caused the waters of the flood to come upon the earth.

What should this example in ELOHIM's WORD teach us? This lesson will answer this question as we proceed. After the flood, Noah was again given a very great commission, only this time it is given specifically to he and his sons.

- Gen 9:1 And **ELOHIM blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.**

Notice that the great commission to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth was the first of these blessings. Others blessings followed.

- Gen 9:2 And **the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.** Gen 9:3 **Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.** Gen 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. Gen 9:5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Gen 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of ELOHIM made he man. Gen 9:7 **And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.**

Thrice, Noah and his sons are told to “be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth”. We know that ELOHIM's WORD established a protocol of the seed in the man, and not the woman. Without the man, there can be no replenishment.

This is ELOHIM's protocol of blessings to mankind, beginning with Noah and his sons, that certain females in the pan-African slave trade descendants' community in modernity seek to destroy.

And, as we continue to grow in ELOHIM's WORD, and YAHWEH began to codify ELOHIM's protocols into commandments, the concept of seven becomes more and more profound.

- 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.

When the commandment for the Feast of Unleavened Bread was given, it further established how those to follow Noah were to walk with ELOHIM. It also established another protocol that mankind continues to struggle with. You see, this seven-day period is not only another important protocol, but is a seven-day commandment, and a seven-day metaphor of the timing for which those who have been chosen to walk with ELOHIM must first put away all leaven from their homes during this great Feast, from the moment of their baptismal commitment. Like Noah, this group of called-out ones was and has been given seven metaphorical days to get their affairs in order.

The phrase “out of your houses” is a phrase of duality. There are the physical houses we build and live in. And then there are the physical/spiritual bodies/houses that we are born into that make us mankind, with the potential to become totally spiritual bodies, like ELOHIM. The Apostle Paul was called-out to explain to the saints what this metaphor was all about.

- 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.**



YAHWEH gave HIS called-out people this very important Feast. The Apostle Paul was called to upgrade the understanding of this very important Feast to YAHSHUA's New Covenant members of the Household of Faith. Notice that the word bread in verse 8 is an insert by the KJV translators. The leaven represents the malice and wickedness, i.e., sin, that those who now believe in YAHSHUA through the words of HIS disciples must remove from their lives, physically and spiritually. The very opposite of that form of leaven, malice and wickedness, is sincerity and truth.

This process begins once we commit to YAHSHUA through baptism into HIS name. It continues each year after we have partaken of YAHSHUA's body. Think of this opportunity as a spiritual insurance policy after one reestablishes the covenant with YAHSHUA taken at one's baptism each Passover. This unleavening of YAHSHUA's saints lasts for seven metaphoric days. It prepares them for their endurance in the world.

Last week, we read how another of these disciples gave us the clue as to the metaphoric and dual nature of this seven-day time period.

- 2Pe 3:8 But, **beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with YAHWEH as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

With the knowledge and understanding of this protocol, we now get it that the seven days of Unleavened Bread metaphorically represent the seven thousand years that all those who have and will believe in YAHWEH and now YAHSHUA, shall exist in this world, and yet not be of this world. And notice how the Apostle followed up on this vital piece of knowledge about how ELOHIM counts time.

- 2Pe 3:9 **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

And this is the exciting news that every member of the Household of Faith must come to understand. ELOHIM has made this promise to us. It began with Adam. It was reestablished through Noah. It was covenanted to Abraham, his son, and his grandson. Through the Apostle Peter, YAHSHUA is giving us this understanding of how HE views time. Not as we view it. This is a very important protocol from above for us to maintain a patience in ELOHIM's plan of salvation.

The Apostle Paul has taught us to purge the leaven of malice and wickedness by removing it from our lives for this seven-day period that the Apostle Peter is teaching us is metaphorically a seven-thousand-year period for the unleavening and endurance of ELOHIM's saints in this world, before the promise is to be revealed at the sound of the last and the seventh trumpet.

You see Brothers and Sisters, if you and I are members of the Household of Faith, this should always be our exciting news. We all, as members of the mankind family, have this promise that has been given with a lot of protocols that most are unknowledgeable of. But not for the Household of Faith. We have the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We know to remove all leaven from our physical homes for the commanded seven days, as we also remove the leaven of malice and wickedness from our lives for seven days, physically and spiritually. For the entirety of the body of the Household of Faith, it is both physically and spiritually for seven thousand years.

And for each member of the Household of Faith, your participation in this great promise began on the day of your commitment to YAHSHUA, to continue throughout your life in this flesh. And for this understanding, we have something very exciting to lift our spirits during these dark days of summer.

Notice a few other protocols by which ELOHIM would use this important number as HE provides salvation to HIS created beings.

- Lev 8:33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you. Lev 8:34 As he hath done this day, *so* YAHWEH hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you. Lev 8:35 Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of YAHWEH, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

This was commanded of Aaron and his sons to be consecrated into the priesthood. Is this relevant to you and I?

- Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; Rev 1:5 And from YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto ELOHIM and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

What does these verses teach us? Well, before you answer this, let's read another relevant verse.

- Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of ELOHIM and of HAMASHIAC, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

In chapter 1, verse 6, the Apostle Yochanon writes that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC has loved the members of HIS church by washing them from their sins in or by HIS own blood. And, HE has made these same members kings and priests unto ELOHIM the FATHER.

And yet, in chapter 20, verse 6, the same Apostle writes that **after the first resurrection, they shall be priests of ELOHIM and of HAMASHIAC, and shall reign with HAMASHIAC a thousand years**, which is but a day to ELOHIM. Let's try and understand this.

Do we not get it that metaphorically, we entered into a select group of kings and priests in training at our baptism? Last week we discussed Lesson No. 153 – Here In These Last Days, Am I A Worn-out Saint? Did we take this issue to heart? What we all must recognize is that anyone in our lives that have not yet been drawn, called and chosen has the potential to wear us down during this training period, even though in ignorance. Let's again remember the great warning that YAHSHUA gave HIS potential disciples. HE spoke these words to a chief Pharisee.

- Luk 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: Luk 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. Luk 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. Luk 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

These were worn down by their possessions.

- Luk 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

This person was worn down by his spouse.

- Luk 14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

Who is the master of the house here? Whoever it is, we must realize that when we allow our circumstances to wear us down and distract us from our calling and elections, HE becomes angry and seeks to offer HIS blessings to others.

- Luk 14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. Luk 14:23 And **YAHWEH said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.** Luk 14:24 For **I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.** Luk 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

Notice the words of verse 24. This is why we must be mindful of our callings. Here is how we allow ourselves to be worn down and not be accepted as a disciple of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC.

- Luk 14:26 **If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.** Luk 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luk 14:28 **For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?**

This is the consequence of not constantly looking ahead to tomorrow in faith, and allowing our surroundings to wear us down to thwart our training. We must always be diligent to count the costs, whether or not the costs of our distractions are truly worth it. The Apostles of YAHSHUA counted the costs. We know that the Apostle Peter was a married fisherman. And yet he did not allow his vocation or his marriage to wear him down. Probably, the other ten existed in similar circumstances. They gave up much, to follow their faith. This became their daily excitement, for which nothing this world had to offer was worth losing it. YAHSHUA recognized this.

- Mat 19:28 And YAHSHUA said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Mat 19:29 And **every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.** Mat 19:30 But **many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.**

Many are called, but few are chosen. This word forsaken in verse 29 is quite interesting for me. It was translated from the Greek word “aphiēmi”, which means to leave, forgive, forsake, etc. When we are forgiven, our sins leave us. Likewise, when we commit to YAHSHUA, anything in this world that is not walking with us must be forsaken. This doesn’t suggest an extreme, such as divorce. However, it does suggest placing our entire reliance on YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, without concern for the consequences.

The Apostle Peter, given the keys to the kingdom, gave us a key.

- 2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 2Pe 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC.

For each of us, are we called and elected? Are we ready to forsake the world for an entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC? Well, each member of the Household of Faith has been drawn, called, and chosen to enter into a spiritual training academy to become kings, queens and priests of ELOHIM. Just as we have been begotten and born of the Spirit of Truth, but not yet conceived, we are now as kings, queens, and priests, but not yet having received the crowns of ELOHIM’s promise into the family of ELOHIM.

The great accuser wants you to not acknowledge and realize this very special honor that should have each of us continually excited, even in the midst of the times. The Apostle Peter confirms this.

- 1Pe 2:9 But **ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

We entered into a group of a chosen generation of royal priests, a holy nation of peculiar people for the sole purpose of showing forth the praises of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, who called us out of the darkness of this world, into HIS marvelous light. This group are now priests of ELOHIM, and metaphorically royal kings and queens.

This is how the mindsets of every member of the Household of Faith should be in training, today in modernity. However, like Aaron and his sons, it is a seven-day consecration period. It will take seven days, seven thousand years in fact, for each of us to receive the promise of this consecration, as written in Revelation 20:6. For seven thousand years, each generation of those chosen to attend this spiritual academy shall train.

Notice another familiar verse that factors into this wonderful time of tomorrow for the Household of Faith.

- Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Who were these all that died in faith, having not yet receiving the promises? They were Abel (verse 4), Enoch (verse 5), Noah, (verse 6), Abraham, Isaac and Yacob (verses 8 and 9), and, Sarah (verse 11). These all died in faith without haven received the promises. Why?

- Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: Heb 11:40 ELOHIM having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

These are the forerunners, the beginners of this chosen generation of royal priests and holy nation of peculiar people, who, because something better has been provided through HAMASHIAC, they could not be made perfect without us. And this process shall run its course for seven metaphorical days; seven thousand years.

ELOHIM's WORD is ripe with the metaphoric examples of this important protocol that should cause us great excitement as we grow in our understanding.

- Lev 13:4 If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days: Lev 13:5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague in his sight be at a stay, *and* the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more:

This needed the first seven days, with an additional seven days. Today we hear of a two-week quarantine suggested for the coronavirus. Perhaps the Household of Faith should be more joyous that someone in modernity has suggested this as it relates to the coronavirus of 2020. I wonder how that some in this world, who based on their other beliefs, do not know YAHWEH of ELOHIM, have come to accept these important protocols HE has implemented?

- Lev 15:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, *because of* his issue he *is* unclean.



- Lev 15:13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then **he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing**, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.
- Lev 15:19 And if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be blood, **she shall be put apart seven days**: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.
- Lev 15:24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, **he shall be unclean seven days**; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

Okay you might say. These are interesting concepts. But where is the excitement? Well, all of these examples of the use of seven are a part of the great plan of salvation ELOHIM has created for mankind. Some are strictly physical in nature. But others are quite spiritually discerning if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Notice this next example.

- Lev 22:17 And YAHWEH spake unto Moses, saying, Lev 22:18 **Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel**, and say unto them, Whatsoever *he be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto YAHWEH for a burnt offering; Lev 22:19 *Ye shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats. Lev 22:20 *But* whatsoever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.

Obviously, we of the New Covenant are not required to offer burnt offerings. We have accepted the offering that replaced these, the blood of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. In fact, today we must be very careful about making vows before ELOHIM. In fact, when YAHWEH came in the flesh, HE said the following about vows.

- Mat 5:34 But I say unto you, **Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is ELOHIM's throne**: Mat 5:35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Mat 5:36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. Mat 5:37 But **let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay**: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

We are to let our word be simply yea or nay. However, the concept of offering ourselves still remains significant in our service to ELOHIM.

- Lev 22:27 **When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto YAHWEH.**

Here we see the concept of seven days with an eighth day acceptance born. Well, where is the excitement about a bullock, sheep or goat being kept for seven days under the dam, to be accepted by YAHWEH on the eighth day? The word dam is translated from the Hebrew word “em”, which literally means mother. So, this bullock, sheep or goat is being kept for seven days under the mother, to be accepted by YAHWEH on the eighth day. Where is the excitement in that? Well, as always, YAHWEH gave a commandment to the COY that we in modernity have been taught by HIS disciples that is a far greater spiritual component we need to understand and be excited about. First, let’s understand the concept of this dam/mother.

- Rev 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: Rev 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

So, we have a woman, clothed with “with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars”.

We know through study that this woman was the Nation of Yisrael, represented by Yacob, his wives, and their twelve sons. The Nation of Yisrael was this mother.

- Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. Rev 12:5 And **she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:** and her child was caught up unto ELOHIM, and *to* his throne.

This man child we know was YAHSHUA. So, the Nation of Yisrael is metaphorically pictured as a mother that constantly receives special attention from this red dragon.

- Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of ELOHIM, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.
- Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our ELOHIM, and the power of his HAMASHIAC: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our ELOHIM day and night. Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Who are these brethren who are accused by this accuser day and night? They overcame the accuser by the blood of the LAMB. All of these events caused great joy.

- Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and *ye* that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, **he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.**

Knowing the conclusion of these events has resulted in rejoicing in the heavens. Yet, the dragon continues to persecute this woman, this mother. This is the physical side of the story. There is the spiritual side that should cause each of us great excitement as we look forward to tomorrow.

- Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. Rev 12:17 And **the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of ELOHIM, and have the testimony of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC.**

We all know the story of how the New Covenant church began through YAHSHUA and HIS disciples, and was increased at the Feast of Weeks, the day following the seven Sabbaths, beginning with the first day of the week following YAHSHUA's resurrection. This in fact was the last appointed time we celebrated this year. Now, we look forward to the upcoming seventh month of the year.

This remnant began with the physical descendants of the COY. However, we know that members of the other nations have been brought into this one fold, to a spiritual place of comfort.

- Eph 1:3 **Blessed be the ELOHIM and Father of our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in HAMASHIAC:**

- Eph 1:4 **According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:** Eph 1:5 **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC to himself,** according to the good pleasure of his will,

If we are walking in the faith from above, we have been commissioned to “keep the commandments of ELOHIM, and have the testimony of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC”. By these words, we know that our spiritual blessings are in heaven, waiting to be revealed.

- Gal 4:26 **But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.** Gal 4:27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Gal 4:28 Now **we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.** Gal 4:29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now. Gal 4:30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. Gal 4:31 **So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.**

Simply put, the Yerushalaim of above is our spiritual mother, if we are under the promises of ELOHIM through YAHSHUA HAMSAHIAC. As such, we are no longer children of the bondwoman, the mother of those that reside in the flesh. We are children of the free woman, holy Yerushalaim, soon to be revealed from heaven.

The COY kept their offerings under a physical mother for seven days, before they would be accepted by ELOHIM on the eighth day. **The Household of Faith, from the days of Adam, are kept under our spiritual mother, Yerushalaim of above, for seven metaphorical days, to be accepted by ELOHIM on the eighth day.**

There are three appointed times commanded to be observed in the seventh month of ELOHIM's calendar that we should be excited about; Atonement, Trumpets and Tabernacles. YAHWEH taught us through the prophets that on a future Day of Atonement, the trumpet shall sound, and freedom shall reign for both the children of the bondwoman, the physical COY, and, the children of the free woman, those who have kept the commandments of ELOHIM, and have the testimony of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. This trumpet shall be the last of the seven trumpets to sound relating to the Day of YAHWEH. This shall be a special trumpet, as the Apostle teaches.

- 1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

This represents the freedom of the enduring saints from these bodies of flesh, when the seventh trumpet shall sound. We are looking ahead to this seventh trumpet. But remember, we read earlier in Leviticus 22:27 how that the bullock, or a sheep, or a goat shall be seven days under the mother; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto YAHWEH. This was the physical version. The Apostle explains the spiritual version.

- Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of ELOHIM, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto ELOHIM, *which is* your reasonable service. Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of ELOHIM.

Under the spiritual version, the Household of Faith must offer themselves as living sacrifices holy and acceptable unto ELOHIM. How do we do this? We should be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of ELOHIM. This is our spiritual sacrifice to last for seven days under our spiritual mother, heavenly Yerushalaim. And when will we be accepted by ELOHIM? Well, what every member of the Household of Faith should be excited about is the last appointed time of the year.

- Lev 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto YAHWEH.** Lev 23:35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*. Lev 23:36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YAHWEH: **on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you;** and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YAHWEH: *it is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

The last commanded Feast is a seven-day Feast that was commanded in the seventh month, metaphorically, the last month of the year. It was a seven-day Feast, with an additional eighth day tossed in there for good measure.

- Lev 23:39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto YAHWEH seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath. Lev 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before YAHWEH your ELOHIM seven days. Lev 23:41 And **ye shall keep it a feast unto YAHWEH seven days in the year.** *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations: **ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.**

During this Feast, as the COY were to rejoice being brought out of Egypt to live in booths, the Household of Faith should know that it has been brought out of spiritual Egypt, while yet continuing to live in our physical booths. We are to do this for seven days, knowing that the eighth day represents our deliverance. Let's read what I mentioned a little earlier.

- 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.

The trumpet of the Yubilee is that last trump that the Apostle Paul taught us about. It shall occur on the Day of Atonement when reconciliations shall occur throughout the earth, one physical, and one spiritual.

- 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.

As spoken of by 13 prophets on a day they all call “in that day”, the physical COY and the remnant survivors of the nations, shall all return to their lands. Each of these 13 prophets describe this as a day when the COY shall return to the land of Yisrael. This is that eighth day when they are accepted by ELOHIM, physically. How shall this happen?

- Eze 20:34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. Eze 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Eze 20:36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith YAHWEH ELOHIM. Eze 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:



- Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* YAHWEH. Eze 20:39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith YAHWEH ELOHIM; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

Those that survive this rod, also known as “Yacob’s Trouble”, shall be accepted by YAHWEH back to their land, “in that day”.

- Eze 20:40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith YAHWEH ELOHIM, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the first fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. Eze 20:41 **I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.**

We know what will also happen “in that day”.

- 2Pe 3:10 But **the day of YAHWEH will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,** and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

We know this is going to happen. But this is not why we should be excited.

- 2Pe 3:11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, 2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of ELOHIM, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

The Prophet Zechariah spoke of it this way.

- Zec 14:1 **Behold, the day of YAHWEH cometh**, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Zec 14:3 **Then shall YAHWEH go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.** Zec 14:4 And **his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives**, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. Zec 14:5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: **and YAHWEH my ELOHIM shall come, and all the saints with thee.**

By this, we know that this day called “in that day”, is also the time of the first resurrection. This is when those of us who shall have endured shall graduate from our spiritual academy to become priests of ELOHIM and of HAMASHIAC, to reign with HIM a thousand years, the eighth day. We are training to perform what will be our new commissions “in that day”.

- Zec 14:6 And **it shall come to pass in that day**, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark: Zec 14:7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to YAHWEH, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light. Zec 14:8 And **it shall be in that day**, *that* **living waters shall go out from Jerusalem**; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

This is why we are excited, to have a purpose to prepare those survivors for our heavenly mother to be revealed at the end of this day. However, for those who shall remain in their flesh during this day.

- Zec 14:16 And **it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, YAHWEH of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.** Zec 14:17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, YAHWEH of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

And how many days shall they keep this Feast?

- Eze 45:25 In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, **shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.**

In that day, the 1,000-year reign of YAHSHUA and HIS saints, there will be the seven-day Feast; but not however the eighth day. Why, because the 1,000-year reign of YAHSHUA and HIS saints fulfills the eighth day. The saints, from Abel to whomever in the future qualify, shall receive their crowns at the beginning of this eighth day. This, Brothers and Sisters, is why we of the Household of Faith are excited.

As we must exist in this world of uncertainties all about us, we groan.

- 2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of ELOHIM, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2Co 5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 2Co 5:3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

- 2Co 5:4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* ELOHIM, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 2Co 5:6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from YAHWEH: 2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 2Co 5:8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with YAHWEH. 2Co 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

This is why we keep those first seven days of the seventh and final appointed time commanded by ELOHIM. We must groan for seven days; generation after generation, for seven thousand years. And then.

- 2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of HAMASHIAC; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

With patience and with confidence we appear before ELOHIM each year in the seventh month knowing that although we moan our surroundings and this flesh, our true mother is in heaven. We do so, knowing that if we endure, we shall be accepted, as the oblations of the COY were accepted, on the eighth day by ELOHIM.

We of the Household of Faith know that our calling and elections are now. We are in our seven days of offering to ELOHIM in the name of YAHSHUA. Our goal must be to appear before YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC knowing that we will be accepted by ELOHIM. This is why we keep the seven days of Tabernacles. It is our reminder of what the faith chapter of the Book of Hebrews is all about. Many have come before us and rest, waiting for their crowns to be given to them on the eighth day. We must endeavor during our walks to maintain, so that we do not fall short of the mark.

- 1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that YAHSHUA is the HAMASHIAC is born of ELOHIM: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 1Jn 5:2 **By this we know that we love the children of ELOHIM, when we love ELOHIM, and keep his commandments.** 1Jn 5:3 For **this is the love of ELOHIM, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.** 1Jn 5:4 For **whatsoever is born of ELOHIM overcometh the world:** and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. 1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that YAHSHUA is the Son of ELOHIM?

We were left in this world to overcome it.

- 2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

This is why we should be excited. The new heavens is a two-fold approach, just as we are now being taught in the academy of the WORD of ELOHIM.

We read of the Day of YAHWEH. We read of the new and living waters flowing forth from Yerushalaim. This is part one. It is the preparation for the new heavens and the new earth. We have an opportunity to be a part of this preparation, if we walk in, and continue to walk in ELOHIM's commandments.

- Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: Isa 11:2 And the spirit of YAHWEH shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YAHWEH; Isa 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of YAHWEH: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

- Isa 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. Isa 11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. Isa 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. Isa 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. Isa 11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. Isa 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of YAHWEH, as the waters cover the sea. Isa 11:10 And **in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.** Isa 11:11 And **it shall come to pass in that day, that YAHWEH shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people,** which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. Isa 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Some of us know this pastor who teaches a simple but yet effective analogy about the return of the COY to their land. He said, take a bale of straw and a t-bone steak to the zoo and throw each to opposite ends of the lion's den. If the lions eat the straw, the COY are back in their land. If they eat the steak, the COY remain in the scattered nations in captivity. Isaiah 11 testifies to the reality of this simple analogy

We should be excited to participate with YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC in this day of preparation. We have an opportunity to help YAHSHUA in making this all happen.

This is what those final commanded seven days should teach us. We train for seven days. We observe ELOHIM's final Feast for seven days. And then we look forward to our freedom on the eighth day. And then, at the end of this eighth day, there shall be phase two.

- Rev 21:1 And **I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;** and there was no more sea. Rev 21:2 And **I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from ELOHIM out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

And after the Appointed Time of Tabernacles has been fulfilled, Mother Yerushalaim shall appear to accept all who have lived from the foundation of the world, whose names are written in the LAMB's Book of Life.

Yes Brethren, exciting news for the Household of Faith to look forward to during these days of darkness in the world.

Shalom!!