

## Lesson No. 157 – Faith In The Comforter

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Last Sabbath we discussed “Lesson No. 156 – The Comforter, From YAHWEH to YAHSHUA”. We now clearly know that according to that wonderful part we have been provided by ELOHIM, THEIR WORD, YAHWEH/YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC was and continues to be the ultimate COMFORTER for us all. Yes, HE is the ultimate HOLY SPIRIT. However, we also know that when HE left to return to the FATHER, HE not only promised us through HIS disciples another comforter, another Holy Spirit called the Spirit of Truth. And this understanding should be at the forefront of the understanding of every member of the Household of Faith in modernity. For we know that there are other spirits operating in very subtle manners in this world seeking to thwart the truths that the Spirit of Truth has and continues to bring to the Household of Faith. And yet, we are each faced with important decisions that must be constantly made in the face of these obstacles in each of our lives.

As we look all about us at what the world is facing, the uncertainties, and even with the Household of Faith, the major differences between us, I felt perhaps a fitting follow-up to that lesson would be tonight’s lesson No. 157 – Faith In The Comforter. Who do we turn to each and every day to ensure that we are making the proper decisions for every aspect of our lives? Have we reevaluated our faith to ensure that we each are in fact, enduring until the end as required?

We read the following scripture in the WORD of ELOHIM.

- Isa 54:17 **No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of YAHWEH, and their righteousness is of me, saith YAHWEH.**

My wife likes to listen to Christian gospel on Sunday mornings, not because it is Sunday, but because it is the only time during the week one can hear gospel music. The host of that show quotes this scripture pretty much every Sunday. In fact, this is a scripture that I hear quoted quite often by those who believe they are of the faithful in accepting and honoring Sunday, Easter, Christmas and a host of other so-called Christian offerings. Of course, anyone of the Household of Faith knows that these teachings are false and cannot be found in ELOHIM's WORD.

The words of this scripture are powerful. But what do they mean to those of us who think we are members of the Household of Faith?

The first observation is that it says "no weapon formed against thee shall prosper". Is this a promise to the Household of Faith in modernity? Some may see this as a safety net as we face the pandemic known as covert-19. But is it? To understand this promise, two things are vitally important. First, who is speaking. Second, who are they directing these words to. And, perhaps there is a third thing to be understood; is there duality in these words? Well, in order for us to get this we must step back and look at the context. And it appears that we can do this just a couple of chapters earlier.

- Isa 52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

First glance, this statement is obviously a prophesy of a future time when Yerushalaim shall exist in both a physically and spiritually clean state. This has never happened in history and it is not the case today in modernity. We shall see shortly who is saying these words.

- Isa 52:2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: **loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.**

- Isa 52:3 For thus saith YAHWEH, **Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.** Isa 52:4 For thus saith YAHWEH ELOHIM, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Isa 52:5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith YAHWEH, that my people is taken away for nought? **they that rule over them make them to howl,** saith YAHWEH; and **my name continually every day is blasphemed.**

Now, we see that it is plain for all to see. These words were spoken by YAHWEH of ELOHIM, the future YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. And before we continue, let's remind ourselves something that neither the Children of Yisrael (COY), nor their prophets were taught, that we have been taught by the Apostle of YAHSHUA.

- 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.**
- Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from ELOHIM,

The term “new Yerushalaim was never introduced to the COY. It shall descend from ELOHIM as the Bride of HAMASHIAC, and even as HIS wife. As we now understand the duality of scripture, we know that the earthly version of this city stands as, or was meant to stand as a type of the heavenly version; meaning it was, is and shall always be important to ELOHIM.

So, with this, let's go back to the Prophet Isaiah as he writes the words about Yerushalaim and its people.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> verse YAHWEH said that those that rule over HIS people cause them to howl, and that HIS name was blasphemed continually every day. Today in modernity, many who quote Isaiah 54:17 do not have a clue that they actually blaspheme HIS name through their idolatrous practices, supposedly in HIS name. However, we clearly see that the context of this chapter is Yerushalaim and the COY.

- Isa 52:6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* **in that day** that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

This verse provides the real clue regarding Isaiah 54:17, for we once again see in the midst of these verses that phrase “in that day”. We also see that YAHWEH’s people, the COY, shall know HIS name and that it is HE that speaks these things “in that day”. So, now we know the timetable for when these things refer to and will occur; “in that day”. How many, even amongst the Household of Faith understand this context?

We in the Household of Faith must know and have faith in the fact that this is both YAHWEH of ELOHIM and YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC speaking of a future time of better days for both this city and the COY. If we have done our studying, as we are admonished to do, we know beyond a shadow of doubt that this is that time of the 1,000-year reign of YAHSHUA and HIS saints, soon to come upon this earth. Now, the Prophet is allowed to make this plainer to those with eyes to see.

- 52:7 **How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy ELOHIM reigneth!** Isa 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when YAHWEH shall bring again Zion.

- Isa 52:9 **Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for YAHWEH hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.**

And here again we read of YAHWEH of ELOHIM playing out HIS role as the comforter of HIS people, the COY, and as the REDEEMER of Yerushalaim. The only question about these facts is in the acceptance of HIS role, not only to the COY, but to every member of the Household of Faith. You see, this comfort that YAHWEH is promising to HIS people and Yerushalaim is describing a future time period. Did or does the COY, or the Household of Faith, have faith in their COMFORTER that this prophecy will occur?

- Isa 52:10 YAHWEH hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our ELOHIM. Isa 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of YAHWEH. Isa 52:12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for YAHWEH will go before you; and the ELOHIM of Israel *will be* your reward.

The holy arm of YAHWEH was made bare in the eyes of all the nations. Are we understanding what is being requested of the COY during and after the time of Isaiah the Prophet? YAHWEH is admonishing, yea, HE is commanding, that HIS people have faith in HIS words by touching no unclean thing and being unclean during their time of existence. The COY were the chosen bearers of the vessels of YAHWEH. The Apostle Paul put it this way.

- Rom 3:1 **What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?** Rom 3:2 **Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of ELOHIM.**

They are being asked to have faith in their COMFORTER by being clean and believing in HIS words of a promised future of protection for them and their beloved city, the City of David.

- Isa 52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. Isa 52:14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: Isa 52:15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: **for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.**

We know that these words prophecy the coming of YAHSHUA and the awfulness of the torture HE would suffer as HE would become the PASSOVER LAMB. And yet, the power of HIS death touched even those who had not heard, the nations of the world. The 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter continues to teach us of HIS coming.

- Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and **to whom is the arm of YAHWEH revealed?** Isa 53:2 For **he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

Now, we should clearly see that this holy arm that YAHWEH has made bear in the eyes of all the nations is YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC.

- Isa 53:3 **He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

As we have studied HIS life as HE came unto HIS own during HIS first advent, we know these things to be true. HIS own, the COY, rejected HIM. And yet.

- Isa 53:4 **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of ELOHIM, and afflicted.

Remember, HE was their COMFORTER. I will never understand how that any member of the Household of Faith, particularly those who are descendants of the COY have allowed themselves to be deceived that one of the goats of the Day of Atonement observation is someone other than YAHSHUA. Perhaps they simply have not studied this chapter.

- Isa 53:5 But **he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him;** and **with his stripes we are healed.** Isa 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;** and **YAHWEH hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Soon, we will once again hear lessons about this scripture.

- Lev 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: Lev 16:22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

Shame on any member of the Household of Faith for not in fact maintaining the faith in ELOHIM's WORD. Isn't this the same as not having faith in the COMFORTER. According to the WORD of ELOHIM, it is upon the arm of YAHWEH that the iniquity of the COY was laid. Why then this confusion? We must be careful that in this subtle manner we too are not rejecting HE whom our forefathers rejected in the past.

- Isa 53:7 **He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.** Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for **he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

He paid the penalty for not only the sins of the COY, but for all those whom the FATHER would draw to HIM in the future.

- Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased YAHWEH to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when **thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin,** he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of YAHWEH shall prosper in his hand. Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isa 53:12 **Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death:** and he was numbered with the transgressors; and **he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

These verses say so much for both the COY, and even more importantly, the Household of Faith. You see, YAHWEH of ELOHIM was the COY's COMFORTER. HE sent forth HIS angels to constantly assist them in their time of need, until HE had seen enough of their refusal to trust in HIM. As such, we all know the story; that is, we all that study and accept the WORD of ELOHIM.



While at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jamaica last year, I mentioned to a friend and Brother who was attending the Feast with another congregation, but staying at the same resort, that the Brethren refused to accept that both goats of the Day of Atonement ritual represented YAHSHUA. This particular Brother and I have open-mindedly discussed this on several occasions. He reads ELOHIM's WORD for himself. His response to me was, "tell them to read Isaiah 53:12".

Here, we are taught that when YAHWEH of ELOHIM shall come in the flesh as YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, HE shall suffer. "But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed". HE made HIS soul an offering for sin. Verse 6 says that YAHWEH "hath laid on him the iniquity of us all".

Verse 12 says that HE shall be great because HE "poured out his soul unto death", "was numbered with the transgressors", "bare the sin of many", "and made intercession for the transgressors". And yet, many of the Household of Faith do not see the "simplicity that is in HAMASHIAC". By bearing the sin of the many, we now see that this act of HIS bearing others' sin is dual. It was for the COY, and those of the nations who would come to believe in HIM through the teachings of those disciples of the COY chosen to carry the gospel message to all the world.

As we learned last week, HE was and always will be the COMFORTER for HIS people. And yet, HE promised HIS people that HE would send them "another comforter" from HIS FATHER unto to them once HE was gone. HE said this other comforter would not speak of himself, but would testify of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC when he comes. Tell me, what more could HAMASHIAC say to the Household of Faith before it begins to walk in the oneness of YAHSHUA the FATHER and YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC? This begs for the question to the Household of Faith, as it was also asked of the COY. Do we have faith in the COMFORTER?

Let's continue now that we have identified the speaker and the recipients in the 54<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

- Isa 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith YAHWEH. Isa 54:2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; Isa 54:3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and **thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.**

So, right off we see that as this continues, it becomes specific to future COY who shall inherit the nations and also make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

- Isa 54:4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. Isa 54:5 For thy Maker *is* thine husband; YAHWEH of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The ELOHIM of the whole earth shall he be called.

We constantly also see another duality emerge; that of the COY and the city of David, Yerushalaim, the bride. And here we also see that YAHWEH of ELOHIM was and is the REDEEMER, the HOLY ONE of Yisrael; and not only that, HE is the ELOHIM of the whole earth.

- Isa 54:6 For YAHWEH hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy ELOHIM.

We should be clear that these verses refer to Yerushalaim.

- Isa 54:7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. Isa 54:8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith YAHWEH thy Redeemer.

We know that ELOHIM allowed Yerushalaim to be destroyed by YAHWEH's armies, the Gentile beast power. Yet, it has such a special place in ELOHIM's heart that THEY will have mercy on it.

- Isa 54:9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. Isa 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith YAHWEH that hath mercy on thee. Isa 54:11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. Isa 54:12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

These promises are made on behalf of the earthly Yerushalaim.

- Isa 54:13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of YAHWEH; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children. Isa 54:14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Isa 54:15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Isa 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

Certainly, this refers to the beloved city. Notice verse 15, how that those that gather against it shall fall for Yerushalaim's sake.

And this is how get to an understanding of the verse we began with.

- Isa 54:17 **No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of YAHWEH, and their righteousness is of me, saith YAHWEH.**

This is the fulfillment of the covenant of peace by YAHWEH to occur when HE returns to the earth a second time, only this time in the fulness of HIS power to reign from Yerushalaim with HIS saints. Those COY, and the remnant of the nations, that survive in that day shall exist in a form of righteousness. If so, this is their inheritance during this 1,000-year period.

- Eze 39:25 Therefore thus saith YAHWEH ELOHIM; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; Eze 39:26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid. Eze 39:27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Eze 39:28 Then shall they know that I *am* YAHWEH their ELOHIM, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them anymore there. Eze 39:29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith YAHWEH ELOHIM.

These are the future prophesies in which the COY were told to have faith in. I., e., the prophecy of Isaiah 43:17 is for a future time. It is not for today, as many quoting it imply in their use of the phrase.

And yet, here is where our faith is tested. If this is not for us today in modernity, where is our comfort during these unsettling times?

YAHSHUA told these well-read words to HIS disciples. After promising them another comforter, HE said this that we also read last week.

- Joh 14:18 **I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.** Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but **ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.**

Not only did HE tell them HE would not leave them comfortless, HE also promised HE would come to them. Now, it is obvious that many in the Household of Faith have been taught that YAHSHUA is the Holy Spirit because of these words. Sure, HE said HE would come to them. But HE said this just after promising them that another comforter. However, we need to study these words in their true essence of duality.

YAHSHUA did say beyond a doubt that HE will come to them. HE then said “yet in a little while, and the world seeth me no more”. So, what did HE mean by this? Well, what happened later that night and during the next daytime? Yes, HE would be tried, judged and ultimately sacrificed on the next day. After that, the world never sees HIM again. But the following did happen.

- Luk 24:36 And as they thus spake, YAHSHUA himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. Luk 24:37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. Luk 24:38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Luk 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Here is the first fulfillment of HIS promise to HIS disciples that HE would come to them. HE did. Yet, we must see the duality in this entire dialogue. HE also promised them that “**ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also**”. So, at that time, they saw HIM. But then HE said that because HE lived, they shall live also. Now let us reason together.

At the time that HE said this to them, they were already living. So, what did HE mean by “**I live, ye shall live also**”, when they were already living? HE was faithful to explain it to us, if, we are willing to step backwards to be led by that “another comforter” that HE promised.

- Joh 14:20 **At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.**

First, we must understand that when the KJV translators write “at that day” is essentially the same as if they are writing to us “in that day”. For it will be “in that day” that they will surely know that YAHSHUA is in HIS FATHER, they in HIM, and HE in them, and us. Why? The Apostle Yochanon was chosen to teach us why.

- 1Jn 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of ELOHIM:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1Jn 3:2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of ELOHIM, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

It is at the resurrection of the saints when they shall see YAHSHUA as HE truly is, in all of HIS spiritual essence, because they will be like HIM. At that time, “in that day”, they will surely know that YAHSHUA is in HIS FATHER, they in HIM, and HE in them, and us. This is that future time when they shall live, because HE lives.

- 1Jn 3:3 And **every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

This is the faith in the COMFORTER that we as members of the Household of Faith must maintain, we must endure in. This is our hope. This is why and how we must purify ourselves. In reality, nothing else really matters.

This is why we get so excited as the end of the spiritual year appointed times approach us.

YAHSHUA was giving HIS disciples a glance at the power of both the immediate future, HIS resurrection when HE would live, and, the distant future when they shall live with HIM. Notice the Apostle Paul's words about HIM.

- Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; Rom 1:4 And **declared to be the Son of ELOHIM with power,** according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead:**

We have recently spoken unto many Brethren that seem to make light of our emphasis on the resurrection. Yet, here YAHSHUA became the SON of ELOHIM with power by the resurrection from the dead. Now some may quote the following verse.

- Mat 17:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto YAHSHUA, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. Mat 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son,** in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

In another verse we read this.

- Joh 3:16 For ELOHIM so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son,** that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Prior to HIS resurrection, YAHSHUA was the only begotten Son of ELOHIM.

But after HIS resurrection, HE was no longer a begotten Son of ELOHIM. HE was the SON of ELOHIM with power. The Apostle Paul taught us these words about the faith that we must have in our COMFORTER.

- Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?** Rom 6:2 **ELOHIM forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**

This is a very valid question for each of us during these days of modernity. There are sooo many vices in the world to inflate our thoughts towards not remembering our individual covenants with YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. The Apostle continues.

- Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC were baptized into his death? Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as HAMASHIAC was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

When we were baptized into YAHSHUA, we also became begotten sons and daughters of ELOHIM, baptized also into HIS death. We were buried with HIM by baptism unto death. And yet, each of us struggle to maintain some of the old me. Notice I said each of us, not just some of us. Perhaps some more than others; and yet, each of us. But we must never forget the following.

- Rom 6:5 For **if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:**

Remember, YAHSHUA said we “shall live”, because HE lives. HE was resurrected. If we have been planted together in the likeness of HIS death, we shall also live in the resurrection.



- Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. Rom 6:8 Now **if we be dead with HAMASHIAC, we believe that we shall also live with him:**

And allow me to also include this very important of all New Covenant scriptures.

- Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Yes, it is our faith that must believe in these words about our COMFORTER. While we were enemies, adversaries to ELOHIM, we were reconciled to ELOHIM by the death of HIS SON, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. However, “much more being” now “reconciled, we shall be saved by HIS life”. **Remember, it is because HE lives that both the disciples and we shall live.** How important is this revelation to each of us?

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.**

Yes, Brothers and Sisters, **according to ELOHIM’s WORD, it is because of YAHSHUA’s death and resurrection that we have now received the atonement.** So, is this the faith that we have in our COMFORTER, YAHSHUA? For if we do not maintain this type of faith, our access to that another comforter is limited.

- Rom 6:9 Knowing that HAMASHIAC being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

- Rom 6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto ELOHIM. Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto ELOHIM through YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC our Lord. Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto ELOHIM, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto ELOHIM. Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

We as members of the Household of Faith have a pretty solid understanding of what is sin. We know that it incorporates several schools of thought to include the ten commandments, observance of YAHWEH's appointed times, as well as other laws, statutes and commandments. Most of us know the following from the mouth of YAHSHUA HIMSELF.

- Joh 14:23 YAHSHUA answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.** Joh 14:24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:** and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.
- Luk 6:46 And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?** Luk 6:47 **Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:**

We know that all of YAHSHUA's sayings are also HIS commandments.

- Luk 6:48 **He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.**

Brothers and Sisters, we live in a time of vast and deep spiritual floods all about us. But because of our faith, if we have it, our foundation is laid on a ROCK and cannot be shaken.

- Luk 6:49 **But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**

Of course, this is the fear that some of us have for many we have met along this spiritual journey because for many reasons, they have been betrayed into not believing that all of YAHSHUA's sayings are HIS commandments.

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

This is HIS promise to us for keeping HIS commandments, which did not end with Moses. Moses was given what was needed at that time. We know through our reading of the faith chapter in the Book of Hebrews that many heard the commandments given unto Moses and are included in the promises of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC.

However, once YAHWEH came in the flesh, HE gave us more aspects of the plan of ELOHIM, making it more of a mental and spiritual belief, without the physical sacrifices of blood requirements. HIS blood was enough for the disciples to be promised that they shall live, because HE lived. And yet, HE knew that even those who would believe in HIM through the disciples' words would need help in understanding and in enduring. HE also said this later of that comforter.

- Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

This comforter would reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgement. And then YAHSHUA explains each of these categories and why this comforter will do what he or it is commissioned to do.

- Joh 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; Joh 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

What does it mean to not believe on YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC? We have read the answer already. It means to hear HIS words and not keep them. It's just that simple. This is sin. YAHSHUA is now with HIS FATHER. This is righteousness. Do we believe HIM? The prince of this world is Satan. He is judged already. We don't want to be judged with him. We desire to be with HIM and to see HIM. Right?

- Joh 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Joh 16:13 Howbeit **when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:** for **he shall not speak of himself;** but **whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:** and **he will shew you things to come.** Joh 16:14 **He shall glorify me:** for **he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.**

And here is where the faith of the Household of Faith must be strong during these turbulent times. This comforter is the Spirit of Truth, who will not speak of himself, and yet, will guide us into all truth. It did not say that this comforter would guide us into partial truth.

As such it is safe to say that if we are not walking in the fulness of all truth, we are not being led by the Spirit of Truth. Verse 13 says unequivocally that when this comforter “is come, he will guide you into all truth”. Is our faith strong enough to believe in these words by HAMASHIAC HIMSELF? This comforter, who shall not speak of himself, will guide into all truth.

Well, the first truth is that this Spirit of Truth cannot be YAHSHUA HIMSELF. Whatsoever this Spirit of Truth hears, he will speak and show us things to come. He shall glorify YAHSHUA, because he shall receive of YAHSHUA and show it to the disciples and those who believe in HAMASHIAC through these disciples.

Here is where the faith of the Household of Faith is truly, truly tested. Should there be any differences within the Household of Faith who this comforter is? Shouldn't we simply accept that this comforter hears what the ultimate COMFORTER, HAMASHIAC, has said, and then shows it unto us? We all remember the ultimate Biblical protocol given to us by the Apostle Yochanon's writings.

- Rev 1:1 **The Revelation of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, which ELOHIM gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:**

Brothers and Sisters, isn't this plain enough for you. This is the Biblical interpretation of YAHSHUA's description of what HE described to HIS disciples as “another comforter” and “the Spirit of Truth”. And these are the words by which we must be comforted of.

Now, ELOHIM's WORD testified that there were some, like Stephen, who were killed for their testimony. YAHSHUA also told HIS disciples this.

- Mat 24:9 **Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you:** and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

There is evidence that this did happen to some of these disciples as well. It probably has happened to others. It may happen to us.

- Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

We know that these things have already begun, even within the Household of Faith. I never thought that some of the actions and words I have seen and witnessed within the Household of Faith would in fact occur. Yet it has. And because it has, I have also seen some lose their faith. Some have begun to look to outside sources for their faith and comfort. This is why YAHSHUA made this plain.

- Mat 24:13 But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.** Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Do we not understand that this is why it is so important for the Household of Faith to become as one?

To begin with, we already know that this Household exists of the few, and not the many. We have not been promised physical salvation in our walk as begotten sons and daughters of ELOHIM. In fact, we are allowed to be chastened and tested.

- 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:

Our faith will go through trials. In fact, this coronavirus that is now upon the world is one of these trials of our faith. None of us have the answers. This is why even more than usual we need to rely on the “another comforter” to remind us of what is at stake during these trials.

- 1Pe 1:9 **Receiving the end of your faith**, *even* **the salvation of your souls**.

This is what we must be reminded of over and over again. The Apostle Paul wrote this of his trials.

- 2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of HAMASHIAC may rest upon me. 2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for HAMASHIAC 's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Is YAHSHUA’s grace sufficient enough for each of us, as HE told the Apostle? Will we encounter persecutions for HAMASHIAC’s sake? The disciples of HAMASHIAC have already testified to us.

- Jas 1:2 My brethren, **count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations**; Jas 1:3 **Knowing this**, that **the trying of your faith worketh patience**.

Brothers and Sisters, are we finding the patience in ELOHIM's WORD that is there for us? This where our faith must be.

- Jas 1:4 But **let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

What does he mean, wanting nothing? We all want many things in life. Yet, is there something in life that we desire that is greater than our desire to see YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC "in that day"?

Today, as we face the restrictions and other vices of man, we need help more than ever.

- Jas 1:5 **If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of ELOHIM, that giveth to all *men* liberally,** and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Jas 1:6 But **let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.** For **he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.**

What is asking in faith? Are we seeking material wealth? Is that what we are asking for? Are we seeking other fleshly desires? Is that what we are asking for? And this category is probably more subtle in each of our lives than we realize.

- Jas 1:7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. Jas 1:8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways. Jas 1:9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

Are we double-minded? We are if we ask by wavering. We must understand how to ask in faith. For this determines whether or not we are maintaining a faith in our COMFORTER, so that we may continually be guided by the "another comforter" into all truth.



I was prepared to include so much more about this subject, but I believe this is sufficient for now. Let's close with a couple of reminders.

- Mat 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink;** nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
- Mat 6:31 **Therefore take no thought,** saying, **What shall we eat?** or, **What shall we drink?** or, **Wherewithal shall we be clothed?** Mat 6:32 (**For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:**) for **your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.** Mat 6:33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of ELOHIM,** and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Mat 6:34 **Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.** Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Brothers and Sisters, is this not clear enough for us to have the faith in our COMFORTER?

- 2Ti 2:8 Remember that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: 2Ti 2:9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of ELOHIM is not bound. 2Ti 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in HAMASHIAC YAHSHUA with eternal glory. 2Ti 2:11 *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*: 2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us: 2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Brothers and Sisters, some form of suffering is required of us.

What is important is that we suffer for the right reason, seeking first the Kingdom of Heaven. And remember, others do not see YAHSHUA as we do. They do not understand. And yet, we are not responsible for their ignorance. We are responsible for our own faith in our COMFORTER.

- 1Pe 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous: 1Pe 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. 1Pe 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: 1Pe 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. 1Pe 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil. 1Pe 3:13 And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? 1Pe 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

Can we accept this teaching to be happy for our suffering for righteousness sake? We are told to not be afraid of the terror in this world. We are to be of one mind. We are to practice “having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous”. Remember how we are also to bear fruit?

- 1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord ELOHIM in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 1Pe 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in HAMASHIAC.

Each of us must continually prepare ourselves to be ready to provide answers to every man and woman that question your faith in ELOHIM.

- 1Pe 3:17 For *it is* better, if the will of ELOHIM be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. 1Pe 3:18 For HAMASHIAC also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to ELOHIM, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

We began this evening reading again about our ancestors, the COY. We know that they were promised a physical salvation. We know that they will receive this salvation about the same time we shall see YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, that is, if we endure in our faith in the COMFORTER.

But we must be warned, just as they were.

- 1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 1Co 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 1Co 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was HAMASHIAC. 1Co 10:5 But with many of them ELOHIM was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Our ancestors did not maintain the faith in YAHWEH in that part of the part they were given.

- 1Co 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.
- 1Co 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 1Co 10:8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 1Co 10:9 Neither let us tempt HAMASHIAC, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

- 1Co 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

In fact, all of the testimonies of ELOHIM's WORD are there for our examples. There are examples of the disciples' deliverances from prison and others that meant them harm. There are examples of their coming together as one on whatever subject that Satan used to thwart them. These are our examples, as well as those of our ancestors fall from grace.

- 1Co 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

We remember that HAMASHIAC commanded we become as little children. Do we have the faith to accomplish this? Understanding that in so doing, we relinquish our flesh and allow the Spirit of Truth access to our minds to guide us into all truth.

- 1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but ELOHIM *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

If need be Brothers and Sisters, cry out to HAMASHIAC as HIS disciples once did.

- Luk 17:5 And the apostles said unto YAHWEH, **Increase our faith.**

We all need our faith increased during these unsettling times in modernity. And yet, with our faith in our COMFORTER, nothing can come upon us that we cannot handle, if we are being led by the Spirit of Truth.

Our true COMFORTER has led us by example. And, HE has given us another comforter to get us through the vices of this life until we shall live with HIM.

Brothers and Sisters, keep your eyes on the prize. Maintain your faith. Follow the TRUNK! The TRUNK is our COMFORTER! And our COMFORTER is YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, as now taught to us by another Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth!

Shalom!