

Remnants Walk

The one claiming to rest in Him, ought to walk, himself, even as He walked. 1 John 2:6



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let my right hand forget;
let my tongue cleave to my palate,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not bring up Jerusalem
above the head of my joy.
Psalm 137:5-6*

... is a Worldwide Ministry aimed at restoring the Faith once delivered by Yahshua of Nazareth to the Congregations at its inception close to 2,000 years ago. This restoration needs to take place in order to reach those with ears to hear and eyes to see the truth from the lies, so that the good news of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. (*Matthew 24:14*)

We encourage all those who consider themselves to be true believers to ask: “which congregation do I belong to? The true faith our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set down in the year 30 CE, or the false doctrine, drenched in paganism and sun worship, as set down by Constantine in 325 CE?” The two are vastly different and we cannot serve two masters. (*Matthew 6:24*)

One was a Hebrew Congregation with a Hebrew Savior that was completely Torah observant. The other was and still is a counterfeit, lawless church, sealed by the decrees of Constantine and implemented for the sole purpose of deceiving and enslaving mankind. (*Revelation 12:9*)

The articles contained in this publication are motivated by the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures, inspired by our Almighty Father Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah, His Son. Words made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*2 Timothy 3:15-17*)

May this free gift bring you closer to our Father Yahweh through His son, our savior and soon returning king, Yahshua the Messiah. In His wonderful name. Shalom...

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Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren, And Shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua; the name above all names. We are now in the second week of the Hayahad Bible School, and it is always wonderful to see the children of Yahweh work hard to take their calling serious and want to go to the next level in that calling.

When we are called, most people don't think about the aspect that repentance is more than just turning from our sins, but repentance is about true change in our life. Hebrew is a pictograph language which originally consisted of 22 pictures, not letters, that later developed into the letter alphabet that we have today. And the picture for the word for repentance is "to destroy the path to the house"; we leave nothing to go back for.

If we truly want to be disciples of Yahshua and fulfil our great and wonderful calling of Abba Yahweh, then we must get this concept ingrained in our belief system, to not only look at removing sin out of our lives, but to see repentance as a full change of lifestyle from the worldly ways of the enemy to the Holiness of Yahweh.

All of our thoughts and goals and aspirations in this short life that we have should be toward growing in the grace and knowledge of our Master Yahshua Messiah and bearing fruit for His soon coming Kingdom. That should be the highest priority of our life as a true disciple of Yahshua.

Mat 22:36 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Torah?

Mat 22:37 And Yahshua said to him, "***You shall love YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.***" (Deut. 6:5)

Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

We live in Satan's world, and we must work in this world to survive, but our calling as a true disciple of Yahshua must always be our first vocation in life, and nothing should take precedence over this.

Mat 10:37 The one loving father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And the one loving son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:38 And whoever does not take up his torture stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:39 The one finding his life shall lose it. And the one ***losing his life on account of Me shall find it.***

It is the greatest honor and privilege in our life that Yahweh has called us as a firstfruit covenant believer to be a member of the very congregation of Yahshua today. And as I see the congregations drawing closer to each other in love and servitude I am so humbled to be selected by Yahweh to lead this great work from His very eternal capital, Jerusalem, Israel.

Jerusalem is ground zero to creation and also to Yahweh's restoration, and how blessed are we as a congregation to be able to host the pilgrim feasts of Yahweh in Jerusalem for His worldwide congregation? How blessed are we to have our minds opened to His truth and to be called out of a world of darkness and lies? And how blessed are we to surrender our sins to Him and to be forgiven by the very blood of His only begotten Son, Yahshua, H'Mashiach!

May we never take these facts and our great calling for granted, and may we endure until the end and finish the great work that Almighty Yahweh has put before us!

B'Shem Yahshua,

Elder Don

Jerusalem, If I Forget You...

By Don Esposito

Jerusalem in Scripture is based in the center of the earth (Ezek 38:12). It is where Solomon built the Temple of Yahweh, and where King David was promised an eternal dynasty by Yahweh in His soon coming Kingdom. The reason for this is that Mount Zion and Jerusalem is ground zero and the very place where the Garden of Eden existed. It is the place where the cherub called Lucifer, now called Satan, guarded the very Ark of the Covenant where Yahweh dwelled.

Eze 28:13-14 You have been in Eden, the garden of Elohim. Every precious stone was your covering; the ruby, the topaz, and the jasper, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workmanship of your tambourines and of your pipes in you. In the day you were created, they were prepared. **14** *You were the cherub that protected with your outstretched wings and I had put you in the holy Mountain of Elohim, where you were. You walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*

There is no other city that is as important or that is mentioned in Scripture as much as Jerusalem. And not only is it the place where Yahweh's sanctuary was built by King Solomon and where Yahweh Himself dwelt on the very Ark of the Covenant, but it was also the very place where the tribes of Israel would gather three times in the year at the Holy Days of Yahweh to appear before Him and bring their offerings and seek His blessing.

Deu 16:15-17 You shall keep a solemn feast seven days to YAHWEH your Elohim in the place which YAHWEH shall choose (Jerusalem); for YAHWEH your Elohim shall bless you in all your produce, and in every work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful. **16** *Three times in a year shall all your males appear before YAHWEH your Elohim in the place which He shall choose (Jerusalem):* In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before YAHWEH empty, **17** but each with his gift of his hand, according to the blessing of YAHWEH your Elohim, which He has given you.

Psa 122:1 [A Song of Ascents; of David.] I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of YAHWEH.

Psa 122:2 Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Psa 122:3 *Jerusalem is built like a city that is joined to itself, together.*

Psa 122:4 *There the tribes go up, the tribes of Yah; to the testimony of Israel; to give thanks to the name of YAHWEH.*

Psa 122:5 For the thrones of judgment were established there, the thrones of the house of David.

Psa 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; those who love you shall prosper.

Psa 122:7 Peace be within your walls; prosperity in your towers.

Psa 122:8 Because of my brothers and my companions, I will now say, Peace be in you.

Psa 122:9 Because of the house of YAHWEH, our Elohim, I will seek your good.

However, due to 2500 years of Diaspora, and almost 2,000 years of replacement theology in Christianity, the remnant flock of Yahshua has forgotten about Jerusalem and the important role that it plays in end time prophecy.

Psa 137:1 There by the rivers of Babylon we sat down; also, we wept when we remembered Zion.

Psa 137:2 We hung our lyres on the willows in its midst.

Psa 137:3 For there our captors asked us the words of a song; yea, our plunderers asked joy, saying, Sing to us a song of Zion.

Psa 137:4 How shall we sing the song of YAHWEH on a foreign soil?

Psa 137:5 *If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget;*

Psa 137:6 *let my tongue cleave to my palate, if I do not remember you, if I do not bring up Jerusalem above the head of my joy.*

Due to the rise of end time America (Babylon) and the Babylonian culture that many have in these end times, so many of Yahshua's end time flock have forgotten about Jerusalem, and yet when we look at end time prophecy, so much of that prophecy that is taking place and will take place happens and is centered around the very city of Biblical Jerusalem. And as a matter of fact, the whole plan of redemption that Yahweh has been working out with mankind the last 6,000 years is centered around the redemption of Jerusalem.

Psa 102:16 *When YAHWEH shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.*

Psa 102:17 He will turn to the prayer of the destitute and will not despise their prayer.

Psa 102:18 This shall be written *for the last generation*, and people to be created shall praise YAHWEH.

Psa 102:19 For He has looked down from the height of His sanctuary; YAHWEH looked from Heaven to the earth,

Psa 102:20 to hear the groaning of the prisoner; to set free the sons of death,

Psa 102:21 *to declare the name of YAHWEH in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem,*

Psa 102:22 when the peoples and the kingdoms are gathered together to serve YAHWEH.

Only when Mount Zion is rebuilt, can the Messiah appear and bring the Kingdom of Yahweh to this earth. And the amazing thing is that over the last some odd twenty years, the archaeologists in the City of David have been digging and have uncovered and rebuilt the original Mount Zion and City of David.

Amo 9:11 In that day I will raise up the Sukkoth (Tabernacle) of David that has fallen, and I will wall up its breaks. And I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as the days of old;

And not only that, just as the above scripture states, they have discovered the very Tabernacle of David where the Ark of the Covenant once stood and where Yahweh promised to King David that a child out of his very loins would come and build a sanctuary for King David and he would rule with this eternal son in an everlasting dynasty forever.

2Sa 7:4 *And it happened in that night, the Word of YAHWEH was to Nathan, saying,*

2Sa 7:5 *Go, and you shall say to My servant, to David, so says YAHWEH, Will you build a house for Me, for My dwelling?*

2Sa 7:6 *For I have not dwelt in a house even from the day of My bringing the sons of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a shepherd's hut.*

2Sa 7:7 *In all places in which I have gone with all Israel's sons, have I spoken a word with one of the tribes of Israel, those I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, why have you not built for me a house of cedars?*

2Sa 7:8 *And now, so you shall say to My servant, to David, so says YAHWEH of Hosts, I have taken you from the good pasture, from following the flock, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.*

2Sa 7:9 *And I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth.*

2Sa 7:10 *And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and not be made to tremble any more. Nor shall the sons of evil afflict them again, as at the first,*

2Sa 7:11 even from the day I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. And YAHWEH declares to you that YAHWEH will make you a house.

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled, and you lie with your fathers, then I shall raise up your seed after you, who shall come out from your loins, and I shall establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:16 **And your house shall be sure, and your kingdom before me forever. Your throne shall be established forever.**

Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Creator Yahweh, and where His only begotten Son Yahshua, the very Son of David, will dwell during His 1,000-year millennial reign. It has been the capital of the nation of Israel for more than 3,000 years since the days of King David and is the most important city on the face of the earth. If any nation on earth wanted to be blessed in these most important end times that we are living in, you would think that they would support Israel and support the fact that Israel is the eternal undivided capital of the state of Israel. This would only be logical!

However, don't look for logic in the Middle East, look for prophecy, and prophecy clearly states that in the last days that we are living in that all nations will not support Jerusalem as the eternal undivided capital of the State of Israel.

Zec 12:1 The burden of the Word of YAHWEH for Israel, says YAHWEH, who stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man in his midst.

Zec 12:2 Behold! I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the peoples all around, and it shall also be against Judah in the siege against Jerusalem.

Zec 12:3 And in that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it shall be cut in pieces. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday December 6th, 2017, announced that Jerusalem was the undivided capital of Israel and the United States moved their embassy there in May 2018. In response to President Trump's announcement, the United Nations had an emergency meeting and the nations of the world overwhelmingly voted against Jerusalem being the undivided eternal capital of the State of Israel. Out of 172 nations voting only 9 nation states voted for Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

It is not only stunning and shocking, but as the above scripture states, it is prophecy being fulfilled.

Jerusalem is where the Garden of Eden was, it is where Yahweh's sanctuary dwelt, and it is the place where Yahshua will reign for the 1,000-year millennium. But it was also the place of Satan's rebellion, and the place that Yahweh will allow Satan to rule for 42 months before the Kingdom of Yahweh is set up.

Luk 21:20 And when you see Jerusalem being encircled by armies, then recognize that its destruction has come near.

Luk 21:21 Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains; and those in its midst, let them go out. And those in the villages let them not go into her.

Luk 21:22 For these are days of vengeance when all things that have been written are to be fulfilled.

Luk 21:23 But woe to the pregnant women, and the ones nursing in those days; for great distress will be on the earth and wrath on this people.

Luk 21:24 And they will fall by the mouth of the sword and will be led captive to all the nations. And Jerusalem will be trodden down by nations, until the times of the nations are fulfilled.

Luk 21:25 And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars. And on the earth will be anxiety of nations with bewilderment, roaring of sea and of surf,

Luk 21:26 men fainting from fear, and expectation of the things coming on the earth. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Luk 21:27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and much glory.

Luk 21:28 But when these things begin to happen, have courage and lift up your heads, because your salvation draws near.

Rev 13:4 *And they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast; who is able to make war with it?*

Rev 13:5 *And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to it. And authority was given to it to act **forty two months**.*

Rev 13:6 *And it opened its mouth in blasphemy toward YAHWEH, to blaspheme His name and His dwelling place, and those dwelling in Heaven.*

Rev 13:7 *And **it was given to it "to war with the saints, and to overcome them."** And authority was given to it over every tribe and kindred and tongue and nation. (Dan. 7:21)*

Rev 13:8 *And **all those dwelling in the earth will worship him**, those of whom the names had not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb having been slain from the foundation of the world.*

Rev 13:9 *If anyone has an ear, let him hear.*

Satan is a liar and a counterfeiter. He will at times even make things look very close to the truth to deceive people, but Yahweh will only allow him to counterfeit the truth, but never to actually use the truth. That is why Satan has hoodwinked the world into believing that the current Temple Mount or Harem Esh Shariff, where the Muslim Dome of the Rock is, is the place where Solomon's Temple stood; and yet this is false and only part of his end time counterfeit religious spirit that he has perpetrated on this earth.

The real Temple of Solomon and Sanctuary of Yahweh stood in the City of David just north of the area where the Tabernacle of David stood. And because Yahweh would never allow Satan to use the real Temple Mount to build him a sanctuary for his 42-month rule over Jerusalem and the world, he has tricked and deceived the world into believing the area of the Dome of the Rock is the true Temple site and will most likely build some shrine to himself in this area.

Mar 13:14 *And when you see that which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, the sign of unclean desolation that was **standing where it should not be**, then let him who reads understand, then let those in Judea flee into the mountains.*

We are getting close to this time in where all things written will be fulfilled, including the return of Yahshua to the Mount of Olives and Yahweh's eternal Kingdom being set up from Jerusalem and going all over the earth. Yahweh has once again set up His chosen, called out, elect brethren to host the feasts of Yahweh in Jerusalem for the last 18 years now, and it has been one of the greatest honors of my life to be chosen by Yahweh to host these feasts of His in His set apart city.

In Diaspora, it is not a commandment to come up to Jerusalem at feast time, but it is actually a punishment of Diaspora that the Sons of Israel could no longer be able to come up to Jerusalem 3 times in the year during Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot and appear before Him for their blessing of obedience.

However, now in these last days when Yahweh is restoring all things, once again, Yahweh's elect can come up to Jerusalem at feast time and appear before Him to receive their blessing. We have brethren coming from roughly 25 to 30 countries each Sukkot. And although due to finances and other reasons, it is not possible for all brethren to come up, even when one representative from a given region comes to appear before Yahweh; he/she comes on behalf of their nation and receives the blessing for all their people.

Time is running short! At a time where so many of Yahshua's flock have forgotten Jerusalem and never even think of coming up to Israel and seeing the amazing wonders that Yahweh is restoring in these last days, why not pray about coming to a feast here and seeing the amazing restoration work that Yahweh is doing with this nation of Israel, (**our inheritance**), in these last days. I will guarantee, you will not be disappointed!



Are you Preparing for the Best Feast Ever!

By Don Esposito

Sukkot

— THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES —

The feast of Sukkot or Tabernacles is only a few months away. Are you preparing for the most wonderful feast ever? Have you planned out your finances properly? You know, if you only put away \$20 a week that will add up to more than \$1,000 saved in a single year.

Do you have a plan of action for Sukkot or simply plan on winging it and trying to have the most fun? How about making a goal to help and serve the maximum number of brethren this year? How about planning on taking a widow to lunch, or watching the children of a couple to give them an afternoon off together? What about planning to give little Scripture cards to people that have feast quotes? There are numerous ways that you can make this the best feast ever, but it has to start with the premise of trying to give more than receiving (Acts 20:35).

You can also help the leadership with the many responsibilities that there are at Sukkot, and try to have a most joyful and positive attitude even if things don't always go the way you would have wanted it to. Sukkot is a great opportunity to draw closer to Yahweh and receive His blessing over our life.

However, in our modern day and age here in the Roman year 2018, the true purpose of the Feast of Sukkot seems to have been greatly lost among feast keepers of our time. Many people look at the feast as simply a big vacation to go and have a great time overindulging in food and drink and entertainment.

Others will self-righteously think that only if one lives in a tent and roughs it at feast time are they being spiritually minded. And yet most people miss the greatest and most important aspect of Yahweh's Holy Days each and every year.

Deu 16:16-17 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before YAHWEH your Elohim in the place which He shall choose (Jerusalem): In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before YAHWEH empty, but each with his gift of his hand, according to the blessing of YAHWEH your Elohim, which He has given you.

Lev 23:34 *Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be a Feast of Booths, seven days to YAHWEH.*

Lev 23:35 *On the first day shall be a holy gathering; you shall do no laborious work.*

Lev 23:36 *Seven days you shall bring a fire offering to YAHWEH; on the eighth day you shall have a holy gathering; and you shall bring the fire offering to YAHWEH; it is a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work of service.*

First of all, it is important to set the premise that the Holy days were meant to be kept in Jerusalem, in the very Promised Land of Israel. As the first instructions in Leviticus 23 about how to keep the Holy Days, it is starting with the following phrase:

Lev 23:10 *Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you come in to the land which I am giving to you, and have reaped its harvest, and have brought in the Omer, of the beginning of your harvest, to the priest, ...*

The Holy Days were given as Israel was leaving their slavery in Egypt, and except for the first Passover, none of the Holy Days were even kept in the wilderness, as the entire Holy Day cycle was established around the agricultural system in the very land of Israel.

So, when we are looking at the purpose of Yahweh's feast days today, where most are keeping them in Diaspora, we must realize that this was never the intention of the feast days. Yahweh promised Israel that He would be their Elohim, and they would be His people, and He personally would rule over them in His set apart city of Jerusalem.

The Israelites were given instruction from the Torah on every aspect of their lives, including how to live, grow food, treat each other, and how to worship Elohim correctly. If Israel, as a nation, was obedient then Yahweh would bless them with rain in due season. Remember, the growing season in Israel is from November-December until about March-April. There is no rain at all from around April to about October, so if Israel was disobedient they would not have any crops and fruits and no food.

The feast of Sukkot is also called in Scripture the Feast of Ingathering as it was the time that Israel would gather in all their harvest fruits and bring the wheat, dates, barley, grapes, olives, figs, and pomegranates. Wheat is what bread is made out of and was the staple food for life. Olive oil was for healing and also food, and represents the Holy Spirit, and wine is for gladness, and shows Yahweh's blessing on His chosen people.

And if they were obedient and had rain in due season, the early and the latter rain, then they would be bringing the fullness of their harvest, and tithes, and firstfruits, and offerings, up to Yahweh at Jerusalem where He dwells and would receive the blessing of obedience from obeying His Torah.

This is the world and surroundings that precipitated the system of Israel coming up to Jerusalem to appear before Yahweh three times in the year at the annual Holy Days of Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot. And today, we need to get back to the original intent of the Holy Days of obedience and appearing before Yahweh in Jerusalem to receive an otherwise lost blessing. In the end time Yahweh is still reigning in Mount Zion, in Jerusalem.

Joe 2:32 *For it shall be, all who shall call on the name of YAHWEH shall be saved. For salvation shall be in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, as YAHWEH has said, and among the survivors whom YAHWEH shall call.*

And Yahweh is once again blessing His people to be able to come up to Jerusalem at feast time and appear before Him for the blessing of trying our best to be obedient to Him. No longer is it a command to come up to Jerusalem, as it is actually a punishment of Diaspora that makes it impossible for most people to attend the feast there.

But, it should grieve the true believer not to be able to appear before Yahweh in Jerusalem at feast time as Yahweh had intended it to be.

Psa 137:1 *There by the rivers of Babylon we sat down; also we wept when we remembered Zion.*

Psa 137:2 *We hung our lyres on the willows in its midst.*

Psa 137:3 *For there our captors asked us the words of a song; yea, our plunderers asked joy, saying, Sing to us a song of Zion.*

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It should also be the desire of every true believer to want to be in Jerusalem at feast time with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength, knowing that it also represents Yahshua's return and His sovereign rule from Jerusalem at feast time.

Zec 14:9 *And YAHWEH shall be King over all the earth. In that day YAHWEH shall be united (echad), and His name united (echad).*

Zec 14:11 *And they shall live in it. And there shall not again be a shutting in, but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.*

Zec 14:16 *And it shall be, everyone who is left from all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, YAHWEH of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of The Sukkot.*

Zec 14:17 *And it shall be, whoever will not go up from the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, YAHWEH of Hosts, there shall even be no rain on them.*

Zec 14:18 *And if the family of Egypt does not go up, nor come in, then the rain shall not be on them, but the plague with which YAHWEH shall strike the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of the Sukkot.*

Zec 14:19 *This shall be Egypt's offense, and the offense of all nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Sukkot.*

As I mentioned, it is no longer a commandment to come up to Jerusalem at feast time, but a punishment of Diaspora. In all the heartache of Judah going into the Babylonian captivity, there was no greater sorrow than the fact that they would no longer be able to appear before Yahweh in Jerusalem at feast time. It was crushing to them, as remember, during the days of the temple Yahweh literally dwelt in His sanctuary over the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant.

There was a comfort and joy beyond measure to come up to Jerusalem, to the only place on earth that Yahweh physically dwelt and to appear in His set apart Holy city. Now, in these last days, as a prelude to Yahshua's soon coming reign, Yahweh has once again opened the door according to prophecy for His Holy flock to appear before Him in Jerusalem at feast time with joy and thanksgiving.

Eze 36:38 *Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I am YAHWEH.*

Psa 122:3 *Jerusalem is built like a city that is joined to itself, together.*

Psa 122:4 *There the tribes go up, the tribes of Yah; to the testimony of Israel; to give thanks to the name of YAHWEH.*

Psa 122:5 *For the thrones of judgment were established there, the thrones of the house of David.*

I know this joy of spending Sukkot in Jerusalem is not for everyone now, as our Diaspora still has not ended, but it is for a select few that Yahweh personally picks each year to fulfill His restoration prophecy about the feast days being kept in Jerusalem once again. Life is a test and Yahweh wants to see our desire for His Kingdom now, before He will allow us to be part of the Messiah's 1,000 year Millennial reign.

So, let us pray, **THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!** I will guarantee you that you will never read the Bible the same again!



TURKEY IN PROPHECY

Turkey, forgotten and ignored in much of world news today, is destined to become important in world affairs! Bible prophecy shows a strange and bizarre future for this important nation at the crossroads between Europe and Asia. Read here what your Bible says about Turkey's future!

Reprint Article from the Good News Magazine by Keith Stump

Here in Istanbul, bustling European economic capital of modern Turkey, I am writing from one of the most important crossroads on earth today. In front of me ships sail slowly by headed up toward the Black Sea and Crimea, or down toward the Dardanelles and the Mediterranean.

European Turkey

This small enclave of Turkey in the European littoral is in many ways the most important part of Turkey. Bounded to my west by Bulgaria and Greece, European Turkey represents a substantial grip by this nation on one of the world's most important sea gates, the Bosphorus and Dardanelles.

Grecian claims on this area, plus disputes over possession of the island of Cyprus, have meant strained relationships and near war between the two neighbors in the past. Because of its strategic location, Turkey has been of prime importance to the big powers in recent cold war history. You may remember, it was from a strategic air command base in this nation that the ill-fated Powers U-2 flight was made.

Embarrassing admissions by the U.S. Department of State followed, when the U.S. Government revealed constant U-2 spy flights were being made over Russia from bases in Turkey. Finally, to lessen tensions in the modern furor of the cold war, the U.S. dismantled and removed some of its important military installations in Turkey. Turkey is, however, a member of NATO—and signed a mutual defense pact with the U.S. in 1959.

But in our modern jet-hydrogen-space age, how could a nation be of such strategic importance merely because of its geographical location?

Simply because no matter how advanced our technology is, no matter how fast our airplanes fly, or how many orbital satellites we boost into outer space around this earth, mankind in all of his nations must still subsist on raw materials and minerals out of the soil.

And in many ways, Turkey lays claim to two of these considerations. First, she stands athwart the Bosphorus-Dardanelles, thereby effectively controlling one of the most important sea gates on earth. Constantly, huge vessels go sailing through this narrow Bosphorus.

Tankers from all over the world; freighters, passenger vessels, the famous Russian trawlers, and, now and then, Russian submarines on their way into the Aegean and Mediterranean for patrol there and on out into the broad Atlantic. Turkey, of course, does not desire any blockade of the mammoth amount of Russian shipping passing through these tortuous channels—since Russia's reaction could well be disastrous to the Turkish economy and future security as a nation. However, because of Turkey's relationship with the United States and NATO, and her refusal to allow Soviet Russia to *participate* in the control and defense of these strategic sea gates, you can be sure the Communists are quite concerned about Turkey's course in modern geopolitics.

Secondly, Turkey is of vital importance to the big powers because of her vast, and largely untapped, natural resources. In some ways Turkey is a “younger” nation than the United States. She has large, relatively undeveloped deposits of coal, iron, copper, petroleum and chrome. Turkey is the world's *largest* producer of chrome. Many other minerals are found here, such as lead, antimony, sulfur, mercury, molybdenum, magnetite, silver, manganese, zinc, and asbestos. It is believed Turkey possesses rich oil deposits, and extensive exploration to develop oil production is under way.

Obviously, looking at any map would tell you that *should* Turkey become more oriented toward the Soviet bloc of nations and less oriented toward the West, it would bring about a climactic and possibly disastrous shift in the balance of power in the Middle East.

To illustrate the point—remember that in 1946 a Civil War quelled in Greece with the assistance of British military forces. A hasty amphibious landing of British tanks successfully staved off a Communist attempt to *bypass* Turkey and reach warm-water Mediterranean ports via a Communist takeover of the Government of Greece.

Presently, all seems quiet in Turkey. The people here are friendly enough to Americans—many American businesses and enterprises flourish—and visitors do not sense as much a feeling of tension in the air such as is evident in Egypt, Jordan and many other nations in the strife—torn Middle East. However, deceptively peaceful though it seems now, this part of the world is destined to become the scene of one of the bloodiest of battles in future years. Turkey's history tells why. First, what of the recent history of Turkey? What were her loyalties during World Wars I and II?

Turkey of the Modern Era

Turkey, or the Ottoman Empire, stretched all the way from Yemen on the south of the Arabian Peninsula to European Turkey bounded by Bulgaria and Greece. The Ottoman Empire held full sway over all of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, the islands in the Aegean Sea, the Anatolian Peninsula and European Turkey.

Siding with Kaiser Wilhelm II in World War I, the Ottoman Empire crumbled in defeat and was partitioned after the signing of the armistice between the Western allies and the Central powers in 1918. Many of the areas of the former Ottoman Empire became British or French mandates after World War I;

notably, and perhaps most easily remembered is Israel, captured from the Turks by General Allenby.

Then came the revolution led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. He became the first President of Turkey after the revolutionary republic's birth in 1923. After the caliphate (spiritual leadership of Islam) was renounced in 1924, Turkey gradually achieved complete separation of Church and State, and began economic and industrial reforms which have steadily improved Turkey's economic climate.

Presently, Turkey is ruled by a civilian parliamentary government, with a president elected to a seven-year term, unable to succeed himself. But what of Turkey in prophecy? Does Bible prophecy have anything to say about this nation so strategically placed between the Middle Eastern countries of potential violence and the emerging towering colossus of Central Europe?

The Brother of Jacob

Believe it or not, the Turkish people are directly related to Americans and Britons through *Abraham* and *Isaac*. Turkey can be identified by research in encyclopedias, or history books dealing with the subject, as the descendants of *Esau*! Esau was the brother of Jacob and the first son of Isaac. You will read of how the Turks *lost* their precious birthright in chapter 27 of the book of Genesis.

As shocking as it sounds, these people here were the original *birthright* peoples, destined by right of birth to become the holders of the richest and most desirable portions of the entirety of this earth! It explains and makes clear in Bible history how it came that six percent of the population of the world enjoys fifty percent of its fabulous wealth!

Actually, the entire story climaxes in subterfuge on the part of Rebekah and Jacob who convince the aging and almost totally blind Isaac that the younger brother Jacob was Esau. After the trickery of the savory meal they made pass for venison, and the skin of a goat on the forearms of Jacob, Isaac said, “Therefore Yahweh give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: *cursed* be everyone that curses thee, and blessed be he that blesses thee!” (Gen. 27:28-29.)

Actually, this was nothing more than the fulfillment of a prophecy revealed to Rebekah *prior to the birth* of the two children. Almighty Yahweh allowed *human nature*, with its innate selfishness, to effect this subterfuge—but it was of His doing and intent all along. Yahweh had said, in answer to Rebekah's earlier question concerning the nearing birth of twins, “Two nations are in thy womb, and *two manner of people* {two totally different kinds of people, two different nations or distinct national types!} shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and *the elder shall serve the younger*” (Gen. 25:23). At the end of that chapter is the account of how Jacob gave Esau bread and a pottage of lentils and how Esau despised his birthright—treated it as of no account or value. *Jacob* was born with a certain tenacity, a certain ingenuity and inventiveness. Jacob was an individual who would put down roots in the land, *develop* it, search out its wealth and resources.

Not so with Esau. He became a hunter. He was by nature, a man who would walk over the land, *not seeing* the tremendous wealth and value of it beneath his feet! Instead of *developing* and *using* the natural resources of the land, he left it as he found it. Yahweh Almighty had a *direct* hand in the choosing and selecting of *certain national characteristics* which He wanted in the called and chosen people through whom He was to fulfill His purpose. Yahweh did not call or choose a “favorite” people—but a *special* people to whom He gave a GREAT COMMISSION.

Those peoples have never fulfilled that commission—but have rejected Yahweh and His laws. Nevertheless, because of the tremendous promises Yahweh made to *Abraham*, Yahweh has made good His promises repeated there to Jacob. Later, in the thirty-sixth chapter of the book of Genesis, you will read of the various dukes and leaders of Esau. In the first verse of that chapter, you will read, “Esau, *who is Edom.*” The same statement is repeated in verse 8. Now notice the names of the sons of Esau, beginning in verses 9 and 10 of chapter 36.

One of the grandsons of Esau was Teman (verse 11). Teman became a great leader among the peoples who followed in that area to the south and east of the Dead Sea. As the Edomites began to expand, inhabiting all the rocky clefts and the high mountainous peaks of the east of the River Jordan, portions of the land began to bear the name of Teman, being called the “Land of Temani.”

And this is no different from our modern world. In almost every nation, cities, villages, towns, counties, states, or shires bear the name of developers, discoverers, outstanding leaders in government or the military. Much of the area, later including the rocky Anatolian, Persian and Turkestan plateaus became known as “the Land of Temani.” You will see this proved by turning to Genesis 36:34. “And Jobab died, and Husham of *the land of Temani* reigned in his stead.” Is it any wonder, then, that the indelible stamp of *Teman*, one of the *leading dukes* of ancient *Edom*, was carried down into modern history in the form of the “Ottoman” Empire? Now notice some of the prophecies concerning *modern* Turkey.

Turkey in Prophecy: Turn to the thirty-fourth chapter of Isaiah. In the first few verses, Yahweh says His indignation is upon ALL the armies of the earth, and that ALL earthly armies shall be utterly destroyed! And then, He says in verse 5, “For my sword shall be bathed in the heavens: behold, it shall come down upon *Idumea* [Edom], and upon the *people of my curse* [or the people of *my ban*, margin], for judgment.”

And this prophecy is *dated*. In verse 8, Yahweh says, "For the day of vengeance is to Yahweh, and the year of repayments for Zion's cause!" Now notice Ezekiel 25. Yahweh says, "Thus saith Adonai Yahweh: Because Edom has acted by taking vengeance against the house of Judah, and they are very guilty and are avenged on them, therefore, Adonai Yahweh says this: I will stretch My hand on Edom and will cut off from it man and beast, and I will lay it waste. From Teman even to Dedan they shall fall by the sword!" (Ezek. 25:12-13.)

But WHY does Yahweh pronounce such disastrous calamities for the peoples of Turkey? Why should Turkey, with its empire gone, its former holdings carved up and distributed among its conquerors, Turkey who remained neutral in World War II, be the recipient of some of the direst of Biblical indictments? Turn to the book of Obadiah for the answer! The book of Obadiah is utterly unique among the many prophecies of the Bible. It is a one-page prediction of the *entire future history* of the nation of Turkey!

Keeping in mind the geographically and geopolitically strategic location of modern Turkey, the most recent history of the Ottoman Empire and twentieth century Turkey, read the book of Obadiah in its true context in this modern time.

"The vision of Obadiah. Thus says Adonai Yahweh concerning Edom; we have heard a message from Yahweh, and a messenger is sent among the nations; rise up, and let us rise up against her for battle." **Who is this "messenger sent among the nations"? None other than Yahshua Messiah of Nazareth!**

Remember that major sections of the Bible plainly predict the second coming of Yahshua Messiah. Though laughable to so many skeptics today, there is nothing more clearly stated in the Bible, time and again, and in the very teaching of Yahshua Himself, than His imminent return to this sin-sick world to bring peace at last and to RULE this earth with a rod of iron! (Rev. 2:26; 3:21; Micah 4; Isa. 2.)

Before proceeding with this vitally important prophecy of the book of Obadiah, turn for a moment to the sixty-third chapter of the book of Isaiah and notice again the *time setting* of this prophecy. "Who is this who comes from Edom with crimson garments from Bozrah? This One adorned in His clothing, inclining in His great power? It is I, speaking in righteousness *the* Great Yahshua!

Plainly, this is a prophecy that could refer to NO ONE, except Yahshua Himself! Notice again the setting. First, the question comes from peoples as if with one voice, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with crimson garments from Bozrah?" And the answer is given-- One adorned in His clothing, inclining in His great power, who speaks in righteousness and mightly to save!

Now let's continue with verse 2 of the sixty-third chapter of Isaiah. Why is *Your clothing red*, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? And again the answer comes, "I have trodden the winepress, I alone, and no man of the peoples was with Me. And I will tread them in My anger, and trample them in My fury; and *their blood* shall be spattered *on My garments*; and I will pollute all My clothes."

"For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of MY REDEEMED has come."

Reading this important prophecy in context, beginning from the sixty-second chapter and verse 10, you will see the prophecy concerning the *second coming* of Yahshua Messiah: "Behold! His reward is *with Him*, and His WORK before Him." (Isa. 62:11) What this predicts for *Edom*, or modern-day Turkey, then, is just AFTER the return of Yahshua. Now, back to the book of Obadiah. Who then is this "messenger who is sent among the nations"?

The "ambassador who is sent among the heathen" is Yahshua Himself! Listen, now, to the prophecies concerning modern Turkey.

Yahweh says, “Behold, I have given you to be small among the nations; you are greatly despised (verse 2). And truly, among the huge Gentile nations of today, Turkey is relatively small and insignificant, though occupying one of the strategic land areas of the earth. Turkey's present population is smaller than that of tiny Britain, though occupying a land area several times greater.

Then follows a series of verses concerning Edom's great pride and arrogance—descriptions of their ancient habitual dwelling places of clefts in the rocks and high habitations. A striking part of this prophecy is found in verse 6.

“How Esau is searched out! His hidden things are sought out!” And, true to this verse in the book of Obadiah, there is great exploration for *oil* and *natural resources* in the nation of Turkey today. Then follows the specific part of the prophecy for *this moment*.

Yahweh says, “All the men of your covenant have dismissed you to the border. The men who were at peace with you have deceived you and have prevailed over you. They are setting your bread as a snare under you; there is no understanding in him. And who is “at peace” with Turkey today? Remember, Turkey is a heavy contributor to NATO. Since being here, I have seen numerous army and naval installations, including the fortifications along the mouth of the Bosphorus and the Black Sea which were built from 1936 on. While driving up toward the mouth of the Bosphorus, we passed a large number of U.S.-made Patton tanks.

During the Korean War, Turkey supplied a considerable number of soldiers for that effort, and a large number of Turkish soldiers and military equipment have been committed to NATO forces. But what will happen when NATO collapses? The United States and Great Britain WILL continue to find themselves burdened with increasing problems.

The *internal* problems of the United States and Great Britain—the drought, famine, mounting disease epidemics; increasing crimes, mounting divorce, social and political debauchery—will *increase* until some of the most calamitous national disasters in our collective histories will occur! These prophecies are SURE, they WILL come to pass, unless our peoples *repent first!*

As preposterous as it sounded to listeners and readers in the middle 1940's, Germany has risen again! Germany is the strongest economic, political and military power in Europe today! Back in the middle 1940's, even prior to the close of World War II when my father was faithfully proclaiming that very Biblical truth, many scoffed and doubted. Still, the prophecies came to pass!

With Britain on the wane and losing out almost everywhere, in deepening and worsening sociological and economic problems at home; with the United States embarked on a course which seems only to more deeply enmesh her in the problems of other tiny nations around the world, *losing* power, economic strength and prestige, the really BIG power to shock the world in future years will be a United States of Europe.

Through two world wars, Turkey has recognized that her natural trading areas, and her natural mutual defense and mutual aid pacts should have been with the European nations—and particularly those that also share the Mediterranean. Hence, Turkey's trading with the fascist powers during World War II.

But still another important factor enters into the picture. That of the ancient hatred borne by Esau against his brother Jacob! Not one Turk out of millions would even *remotely* believe or understand such a statement today! Yet, mysteriously, such antagonism *does exist*. Just as Yahweh says in the prophecy of the book of Obadiah, Esau, or Turkey, will REJOICE at the national calamities of the British and American people!

But still another important aspect of future news needs to be understood in order to completely grasp the course of Turkey.

What Yahshua Warned

Turn to the focal point of all Bible prophecy, Matthew 24. Notice how Yahshua warned of impending calamity in the area of Jerusalem in the Middle East! He said, concerning the “abomination of desolation” spoken by Daniel the Prophet, “Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains... for there will be *great suffering*, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be.

And except those days were *shortened*, not ANY FLESH WOULD LIVE. But on account of the chosen, those days will be shortened” (Matt. 24:15-22). Yahshua described this “abomination of desolation” as a DUAL OCCUPATION of Israel!

First, He described an abomination standing in the HOLY place where it ought not! Yahshua plainly spoke of a great super-religious figure emerging on the world scene, becoming the great “arbiter” in an attempt to bring *peace* between the squabbling big powers of the world! Yahshua said this great religious figure would so play the part of the “savior” of the world, that he would literally proclaim himself GOD! (II Thess. 2.) The second major event Yahshua included in the “abomination of desolation” was the huge build-up of armed forces in the area surrounding Jerusalem (Luke 21:20).

The military occupation and complete desolation of Israel (Palestine) for *yet another time in the future* is an absolute *certainty!* And the prophecies of your Bible say it is THEN at THAT precise time, when perhaps thousands of British, and perhaps some American troops are in and around the area of *Israel*, that a bizarre and deceptive move on the part of *modern Turkey* is going to occur!

Again, turn to the book of Obadiah and read with your own eyes one of the most remarkably detailed prophecies in all the Bible. Yahweh says, “Shame shall cover you from the violence against *your brother Jacob*, and you shall be cut off forever. On the day of your *standing on the other side*, on the day that the strangers *took his force* captive, [Jacob's! those of the United States and Great Britain!] and foreigners entered his gates, [the United States, Great Britain AND Israel], and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you were AS one of them” (Obadiah 10,11).

Notice! Were even “as” one of them! Not *literally* tied in with the emerging power bloc in Central Europe, not an actual MEMBER nation, but in an agreement or *pact with* those nations! “Even as” one of them, not actually one of them. Now see what Turkey will do to unleash the wrath of Yahweh upon her in future years! “But you should not have looked *on the day of your brother*, on the day of his alienation; nor should you have *rejoiced* over the sons of Judah in the *day of their destruction*; nor should you have enlarged your mouth in the day of distress!” (Obadiah 12) Modern-day Turkey also has its designs and dreams of recapturing some of its past glories.

But with the incredible rebuilding of Israel—the reclamation of land, the reforestation projects, the discovery of minerals and raw materials, and the wealth which is beginning to be amassed there it will be only *logical* for Turkey once again to try to obtain a major portion of the land of Israel as she once DID obtain it.

And Yahshua Messiah of Nazareth plainly said such carving up of Israel WILL once more take place! As unbelievable and incredible as this sounds, Yahshua Messiah of Nazareth said plainly yet a FUTURE destruction of Jerusalem is to occur! What a saddening and shocking thing it will be for much of the world to see that what is being done in Israel today is to be destroyed again!

And in that impending destruction thousands of British, and Israelis, and possibly even some Americans will attempt to *escape* the iron encirclement coming, as Yahshua PLAINLY said *it would* in Israel!

Now go on with the dramatically detailed prophecy of the book of Obadiah. “You should not have entered into My people's gate on the *day of his calamity*; also you should not have looked on his evil on the day of his calamity, *nor should you have sent out against his force* in the day of his calamity; NOR SHOULD YOU HAVE STOOD ON THE CROSSWAYS TO CUT OFF THOSE OF HIM WHO ESCAPED...” (Obadiah 13, 14).

Even looking at travel folders of this land, it is described as the very “crossway” or “crossroads” of the world. The natural area into which people would flee in escaping any great confrontation between the East and West in the area of the Middle East, to be specific, Jerusalem, Israel—would be up through the Cilician Gap into the Taurus Mountains of the Anatolian Peninsula.

Yahweh says, “Nor should you have stood on the crossways to cut off those of him {“Israel” or the Jews} who escaped; nor should you have shut up his survivors in the day of distress!” Yes, as staggering and unbelievable as it sounds, one of the *major* events Yahweh points out that will bring His wrath down upon Turkey will be the delivering of thousands of British, American and possibly Israeli refugees into the hands of the “beast” power in Central Europe when the military take-over of Israel occurs.

Read the rest of that remarkably detailed prophecy. In verse 17 you find the second coming of Yahshua Messiah occurring, and the house of Jacob once more restored to the Promised Land. Destruction of Esau, or Turkey, is again proclaimed in verse 18.

And then notice verse 21. “And deliverers shall go up into the mountain of Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the Kingdom shall be to Yahweh” (Obadiah 21). Yes, SAVIORS, in the *plural*. Remember, Yahshua Messiah promised, “The one *overcoming*, I will give to him to sit with Me in My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father in His throne” (Rev. 3:21), CO-RULERSHIP with Him! This prophecy speaks of *more than one* Savior standing on Mount Zion, and administering JUDGMENT!

Now turn to Revelation 20 and verse 4. Notice how the Apostle John saw “thrones” and they sat upon them, and “judgment was given unto THEM.” Yes, Saviors—*more* than one!

The impending destruction of modern-day Turkey is immediately after the second coming of Yahshua. That's why the book of Isaiah foretells Yahshua leading a van of His returning people *right through the land of Turkey!*

That's why it describes how His garments are to be *dyed red* with the blood of thousands of Turks who treacherously turned upon their brother Jacob in his attempt to *escape* in the day of his calamity (Isa. 63:1-4). Not one government leader in any nation existing today even *remotely* suspects such a fantastic and bizarre chain of circumstances.

And yet Bible prophecies are SURE! They will happen, just as Yahweh has said. Yahshua said, “Then be watchful at every time begging that you be counted *worthy to escape* all these things, the things being about to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

You need to be *watching* and *praying* as never before! May Yahweh give you the courage to ACT upon the knowledge you have received.

The Laying on of Hands

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The Bible leaves us in NO DOUBT as to what THE LAYING ON OF HANDS is and how the true Congregation of Yahweh should employ it.

The Most basic doctrines of a believer are listed in Hebrews 6:1-2 Repentance, baptism, faith, and the resurrection. Among them is the *laying on of hands*.

Most so-called Christian churches seem oblivious to this basic Biblical teaching—and those who do recognize it, misunderstand, misapply, or misuse it.

Old Testament Examples

Back at the time that Yahweh was bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt, He instructed Aaron and his successors to lay their hands on certain of the sacrificial animals. This was done as a symbol of the figurative transfer of sin to the animal to be sacrificed (See Lev. 8:14-23; Num. 8:10-14.)

An excellent example is what took place on the Day of Atonement. “Then Aaron shall lay his two hands on the head of the living goat, and shall confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions, and all their sins, and shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall send it by the hand of a chosen man into the wilderness (Lev. 16:21).

As we can see from this and other examples the laying on of hands is a ceremony used in Scripture for transferring something to another person. In Aaron’s case, he was transferring the sins of Israel to the goat. When someone is baptized, the elder is transferring Yahweh’s Spirit to the individual; and as we will see, it stands to reason that only someone with the authority to do the transferring is able to perform the laying on of hands ceremony.

To Confer Blessings

In Genesis 48 is recorded Israel’s (Jacob’s) blessing on his two grandsons, Ephraim and Manasseh.

“And Israel stretched forth his right hand and put it on the head of Ephraim; and he was the younger. And he put his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands; for Manasseh was the first-born” (verse 14).

Joseph, the boys’ father, objected to Jacob’s putting his right hand on the second born, but Jacob refused to change the position of his hands: “And his father refused and said, I know, my son, I know. He [Manasseh] also shall be a people, and he shall become great. But his younger brother [Ephraim] shall become greater than he, and his seed shall become the fullness of the nations” (Verse 19).

Jacob’s hands certainly didn’t make Ephraim and Manasseh become the great peoples they are today — the power of Almighty Yahweh did that. But Yahweh used the physical symbols of Jacob’s right and left hands to be a visible sign of the blessings He was to grant those two boys and their descendants. Jacob was, literally, adopting these two boys with the laying on of hands and transferred his own authority as patriarch to them.

Yahshua’s Example

Some might reason, “Sure, Yahweh used physical symbols and ceremony in the Old Testament, but we worship Yahweh in 'spirit and in truth'; we don’t need physical symbols.” Note the example of Yahshua Messiah Himself.

***Luk 13:11-13** And, behold, there was a woman having a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent together and was not able to straighten herself at all. And seeing her, Yahshua called her near and said to her, Woman, you have been freed from your infirmity. And He laid hands on her. And instantly she straightened herself and glorified Elohim.*

He didn't limit this simple physical act to the unconverted people of the Old Testament. He used it as a symbol of authority to ask for healing on this woman, and He set an example for His true Congregation to follow. He used His healing power through His hands and transferred that power to heal this woman in the book of Luke.

To Give Authority

Yahweh has also willed for the *laying on of hands* to be used in ordaining His servants to a position of responsibility. Moses passed on his authority to Joshua by laying hands on him. “*And YAHWEH said to Moses, Take Yahoshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hands on him. And cause him to stand before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation, and give him a charge before their eyes. And you shall put from your dignity on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel will listen. And he laid his hands on him, and gave him a charge, even as YAHWEH commanded by the hand of Moses*” (Num. 27:18-20, 23). Notice that it was not Moses who put Joshua over all Israel. Moses laid hands on Joshua as a symbol of the fact that Yahweh had placed him in that office, and for the transferring of authority from Moses to Yahoshua.

New Testament Examples

There are many New Testament examples of a person being ordained to an office through *the laying on of hands*. In Acts 6:5-6, the seven deacons were set before the apostles, who prayed and *laid hands on them* — putting them into the office of deacon.

Another example is found in Acts 13:1-3. “Now there were prophets and teachers in the congregation of Antioch: both Barnabas and Simeon, he being called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Shaul. And while they were doing service to Elohim and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, So then separate both Barnabas and Shaul to Me, for the work to which I have called them. Then, having fasted and prayed, and *laying hands on them*, they sent them away.”

Again, it was Yahweh who chose these men to do a job. By laying hands on Barnabas and Paul, the leaders of the Congregation merely put approval on what Yahweh had already done. Timothy was admonished by Paul, “Do not lay hands on any one hastily...” (1 Tim. 5:22). In other words, he was telling Timothy, “Don't ordain anyone to an office on the spur of the moment.” Paul also exhorted Timothy to “...stir up the gift of Yahweh which is in you through *the laying on of my hands*” (2 Tim. 1:6).

It was *Yahweh Almighty* who gave Timothy the gifts that he had; but Yahweh works through a physical Congregation and a physical ministry. It was Paul who placed his hands-on Timothy as a *physical outward sign* of the fact that Yahweh had chosen Timothy as a minister.

Recognition of Authority

Yahweh has ordained that His Congregation employ *the laying on of hands* as a *physical symbol of the authority that Yahweh placed in His Congregation and with His true ministers*. Timothy couldn't have jumped up one day and proclaimed himself a minister all on his own—he had to recognize the authority in Yahweh's Congregation and in the Apostle Paul. He had to be placed into the ministry through *the laying on of Paul's hands*; because Paul had been given authority by Yahweh—through *the laying on of hands* of the elders and apostles before him. Thus, the authority in Yahweh's Congregation went back to the twelve apostles, who were called, chosen, and ordained by Yahshua Messiah Himself.

Timothy couldn't have been ordained by just any congregation or any minister. He had to be ordained by the TRUE CONGREGATION and TRUE MINISTRY, *through which Yahweh was working*. Ordination of an elder is not a degree but is a recognition of a job description that that person is currently doing in the congregation. So it stands to reason that either if the person no longer qualified under the scriptural parameters of an elder, or if they left the congregation, they would no longer be recognized in that office in which they were ordained.

Receiving the Holy Spirit

Yahshua gave the ministers of His Congregation the authority to baptize those who have truly repented of their sins. Along with the physical act of baptism is promised the Holy Spirit—through the *laying on of hands*. Millions have supposedly been baptized, but very few have ever had hands laid on them for the receiving of the Holy Spirit after baptism. And fewer still have had hands laid on them by a person who had authority from Yahshua Messiah to baptize. Notice the example in Acts 8. Philip went to the city of Samaria to preach the Good News. Many believed and were baptized. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the Good-News had been preached at Samaria, they sent Peter and John, “*who going down prayed concerning them so that they may receive the Holy Spirit. (For it was not upon any one of them yet, but they were only being baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua).* Then **THEY LAID HANDS ON THEM**, and they received the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:15-17).

It could have been a few days or even weeks between the time these people were baptized and the time they had hands laid on them to receive the Holy Spirit. Obviously, it is not simply the physical act of placing one’s hands on someone else that transmits the Holy Spirit. Only Yahweh Himself can beget a repentant, baptized person with His Spirit. But Yahweh has given us the example of this physical procedure as a symbol of recognition of the human instruments through which He works and to show the authority that Yahshua has placed with the elders in His congregation.

Mat 28:18-20 *And coming up Yahshua talked with them, saying, All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me. 19 Then having gone, disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son, 20 and the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age. Amen.*

The Example of the Apostle Paul

Even the Apostle Paul, though he was struck down by Yahshua Messiah Himself, received the Holy Spirit only when Ananias laid hands on him. “And Khanan-Yah went away and entered into the house. And *putting hands on him* he said, Brother Saul the Master has sent me, Yahshua, the One who appeared to you in the highway on which you came, that you may see and *be filled of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 9:17). *Immediately Paul received his sight and was baptized. In his case, as in a few others, Paul first received the Holy Spirit, and then was baptized: the normal pattern, however, was baptism first—then receiving the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.*

Several years after his conversion, Paul visited Ephesus and found people who had been baptized by Apollos unto John the Baptist’s baptism; they hadn’t even heard about the Holy Spirit. Paul instructed them more fully about repentance and baptism. “And hearing, they were baptized into the name of the Master Yahshua. And Paul laying hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in different languages and prophesied...” (Acts 19:5-6). First, they were baptized, then they received the Holy Spirit through *the laying on of hands*. The most ignored and misunderstood aspect of the laying on of hands is its application to the miraculous healing of sickness. Again, Yahshua Himself set the example. The Good-News writer Mark explains in chapter 6, verse 5: “And He could do no work of power there, except He performed healing on a **FEW INFIRM ONES LAYING ON HIS HANDS.**”

Luke 4:40 says, “*And the sun sinking, all, as many as had sick ones with various diseases, brought them to Him. And laying hands on each one of them, He healed them.*” In Acts 28:8, we find that Paul also laid his hands on Publius’ father to heal him.

Concerning His true ministers Yahshua stated: “... **THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY WILL BE HEALED**” (Mark 16:18). Yahshua said that His true ministers would lay hands on sick people and they would be healed, and this is another sign of where Yahshua’s authority is coming from. Of course, not every person who is anointed by a minister will be immediately healed because there are different reasons for sickness, but all sickness goes back to sin, whether sin of the person or sin of someone else that caused sickness in this world.

However, when someone is anointed and has hands laid on them for healing they are also forgiven for any sin that may have been committed.

Jas 5:14-15 *Is any among you sick? Let him call the elders of the Congregation, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of our Master. 15 And the prayer of faith will heal those being sick, and our Master will raise him up. And if he may have committed sins, it will be forgiven him.*

The laying on of hands is an extremely important ceremony in Yahweh’s Congregation for the transferring of authority and is used for several different purposes as we have seen. However, it is a most sacred ceremony and should only be performed by those with the authority to do so, and truly shows who Yahshua’s true remnant body are, and the power that He bestows upon them.

Let Girls be Girls!

By KRISTI WITEK



“Girls, let’s pray before we eat,” I say with a smile. Seven heads of curls, buns and half-up-half-downs, in shades of brown, blonde and brunette bow as I bless our meal. After offering a short prayer of thanks, the girls begin to fix their plates. We quickly snuggle up on the big bed and continue to watch the on-going drama of *Anne of Green Gables*. Only in a room full of girls could you ever experience the delightful oohhs and aahs as the story unfolds. Cheers and clapping accompanied by sighs ring out as Gilbert comes on the screen. Peals of laughter break out when Anne finds “Dolly” in Mrs. Lynde’s cabbage patch again, and attended by Diana, tries in vain to chase the rebellious cow out of the field in the mud! I look at the faces around me, all radiant with smiles and giggles. This is what girls are made of. The unique scene I just described to you is a glimpse of Kamp Kristi.

I am the firstborn and only girl in my family and have three wonderful younger brothers. Sports and Legos were much more fun with my brothers than playing dolls and dress-up by myself. As I have grown older I have become an elder sister to many younger girls. I call them my “adopted younger sisters,” or “my girls.”

I created Kamp Kristi from the idea of a sleep-over, where my girls could enjoy styling hair, and watching all six hours of *Anne of Green Gables* and take pleasure in being with each other. However, I also had another secret motive behind Kamp Kristi! I thought of it as an opportunity to be an example of a godly young woman and to give each girl a chance to feel cherished and treasured. I desired to be a lady-in-waiting and serve each “princess” in any way I could.

While thinking of ideas for Kamp Kristi, I felt Yahweh telling me that He wanted this sleep-over to be something different, to be “set-apart” from the world’s idea of a girlfriend-sleep over. Instead of devoting all our time to idle gossip of subjects which can cause heart ache later, (e.g. boys... need I say more?) and spending hours watching things which only arouse a desire for something which is not meant to be awakened yet, I knew that our time should be occupied with things that would be in accordance with Philippians 4:8, “Finally brothers (sisters) whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think on such things.”

With this in mind I planned card making and styling hair to keep our hands busy while watching fun-loving *Anne of Green Gables*. After a “decent” night’s sleep, we wake up early to make breakfast and then finish watching the conclusion of *Anne’s* story. Then, the sponge curlers come out and up-dos, buns, and curls begin. Roger and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella* plays in the background and we talk about dresses, balls, and dancing.

Once every girl’s hair has been “bobby pinned to perfection” they all don their most elegant tea party dresses. The room is filled with lace, ruffles, full skirts, gloves, and hats. We walk outside and the procession of pink, purple, white and maroon dresses stroll down to the creek on our property. There on the “walk bridge” these innocent, beautiful young girls pose for pictures for nearly two hours! Their eyes sparkle with the delights of simply being a girl. I am sure Elohim was smiling down on each of us.

After picture posing, we go back inside to make ice-cream sundaes and sip lemonade for our summer tea party. Then off with the lace and ruffles and on with kitchen clothes for Kamp Kristi closes with a dinner prepared for the families by the girls. We sing along with great enthusiasm to *The Sound of Music* soundtrack as we work together.

What a refreshing picture. Girls are so special and to see them excited about doing what they do best is an experience only Yahweh could create!

In the classic book, *Little Women*, Marmee tells Meg, “I would have my girls be girls as long as they can.” Marmee was wise. Their innocence is a precious thing and the temptations of the world to snatch it away will come soon enough.

Girl time is something that is a must for everyone, even mothers and elderly women. My mother and I often go shopping and for lunch to have an opportunity to be together and have a heart-to-heart talk. It is important to take little breaks in a busy life to have that innocent young girl-feeling again. It need not be extravagant! Something as simple as baking cookies and listening to fun music that you can sing that brings a smile! I have made a list of several ideas that are time efficient and cost effective:

- ♥ Go for a nature walk! Wear big, funny hats you would not wear elsewhere and big skirts or dresses. Bring your sketchbook and drawing pencils and draw together.
- ♥ Have a picnic! Whether it is in the woods, at a park or in your back yard, a picnic is a lovely thing! Have each girl bring their favorite storybook from when they were young and take turns reading them aloud.
- ♥ Go thrift shopping! You will feel so good when you come home with bags of things that cost only \$10! If you don't find anything practical, try on some bride's maids or evening dresses!
- ♥ Bake a lovely dessert! Take a few hours and bake a cake or something special and elegant that you have always longed to make but thought only Betty Crocker could perform! Your family will be surprised and you will feel like you have made a great accomplishment... because you have!
- ♥ Have a tea party! This is something even my brothers like to do. We always try to make something special about the tea such as candies or cookies. Sometimes, if we are extra hungry, we will make little chicken or tuna salad sandwiches, or even cheese with crackers make a good snack. Even the smallest touch can make tea time into something extra special!
- ♥ Watch a girl movie! **GIRLS ONLY!** Borrow a movie from the library. Grab some blankets and snuggle up! Or, you can be extravagant and make ice cream sundaes, do hair, etc., and maybe watch something like "The Sound of Music"!
- ♥ Dress up! Moms, you can too! Find your old prom dresses or even clothes you got from Grandma and dress up. Wear big necklaces and an old-fashioned broach! Take pictures!

These ideas are just the beginning of lovely memories you can create by taking a little time out of your schedule! In a world where girlish hopes and dreams are often dashed by undaunting evil, time together with your daughter, mother, sister or friend can make her feel like a priceless treasure ... because she is!

My very favorite author, Louisa May Alcott wrote, “Have regular hours for work and play; make each day both useful and pleasant and prove that you understand the worth of time by employing it well. Then, youth will be delightful, old age will bring few regrets, and life will become a beautiful success.” So let girls be girls and take advantage of this lovely gift Yahweh has given to each and every woman He has created! Have fun!

P.S. I am 18 years old and have been home schooled all my life by my dearly loved parents. Homeschooling is wonderful because it has allowed me to expand my learning in areas I excel. In free time, I enjoy playing piano, singing, drama, historical re-enacting, horseback riding, square dancing, scrapbooking, card making, sign language, writing, and reading anything that has to do with American history!

I am an active patriot and encourage others to do their duties as American citizens. During the summer I work at the KOA Campground, (which is my parents' family business), as a manager and secretary. One of my goals in life is to become a historical re-enactor, to portray righteous women in history, although my ultimate goal in life is to inspire others to a closer relationship with Yahshua, and to encourage the young to a life of sweetness and purity.



The sin of having to know

And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.” 1 Tim 5:13

This passage refers to the temptation younger widows encounter when they have no converted husband at home to provide the ballast they need to be home-centered.

But certainly, other women in the believer’s community are tempted to be busybodies as well. Any sister who doesn’t discipline her life can be a busybody and gossip, something that Yahweh hates. Remember Satan is the accuser of the brethren.

It may sound harmless, but Scripture ranks this sin with some of the big ones.

“But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters” (1 Peter 4:15).

What is a busybody? In this passage, **she is a woman who delights in other people’s business.** Instead of being focused on her own home, her own duties, her own family, the busybody is interested in everyone else’s business.

A busybody is “busy” gathering and passing on information.

Of course, saying these things is sinful, but knowing them may be equally sinful.

Let’s back up and examine how a woman becomes a busybody. First, she must learn idleness, as our text says. But how does a woman learn idleness? The image seems contradictory! I suggest that it is learned by studiously avoiding the duties Elohim has laid out for her. The budding busybody must shirk her domestic duties for the more pleasant task of “visiting”.

The woman Paul describes is wandering about the neighborhood. It is far easier to leave unfinished duties behind than step over them.

As the busybody wanders from house to house, she is far from being idle: she is busy gathering information about everyone else's affairs.

Does the modern busybody wander from house to house? You bet! She goes here for coffee and there for lunch. She is charging around town, dropping in and checking up. The news gathered at stop one is repeated with relish at stop two. This also provides her with lots of prayer requests for bible study or prayer meeting.

Of course, the modern busybody is not restrained if she doesn't have the means to wander about town.

She has a more convenient method – the Internet, iPhones, and social media such as Facebook. The modern busybody can be very “busy” online or on the phone for hours a day. This sort of idleness may produce weariness, but it doesn't produce the fruit Elohim requires. A woman's Elohim given duties must be necessarily neglected to carry on such extensive visiting.

How does the busybody conduct her visits? She asks many questions and is a keen listener. She asks questions that are meddlesome and interfering. But she seldom gives offense because she seems so genuinely interested. No detail is insignificant for her. She delights in passing on “tasty morsels” and offers much information (about others) without being asked. Her self-righteousness blinds her to her rancid spiritual behavior.

Since her head is so full of “others people's matters” much of what is fact and what is hearsay is easily blurred.

Now she has become not only a busybody, passing on the “news” but also a gossip passing on rumors.

Meanwhile, is the laundry done? Is dinner planned? Can she really afford all this time? A few cautions come immediately to mind. First, ask yourself if you are a busybody.

If you are working hard at home, faithfully doing your Elohim given duties, then you will have little time for such foolish behavior. Nevertheless, recall your recent conversations. Have you been too involved in “other people's matters”?

Do you ask questions that are really not your business? Do you pass on information about other people's affairs? Do you delight in being the first to know and the first to tell?

Second, do you have a friend who is a busybody? Take care!!!!!! You may be drawn into her bad habits. Don't listen to her repeat all the news. Excuse yourself from inappropriate conversations.

Do you have a regular group you meet with to “visit” and fellowship? Is the conversation often about other people? **Perhaps you should withdraw from such a group.**

Finally, if you know someone to be a busybody, keep your distance. Be careful what you tell her.

Assume that everything you say will get around the community. That should motivate you to exercise discretion.

Be careful what you say, especially about your husband. Be sure your comments are always respectful and kind and Elohim honoring. That sort of news isn't nearly as much fun to pass on.



Answers to your Questions

Is it OK to celebrate our own birthday or someone else's birthday?

The answer to this question as with all questions needs to be searched through Scripture. And if one is honest with themselves they will have to admit that out of the many births that are mentioned in the Bible NOT one of them ever gives a date for the birth.

That is quite striking! The birth of Cain and Abel, Isaac and Jacob, Obed the grandfather of King David, Samuel the prophet, and even John the Baptist and Yahshua Himself has a birth recorded in the Bible, yet never once is a date mentioned. And yet, we have dates for feast days, captivities, we have many dates in Scripture, but specifically not even one date for anyone's birthday should tell us that calling a day to our self is only vanity and prideful, and not something that early believers ever participated in.

The only mention of anyone's birthday was usually set for kings, and in the rare occurrence of a birthday mentioned, it was only something bad that happened, and again, no actual date even mentioned. First, an Egyptian pharaoh marked the day of his birth by hanging his chief baker (Gen. 40:20-22). And the second, Herod granted the request of Herodias' daughter and had John the Baptist beheaded (Matt. 14:6-11).

The children of Job may have been holding birthday celebrations when they partied together, ***“And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them” (Job 1: 4).***

Notice how perfect, upright Job viewed these “harmless” celebrations and reacted to them: ***“And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be my sons have sinned, and cursed Elohim in their hearts” (verse 5).***

Yahshua was not born on December 25th, which was named after the winter solstice and is filled with paganism. The day of Messiah's birth is unknown. But the day of His death is known (Aviv 14, AD 30). And His true followers are commanded to observe that day annually in remembrance of Him.

Yahshua instructed His disciples to show His death by keeping the yearly Passover and partaking of the symbolic unleavened bread and wine (Lk 22:19-20).

Also, most people calculate time and dates by the pagan Roman calendar and not by the Biblical calendar. “Our (Roman) calendar is not Christian in origin. It descends directly from the Egyptians, who originated the 12-month year, 365-day system. A pagan Egyptian scientist, Sosigenes, suggests this plan to the pagan emperor Julius Caesar, who directed that it go into effect throughout the Roman Empire in 45 B.C. As adopted, it indicated its pagan origin by the names of the month – called *Janus (January), Maia (May), Juno (June), etc.*

The days were not named but numbered on a complicated system involving Ides, Nones, and Calends. It was not until 321 A.D. that the seven-day-week feature was added when the Emperor Constantine adopted (a false vision of) Christianity. Oddly enough, for his weekdays he chose pagan names, which are still used” (Journal of calendar reform, September, 1953, page 128.)

The Biblical calendar has added intercalary months about every third year. Elohim's sacred calendar has three months that vary in length from 29 to 30 days after a rather complicated pattern. Three times as many people are affected. So, it would be difficult for many to even keep birthday allowances if they wanted to.

To this world, the day of a person's birth is important. But the Bible makes a seemingly cryptic statement that ***“the day of death (is better) than the day of one's birth” (Eccl. 7: 1).*** It is our death to this world at our baptism that is important not the actual day that one was physically born.

Letters From Our Readers...

Dear Mr. Esposito,

Greetings from Texas! I wanted to write and express my gratitude. I received your book and a "Hebraic Roots Bible" recently, and for the first time the scriptures are starting to make sense. I am searching and have been searching for meaning and purpose for 39 years and now I am finally beginning to find the "truth", in the answers to my questions.

I always knew there was more than just reciting a prayer at an altar call, because my life never changed. I was in a cycle of sin, repent, confess, etc., over and over because I never studied Elohim's instruction for life. I only memorized scripture out of context that justified my sin and claimed it was OK because of grace.

That is when Yahweh started showing me the Torah and I started to change, first internally and then gradually my actions and behaviors. But I want to stay close to YHWH and draw closer to Him daily. I just read the Great Falling Away and want to learn more and continue in my studies.
Texas

Shalom,

Please find a check for a donation for 3 more Bibles. These are additional Bibles as gifts for those that have appreciated the one I received not that long ago. Thank you so much for your ministry! It has been such a help for me growing in my understanding and love for Yahweh's instructions!

Canada

Shalom Elder Don,

I am very glad and delighted to inform you that the feast was wonderful, praiseful, joyful, etc. beginning from the Passover night all through the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Remember, this feast was awesome and unique in many respects as this was the first feast we covenantly took the bread and wine symbols (especially the group with me) as COYJ Israel Headquarters in the East in Nigeria all these years as we were instructed by Elder Kuel Deng saying until after ordination after the unbroken chain of Yahshua's Congregation! We studied Remnant Walks (Jan to June 2018), topics Is Bible Infallible and We are Called to a Better Resurrection on the Sabbath and first fruits days respectively in addition to COYJ lesson 8. They were soul enriching and we rejoiced exceedingly.

Nigeria

Shalom Brother

Is it almost time to enter the desert again like in the day of Moshe because that is what I believe. I know this may sound dumb but I know you are a part of the Eliyah message in Malachi 4:5. I'm not the type of person who looks for signs but for the message and you have the message. Because your message is true and all over the world. I believe you are this and that is why I follow you to learn more about YAHWEH.

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Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) 2018

It is truly one of the most exciting experiences that you will have in your life, to be blessed to spend a feast in Israel and take a Pilgrimage in the land. After reading the Holy Scriptures for so many years, to be able to see it all with your own eyes will be a life changing experience. We are trying to truly encourage representatives from countries all over the world to come and experience this rare blessing, and represent their given nation as **Zech 14:16** states. After spending the feast in Jerusalem you will never want to spend it anywhere else. As it states in:

Eze 36:38 Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I am Yahweh.

Before Sukkot you will arrive in the **Old City** and we will build our Sukkah before the opening night of the feast. Then, during Sukkot we will travel several days around the **Old City of Jerusalem** and you will get to see the **Mount of Olives, The City of David**, as well as **David's tomb** and the **room of the last supper**, and also the remains of the **House of Caiphaz** where they still have today the remains of the scourging room where Yahshua would have been held the night before His crucifixion. We also hope to possibly go to a biblical park that will teach you everything there is to know from a Hebrew perspective on the harvest fruits of Sukkot and the land of Israel.

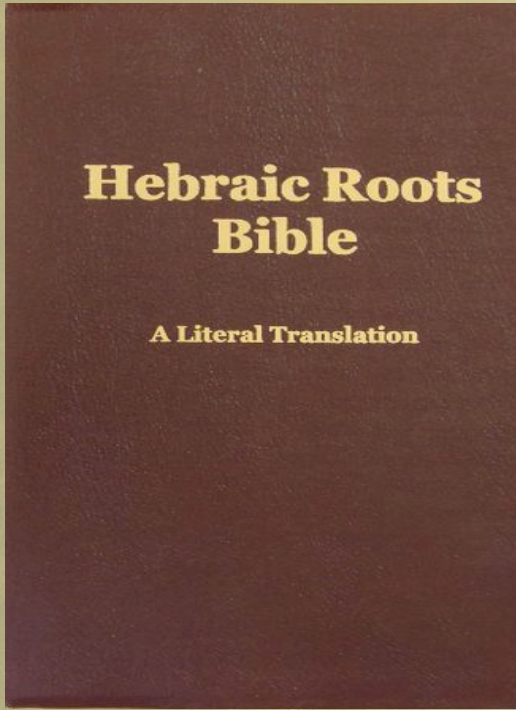
After Sukkot, on Thursday morning we will be leaving Jerusalem and heading northeast to the Bet Shean Border crossing into Jordan and the land of the tribe of Gad. Once into Jordan we will go to birthplace of the prophet Elijah. After that we will go by Ein Sukkot where Jacob stayed, and also see the place of the Jabok River where Jacob fought the Messenger of Yahweh. After this we will see the amazing archaeological Museum in Amman that houses the Copper Scroll from Kumran as well as the famous Mesha stone with Yahweh's name.

The next day we will visit Mount Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land and Tel Heshbon, one of the encampments of the sons of Israel in the land of Reuben. We will also go to the very place where John the Baptist baptized Yahshua in the Jordan River. Then, we will see the cave that Lot and his daughters fled to when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, and sleep in the beautiful Rumanna campsite, and also spend the Sabbath there and have services in a tabernacle. This campsite is in an amazing secluded area and you can really picture what the wilderness will be like as we will be sleeping very close to Biblical Sela.

Then, on the first day of the week we will go to Feynan and take jeep rides to the copper mines where the Israelites were with Moses and also that Solomon used. This is also the original copper mine where Moses made a copper serpent and put it on a pole to stop a plague sent by Elohim. Afterward we will see the Biblical Sela, which may be the very place where Yahweh will hide His remnant in the last days.

And our last day in Jordan on Monday we will climb Mount Hor the very place where Aaron, the brother of Moses, is buried. Afterward we will cross the border back into Israel and spend the night in Eilat. Then, on Tuesday we will travel all the way back up north stopping at the Gomorrah ashes and the Dead Sea for lunch on our way to dropping off the group at the airport in Tel Aviv around 4:00pm. This will be our most extensive pilgrimage to Jordan we have ever taken, and we will get to see some things we have never seen before.

This would include **15 days and 14 nights** during the feast and the tour, **NOT including airfare, but including** all touring costs during and after Sukkot with two meals daily. We have been given a very good price of \$1799 per person based on double room occupancy. Children under 2 are free and Children between 2 and 11 are 25% off, and children 12 and over are full price. You can download all feast information and applications at www.coyhwh.com in the feast section.



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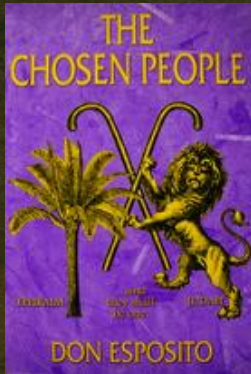
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