



BERESHEET - IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1 to 6:8

Isaiah 42:5-21

John 1:1-18

Creation

Declaring The End From The Beginning

God (*Elohim/Yahweh*) declared:

“Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD/*Yahweh*, am the first [*Aleph: the Torah, my word, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*]; and with the last [*Tav – last word - the New Testament - therefore I Am Eternity*] I am He” (Isaiah 41:4).

“Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts: ‘I am the First [*Aleph: the Torah, my words, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*] and I am the Last [*Tav – last word - the New Testament - therefore I Am eternity*]; besides Me there is no God/*Elohim*’” (Isaiah 44:6).

“Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First [*Aleph: the Torah, my words, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*], I am also the Last [*Tav – last word - the New Testament - therefore I Am eternity*]. Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand up together” (Isaiah 48:12-13).

Jesus (*Yeshua/HaMashiach/Messiah*) declared:

“I am the Alpha [*Aleph: the Torah, my words, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*] and the Omega [*Tav – last word - the New Testament - therefore I Am eternity*], the First [*Aleph: the Torah, my words, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*] and the Last [*Tav – last word - the New Testament - therefore I Am eternity*]” (Revelation 1:11).



“I am the Alpha [*Aleph: the Torah, my words, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*] and the Omega [*Tav – last word - the New Testament - therefore I Am eternity*], the Beginning [*Aleph: the Torah, my words, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*] and the End [*Tav – last word - the New Testament – therefore I Am eternity*], the First [*Aleph: the Torah, my words, the Gospel, spoken from before the beginning of time*] and the Last [*Tav – last word - the New Testament - therefore I Am eternity*]. Blessed are those who do His commandments [*Torah*], that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:13-14,16).

In The Beginning

✠ **Genesis 1:1-2** “In the beginning God/*Elohim* [*the intensification of all power*] created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God/*Elohim* was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God/*Elohim* said, ‘*Let there be light;*’ and there was light.”

Yeshua – The Spoken Word of God/Elohim

✠ **Proverbs 8:22-24** “The LORD/*Yahweh* possessed [*acquired/one who brings forth*] me [*Jesus/Yeshua*] at the beginning of His way, *before* His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water.”

✠ **Revelation 3:14** “...says [*Yeshua*] the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God/*Elohim*”

✠ **Romans 1:20** “... since the creation of the world His [*Yeshua*’s] invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and divine nature...”

✠ **John 1:1-5,14** “*In the beginning* was the Word, and the Word was with God/*Elohim*, and *the Word was God/Elohim* [*the intensification of all power*]. He was in the beginning with God/*Elohim*. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. *And the Word* [*Yeshua*] *became flesh* [*Yeshua*] *and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*”

Jesus the Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*, is the personified manifestation of God’s/*Elohim* words (in heaven) and attributes (on earth) (1 John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJ).

✠ **John 17:17** “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word [*Torah/Yeshua*] is truth.”

✠ **Revelation 19:13** “He [*Yeshua*] was clothed with a robe dipped in blood [*Covenant*], and His name is called The Word of God/*Elohim*.”

No One Has Seen God

Scripture says that we cannot ‘see’ God/*Elohim*. Only in *Yeshua* (the Word made flesh) do we see the exact image of God/*Elohim*.

✠ **John 1:18** “No one has seen God/*Elohim* at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared [*revealed*] Him.”

God’s/*Elohim* image is reflected in His Light. *Yeshua* is the Light of the world.

✠ **John 8:12** “Then Jesus/*Yeshua* spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’”

The Light reflects the attitude and moral spiritual character of the Creator and carries a frequency/voice that forms letters into words with the power to create. His voice/word became flesh and dwelt among us.

✠ **Colossians 1:15-17** “He [*Yeshua*] is the image of the invisible God/*Elohim*, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

God/*Elohim* has given His people His image, character, morals, and attitude. His image is ever before them and now lives in their heart.

✠ **Matthew 5:14** “You are the light of the world.”

✠ **Colossians 1:27** “which is Christ [*Messiah*] in you, the hope of glory.”

✠ **Isaiah 46:10** “Declaring the end [*Tav/Revelation*] from the beginning [*Aleph/Genesis*], and from ancient times things that are not yet done” (Deuteronomy 6:4-6; Mark 12:29-31).

Scripture reveals,

- *Yeshua* “*chose us in Him before the foundation of the world*” (Ephesians 1:4).
- “*The Kingdom [of God/*Elohim* has been] prepared for you [His people, His Bride] from the foundation of the world*” (Matthew 25:34).
- *Yeshua* was “*slain from the foundation of the world*” (Revelation 13:8).
- *Yeshua*’s “*works were finished from the foundation of the world*” (Hebrews 4:2-3).
- “*The blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world*” (Luke 11:50).

As Yeshua's victory was confirmed *before the foundation of the world*, so also was Satan's defeat established. The Scripture affirms all in Yeshua are also given the victory over the enemy and that their redemption was sealed in this triumph *before creation*. That promise is every believer's covenantal assurance. However, it also carries a conditional promise. Our *personal* victory over sin is contingent upon *our* choosing to live daily by God's/*Elohim* personal, moral, and spiritual principles that are written in His Word/Torah.

The wisdom of King Solomon said,

“That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, ‘See, this is new?’ *It has already been in ancient times before us*” (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10).

Heavenly Light

📖 **Genesis 1:3** “And God/*Elohim* said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

The Hebrew word Strong's H216 אֹרֶךְ *or* means *light*. The word of God/*Elohim* is “*a lamp to my feet and a light* [H216 אֹרֶךְ] *to my path*” (Psalm 119:105). The revelation of God's/*Elohim* word sheds light. We receive a blessing when we walk in the instruction of His word. Thus His word is a Tree of Life for those who take hold of it (Deuteronomy 28).

📖 **John 1:2-8** “He [*Yeshua*] was in the beginning with God/*Elohim*. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God/*Elohim*, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light that all through him might believe. He [*John*] was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light [*Yeshua*].”

Yeshua spoke of Himself,

📖 **John 8:12** “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me [*Yeshua*] will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Yeshua spoke of His disciples,

📖 **Matthew 5:14** “You are the light of the world.”

How can Yeshua be the light of the world and believers also be the light of the world? Yeshua said, “*As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world,*” but when Yeshua went to be with the Father, He appointed those who believed in Him to be a reflection of Him. Thus, “*You [Believer, also called Bride] are the light of the world [a reflection of Me].*”

📖 **Proverbs 6:23** “For the commandment is a lamp, and the law [*Torah/Yeshua*] a light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”

🌿 **John 9:5, 8:12** “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have *the light of life.*”

🌿 **2 Corinthians 3:18 - 4:1** “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Separating Light From Darkness

🌿 **Genesis 1:4** “God/*Elohim* divided the light from the darkness.”

Yeshua is the Light of the World. When His people believe in Him (by walking in agreement with His ways), He resides within them. Then begins the process of restoration according to the pattern revealed in Creation. Separating the darkness sets His people apart for His Glory - *Light*. The story of redemption is seen throughout Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Before we knew Him, we were in spiritual chaos and darkness. When God/*Elohim* revealed Himself to His people, they received His Light/Kingdom. Yeshua teaches, by progressive revelation, that if we will honor His Word and walk in His ways, we will reflect His Kingdom Light on earth to those living among the Nations.

🌿 **Isaiah 9:2** “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.”

🌿 **Matthew 4:16** “The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”

🌿 **Colossians 1:13-17** “He [*Yeshua*] has delivered us from the power of darkness [*realm of death*] and conveyed us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love [*realm of life*], in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins [*dishonor to Him our King*]. He [*Yeshua*] is the image of the invisible God/*Elohim*, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

🌿 **Romans 13:12-14** “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach [Light]*, and make no provision for the flesh [*darkness*], to fulfill its lusts” (Ephesians 6:10-20).

The Seed Of Redemption

Since Creation, Yeshua has planted in mankind the seed of redemption by drawing His people from darkness to His Light. That is His Kingdom pattern. Yeshua desires His people to be encouraged and free from all that dishonors Him so they can embrace what He has already

accomplished on their behalf. It is our choice to *believe* in Him, and it is our choice to *walk* in His right ways. Many are called (born again), but sadly few choose to live a life that honors His principles or walk in a lifestyle that is reflective of Him (Matthew 20:16, 22:14).

📖 **Matthew 8:5-10** “Now when Jesus/*Yeshua* had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, ‘Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.’ And Jesus/*Yeshua* said to him, ‘I will come and heal him.’ The centurion answered and said, ‘Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.’ When Jesus/*Yeshua* heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, *I have not found such great faith [a heart with a mirror image of Yeshua], not even in Israel!*’”

Water

📖 **Genesis 1:2, 9** “And the Spirit of God/*Elohim* was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God/*Elohim* said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear;’ and it was so.”

Water not only refers to a large body of water such as the ocean but is also a Hebrew idiom for people groups and groupings of people – a sea.

📖 **Psalms 29:3** “The voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* is over the waters [*peoples*]; the God/*Elohim* of glory thunders [*Hebrew idiom for covenants*]; the LORD/*Yahweh* is over many waters [*people groups*].”

📖 **John 7:38** “He who believes in Me [*Yeshua*], as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (Jeremiah 2:13; 1 John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJ).

Rivers Of Living Water

We read in Creation of the waters above heaven and the waters below heaven. We also read of a *single* river that watered the Garden and divided becoming four headwaters flowing from the garden into the world. The single river refers to the Covenant given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. That river was the life source to all who joined themselves to God/*Elohim* and for the tribes, the whole House of Israel. The four headwaters refer to the redemptive work of the Spirit for the restoration of the lost sheep of the House of Israel who come from the four corners of the world. The rivers reveal the way for their return to Mount Zion and the Bridal Chamber - *Jerusalem*. The Hebrew word for river comes from the root word Strong’s H5102 נָהָר *nahar*, which means, *to shine, beam, and light* (Genesis 1:1, 6-8; Psalm 1:3; Isaiah 2:2; Micah 4:1; Ezekiel 47:12; Matthew 10:6, 15:24; Revelation 22:2).

- The name of the first headwater flowing from the river in the Garden is *Pison*, meaning *scatter/increase*.
- The second headwater *Gihon* means *bursting forth*.

- The third headwater is *Hiddekel* (Tigris), which means *rapid*.
- The last headwater from the Garden is called the *Euphrates*, meaning *break/fruitfulness*.

Isaiah puts the picture together for us in Isaiah 58:7-14,

“Is it not to share your bread [*word of God/Elohim /Torah*] with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out [*outside the knowledge of Torah*]; when you see the naked [*those outside the blessing of Torah*], that you cover him [*teach him*], and not hide yourself from your own flesh [*believers in the body of Yeshua*]? Then your light [*God’s/Elohim principles within you*] shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD/*Yahweh* shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD / *Yahweh* will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke [*of sinful dysfunction*] from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul [*those outside Torah*], then *your light* shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. The LORD/*Yahweh* will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD/*Yahweh* honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the LORD/*Yahweh*; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD/*Yahweh* has spoken” (Isaiah 58:7-14).

📖 **John 4:10** “Jesus/*Yeshua* answered [*the woman at the Samaritan well*], ‘If you knew the gift of God/*Elohim* and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him [*the Messiah*] and He would have given you *living water*.’”

📖 **Revelation 7:17** “For the Lamb [*Yeshua*] at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of *living water*. And God/*Elohim* will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

📖 **Zechariah 13:1** “On that day [*the Day of the Lord/Yom Kippur*] a *fountain* will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”

📖 **Psalms 36:9** “For with You [*Yeshua*] is the *fountain of life*; in Your light we see Light (Jesus/*Yeshua*).”

📖 **Proverbs 14:27** “The fear of the LORD/*Yahweh* is a *fountain of life*, turning a man from the snares of death [*darkness*].”

Light

🌿 **Genesis 1:14** “And God/*Elohim* said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons (*Strong’s H4150 moedim/feast days*) and days and years. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth; and it was so. Then God/*Elohim* made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God/*Elohim* set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God/*Elohim* saw that it was good.”

The physical *heavenly* lights reflect God’s/*Elohim* Glory and declare His purpose on *earth*. They set in motion His calendar marking the day from the night and setting the months, years, and seasons apart. They also govern tides, weather patterns, and even migration. With these lights, mankind is given the ability to find his way using the fixed stars as a compass to guide him. The moon acts like a general manager orchestrating all of God’s/*Elohim* appointments. The four stages of the moon announce when to celebrate God’s/*Elohim* eternal Sabbaths and Feast Days on His eternal calendar. Since the beginning of time, God/*Elohim* has very carefully choreographed all of these events for His people.

In Scripture, stars can also refer to people. When God/*Elohim* blessed Abraham, He said his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the heavens. With Joseph, he was given a dream where his family was depicted as stars bowing down to him. In the prophetic vision given Daniel, wise ones will shine like the brightness of the firmament and the righteous like the stars forever and ever (Genesis 15:5, 22:17, 26:4, 37:9; Daniel 12:1-3).

🌿 **Genesis 15:5** “Then He brought him outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ ”

🌿 **Genesis 22:17** “blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.”

🌿 **Genesis 26:4-5** “And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

🌿 **Daniel 12:1-3** “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, *even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.”

🌿 **Psalm 1:3** “He [*believer in Yeshua*] shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season [*God’s/Elohim appointed set apart days*], whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.”

🌿 **Proverbs 4:18** “But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”

The Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* is waking the Bride and calling her to return to Him. Today many congregations are gathering on the New Moon/*Rosh Chodesh* festival at the beginning of each biblical month and learning to celebrate the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week (Leviticus 23; Zechariah 14).

God/*Elohim* Makes Man in His Image

🌿 **Ephesians 1:3-10** “Praise be to the God/*Elohim* and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ/*Messiah*. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s/*Elohim* grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ/*Messiah*, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even [*in*] Christ/*Messiah*.”

Yeshua Is God In The Flesh

🌿 **John 14:8-9** “Philip said to Him [*Yeshua*], ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’ Jesus/*Yeshua* said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ”

The Image Of God/*Elohim* Monotheistic

🌿 **Genesis 1:26** “Then God/*Elohim* said, ‘Let us make man in *our* image, in *our* likeness.’ ”

Note: *Elohim* (Strong’s H430) is thought to be plural and is said to support the next part of the sentence “*let us make man in our image*” as being plural, but the Hebrew word *Elohim* is followed by a singular Hebrew verb ‘*sid’/amer* (Strong’s H559). Hebrew grammar specifies that a singular verb must be preceded by a singular noun; consequently, the nature of the name of God/*Elohim* is singular or *echad* meaning one in Hebrew and not plural. Thus, the *image* of the word is *one in the same: monotheistic*. A Trinitarian believes *in three distinct persons*. God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. Separate. However, God/*Elohim* is not plural but monotheistic, which means that He is not separate but He is *one*.

🌿 **John 1:1,14** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God/Elohim, and the Word was God/Elohim. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten [physical image] of the [heavenly] Father [on earth], full of grace and truth.” (One in the same: monotheistic)

🌿 **1 John 5:6-8** “This is He who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach; not only by water, but by water [spirit] and blood [truth]. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one [one in the same: monotheistic]. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one [meaning: they are all one in the same also. No separation - monotheistic].” (KJV/NKJ only)

The Seventh Day

Each day in Creation holds the key to God’s/Elohim purpose and plan for our lives. This pattern flows throughout Scripture. The seven days of Creation relate to His redemptive plan, as each day in Him is as a thousand years (Genesis 1:1-2:3; Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8).

In Hebrew, the number seven is a reference *to be full or satisfied, to have enough of*; thus God/Elohim rested on the seventh day, as what He had created was *perfect, full, and complete, and He was satisfied*.

🌿 **Genesis 2:3** “*Then God/Elohim blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God/Elohim had created and made.*”

The seventh day holds the eternal blessings of God/Elohim. He did not appoint this to the first day or the third day or the fifth – only the seventh day did He appoint in this respect. People can meet and worship any day of the week, but only the seventh day holds the *blessing and sanctification of God/Elohim*. This is the true Sabbath day of rest for all of mankind.

🌿 **Genesis 2:3** “*Then God/Elohim blessed the seventh day and sanctified it.*”

Those who observe the Sabbath (which includes God’s/Elohim High Holy Sabbaths - His Feast Days) enter into His eternal timelessness and find the supernatural blessing and rest established within the Sabbath. Without the Sabbath, there is no Bridal Chamber as the Sabbath is *the place* in which the seed of the Marriage Covenant between God/Elohim and His Betrothed germinates and takes root.

🌿 **Hebrews 4:9** “*There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God/Elohim.*”

🌿 **Isaiah 58:13-14** “*If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD/Yahweh honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the LORD/Yahweh; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD/Yahweh has spoken.*”

David's Sabbath

The question most often asked is which day is the seventh day or Sabbath? It can be confusing as many world religions, and several Jewish and Christian communities celebrate their Sabbath day of rest on different days of the *week* depending on their belief. Whether they are right or wrong is not for us to determine. For those who study the Biblical text, our answer is found within the pages of the written Word. For instance, we read in 1 Samuel 20 that after David fled King Saul's persecution, he and his men celebrated the Sabbath with Ahimelech, the priest *on the seventh day of the month after the New Moon*. Jeremiah 31:35-36, Psalm 89:35-36, Isaiah 66:23, and Amos 8:5 all confirm the moon's eternal ordinance is a fixed commandment in heaven pointing the way for His people to walk. Its primary function, as we saw with David, is to indicate which day of the month (not week) His rest or Sabbath is. The moon also makes known God's/Elohim High Holy days of rest/Sabbaths in their season. For instance, we read in God's/Elohim Word that His Passover falls on the fourteenth day of the first *month*; Yom Teruah is on the first day of the seventh *month*; the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) on the tenth day of the seventh *month*, and the Ingathering or Feast of Tabernacles/*Succoth* on the fifteenth day of the seventh *month*. If we did not have the moon pointing out *the days of the month*, we would not know when to celebrate His heavenly ordinances – His Sabbath included.

✿ **Isaiah 66:23** “And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the Lord/Yahweh.”

✿ **Jeremiah 31:35-36** “If those ordinances [*of heaven: the sun, moon, and stars*] depart from before Me [*are not celebrated by His people*], says the LORD/Yahweh, *then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever.*”

(For those who would like more information on David's Sabbath, please refer to Sheepfold Gleanings study Kedoshim in the Leviticus section www.sheepfoldgleanings.com)

The Image Of Yeshua

✿ **Galatians 5:22-23** “But *the fruit of the Spirit [of God's/Elohim image]* is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

The names, attributes, and images of God/Elohim are His moral and spiritual character. They illuminate what our image is to be. Man is made in this spiritual image of God's/Elohim characteristics. As His people come into the fullness of their identity in Him, through the walk of redemption by observing His Sabbath and High Holy days of worship, they transform into His likeness and image. By walking in His principles, His attributes then become part of their life and manifest through them. Only mankind bears the spiritual image and likeness of God/Elohim. In this way, He has gifted His people with the same wonderful range of capabilities as Himself.

✿ **Genesis 1:26, 2:7** “And God/Elohim said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And the LORD/Yahweh God/Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

Man was formed from the dust of the earth; designed and patterned after God/*Elohim*, the Creator of the Universe. He created man to reflect *His image*, which is why God/*Elohim* breathed His *own* breath, *The Breath (naphech - Strong's H5301) of Life (chai)* into Adam's nostrils. Thus man became a living soul (*chai nephesh - Strong's H5315*).

The First Covenant: *The Covenant of Eden*

God/*Elohim* made a Covenant with mankind in Genesis 1:26-28 and in Genesis 2:15-17. The *Covenant of Eden* is universal to *all* mankind. In the Covenant of Eden, man is to multiply and fill the earth with descendants who walk in the image of God/*Elohim*. Mankind is also given the ability to manage the Garden and have dominion over all the animals.

Of the two trees that exist in the Garden, man was told not to eat from *the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*, as its' fruit would bring disorder and death. This lawlessness is called the sinful nature and is the realm Satan accesses and accuses mankind through. God/*Elohim* instructed man to guard himself and not to wake Satan by eating from his tree. Eat only from *the Tree of Life*. It is this Tree of Life that produces functioning order and life, governed by the Spirit of Truth and is designed to yield abundant fruit of God's/*Elohim* heavenly nature in mankind. The penalty Adam and Eve suffered was that their status in His Kingdom had changed because they disregarded God's/*Elohim* instructions. No longer did they walk under the fruitful protection and covering found in the Garden, but realized they were now open to the wiles of Satan. They had lost the witness and, therefore, the authority to represent the truth of His Kingdom (Deuteronomy 28).

Adam And Eve

In Genesis chapter two, we have the account of a bride for Adam. Adam was created by God/*Elohim* from the dust of the earth and was both male and female (Genesis 1:27). Female is *neqebah* (Strong's H5347) from the root word *naqab* (Strong's H5344), meaning: *to pierce, perforate, and set firmly*. When God/*Elohim* saw that Adam was lonely, He brought him all of the animals that He had created so that Adam could name them. No suitable helper was found among them for Adam, as he could not find another with God's/*Elohim* *spiritual image and nature* like himself among the animals.

🌿 **Genesis 2:21-25** “So the LORD God/*Yahweh Elohim* caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. And Adam said: ‘This *is* now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

The woman was found suitable, as Adam recognized she possessed the same spiritual image and attributes in God/*Elohim* that he possessed. God's/*Elohim* image permits His people to relate to the dimension and personality of *chai nephesh*. That means woven within a believer's very fiber is God's/*Elohim* nature, which can only be understood by the fruit it produces. This fruit is called the *Fruit of His Spirit*. Therefore, only another being like Adam, who was shaped in the image of God/*Elohim*, would be a suitable companion (Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 5:9; 1 John 5:6-8)

KJV/NKJ). The Hebrew phrase for Eve is *ezer lenegedu*, best understood as a *helper corresponding to him*. Adam had not seen *his* nature in the animals God/Elohim brought him. However, he did see his nature in the woman when God/Elohim brought her forth from his side.

The Gospel - *Flesh Of My Flesh*

✠ **Genesis 2:23** “The man said, ‘this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called “woman,” for she was taken out of man.’”

These were Adam’s words when God/Elohim brought the woman to him. In essence, he was saying, “*Now, at last, here is one who shares my identity – one to whom I can relate because she is everything I am, and I am everything she is.*”

The Root Of Gospel

Most people equate the word *Gospel* as *originating* in the New Testament/*Brit Chadashah* with the coming of Yeshua. However, as we study the Hebrew root word, we will note that the Gospel *began in Genesis*, in the beginning, as indicated by the Scripture quoted on the first page of this study. Since we mention *Gospel* over and over throughout these studies, our hope is for the reader to identify *the Gospel as originating not in the New Testament/Brit Chadashah but as spoken from the beginning that became flesh, Yeshua (John 1:1,14).*

The root of the word *flesh* in Hebrew is *basar* Strong’s H1320 בָּשָׂר. *Basar* means *to publish, to bear good tidings, to preach, to show forth*. The derivatives of *basar* are *flesh, blood relative, skin and bone, heart and soul*. God/Elohim has placed in humans His wisdom called *basar - the Seed of His Word called the Gospel* (Matthew 13:3-43).

In Genesis 2:21, we read, “He [God/Elohim] took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with *flesh*.” God/Elohim applied “flesh,” *basar – the Gospel* to heal Adam. Adam then affirmed the word by declaring, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh/*basar* [*the Gospel*] of my flesh/*basar* [*the Gospel*]; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man” (Genesis 2:23).

✠ **Matthew 4:23** “And Jesus/Yeshua [*the Living Word/Gospel*] went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people (Matthew 9:35; Luke 9:6,11; John 1:1,14; Acts 4:22; 10:38; Revelation 22:2).

✠ **Revelation 22:1-2** “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God/Elohim and of the Lamb [*Yeshua/the Living Word/Gospel*] In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life [*Yeshua/the Living Word/Gospel*], which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

Adam recognized himself in the woman because they both carried *the Gospel* message - the principles and nature of God’s/Elohim Kingdom. The Gospel that is seen in the beginning is the same Gospel that was given to Abraham (Galatians 3:8), the same Gospel that was given to

Moses by Yeshua on Mount Sinai (John 5:46-47), and the same Gospel that was written on stone tablets on Mount Sinai that became the Bride's Marriage Covenant, her *ketubah*, and the same Gospel message Yeshua gave to His disciples (Matthew 4:23 & 35,11:5; Mark 1:1&14-15; Luke 4:18, 9:6).

The Gospel is the Seed that God/*Elohim* said Satan would hate (Genesis 3:14-15). We see this hostility surrounding the Gospel all through Scripture. Sharing the Gospel cost the Prophets their lives, as well as Yeshua and His disciples, including Stephen and Paul. Throughout history, many have tried to mock, slander, and discredit those who upheld the truth. Counterfeit gospels have come and gone, but none prevail. When Yeshua returns for His Bride, He will look for those who actively uplift and walk in His Image called *The Gospel*. The Bride desiring to keep His principles with a sanctified heart is the one who has separated light (*The Tree of Life – the truth*) from darkness (*The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil - the sinful nature*).

📖 **Daniel 12:1-3** “And at that time [*reference to the Feast of Yom Kippur/the Wedding Day*] your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book [*Tree of Life*]. And many of those [*believers*] who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise [*Believers/Brides who walk in the Truth of His Spirit - wisdom*] shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness [*Torah/Yeshua's right ways*] like the stars forever and ever.”

📖 **Matthew 25:1-13** “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins [*believers*] who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom [*Yeshua*]. Now five of them were wise [*walked in righteousness – The Tree of Life*], and five were foolish [*did not walk in right ways – but ate from the Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil*]. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry [*Trumpet*] was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ [*The Feast of Yom Teruah/Blowing of Trumpets*] Then all those virgins [*believers*] arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish [*believers*] said to the wise [*believers*], ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they [*unwise believers*] went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those [*believers*] who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins [*believers*] came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming (Leviticus 23).

Adam is a prophetic picture of Yeshua. The Bride of Yeshua was birthed from Yeshua's pierced side. The Greek word *egkentrizo* Strong's G1461 means *grafted*: to cut into for the sake of inserting or grafting in a *scion* (pronounced similar to the Hebrew word *zion*).

Hebrew etymology for *scion* is *sprout, shoot - a detached living portion of a plant (as a bud or shoot) joined to a stock in grafting and usually supplying solely aerial parts to a graft*. It also

means a descendant, child, especially a descendant of a wealthy, aristocratic, or influential family. The third meaning is heir.

✠ **Romans 11:24-27** “For if you [believer/sheep coming in from the Nations/House of Israel-now walking in agreement with His word] were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature [reference to old rebellious nature they once had] and were grafted contrary to [their old] nature into a cultivated olive tree [now observing His word, the Gospel], how much more will these, who are natural branches [sheep from the House of Judah], be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel [House of Judah] until the fullness of the Gentiles [House of Israel/Ephraim] has come in. And so all Israel [both sheep – all those who walk in His ways and observe His word, the Gospel, are called Israel] will be saved, as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob [His people, the whole house of Israel, all twelve tribes]; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins’” (Jeremiah 31:33-34; Hebrews 8:8-10).

Genesis 1:27-28 speaks of both male and female as being created in God’s/Elohim image and that all mankind is imbued with the ability to hear and share the Gospel. Male and female share in His gifting and ability *equally*. Some will be more intelligent than others, some more sensitive to beauty. It is not the amount of any one capability a person possesses but the fact that we all reflect some aspect of the glory of God/Elohim. We must always remember that God/Elohim gifted women with His own image and likeness to the same degree as He did men. In *spiritual* essence, Adam and Eve were created equally. But in all creation, the woman alone was created from what God/Elohim had already perfectly formed. While both man and all that had breath were made from the dust of the earth, only the woman was fashioned by the hand of God/Elohim into His image from the living tissue of Adam. God/Elohim loved her and gave her the capacity to love and share in return. She is the prophetic picture of the Bride, not made from the earth but by Yeshua alone, consecrated as holy unto Him (Isaiah 41:20).

✠ **1 Corinthians 15:53-54** “For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’”

The Two Trees

✠ **Genesis 1:28-29** “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God/Elohim said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”

As mentioned earlier, in the middle of the Garden are two trees: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God/Elohim told Adam and Eve, “You are free to eat from any tree in the Garden, but you must not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for when you eat of it, you will surely die” (Genesis 2:16-17).

The *Tree of Life* is the only tree that produces fruit bearing life-reproducing seed within it. The commandment is to be fruitful and increase. Therefore, only the Tree of Life can multiply God's/Elohim Life.

The *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* also has fruit that contains seed, but its seed reproduce life, nor is it designed to do so. In essence, its fruit is lifeless. Therefore, this tree cannot generate or give life. It will only produce chaos, disorder, and death.

Since the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* cannot increase itself, it needs an earthly nature, an avenue called *man*, to perpetuate its self. When man eats the fruit from this tree, the immoral carnal nature will emerge, causing man to focus on himself rather than on God/Elohim. One of the main fruits of this tree is *pride*. Pride will seek out others walking in the same impurities of the heart to continue to perpetuate itself. If *believers* disobey and eat this fruit, they will bring about their own destruction (2 Peter 3:1-18).

🌿 **2 Timothy 3:2-5** “For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God/Elohim, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

Mankind is commanded to eat from the *Tree of Life – the Gospel*, as the Gospel holds God's/Elohim spiritual likeness, life, and nature called the *Fruit of the Spirit*. Only a life lived in the *Tree of Life* holds God's/Elohim Life-giving Spirit.

🌿 **John 6:51-58** “I [Yeshua] am the living bread [word/Gospel] that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread [word/Gospel], he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh [basar/Gospel].” The Jews therefore began to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?” Jesus/Yeshua therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh [basar] of the Son of Man [the Gospel] and drink His blood [the Covenant], you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh [the Gospel] and drinks My blood [the Covenant] has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh [basar/Gospel] is true food, and My blood [Covenant] is true drink. He who eats My flesh [Gospel] and drinks My blood [Covenant] abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me [Gospel], he also shall live because of Me [Covenant]. This is the bread [word/Gospel] which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate, and died, he who eats this bread [word/Gospel] shall live forever” (Romans 11:18; Revelation 22:16).

🌿 **2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1** “Therefore, ‘Come out from among them and be separate’, says the Lord. ‘Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says Lord Almighty/Adonai Tzva’ot.’ Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit [Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil], perfecting holiness [Tree of Life] in the fear of God/Elohim.”

The Fruit Of Choosing Life Or Death

📖 **Genesis 3:14-15** “So the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* said to the serpent: ‘Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.’”

Once Eve *reasoned* with the serpent, by giving her own opinion rather than speaking God’s/*Elohim* word – *the Gospel*, she lost authority in His Kingdom. The enemy, hosted by a serpent, deceived the woman by conversing with her uncircumcised nature (*her desire and purpose over God’s/Elohim principles*). By Eve’s own free choice, she stepped into Satan’s realm, and death awakened before her. She fell into temptation and ate from the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. This action pronounced both the serpent and the enemy/Satan cursed. The consequence of the curse on the serpent caused it to crawl forever on the earth’s surface. The consequence to Satan (and his offspring) was that there would always be enmity (*alienation, antagonism, bad blood, bitterness, dislike, hostility, ill will, loathing, malice, and rancor*) between it and God’s/*Elohim* people, those who proclaim His Truth – the Gospel. The Scripture clearly refers to a particular individual, in that Eve’s promised offspring would defeat the enemy.

In Genesis 3:16, we find God/*Elohim* describes the *consequences* that will come as a result of those who choose to walk outside His Covenant. For a woman who does not walk according to His word, there will be pain in childbirth, and a desire for her husband’s covering rather than God’s/*Elohim* covering. The Hebrew word for desire is *tshuga*, which means *cravings, hunger, focused, and intentional, having intimacy*. However, the closest meaning to the text is that the woman will strive to find favor in her husband’s eyes and lose sight of whom they were created to worship.

For a man who chooses not to walk according to God’s/*Elohim* word, the consequence will bring a desire to achieve by his own effort, which can lead to a distorted perspective of His Creator and creation. This distorted unbiblical view will also bring a desire to oppress and have domination over men, women, and societies. The Christian organization Focus on the Family informs us that 50% of church going men are either abusing their wives physically and/or verbally on a regular basis. In Genesis 3:17-19, we find that the outcome of Adam’s choice and not covering his wife or leading responsibly, was pain, struggle, and separation from intimacy with God/*Elohim*. These consequences were the result of man’s choices. Rebellion to His word will always result in consequences.

Yeshua made a way for His people to return to His original redemptive plan for their lives. In Yeshua, His people are to recover the equality and partnership that Adam and Eve had in the Garden. That is God’s/*Elohim* desire for His people. He longs to bring the order of His earthly Kingdom back into alignment with His heavenly Kingdom, as was originally intended according to His Word – *the Gospel* (3 John 1:2; 1John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJ).

🌿 **Galatians 3:28** “There is neither [*no favoritism between*] Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, *there is neither male nor female; for you are all one [accord] in Christ Jesus/Yeshua Ha Mashiach.*”

Garments For Adam And Eve

When Adam and Eve transgressed against God's/*Elohim* eternal pattern, they fell into dishonor thus no longer represented His faithful witness. Suddenly they *saw* their *nakedness*. Adam and Eve tried to cover their guilt by secretly clothing their bareness with physical leaves from a tree. However, man's efforts are not suitable to atone for one's own sin. God/*Elohim* saw their helplessness, as only the *leaves (leaves are the term used for skins or pages of a Torah scroll)* containing His word/His Covenant from the *Tree of Life/Torah/Yeshua*, the living word/Gospel, written on skins (*leaves*) from a blood sacrifice (*Covenant*) would bring atonement and healing (Revelation 22:2).

🌿 **Ezekiel 47:6-9** He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen *this?*” Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, *were* very many trees on one side and the other. Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. *When it* reaches the sea, *its* waters are healed. And it shall be *that* every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.”

🌿 **Revelation 22:1-2** “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God/*Elohim* and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree [*of Life – Yeshua – the living Gospel/Torah scroll*] were for the healing of the nations.”

While Adam and Eve were making manmade coverings for themselves, they *heard* God/*Elohim* walking in the garden. He said, “*Who told you that you were naked?*” (*Genesis 3:11*).

Adam and Eve were clothed in His righteousness - the Gospel. They walked in a heavenly, supernatural realm and were not *spiritually* naked before they disobeyed. God/*Elohim* is Spirit (1 John 1:14), so when Adam and Eve ate of the *Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil* their status changed from walking in the *spirit* of the heavenly realm in God's/*Elohim* Kingdom to allowing dysfunction of the earthly realm to rule over them. Adam and Eve did not lose their salvation, as they still knew the Gospel of Yeshua, but found they were in an unclean state.

Sin separates God's/*Elohim* people from His heavenly realm. Adam and Eve not only became physically *naked*, but they also could not *see* with the same spiritual intensity they originally had. They only *heard* God/*Elohim* walking in the Garden. When believers lose His heavenly witness by walking in waywardness, they too will lose their mandate and distance themselves from the priesthood of Yeshua. Also, their wedding garments (*righteous acts of the saints*) will become soiled or even lost or discarded. That is known as being *naked* in Scripture.

🌿 **Revelation 16:15** “Behold, I am [*Yeshua*] coming as a thief [*unexpectedly for those who walk outside Torah*]. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his [*wedding/priestly*] garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

Adam originally had dominion over the earth. He was made in the image and lifestyle of God/*Elohim* and walked in a priestly role in His Kingdom (Revelation 1:6). With this status change, Adam’s vision became that of an earthly nature, a narrow, distorted view of God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom. He no longer could see as God/*Elohim* saw, nor act in the role as a priest in His Kingdom. Thus begins the story of redemption.

🌿 **2 Kings 6:15-17** “And when the servant of the man of God/*Elohim* arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’ So he answered, ‘Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ And Elisha prayed, and said, ‘LORD/*Yahweh*, I pray, *open his eyes that he may see.*’ Then the LORD/*Yahweh* opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

The Scripture from 2 Kings 6:15-17 gives us a good example of the two realms and what can happen when God’s/*Elohim* people choose a change of status from a sinful nature (in this case *fear*) to a heavenly nature/realms - one of life and truth. It all depends on which *Tree* in the Garden His people eat from, as the fruit will reflect in their spiritual nature, in their moral thoughts, and in their beliefs and actions.

The Scripture in 2 Kings 6:15-17 showed that those who were outside the realm of life were *blind* and not able to *see*. Therefore, they missed the mark, chose their own way, and became exposed. No longer were they under the covering, protection, and blessing spoken about in God’s/*Elohim* Word. Their action causes them to become *naked*. That was how Adam and Eve came to see their nakedness. They realized they had stepped outside the boundaries of God’s/*Elohim* principles (that govern His universe) and left them uncovered and vulnerable.

An earthly sinful nature has no attributes of life within itself to sustain life. Therefore, when believers eat from *the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*, they are perpetuating the sinful/earthly nature, a behavior that separates them from God/*Elohim* and opens the door to sin. When this happens, God/*Elohim* sees His people as *naked*.

🌿 **Revelation 3:17-22** “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’ - and do not know that you are *wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked* - I counsel you to *buy from Me* [*Yeshua*] *gold* [*Torah – the Gospel*] *refined in the fire*, that you may be rich; and white garments [*Bridal priestly wedding garments*], that you may be clothed [*covered in Torah*], that the shame of your *nakedness* [*sinful nature*] may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes [*the sinful nature*] I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches/*ekklesia.*’ ”

Today, His word still stands. We are counseled to *repent*, buy gold refined by the fire, to circumcise our hearts, and change from a lifestyle of poverty to a lifestyle of being filled with the fullness of His Spirit. Yeshua has already sewn new garments of righteousness for us (called the Gospel) to cover our nakedness.

Garments Of Skin - *Flesh*

Leviticus 5:13 made the provision for those who innocently sinned. They were required to bring an elevation/burnt offering (Leviticus 4-5). Yeshua, as High Priest, offered the animal sacrifice on Adam and Eve's behalf, a foreshadowing of Himself being our sacrifice and dying our death.

In Leviticus 7:7-8, Scripture states that the priests were allowed to keep the skins from the animals that were sacrificed for the sin and guilt offerings. That was where the garments to cover Adam and Eve's sin and guilt originated. These offerings shadowed the fulfillment found in Yeshua, as He substituted Himself for our sin and guilt, and provided all mankind with the ultimate sacrifice that covers and atones all past, present, and future sin (Hebrews 13:8).

🌿 **Genesis 3:21** “Also for Adam and his wife the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* made tunics of skin, and clothed them.”

Once a year, on the Day of Atonement/*Yom Kippur*, Torah states the High Priest is to sacrifice two goats for the sin and guilt offerings. They would provide a temporary covering for the people's sin (Leviticus 16). God/*Elohim* created a pattern that would cause believers to recognize their need for a Messiah, their Savior. Today His people no longer need an earthly High Priest in an earthly Temple to offer yearly sacrifices on their behalf, as Yeshua offered Himself *once* as an eternal sacrifice for their *sanctification*. However, they continue to celebrate Yeshua each year on *Yom Kippur* for the cleansing of their hearts (*altar*) from any sin from that past year in agreement with His eternal offering and as a remembrance of His ultimate sacrifice, the Lamb slain from before Creation. Through Yeshua, the people who walk in His ways offer up spiritual sacrifices (*obedience*) - a pleasing aroma before Him (Ephesians 5:2; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1Thessalonians 4:3-4; 2Thessalonians 2:13; 1Peter 1:2; 1Peter 2:5; Hebrews 7:27; Philipians 4:18).

🌿 **Hebrews 2:17** “Therefore, in all things He [*Yeshua*] had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God/*Elohim*, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

Skin in Hebrew is Strong's H5785 עֹר *or* and *light* Strong's H215 אֹר *in* Hebrew is also *or*. In biblical times, lambskins were used to record His Gospel – the Torah. Once stretched and dried, they were called *leaves*. When sewn together, they were called *garments of salvation / righteousness*. Rolled onto two sticks (representing the two witnesses of the Messiah, the whole House of Israel - the House of Israel and the House of Judah), the scroll was then referred to as the *Tree of Life*. When God's/*Elohim* people obey His Words and walk in His Right Ways, they walk wrapped (or swaddled) in garments of righteousness; from where we get the term, “*the leaves of the tree [of Life – the Gospel] were for the healing of the nations*” (John 1:14; 8:12; 9:5; Psalm 119:105; Zechariah 4:1-14).

- ✿ **Zechariah 4:12-14** “And I further answered and said to him, ‘What *are these* two olive branches that *drip* into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden *oil* drains?’ Then he answered me and said, ‘Do you not know what these *are*?’ And I said, ‘No, my lord.’ So he said, ‘These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.’”
- ✿ **Revelation 11:3-4** “And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God/*Elohim* of the earth.”
- ✿ **Revelation 22:1-2** “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God/*Elohim* and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the *tree of life*, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.”

The *Gospel* of Yeshua is for the healing of the nations. From Adam and Eve would come the nations of the world and God’s/*Elohim* chosen people, the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel. The *flesh/skin/leaves* that covered Adam and Eve were the Torah, God’s/*Elohim* teaching and instruction - His principles that govern and set forth the boundaries of His universe. The twelve crops in Revelation 22:1-2 also represent the twelve tribes of Israel who walk in His Word (covered in His flesh/*Gospel*), bearing fruit every month in season, likened to the Fruits of the Spirit.

As God’s/*Elohim* people follow Torah, they are no longer considered exposed or naked but fully clothed in white priestly linen garments. They are a redeemed people learning to walk in a consecrated redeemed lifestyle in Yeshua, their Salvation the Living Torah, who became flesh (the *Gospel*) and dwelt among them (Zechariah 4; John 1:1,14).

The garment Adam and Eve wore was called a *k’thoneth* or *katan* for short, which translated means *a hairy garment*. Likewise, John the Baptist, who came in the Spirit of Elijah, wore a hairy garment as he preached repentance to believers who had become separated from the blessings of God/*Elohim*. In acknowledging their return to the Tree of Life, John then baptized / *mikvahed* them, which prepared the way for the Messiah to guide their life.

The Bride of Yeshua is led into Yeshua’s Presence by way of the Spirit of Moses and Elijah. She leaves the earthly unclean nature by repenting and enters a walk in agreement with her Messiah, following His instructions found in His *Gospel/Torah*. It is this heart attitude that pierces the veil into the heavenly kingdom through the intimacy of the Messiah and ushers her into the presence of the King. Yeshua, the Word made flesh, is the living Torah scroll, “*the Lamb of God/Elohim who takes away the sins of the world.*” (Matthew 17:3; John 1:14; 29).

- ✿ **Isaiah 44:6** “Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts/*Yahweh Tzva’ot*: ‘I *am* the First and I *am* the Last; besides Me *there is no* God/*Elohim.*’” (1 John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJ; Revelation 22:13-17).

Protection

📖 **Genesis 3:24** “So He [*the LORD/Yahweh God/Elohim*] drove out [*of the Garden*] the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard [*keep watch over*] the way [*back*] **to** the tree of life.”

In Genesis 3:24, by way of the flaming sword, is God’s/*Elohim* protection and the key to the way back to the Tree of Life. His word is the flaming sword. His word will guard over His people as they return through His redemption and sanctification pattern.

📖 **Hebrews 4:11-14** “Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God/*Elohim* is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God/*Elohim* [*Yeshua the physical manifestation of Elohim*], let us hold fast *our* confession.”

The First Echoes Of The Promise The Second Covenant: The Covenant Of Adam

In Genesis 3:14-19, a Covenant was given to Adam that is universal to all mankind. In this Covenant, there was a *curse* on Satan/*ha Satan* and *consequences* that applied to the man and the woman who show contempt for God’s/*Elohim* universal order and provision. However, God/*Elohim* did not leave His people without hope and promised a Redeemer would come through the seed of the woman that would defeat the enemy.

📖 **Genesis 3:14-19** “So the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* said to the serpent: ‘Because you have done this, you *are* cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.’ To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire *shall be* for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: ‘Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat *of* it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return.’”

Adam Names His Wife

God/*Elohim* warned man “*for in the day*” he transgressed by eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, that which was forbidden, he would surely die (Genesis 2:17).

Adam had thoroughly learned the laws governing the Gospel. Having been warned, he also understood the significant implications of sin. God/*Elohim* always makes Himself easily understood in all matters, especially concerning the conduct of life in His Kingdom. If these instructions are ignored, His people will experience the consequences. Simply, Adam had not covered his wife. How do we know this? We see in Scripture that sin was in the garden with Adam and Eve but did not activate or tempt Adam until *he* transgressed, not *Eve*. So it was by Adam that sin entered his generations.

Note on *Original Sin*: Unless otherwise indicated in Scripture, the sin of dishonor travels to the third and fourth generation. The early church father St. Augustine introduced *a theory* (still taught in many Christian circles today), that Adam's sin fell onto *all* mankind and that we are *all* born under Adam's *curse*. This theory of original sin is not Biblical. Firstly, Adam and Eve were not cursed. God/*Elohim* did not curse mankind. The serpent and the ground were cursed. Secondly, Adam had two choices when faced with temptation: was he going to choose life (*honor*) or choose death (*dishonor*)? Adam chose to disregard God's/*Elohim* instructions. Thus he entertained the temptation of sin. In Scripture, we are told that if we sin, we can repent and return to a right standing again. If we do not repent, sin perpetuates itself into the next generation (up to the third and fourth generations). Sin can also be inherited, but there is a stopping point generated by repentance at any time. As Adam had a choice, each day, we also have the decision before us: will we choose life, or will we choose death? (Genesis 3:14-19; Deuteronomy Chapters 28-30; Romans Chapter 5).

When Adam ate what was forbidden, a new revelation was made known to him. It did not make void the sentence of death but opened before him the final and complete deliverance through the seed of the woman.

Adam's faith in the promise of a future Savior was first recorded in the choosing of his wife's name. Earlier, Adam was given the responsibility of naming all the animals, so when it came to naming his wife, he took into consideration her exceptional heart characteristics and selected the Hebrew letters that best describe his wife. He chose the name חַוָּה *Chava*/Eve, which means life or living, "*Because she was the mother of all living*" (Genesis 3:20).

The first letter Adam chose was ח *chet*, which means *a fence or an inner room* in ancient Hebrew, coming from the root word meaning *to surround* or *to gird*. Fence symbolizes the acts of separating, cutting off from, and protecting. The letter *chet* corresponds with the Hebrew number eight, which represents life beyond. *Chet* is also used for the words *brother*, *grace*, *favor*, *refuge*, and *companion*. God's/*Elohim* favor, grace, and Word are a fence that keeps His people safe within while keeping the enemy out. *Chava* would also be his companion and his equal.

Adam's second letter in his wife's name was ו *vav*. In ancient Hebrew, the letter *vav* represents a nail or a wooden peg, like the hooks used to hold the curtains of the Tabernacle. The pictograph of a hook or nail symbolized *a joining together*, *making secure* or *becoming bound* (nailed to). *Vav* is the sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet and denotes physical completion. This letter also represents the acceptance of Torah and the guarantor of Redemption.

The last letter Adam chose was the Hebrew letter ה *hey* used when one *sees, observes, witnesses,* or *beholds a great sight* and declares this astonishment by letting out *a breath* or *sigh*. The fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *hey* signifies grace. Together the three Hebrew letters spell חַוָּה *Chava*.

Adam's choice in naming his bride was prophetic. Her name declared his certainty of a Redeemer and that Eve/*Chava* would become the mother of the human race to which ultimate victory over the enemy would be given. This victory was foretold by "*the seed of the woman*" when He, the Messiah, would crush the head of the adversary. Therefore, faith and hope were sealed forever in Chava's prophetic name. Eve recognized her favored position. Even though Adam and Eve were now outside the Garden, Eve knew she was made in the image and likeness of her Creator, and the promise of a Redeemer was kept deep within her heart forever. She knew the way back to the Garden for all mankind was through this promised gift of *The Redeemer*.

📖 **Genesis 4:1** "Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, 'With the help of the LORD/Yahweh I have brought forth a man.'" (NIV)

Adam and Eve acted on the original commandment while in the Garden, "*to be fruitful and multiply*." As Eve gave birth, she proclaimed, "*With the help of the LORD/Yahweh, I have brought forth a man*." *With the help of* is not in the original text. The sentence in Hebrew is "*Qaniti ish et YHWH*." Eve was saying הָיָה-קָנִיתִי אִישׁ אֶת אֱלֹהִים, "*I have gotten a man, Yahweh!*" It demonstrated her understanding of God's/*Elohim* original promise coming in human form. Her prophetic utterance begins to unfold when we see that in the days of Seth, man began to gather around the promise of the coming Redeemer and call upon His name. In God's/*Elohim* promise regarding the seed of the woman, He inspired faith in the hearts of His people. Thus, Eve/*Chava* was a woman full of faith and hope (Genesis 4:1, 26).

Cain And Abel

📖 **Genesis 4:2-5** "Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD/Yahweh. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD/Yahweh respected Abel and his offering..."

In Hebrew tradition, it is believed that Eve gave birth to twins. Abel was a keeper of flocks, and Cain worked the soil. *In the process of time* is a Hebrew idiom meaning a *moed*/an appointed season, a Sabbath, or Feast of God/*Elohim*. In this case, Yom Kippur. We see that Abel brought that which God/*Elohim* required, a blood sacrifice, while Cain brought what came from the ground by his *own* efforts.

A covenant is established by blood. Therefore, a sacrifice must also be of blood, as blood confirms the established covenant and the restoration contained within it. Without blood, there is no *heavenly witness*, nor can truth be established *on the earth* without it. Abel had *faith* in the prophetic vision, as did his parents Adam and Eve. He knew that *in the process of time*

(God's/Elohim Feast Day/*moedim*) the Father's word would manifest in the flesh on earth. Abel's offering reflected this truth and was the foreshadowing that stood for the good things to come. Scripture says that without faith, it is impossible to please God/Elohim. That is why Abel's offering was respected and accorded to him for righteousness (Colossians 2:17).

📖 **Habakkuk 2:2-3** “Then the LORD/Yahweh answered me and said: ‘Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.’”

📖 **Hebrews 11:4** “By *faith* Abel offered to God/Elohim a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God/Elohim testifying of his gifts; and through it he [Abel] being dead [, *his righteous offering*] still speaks.”

Cain And Abel – Anger Management

📖 **Genesis 4:3-5** “And in the process of time [*Feast Day*] it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD/Yahweh. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD/Yahweh respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”

At God's/Elohim appointed time/Feast Day, Cain, who was informed of the appropriate offering, chose not to honor *the blood sacrifice*. Instead of obeying, he brought what looked good to him and that which was created by his own strength. His rebellious nature proved to be his downfall. Cain's disposition distorted the truth. He had no regard for God's/Elohim Covenant or the prophetic foreshadowing contained within a required blood offering. His disrespect brought immorality and corruption.

📖 **Genesis 4:6-7** “Then LORD/Yahweh said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it [*sin*].’”

First, Cain brought a prideful offering that defiled the altar and then held God/Elohim in contempt for *his* anger. God/Elohim, in His father's role, reasoned with Cain saying that if he observed righteousness, it would go well with him. Otherwise, sin crouches at his door, desiring to have him. Cain's anger continued to lash out, and in retaliation, he killed his brother. It was as if Cain was going to do Abel's offering one better. Instead of *animal blood*, he shed *human blood*. Cain ignored God's/Elohim gift of atonement and tried to gain it by his own efforts. Thus sin and corruption ruled in Cain's life from that time on.

📖 **Genesis 4:11-12** “So now you *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”

Genesis 4:7 is the key to the entire *redemption of the soul* message. It is **a believer's job** to deal with *his or her own sin*. Scripture says not to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If we do, we will die. Scripture further states that if we do not do what is right, sin crouches at our door. Its desire is to have us. Scripture clearly points out that another person or situation outside of ourselves does not cause us to go into anger or sin. We alone open that door and cause our *own* destruction (1 Peter 1:9-13).

- 📖 **Proverbs 18:6-8** “A fool’s lips enter into contention, and his mouth calls for blows. A fool’s mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul. The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body.”
- 📖 **James 4:1** “Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from *your* desires for pleasure that war in *your* members?”
- 📖 **Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”
- 📖 **Mark 7:21** “For from *within, out of the heart of men*, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”
- 📖 **Romans 8:7** “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God/*Elohim*; for it is not subject to the law of God/*Elohim*, nor indeed can be.”
- 📖 **1 John 3:11-12** “For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another [*walk in Yeshua’s commandments*], not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his [*Cain’s*] works were evil and his brother’s righteous.”

In the Cain and Abel story, God/*Elohim* is teaching His people why it is wise to keep and walk in His right principles. It is our job to govern our lives and protect righteousness. Bitterness is an insidious spirit that twists the truth and leads to the death of self and others. This lesson on managing our disposition is one that needs to be learned and applied every day. We do not need a counselor, a therapist, or a doctor with a prescription for anger management. Instead, we need to heed His Word to overcome the attitudes of the heart. We need to recognize and take responsibility for our own rebellious nature and repent, and by choosing to walk after His heavenly kingdom. The Fruit of the Spirit is our accountability witness. It reveals how we are handling our affairs (Galatians 5:22-23).

Anger outwardly or inwardly is rebellion. Anger is a level of manipulation and control akin to witchcraft (1 Samuel 15:23). That was why God/*Elohim* addresses anger management at the very beginning so His people can apply this lesson. Once His people are taught righteousness, there is no longer an excuse or justification for anger. As we studied previously, anger (the carnal nature) in a believer will not only bring separation from God/*Elohim* but also bind their ability to hear and walk in His ways. That will result in a believer being left naked, blind, and having a distortion of the truth. We are told that if we disobey by eating the fruit of *the Tree of*

Knowledge of Good and Evil, those elements, along with guilt, will be laid bare especially before the King of kings and the Lord of lords – *Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, our Bridegroom.

✠ **Revelation 3:14-22** “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God/*Elohim*: ‘I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’ - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked- I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

In the account of Cain and Abel, we see the first case of sibling rivalry. The story reveals something hidden in little family quarrels that many think are normal, but they are actually inappropriate and can lead to death (Genesis 4:1-8).

✠ **2 Peter 3:16** “He [*Paul*] writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their *own* destruction.”

✠ **1 Corinthians 3:8-17** “Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. *For we are God’s/Elohim fellow workers; you are God’s/Elohim field, you are God’s/Elohim building.* According to the grace of God/*Elohim* which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, [...] wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for *the Day* [*Yom Kippur*] will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God/*Elohim* and that the Spirit of God/*Elohim* dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God/*Elohim*, God/*Elohim* will destroy him. For the temple of God/*Elohim* is holy, which temple you are.”

The Realms Of Darkness

Many do not realize that harboring a hard heart produces actions and attitudes that bring consequences. Anger and wrong heart attitudes are open doors that host a river of sin that can

flood the heart. God's/Elohim people need to realize that it may be *their own attitude* that causes their struggles. For His people to entertain a bad temperament is a sin. Retaining such countenance will put a believer *under* the law of sin and death (darkness) and give Satan the opportunity to control their life! God/Elohim commands *us* to master *our* attitudes, take off *our* old fleshly dark nature, and learn to walk with Him, forgiving our neighbors and praising Him with a thankful heart!

🌿 **2 Corinthians 4:6** “For it is the God/Elohim who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God/Elohim in the face of Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach.”

The Dishonoring Heart

🌿 **1 John 1:6** “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth...”

🌿 **Romans 1:28-31** [*If we continue in dishonor to Yahweh after we have become born again, He will lead us over to*] “...a debased mind [*heart*], to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God/Elohim, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful.”

The Unclean - The Works Of Dishonor

🌿 **Jeremiah 2:13** “For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me [*Yeshua*], the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns - broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

🌿 **James 1:14, 19-22** “...[*Believer*] each one is tempted when, *by his own evil desire*, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ...My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God/Elohim desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

🌿 **Galatians 5:19-21** “Now the works of the flesh [*darkness - the law of sin and death*] are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those [*believers*] who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.”

Paul was talking to **believers** in Ephesus when he said, “*But you have not so learned Messiah, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Yeshua: that you [believer] put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man [the evil thoughts of the sinful nature] which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you [believer] put on the new man [heavenly nature/Kingdom Fruit of the Spirit] which was created according to God/Elohim, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God/Elohim, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God/Elohim in Messiah forgave you*” (Ephesians 4:20-32).

The outcome of Cain’s anger was murder. The lesson of *honor* is the message that God/Elohim wants us to remember. “*By faith [honoring the instructions contained in the Gospel], Abel offered Yahweh a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith, he [Abel] was commended as a righteous man, when Yahweh spoke well of his offerings. And by faith, he [Abel] still speaks, even though he is dead*” (Hebrews 11:4).

The Overcomer

- ✠ “To him [believer] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*] I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God/Elohim” (Revelation 2:7).
- ✠ “He [believer] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*] shall not be hurt by the second death” (Revelation 2:11).
- ✠ “To him [believer] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*] I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it” (Revelation 2:17).
- ✠ “And he [believer] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*], and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations - He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels - as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star” (Revelation 2:26-28).
- ✠ “He [believer] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*] shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels” (Revelation 3:5).

🌿 “He [*believer*] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*], I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God/*Elohim*, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God/*Elohim* and the name of the city of My God/*Elohim*, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God/*Elohim*. And I will write on him My new name” (Revelation 3:12).

🌿 “To him [*believer*] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*] I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne” (Revelation 3:21).

🌿 “He [*believer*] who overcomes [*the darkness within and chooses not to touch Satan’s realm, the law of sin and death, and honor God/Elohim*] shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:7).

Matthew 25:34 “Then the King [*Yeshua*] will say to those on His right hand [*those who have chosen life/honor to Yeshua’s Kingdom principles, will be sitting at His right hand*], ‘Come, you [*Bride*] blessed of My Father, *inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*’” (John 17:24).

1 John 1:1 “That which was from the beginning [*the Gospel*], which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life [*Jesus/Yeshua, the Living Torah*].”

Hope In A Redeemer

🌿 **Genesis 4:25** “Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, ‘God/*Elohim* has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.’”

There are ten generations between Adam and Noah. We understand each of these generations remembered God’s/*Elohim* promise in the coming of The Redeemer, as each generation reflected this prophecy in the naming of their firstborn sons.

Adam: *man*

Seth: *appointed*

Enosh: *mortal*

Kenan: *sorrow*

Mahalalel: *blessed one*

Jared: *will come down*

Enoch: *teaching*

Methuselah: *(that) his death will send*

Lamech: *the hidden King (despairing)*

Noah: *Rest (comfort)*

The prophecy emerges when their names are read together. “*Man is appointed mortal in sorrow, but our Blessed One will come down teaching that His death will send the hidden King rest (or the despairing comfort).*” The whole redemption message is revealed in the naming of their generations. The power of the spoken word!

God/*Elohim* was faithful to His Word when Adam ate from the forbidden tree. He said that Adam would surely die *in that day*. As a day is as a thousand years to God/*Elohim*, Adam died before his time at the age of 930, before *the day* had ended (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8).

Note: When Lamech, the father of Noah, was alive, so were all the generations before him - back to Adam. Lamech would have walked with Adam and learned about the Gospel and life in the Garden. This wisdom and knowledge he passed on to his son Noah. That was Noah’s heritage. It would not be for another ten generations after Noah that we see people being drawn out from the nations and set apart.

🌿 **Psalm 27:1** “The LORD/*Yahweh* is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD/*Yahweh* is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

🌿 **Psalm 19:1-7** “The heavens declare the glory of God/*Elohim*; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the LORD/*Yahweh* is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD/*Yahweh* is sure, making wise the simple.”

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