



## BESHALACH - WHEN HE SENT

Exodus 13:17 to 17:16

Judges 5:1-31

John 6:25-35

Revelation 15:1-4

### Passover To Shavuot/Pentecost

Continuing from the last lesson, *Bo*, we find those who are called *Israel* follow the *law of the firstborn* at Passover. The Israelites are about to leave Egypt, cross over the Red Sea and walk into the wilderness in response to God's/*Elohim* invitation, "to hold a feast to Me in the wilderness." That Feast was *Pentecost*. In Hebrew, it is called *Shavuot*. Shavuot is fifty days after Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Exodus 5:1).

At the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, the Israelites were commanded to eat only unleavened flatbread for seven days. This action is likened to a personal consecration time for those who obeyed the *Passover*.

*Shavuot* is the confirmation and formal ceremony of God's/*Elohim* Wedding Covenant (called *ketubah* in Hebrew) to His Bride *Israel*. It is observed as a high holy Sabbath day. The Covenant was always with the Bride, but now for the first time, it will be formally written down for her to keep. The *ketubah* is the Bridegroom's gift to His Bride so that if she were ever in a compromised situation or the wilderness, she would always be able to find her way back to Him through the instructions contained within her Betrothal (*ketubah*).

On the Feast of *Shavuot*, at Mount Sinai, God/*Elohim* will give His Bride her *ketubah* containing the promises of their wedding pledge. The *ketubah* is an outline or index for the *Torah/the Good News/The Gospel*. It is at this betrothal stage that God/*Elohim* and His Bride *Israel* are called husband and wife. They are legally married but not living together and do not consummate the marriage until their wedding day. If there were any unclean discrepancies found in the Bride during this betrothal time, the husband could legally file for divorce. Divorce was only lawfully applicable in the betrothal stage but not after the wedding ceremony (Deuteronomy 24:1; Matthew 19:7-9; Matthew 1:19).

The story of the Exodus is also a living prophetic parable illustrating the Covenant given to God's/*Elohim* Bride using many signs and wonders. Today, we are approaching the Passover season. Passover is a time when God/*Elohim* offers His people an opportunity to separate from

any unclean dishonoring ways (*olam hazeh*) before entering the betrothal stage so they can draw near to their Bridegroom when He calls.

Yeshua's blood cleanses believers from any sin of dishonor, as the walk of redemption is before them. Everyone born of Yeshua is given the same choice. It was the same opportunity the Israelites had in their day. Pharaoh is a character type of *the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil* representing a worldly system. The choice is whether believers will leave an earthly mindset for a walk in Yeshua's Heavenly Kingdom – *the Tree of Life*? Believers cannot live in both, or they will constantly be at war within themselves (Isaiah 63:9-12).

✠ **Romans 7:23-25** “But I see another law [*common worldly system*] in my members, warring against the law [*Heavenly Kingdom*] of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God/*Elohim* - through Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God/*Elohim*, but with the flesh the law of sin.”

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

For some, the old ways of the world may still rule more prominently in their lives than the ways of Yeshua and His Kingdom. This double standard makes it seem as if they had not left Egypt. This behavior will bring mockery to Yeshua's death, and as if His blood had not cleansed or saved them. An unredeemed spirit allows Satan to have legal access to a person's life, whether they are born again or not. Many may still need their heart and mind cleansed to enjoy the redemptive qualities Yeshua has offered. Yeshua made the way for all His people to come into holiness. In His blood sacrifice, the certificate of divorce for the wayward Bride was canceled. *Only* His blood could cleanse, redeem, and deliver His people from guilt. No other form of blood (i.e., animal sacrifice) could do this. Today, under the covering of Yeshua's blood, His people are given the opportunity to enter the Most Holy Place, the Bridal Chamber. It is the gift to all who believe. *Passover* is the season that offers *the firstborn* that opportunity for redemption, to cross over from death to life, and abound in Yeshua's Life blessings. Those who choose life, have in the same way as the Israelites, determined to separate from an unsanctified past and press forward to *the Feast of Shavuot* to serve and worship Him in holiness.

✠ **Exodus 5:1** “Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* of Israel: ‘Let My people go [*Passover*], that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness [*Shavuot*].’”

### Passing Through The Sea Exodus 13:17-22

As mentioned earlier, when the Israelites departed Egypt, they left in full tribal divisions (all twelve tribes), resembling a mighty army. Witnessing the faithfulness of God/*Elohim*, the people transformed from slavery to victory overnight. This happening is a prophetic look at the book of

*The Revelation of Yeshua*, which speaks of the twelve gates of the New Jerusalem showing all twelve tribes coming from under the enemy's domination to complete victory, once again transformed to rule and reign with Him (Revelation 21:12-13).

📖 **Exodus 15:13-18** “You [*God/Elohim*] in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided *them* in Your strength to Your holy habitation. The people [*of the nations*] will hear *and* be afraid; sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling will take hold of them; all the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. Fear and dread will fall on them; by the greatness of Your arm they will be *as* still as a stone, till Your people pass over, O LORD/*Yahweh*, till the people pass over whom You have purchased. You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, *in* the place, O LORD/*Yahweh*, *which* You have made for Your own dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, *which* Your hands have established. The LORD/*Yahweh* shall reign forever and ever.”

Exodus 15 carries a prophetic word that is still intended for Israel and His people today. In Joshua's day, we read that the individual tribes lacked the confidence to conquer the land completely as God/*Elohim* had directed. Instead, the Israelites made treaties with the inhabitants then made them pay tribute. In time, the generation who had known God's/*Elohim* redemption from Egypt had passed away. This next generation had not heard or understood *the story of the Passover*. Whenever a generation does share the story of the Exodus and neglects to pass it on to their succeeding generations, they quickly forget their God/*Elohim*. When Joshua died, Israel began to intermarry outside of Israel and bow down to worship foreign gods (Judges 1:27-35).

📖 **Judges 2:1-4** “Then the Angel of the LORD/*Yahweh* came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: ‘I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you. And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars. But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be *thorns* in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.’ So it was, when the Angel of the LORD/*Yahweh* spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.”

The story of the Passover holds the key to the prophecy (contained in Exodus 15:13-18) that will soon unfold in this generation. Many believers in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are learning the importance of the *Song of Moses*. This song or story of Moses contains the revelation of how to walk steadfastly in the redemption that was purchased for us so long ago.

## Joseph's Return

📖 **Exodus 13:19** “And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, ‘*God/Elohim will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.*’ ”

Joseph made his brothers swear before he died that they were to take his bones home with them when God/*Elohim* delivered Israel from Egypt. Why was this important? Joseph's bones represented a spiritual and physical component of their heritage. His life expressed their identity

and was prophetic of the Whole House of Israel returning. Joseph embodied not just Judah and Benjamin, but *all twelve tribes*. His bones carried the continuous heritage promised to Abraham's descendants (seed) so many generations ago.

✠ **Genesis 17:6-8** “I will make you [*Abraham*] exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God/*Elohim* to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God/*Elohim*.”

Joseph inherited the firstborn status over his brothers from his father, Jacob. This blessing was confirmed to him at the age of seventeen by way of dreams in advance of his being sold into Egypt. Now at Jacob's passing, he called Joseph to confirm his firstborn status and also to appoint Ephraim, Joseph's second-born son, firstborn rights over his elder brother Manasseh. The inheritance of the firstborn was so crucial to Jacob that he usurped Joseph's authority in appointing his own son, and made it on his behalf. Jacob's blessing his second-born grandson Ephraim, over his brother Manasseh, was monumental. His action confirmed two generations into the future.

Besides appointing Ephraim ahead of Manasseh, Jacob's historic decision also put his grandsons before his own sons *Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah*. In doing so, Jacob made it entirely clear just how vital the birthright was for the survival of *all Israel*. To supersede his sons when bestowing firstborn status on Ephraim made a statement that endorsed Joseph's position in the family for generations to come - *an irrefutable position*. Jacob indeed named Joseph as firstborn and Ephraim firstborn after him. Moreover, the firstborn received a double portion of stature and authority over his siblings and was also given a double portion of land in the inheritance.

Additionally, as Joseph's brothers had tried to kill him, Joseph's bones were to be returned to the land of Israel (Genesis 37:18). Without his DNA or identity, it could be alleged that Joseph was indeed no longer alive and that his ancestors no longer existed, even to this day. If that were true, and Joseph was no longer alive, as they said, then the selling of Joseph's land, like they sold Joseph in the past (Genesis 37:28), would be a viable option for peace. The truth is, peace in the land can only come when *all twelve tribes are present*. For that to happen, we must make peace with God/*Elohim* in our hearts first. Peace cannot be obtained through possible peace negotiations, treaties or covenants with foreign nations who are outside of His Covenant, as the nations have not been appointed to inherit His land. Unfortunately, very few of the descendants of Joseph's brothers believe Joseph is alive today. The oath that Joseph made his brothers swear generations ago to return him to the land *is still valid today* (Genesis 50: 24-25). According to Scripture Judea and Samaria in Israel (that the nations call the West Bank today) is Joseph's land. The fact is, today, Joseph's descendants are ready to return, but before they can, there are a few *in-house* family affairs to clean up. It is interesting to note that it is not necessarily outsiders who are hindering Joseph's return, but it is his blood brothers who live in the land today. One thing we can be sure of - *the firstborn will return!* We must first believe God/*Elohim* is faithful to His Covenantal promises, and that not one tribe will be left behind or left out. All twelve will

return to live in their God/*Elohim*-appointed lands as written. *Thus, through Moses, Joseph's bones were carried out of Egypt.*

📖 **Exodus 13:19** “And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, ‘God/*Elohim* will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.’ ” (Genesis 50:25; Joshua 24:32; 1 Chronicles 5:2; John 4:5; John 5:46-47; Ezekiel 47:13-48:35).

Joseph is also a type and shadow of the Messiah. Yeshua said, “*For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.*” That truth is why Moses carried Joseph’s bones with him when he left Egypt, as they would have an enormous bearing on future generations to come.

📖 **Joshua 21:45** “Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD/*Yahweh* had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass” (Joshua 23:14).

## The Journey Through The Wilderness Continues

The Israelites left Succoth, and on the second day of their journey camped at Etham. Archeologists ascertain that Etham was a region around the top of the right fork of the Red Sea at the edge of the desert.

📖 **Exodus 13:21-22** “By day the LORD/*Yahweh* went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.”

When we are alone or lonely, as in a wilderness experience, or feel we just have no direction, we need to remember the Exodus. A pillar of cloud guided the Children of Israel by day, and a pillar of fire gave them light by night. We are never alone or without direction when Yeshua, the Light of the world, is in our hearts.

📖 **John 8:12** When Yeshua spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

## Turn Back? Exodus 14:2

Fleeing Pharaoh’s mighty army and carrying off the plunder of Egypt had been an intense experience. Now God/*Elohim* asked the Israelites to *turn back* and encamp by the sea. This commandment must have seemed perilous so soon after leaving. The Israelites had no idea God/*Elohim* was setting an ambush for Pharaoh’s army. Yet, they followed His instruction. When the Israelites saw the Egyptians bearing down on them in fully armored regalia, sheer terror came over them. Instead of crying out to God/*Elohim* for help, their fear turned on Moses as they envisioned his plan was suicidal. In spite of the ever-present cloud and fire covering, fright had overcome their hearts. Thus, they were unable to understand the value and significance of God’s/*Elohim* strategy at the time (Isaiah 35).



How many of God's/*Elohim* people left when the pressure began to mount or made decisions without a thought that He was to bring about their deliverance? How many, in extreme situations, after doing all they could, would stand firm and wait upon God's/*Elohim* Faithfulness to deliver them? In the face of the Israelites' grumbling, Moses encouraged the people by saying,

📖 **Exodus 14:13** "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the *salvation* of the LORD/*Yahweh*, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever" (Isaiah 12:2; Psalm 118:14).

The word for salvation in Hebrew is *Yeshua* (Strong's H3444). *Yeshua* is the Deliverer, the Deliverance, and the Power of God/*Elohim*. What Moses was saying to the people was, "*Stand still and see Yeshua deliver His people...today!*"

After orders to *turn back* and *stand firm*, they were then told *to move forward*. With no ability to save themselves and confronted with a watery grave, their obedience was critical. By faith, Moses raised his staff, and miraculously the sea separated mounting up walls on either side. The Israelites had little or no confidence in themselves, but now saw God's/*Elohim* Faithfulness before their eyes. Throughout the night, the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other, so neither party could go near the other all night. An east wind blew drying the land before them. Thus, the path was made ready. The Israelites crossed over in safety, walking between two mighty walls of water on dry ground.

📖 **Isaiah 48:17** "This is what the LORD/*Yahweh* says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'"

📖 **Jeremiah 31:9** "They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a Father to Israel..."

📖 **John 14:6** *Yeshua* answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

As mentioned earlier, the day after Passover was the start of the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread (15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month, Nisan). The first and last day of this weeklong Feast are to be honored as high holy Sabbaths (no-work days). It was on the seventh or last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread that the waters parted for the Israelites. Passing through the waters of cleansing effectively brought seemingly dying peoples the opportunity for a change of status, and a chance to wash away the uncleanness of Egypt (the world). God/*Elohim* set them apart from the presence of the enemy who no longer pursued, threatened, or tortured them. The Israelites now walked with the Holy One of Israel, who is Faithful and True (Leviticus 23).

What the Israelites experienced was likened to what we experience today when we respond to *Yeshua's* calling. John's baptism/*mikvah* is of repentance. Once a lost and wayward people, now transformed, redeemed and restored. John, a priest (a servant of the King), came out to meet the

people where they were scattered - in the wilderness. Today, Yeshua, the King Himself, comes to seek His lost sheep, those who were dispersed among the nations. He finds His Bride in an unclean state and begins to purify and heal her waywardness. She approaches Him in her uncleanness. The Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread are for the Bride's status change (*mikvah*) and consecration (*walkout*) where she enters into Covenant relationship with the One, who reaches out to save her (Matthew 15:24).

📖 **Matthew 15:24** “But He [*Yeshua*] answered and said, ‘I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’”

Many are beginning to understand the importance of His *seasons*, especially the Passover. Keeping the Levitical or priestly Feasts will bring deliverance in a believer's life – *to the one who has never experience His love before and to those who have already experienced His Salvation but not valued His gift* (Leviticus 23).

Yeshua has fulfilled the first four Levitical *Spring* Feasts: *Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, and Pentecost/Shavuot*. Believers continue to keep these Feasts in each generation, as the Feasts are prophetic memorials and rehearsals that still unfold a prophetic message for today. Keeping these Spring Feasts will lead the believer to the Levitical *Fall* Feasts, which are yet to be fulfilled by Yeshua. The Fall Feasts include: the *Feast of Trumpets/Yom Teruah* (the arrival of the King for His Bride), the *Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur* (the Wedding Day), and the *Feast of Tabernacles/Feast of Booths/Feast of Ingathering/Sukkot* (the Wedding reception) and *The Eighth Day/Shemini Atzeret* (life in His Chambers/Kingdom - Eternity).

Each Feast acts in unison with the King's Heavenly Kingdom. They are like an elaborate 3-D prophetic roadmap that prepares the Bride (believers) to meet her Bridegroom. As believers await His arrival, they are called to prepare by rehearsing all of His Feast Days each year, *as they do not know the day or hour of their Bridegroom's return* (Matthew 24:36).

## The Song Of Moses

Only when Israel passed through the waters and were safely on the other side did God/*Elohim* lift His cloud of protection. Even though the Egyptians pursued the Israelites through the night, they could not see through the fog like cloud. By morning, when the Red Sea returned to its normal depth and shoreline, the Egyptians were entombed in watery graves. Seeing the destruction of this mighty Egyptian army, the Israelites broke out into song.

📖 **Revelation 15:2-3** “And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God/*Elohim*. They sing *the song of Moses*, the servant of God/*Elohim*, *and the song of the Lamb*, saying: ‘Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord/*Adonai* God/*Elohim* Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!’”

Even though God's/*Elohim* principles were not formally written down until Mount Sinai, the Children of Israel always had them. The principles are contained in His Gospel. His Gospel is

called His Eternal Presence, which was passed down to them. It was this same Gospel that was with Adam in the Garden and Abraham as he journeyed throughout the land (Galatians 3:8). We will see in the next studies that when the Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai, God/*Elohim* will formally impart His Gospel in a betrothal Covenant called a *ketubah* in Hebrew. God's/*Elohim* *ketubah* is *the Song of Moses*. It is also called *the Song of the Lamb*. They are one and the same song (Revelation 15:3).

At the Red Sea, the Israelites were able to see God's/*Elohim* Word in action. Moses never wavered from his trust and stood firm on God's/*Elohim* principles. His principles are *good news* for those who love and obey God/*Elohim*. When Israel saw the great miracle of deliverance because of His Word, they burst into song, singing *The Song of Moses - the Gospel (song) of life!*

The *Gospel, the Song of Moses*, is taught very early to Hebrew children so His Word/Presence will always guide and protect them all the days of their life.

📖 **Joshua 1:8** “This Book of the Law [*Song of Moses*] shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

📖 **Deuteronomy 6:6-9** “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 12:28).

According to Scripture, there will be a time of great apostasy when God's/*Elohim* people will have forgotten *the Song of Moses* and learned a counterfeit song in its place from another kingdom. In the latter days, there will be many who will sing this counterfeit song. However, the true Song of Moses will stand as a witness against them. Why? If God's/*Elohim* people call themselves *believers* but are not faithful to follow His Covenant ways initially given to them through Moses, His song, will stand as a witness against them, as the song of Moses reveals what is actual, real, and pure, and what is false, incorrect, and misleading. Thus no false testimony will stand before Truth. Moses wrote the *whole* truth. He is *our* witness.

For this reason, the law was made for the *lawless*, those not walking or abiding in the truth/Torah. Yeshua is all about appropriation and reconciliation with His people. He does not want them to be lost in waywardness. Thus He gave His people His Word/*law/ketubah* not to harm them but to save. Therefore, *the Song of Moses*, our *ketubah*, is our guide and our witness for salvation in Yeshua.

📖 **1 Timothy 1:8-11** “But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for



kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine [*the truth*], according to the glorious Gospel of the blessed God/*Elohim* which was committed to my trust.”

✠ **Romans 4:7** “Blessed *are those* whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered”

Only truth stands before the King. The people who do not know Moses will fear the end-times instead of looking forward to when Yeshua is revealed in *The Revelation of Yeshua*. Nevertheless, God/*Elohim* is faithful to His Covenant. Today, His Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* is breathing life into the dry bones and restoring Moses in the hearts of His People (Ezekiel 37).

✠ **Deuteronomy 31:19-22** “Now therefore, write down this song [*the Gospel*] for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, ***that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel.*** When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant. Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, ***that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.*** Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.”

✠ **Hosea 8:12** “I have written for him the great things of My law [*My Gospel, the Song of Moses*], but they were considered a strange thing.”

✠ **Revelation 15:1-4** “And they sang *the Song of Moses* the bond-servant of God/*Elohim* and *the Song of the Lamb*, saying, ‘Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God/*Elohim*, the Almighty; righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations.’”

According to the Book of Revelation, those who are victorious over the beast are those who sing the Song of Moses. They are the people who returned to the ancient paths of righteousness and keep the Word imparted by Moses at Mount Sinai. Together they will sing the Song as a thanksgiving offering to Yeshua (*their Savior and Redeemer*) (John 5:46-47). Why? The Song speaks of the saving power of God/*Elohim*. Keeping His Word brings the victory.

✠ **Deuteronomy 30:14** “But the word [*the Song of Moses/the Gospel*] is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.”

✠ **Revelation 22:14** “Blessed are those who do His commandments [*the Song of Moses/the Gospel*], that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

## The Waters Of Marah And Elim Exodus 15:22

The Israelites were now directed to journey into the wilderness. By the third day, the Israelites came to Marah, where no water could be found. So the people began to grumble against Moses.

Three days without water is equivalent to being without *the Living Torah* or *the Word*, also called *the Living Water* that brings Life. Water represents the Spirit Life of Torah, Yeshua. He is the Living Word and the author of the Word (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1,14). The Torah, on its own, cannot save or give life. Our soul will become dry and parched without His Life-Giving Spirit. When the soul goes without water (the Word), it begins to grumble and complain. That is exactly what we see in this case with the Israelites against Moses at Marah.

If believers look deeply into the Word of God/*Elohim* for the Living Water, they will find abundant life. God/*Elohim* showed Moses a piece of wood and commanded him to throw it into the water. It caused the water to become sweet, making it palatable for all the people to drink. Wood signifies the Tree of Life, the Torah. When God/*Elohim* Spirit (represented by the water) and Torah come together, there is a wellspring of life, making the Torah palatable for God's/*Elohim* people.

🌿 **Psalm 36:7-10** “How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God/*Elohim*! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You *is* the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.”

After the people had revived, God/*Elohim* reminded them of their identity as children of the Covenant and warned them against grumbling, saying,

🌿 **Exodus 15:26** “If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD/*Yahweh*, who heals you.”

Exodus 15:26 was pronounced over the Israelites *before* arriving at Mount Sinai and *before* the formal giving of the Torah. That Scripture indicates that the principles were always with them - in Egypt, and with their forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as well as with Noah and Adam etc. *Torah* is eternal, timeless, and everlasting, as the Torah became life and dwelt among us – in the person, Yeshua (John 1:1,14).

God/*Elohim* then brought the Children of Israel to Elim, a beautiful oasis where they camped beside twelve springs and seventy palm trees (Exodus 15:27). God/*Elohim* taught the principle of His Word at *Marah* and then revealed it to them in a picture format at *Elim*. The twelve springs of water represent the twelve tribes of Israel, the royal priesthood able to administer God's/*Elohim* Word (the Gospel) to the Nations (Exodus 19:5-6). The seventy palm trees

represent the seventy nations. The twelve tribes are to supply *living water* (*Yeshua*) to the nations in Spirit and Truth. His living water is for the healing of the nations.

🌿 **Revelation 22:2** “On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the *leaves of the tree [of life/Torah]* are for the healing of the nations.”

Revelation 22:2 is a picture of believers after returning to God’s/*Elohim* Torah. If believers walk in His ways, there will be streams of living water flowing from them to share and nourish with others.

🌿 **John 4:10-11** Yeshua said to the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well, “If you knew the gift of God/*Elohim* and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”

Later, at the Feast of Tabernacles, Yeshua declared in a loud voice,

🌿 **John 7:38** “Whoever believes in Me [*Yeshua*], as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”

## Manna And Quail Exodus 16

As the whole Israelite community set out from Elim, they came to the Desert of Sin, situated between Elim and Sinai. On the fifteenth day of the second month after leaving Egypt, they again grumbled to Moses. The supplies they brought from Egypt quickly diminished. With not even the basics like food and water (for a million people), there was nothing in the wilderness to sustain life, or so they thought. Moses was used countless times by God’s/*Elohim* as His instrument to reveal His Glory. However, the people still could not understand and continued to castigate, grumble, and blame Moses for their situation. God/*Elohim* time and time again revealed Himself to reassure and bring them to a place of trust and worship. He wanted them to know that faith in themselves or others would not be dependable. That was one of the reasons why He brought them into the desert so they would put their trust in the One who was, and is, and forever *Faithful* to them.

How could the Children of Israel worship God/*Elohim* when they were grumbling at Him? He was showing them that everything came from Him, and He had never left them. The cloud and the fire were still overhead. These signs and wonders were signposts of His love for them. The Children of Israel were quick to forget their God/*Elohim* and in their grumbling, spoke of how *abundant* the food was back in Egypt. In only four short weeks, they had forgotten the poverty and Egyptian abuse and had begun to convince themselves they were better off if they had just remained in Egypt.

If believers harbor bitter hearts, they will quickly forget their Redeemer. When trials or tribulations come, their hardness will bring blindness of heart so they cannot *see*, their ears will

deafen so they cannot *hear*, and their memory will become obscured of good judgment. A test may be placed before a believer to reveal Yeshua's faithfulness and to assist in His delivery to set them free from the hardness of *their* heart.

🌿 **Mark 8:13-18** “And leaving them, He [*Yeshua*] again embarked and went away to the other side. And they had forgotten to take bread; and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. And He was giving orders to them, saying, ‘Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.’ And they *began* to discuss with one another *the fact* that they had no bread. And Jesus/*Yeshua*, aware of this, said to them, ‘Why do you discuss *the fact* that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? *Do you have a hardened heart? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?*’ ”

🌿 **James 1:2-5** “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God/*Elohim*, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

Then God/*Elohim* said to Moses,

🌿 **Exodus 16:4-5** “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

The instruction is: *will we prepare on the sixth day for the seventh day, the Sabbath?* That is one of the ways God/*Elohim* tests of our heart. Shabbat is referred to as the Bridegroom's wedding ring to His Bride.

🌿 **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.”

🌿 **Exodus 16:10** “While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD/*Yahweh* appearing IN the cloud.”

🌿 **Exodus 16:13-15** “So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, *as fine as frost* on the ground. So when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, ‘*What is it?*’ For they did not know what it *was*. And Moses said to them, ‘This *is* the bread which the LORD/*Yahweh* has given you to eat.’”

In the book of John, the people ask Yeshua, “*What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’*” Yeshua said to them, “*I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God/Elohim is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.*” “*Sir,*” they said, “*from now on give us this bread.*” Then Yeshua declared, “*I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty*” (John 6:31-35; Exodus 16:4; Nehemiah 9:15; Psalm 78:24,25).

This manna appeared in the fourth week of their leaving Egypt. The number four in Hebrew is a reference to four thousandth years from Creation. The Israelites were aware that their Messiah would reveal Himself during that period. The *manna* from heaven appeared in the *fourth* week - a prophetic picture that the Messiah would appear in bodily form on earth in the four thousandth year.

🌿 **John 6:48-50** “I [*Yeshua*] am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven.”

Each person was to gather an *omer* of manna every day. They were to collect only enough to satisfy their needs for that *one* day and not save any leftovers for the next day. The one who gathered much and the one who gathered little always had the right amount. Scripture records what happened when the people disobeyed and saved manna for the next day.

🌿 **Exodus 16:20** “However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell.”

We have all left pieces of bread out overnight and even for many days but did not experience or even worry about maggots forming in the bread. Maggots develop in dead, decomposing *FLESH*. This manna that fell in the desert that sustained the Israelites for forty years was *flesh* –Yeshua’s body - an offering of life.

🌿 **John 6:51** Yeshua said, “*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*”

God/*Elohim* is teaching us that His Word is fresh every day and needs to be gathered daily so that we will not become stale and hard. When we read His Word, we fill our lives up with His life, as it is His Word that sustains our very life.

🌿 **John 14:20-21** Yeshua said, “On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him.”



Only on the sixth day were the Israelites commanded to gather up *twice* the amount and keep it over for the seventh day/*Sabbath*. On this seventh day, the *manna* would not rot or decompose but would stay fresh.

📖 **Exodus 16:23-28** “This is what the LORD/*Yahweh* commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD/*Yahweh*. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’ So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. ‘Eat it today,’ Moses said, ‘because today is a Sabbath to the LORD/*Yahweh*. You will not find any of it on the ground today.’”

“*You will not find any of it on the ground today*” is a reference to the Messiah *Yeshua* in that He would not be found in the ground (grave) on the Sabbath. This passage was prophetic of *Yeshua*’s death and resurrection. His flesh did not see decay, as He did not die – He is alive! *Yeshua* is *the living eternal Word* (John 1:1,14).

📖 **Acts 1:3** “After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God/*Elohim*.” He is alive...

Later, God/*Elohim* commanded Aaron to put an *omer* of manna in a jar and place it before Him to be kept for the generations to come. Aaron set the jar in front of the Testimony (Exodus 16:33-34).

### “What Is It?” Exodus 16:15



Manna is Hebrew for “*what is it?*” After feeding the four thousand, “*Yeshua* and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way, He asked them, ‘Who do people say I am?’ [“*What is it?*”] They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ ‘But what about you?’ He asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah [*the Living Manna*]’ ” (Mark 8:27-30).

The Israelites ate manna for forty years. After *Yeshua*’s death and resurrection, He publicized himself for *forty days* upon the earth. Another sign that He was the living manna that sustained the Israelites and cared for all their needs those forty years (Exodus 16:35).

The Sabbath is an *eternal* commandment prophetically revealing *Yeshua*. The key instruction given the Messianic Kingdom was *to prepare to enter and keep the Sabbath* (Exodus 16:4-5, 23-28). Thus, the Sabbath becomes the sign of the Messiah and His love. The seventh day, the Messiah, the Lord of the Sabbath, is the One who is faithful to walk in His Word and keep His Day, the seventh day, the wedding ring (covenant).

The Hebrew word שבת *shabbat* (Strong’s H7676) comes from the verb שבת *shavat* (Strong’s H7673) meaning to *cease* or *stop*. Shabbat is a time of ceasing

from business. It is a day *to sanctify, set apart as in prophetic, to be holy, betroth, dwell in His people, and the Day of the Lord* (Hebrew understanding).

God/*Elohim* will sanctify His people and set them apart by taking them from among the Nations. Their obedience to His Word, especially His Sabbath, will keep them holy unto Him. He will espouse her by *the sign of His Sabbath – the seventh day*, His wedding ring. His intention is to dwell eternally *in the Day of the Lord/Yahweh* with His people, those who find rest in His seventh day Sabbath (Note: the Sabbath also includes all His Feast Days) (Hebrews 4:1-13).

✠ **Mark 2:27-28** “And He [*Yeshua*] said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also *Lord of the Sabbath.*’”

## Water From The Rock Exodus 17

With the journey continuing, the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sin to a place called Rephidim. Again there was no water, and again the people began to quarrel among themselves with thoughts of stoning Moses. God/*Elohim* asked Moses to walk ahead of the people. He was to take some of the elders with him and the staff that was used to perform the signs with Pharaoh in Egypt. God/*Elohim* stood before him at Horeb (Mount Sinai). *As Moses struck the rock with his staff, living water gushed out.*

Because of Israel’s attitude, God/*Elohim* sent the Amalekites to attack. Joshua, along with a few chosen men, was taken into battle. While Moses, Aaron, and Hur oversaw the fighting from a hilltop, Moses lifted his hands in prayer. Joshua and his men prevailed, but when Moses dropped his hands, the Israelites would falter. Moses finally sat *on the rock* with his hands held up by those with him, and the victory was won (Note: Raised hands represent the strength of a person. Moses’ strength was in the Word and power of God/*Elohim*).

God/*Elohim* is showing His people that if they grumbled, the nations would attack. If they trusted Him, His Faithfulness would protect, cover, and give them the peace they desire. His Word still applies. These stories from the Exodus are prophetic lessons for us today. Israel’s enemies are on the doorstep and in the land today. By applying His truth, through these testimonies, they will act to help protect and deliver Israel (us) from our enemies. *That is the good news.*

## The Judge Of Israel: Deborah

In the Haftorah reading section this week, the Israelites had no ruling judge over them and were once again doing evil in God’s/*Elohim* eyes. Their behavior brought the enemy upon the land, causing the people to cry out to God/*Elohim* for help. He heard their cry, and a new judge called Deborah, an Ephraimite, began to rule in the land. In the story, we learned that the men in her day were weak (which means not walking in the commandments). God/*Elohim* told Deborah to order Barak to take ten thousand men from Naphtali and Zebulun to Mount Tabor and fight against the enemy. Barak said he would not go unless Deborah came. She informed him that if she did, the victory would be won at the hand of a woman and not a man, and indeed, the enemy did die at the foot of a woman (Judges 4:6-9).

God/*Elohim* continues to consider men and women as equal, both with specifically designated roles, gifting, and abilities. If they choose not to walk His ways or in their anointed positions, then one is left to carry the other's portion (load), and life slips into disorder. Thus, the enemy is allowed to approach. Men and women need to stand in the confidence of God/*Elohim*, trusting and resting in Him for their covering and deliverance. That is the trust that will turn kingdoms and raise nations. Today, as Israel is coming out of Egypt (the world system), more than ever, the representatives of the body of Messiah need to stand firm in Him.

🌿 **Isaiah 6:8** "I heard the voice of the Lord/*Yahweh*, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here *am* I! Send me.'"

The challenge facing men and women today is serving God/*Elohim* in holiness. Barak refused to obey the commandment to lead the army. Men are called to walk in the principles of God/*Elohim*. By doing this, they take on a leadership role (big or small) as God/*Elohim* anoints them to do so. The woman (Eve) came out of the man (Adam). Thus was to be *covered* by the man. Men are the foundation of the home and family. The family is a reflection of the husband or the father's walk with God/*Elohim*. God/*Elohim* honors those who honor Him. We pray that men and women will strengthen in His truth and rise together to lift God's/*Elohim* Banner. We are to trust and obey when He calls. God/*Elohim* would not ask it of us if He did not prepare everything ahead of time. We trust God/*Elohim* to bring about His promise of deliverance and peace to Israel and to all who worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

*To be continued*

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