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Part Five: Moses on Mount Sinai – The Bridal Covenant

Reviewing the last four studies, we have been with Moses on Mount Sinai forty days and nights, where he received confirmation of the Bridegroom's *Wedding Vows/Ketubah* with their supporting principles for His Bride. In part one, we learned of His vows. In part two, we looked at the principles behind the vows. In part three, we examined the blueprint for the Tabernacle with its furnishings and part four the priestly garments. In this study, we will view the outer court and witness Moses' return to camp.

The Marriage Covenant/*Ketubah* was not only made with Moses and the Israelites in their day but also with future generations, this present day generation included, which incorporates believers. The teaching on the Tabernacle is a prophetic account of God's/*Elohim* Kingdom, a gift to all who believe in Him.

🏰 **Deuteronomy 29:14-15** “I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, as well as with him who is not here with us today.”

Atonement Money

Exodus 30:11-16

Moses learned what governed a census. Each male Israelite from twenty years of age and older was required to give a half-shekel for their atonement to prevent a plague. The atonement shekel was also used as a memorial for the sons of Israel and for the service of the Tabernacle/*Mishkan*. This offering was not a volunteer offering but a required action.

In 2 Samuel 24:15, we see that David made the critical choice of counting his fighting men. Not only was this an unwise decision, but he also failed to pay the half-shekel on their behalf. The

consequence of his decision was tragic. A plague followed, causing the death of seventy thousand men throughout the land.

We read earlier that the bases supporting the framework of the Tabernacle were made of silver. Silver hooks were also used for hanging the white linen curtains that defined the boundaries for the outer court surrounding the Tabernacle. Silver is a soft, white, precious univalent metallic element having the highest electrical and thermal conductivity of any metal. Silver represents redemption. The silver half-shekel is a symbol of Yeshua's redemption. The Tabernacle is to be built on His redemption, and as such, its assembly must reflect His truth. Yeshua, our Messiah, is Truth, thus fulfilled our redemption price so that no plague would come toward us (John 14:6).

The Basin For Washing - The Laver

📖 **Exodus 30:18-21** “You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it, for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD/*Yahweh*, they shall wash with water, lest they die. So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them – to him and his descendants throughout their generations.”

The word for *bronze* in Hebrew is Strong's H5178 *nechosheth* נְחֹשֶׁת and is used to describe both copper and bronze. Bronze is a mixture of copper and tin. Copper is used in several ways. In the medical field, copper is valued for its biostatic qualities. Bacteria, viruses, and yeasts cannot survive on its surface. The ancients understood the purifying properties of copper and used copper pots to store their water. In our modern medical facilities, it is reported that patients can catch infections during treatment. Germs can spread through health care workers, contaminated equipment, bed linens, or by air. Outside influences also add to the possibilities of contamination through visitors, delivery services, etc. Despite attempts to keep infections down, 1 in 25 falls victim to hospital-acquired infections (HAI). In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated roughly 1.7 million hospital-associated infections, from all types of microorganisms, including bacteria and fungi combined, cause or contribute to a staggering 99,000 deaths each year. A doctor dedicates his life to saving lives, but the facility available to him that he has been trained to trust could trigger his patient's death.

As a consequence, and to curtail the spread of disease and reduce infections, many health care facilities are now utilizing the use of copper or a copper alloy on doorknobs, bed rails, table trays, IV poles, armchairs, call buttons, etc. They are also adding copper tubing in air-conditioning systems to help suppress the spread of airborne illnesses such as Legionnaire.

Furthermore, surgeons are saving lives and precious blood by using copper-clad scalpels. Returning to the standard set in the Bible, which teaches the use of copper for prevention and spread of disease to improve health standards, is imperative. However, it takes funding to implement the infrastructure upgrade. When weighing the cost of human life against the financial burden caused by a secondary HAI infection, the decision is priceless.

Biologically, copper acts as an enzyme co-factor. A lack of copper leaves the skin pasty, can cause varicose veins and graying of the hair. Copper is also used in bracelets to help reduce arthritic pain in the joints.

Copper is corrosion resistant. One of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls found in Israel was made of copper instead of the more fragile animal skins. Copper is non-magnetic and non-sparking. It is also waterproof, therefore, used for plumbing, roofing, and radiators. Copper is the standard benchmark second only to silver for electrical conductivity. Half the world's copper comes from the Andes. America produces 9%.

The priests attending to the Tabernacle could not come before God/*Elohim* in the Holy Place unless they washed their hands and feet with water from the brazen laver (Exodus 30:21). The hands and feet are the extremities of our physical bodies, and consecrating them implies consecrating the whole body. We consistently see in Scripture the correlation between the physical and the spiritual and how one inherently affects the other. When the priests cleansed at the laver, it was not only a physical purification but also spiritual. As God/*Elohim* looks at the heart, immersing in obedience brings agreement with God's/*Elohim* holiness that leads to a change of status.

One great example is seeing Yeshua fulfill this directive at the start of His earthly ministry by immersing/*mikvah* with John the Baptist in the Jordan River. We understand Yeshua was acting according to Torah; therefore, know His immersion/*mikvah* was not for sin but a *status change*.

🔥 **Psalm 24:3-5** “Who may ascend the hill of the LORD/*Yahweh*? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.” (James 4:8)

🔥 **Exodus 30:17** Regarding the laver: “This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants *for the generations to come*.”

When Yeshua's people come into agreement and give their lives to Him, they experience a status change from an unclean realm into Yeshua's light and life. Learning to apply His principles for life will assist in the cleansing process. Obedience purifies our lives, thoughts, and minds. If we are in need of mind/soul renewal, this laver teaching is invaluable, as sanctification and purity come through obedience to His commands. Immersion is not for salvation purposes but is a walk of obedience leading to holiness and blessing.

🔥 **John 13:5-8** He [*Yeshua*] poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, ‘Lord, are You washing my feet?’ Jesus/*Yeshua* answered and said to him, ‘What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.’ Peter said to Him, ‘You shall never wash my feet!’ Jesus/*Yeshua* answered him, ‘If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.’”

In John 13:5-8, Yeshua was preparing Peter for his role as a priest. He was also preparing the twelve disciples as a holy nation of priests to go out into the Nations in search of the lost sheep of Israel, and teach them how to return to their Bridegroom. Unless Yeshua washed Peter's feet,

for a change of status, Peter could not represent Yeshua's heavenly realm on the earth, as Yeshua's Kingdom is built on obedience, not disobedience. Obedience is what brings the blessing.

🌿 **James 4:7-8** “Submit yourselves, then, to God/*Elohim*. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God/*Elohim* and he will come near to you. *Wash your hands*, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

🌿 **Luke 4:18-19** “The Spirit of the LORD/*Yahweh* is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD/*Yahweh*” (Mark 16:15, Matthew 10:6; 15:24).

Anointing Oil Exodus 30:22-33

🌿 **Exodus 30:30** “Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as Priests.”

Before service, anointing was required. This oil was sacred and not used for any other service. The definition of *consecrate* in the Hebrew is Strong's H6942 *qadash* meaning to *consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate; be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate; to be set apart, to be consecrated*. Consecrate denotes two concepts: separation from the world and thoughts thereof, as well as the implication of total devotion to the Bridegroom. When His Bride leaves the worldly influences, he or she can ultimately focus and be dedicated wholly to Him.

Bezalel and Aholiab Exodus 31:1-11

God/*Elohim* appointed Bezalel from the tribe of *Judah* and his assistant Aholiab from the tribe of *Dan* to creatively interpret all of the physical components needed for the Tabernacle correctly. Effectively these two men represented both Houses of Israel: *the House of Judah* and *the House of Israel*. There will always be two witnesses of the Messiah. God/*Elohim* gifted these men with the artistic ability to work in different mediums and also to teach others how to create the intricate designs needed for the fabric, the furnishings, and finally, the construction (Jeremiah 33:31-33; Hebrews 8:8-10).

- Bezalel: Strong's H1212 בְּצַלְאֵל *Betsal'el* means: *in the shadow (protection) of El (God)*.
- Aholiab: Strong's H171 אֹהֲלִיָּאב *Oholiy'ab* means: *father's tent*.

Together their names mean “*In the shadow of God/El [in] the Father's tent.*”

The Sabbath

📖 **Exodus 31:12-17** “And the LORD/Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it [the Sabbath] is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD/Yahweh who sanctifies you [*who makes you holy*]. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD/Yahweh. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD/Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’”

What Is The Sabbath?

There are seven days of Creation called Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, Day 5, Day 6, and *The Seventh Day*, a day of rest. *Rest* in Hebrew is *shabbat* from where we get the Sabbath day. We read in Psalms 90:4 and in 2 Peter 3:8 that a day is as a thousand years. Thus, the days of creation in Hebrew are also seen as years: 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, and 7000 years.

Millennial means one thousand. Seven thousand is also known as the *millennial kingdom*, *the Messianic Era*, *the Day of the Lord*, and *in that day*. On the 7th day (7,000th year), God/Elohim *Sabbath-rested*. In Hebrews 4:1-10, believers are told they are journeying *to a Sabbath-rest in our day*. When they walk in Spirit (*Yeshua*) and Truth (*the Gospel/Torah*), they are in effect going back to the Garden – resting/Shabbating.

📖 **Hebrews 4:1-11** “Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest [*Sabbath/Messianic Era*], let us [*obedient ones*] fear [*continue to obey*] lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel [*Mosaic Covenant*] was preached to us as well as to them [*all twelve tribes of Israel at Mt. Sinai*]; but the word, which they [*the disobedient of Israel*] heard, did not profit them, not being mixed with faith [*obedience in Yeshua’s words given at Mount Sinai*] in those who heard it. For we [*the obedient*] who have believed [*walk in the instructions*] do enter that rest [*Sabbath/Messianic Era rest*], as He has said: ‘So I swore in My wrath, they [*the disobedient bride*] shall not enter My rest, although the works [*of the Bridegroom*] were finished from the foundation of the world [*Revelation 13:8*]. For He has spoken in a certain place of the *seventh day [Messianic Era]* in this way: ‘And God/Elohim rested on the seventh day from all His works;’ and again in this place: ‘They [*the disobedient*] shall not enter My rest.’”

“Since therefore it [*the Sabbath-rest/7000 year Messianic Era*] remains that some [*brides*] must enter it, and those [*brides*] to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience [*to Yeshua’s commandments, their wedding Covenant*], again He designates a certain day, saying in David [*reference to the Davidic Covenant/the order of Melchizedek*], Today, after such a long time, as it has been said: ‘Today [*those in Messiah*]

who walk in His instructions], if you will hear His voice [and obey], do not harden your hearts [and disobey]. For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest [for those who obey His directives] for the people of God/Elohim. For he [believing bride] who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God/Elohim did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”

The Sabbath incorporates many terms, including *the seventh day, God’s/Elohim Feast Days, and Sabbath years*. Today, in Hebrews Chapter 4, references the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a term used to describe Yeshua’s lifestyle and Kingdom. The Sabbath is eternal, which means it was *before Creation*. The seventh day remains the same even to this day, as the Sabbath is not affected by time, culture, or climate change. Those who enter the Sabbath transcend time. The Sabbath is the Bride’s personal and private time with her Bridegroom in His Chambers. The Sabbath is a test given to see if the Bride is faithful. Those who keep the Sabbath receive a double portion. The Sabbath is the wedding ring of the Messiah. It is *His sign* that identifies the Bride of Yeshua and is a delight to those who keep it. The Sabbath is for the Bride’s blessing and sanctification and leads to holiness. Breaking the Sabbath profanes God’s/Elohim Holy Name and breaks the Wedding Covenant set between the Bridegroom and His Bride. If God’s/Elohim people walk with the God/Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and call themselves *Israel*, then the Sabbath is to be kept (Exodus 16:4-5; Hebrews chapter 4, 8:8-10; Luke 17:20-21) (For more information on the Sabbath see www.sheepfoldgleanings.com index).

🔱 **John 5:46** Yeshua said, “If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.”

🔱 **Isaiah 58:13-14** “If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD’s/Yahweh holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the LORD/Yahweh, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.’ The mouth of the LORD/Yahweh has spoken (NIV).

Moses Returns to Camp Exodus 31:18

With those final instructions, Moses’ forty days and nights on the mountain with God/Elohim had come to an end. Eager to rejoin the camp, Moses carried with him the two stone tablets, representing the legal confirmation of Israel’s Marriage Covenant (called the *ketubah*) personally inscribed by the Bridegroom. However, before his arrival, Scripture chronicles the events taking place in camp during his absence.

The Golden Calf and The Adulterous Bride Exodus 32

The people decided Moses had tarried too long up the mountain. Not resisting the temptations that filled their hearts, they faltered on their vow. Regardless of the cloud covering by day and

the fire by night, plus all the signs and wonders, they still coveted an Egyptian god-like image. Aaron yielded to their uprising and called for their gold earrings. He cast an idol in the shape of a calf and presented this *pattern* to the Israelites, crying out, “*O Israel, these are your gods, who brought you up out of Egypt.*”

📖 **Exodus 32:4-6** “And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, ‘*This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!*’ So when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, ‘*Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD/Yahweh.*’ Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat [Strong’s H398 לָאָכַל ‘akal meaning: *devour*] and drink [Strong’s H8354 הִתְשָׂחַח *shathah* meaning: *drunk/drun kard*], and rose up to play [Strong’s H6711 תְּשַׂחַח *tsachaq* meaning: *to laugh, mock, sport, play*].

Their golden calf was the counterfeit image of the Red Heifer, the shadow of the Messiah. Only the ashes of a true Red Heifer (Yeshua), and not this man made graven image, could cleanse the heart and soul of Israel (Numbers 19:1-22).

After witnessing the Bridegroom’s Glory on the Mountain, Moses returned only to be insulted by this image, coupled with the newly betrothed Bride unashamedly profaning her wedding vows. In his anger, Moses threw down the tablets. They shattered at the base of the mountain where their pledge had first taken place. “*We will do, and we will obey*” broken in one act of adultery (Exodus 24:1-11).

How many have fragmented lives lost to idols of the heart? Broken marriages, families divided, and careers ruined. The tablets Moses broke contained the solution. Yeshua’s Bride needs to pick up the shattered pieces and read the writings on the tablets. The Ten Words of their Marriage Covenant are for the healing of the Nations (Revelation 22:2).

Moses burned their idol and ground it to powder. Next, he cast the particles on water and made the Israelites drink.

📖 **Deuteronomy 7:25-26** “You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for *it is* an abomination to the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim. Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for *it is* an accursed thing.”

📖 **Exodus 32:26** “then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, ‘*Whoever is on the LORD’S/Yahweh’s side - come to me.*’ And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.”

Moses then asked the set-apart tribe of Levites to help. How did the Levites know which people were unfaithful? Numbers 5 describes the test for an unfaithful wife called *the Law of Jealousy*. It was a drink that would identify those who had been unfaithful. The abdomen would swell, and the thigh wastes away. If the wife were faithful, then no harm would come. In Exodus 32, those

who served Moses had no trouble *seeing* who was faithful and who was not. The three thousand who lost their lives that day may have had extended abdomens and rotting thighs.

📖 **Numbers 5:21** “then the priest shall put the woman [*Bride*] under the oath of the curse, and he shall say to the woman [*Bride*] – ‘the LORD/*Yahweh* make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD/*Yahweh* makes your thigh [Strong’s H3409 רָרָה meaning: *reproductive organs*] rot [Strong’s H5307 intent here is *a fallen pregnancy, miscarriage*] and your belly swell; and may this water that causes the curse go into your stomach, and make *your* belly swell and *your* thigh rot.’

After this tragic event, where three thousand lost their lives, Moses asked God’s/*Elohim* forgiveness on behalf of those who were left. Even though forgiveness came, *the consequence* of disobedience still followed, and the effects of a plague ensued. That day the Israelites comprehended the graveness of their choices and saw the need to be responsible for their marriage vows.

Many people do not realize that in making a declaration to God/*Elohim*, they are entering a *Covenant* relationship. They are then held responsible for *their* word and *their* actions. If their actions (innocent or knowingly) contradict their vow/oath, they are still accountable. Yes, forgiveness and repentance are the first response if defilement occurs. However, *consequences* will still follow, as noted in the incident of the golden calf. God/*Elohim* will always require recompense. In other words, *sin comes with a cost*, as God/*Elohim* is a Holy God/*Elohim* (2 Samuel 12:1-19; 24:1).

📖 **Hosea 4:6** “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [*this wisdom was imparted to God’s/Elohim people through Moses*]. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law [*The Betrothal Covenant*] of your God/*Elohim*, I also will forget your children” (John 5:46-47; 1 Peter 2:9; Exodus 19:5-6).

To avoid difficulties, believers need to have an understanding of the statutes (*positive commands*) and the ordinances (*negative commands*) of their Covenant. Walking in the knowledge of these will help prevent plagues and curses from having a legal status over their lives. For this reason, studying the terms of the Marriage Covenant, as taught in the first five books of the Bible and witnessed in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, is crucial. These vows (with their principles) are eternal and still applicable to this very day. A Bride is one who is in agreement with the Covenant of the Bridegroom, *Yeshua*. He drank the Bride’s cup of wrath on her behalf. Now, when she comes before Him *sanctified*, she will drink *His cup* of life, not death (Deuteronomy 28; Matthew 25:1-12).

The Tent of Meeting

Exodus 33:7-11

📖 **Exodus 33:7** “Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass *that* everyone who sought the LORD/*Yahweh* went out to the tabernacle of meeting which *was* outside the camp.”

After the incident of the golden calf, Moses sought God/*Elohim* in the Tabernacle of Meeting (also called Tabernacle or Tent of the Congregation). *Tabernacle*: Strong's H168 *אֹהֶל* 'ohel meaning: *shine, star, distant, pitch tent in the sense of looking forward to something*. Here we get a glimpse of what the *wise men* were doing when they *saw the star that guided them to The Light* (Matthew 2:1-12). *Of the Congregation*: Strong's H4150 *מוֹעֵד* *mow'ed* meaning: *Appointment: A time that is repeated time after time and a group that meets at specific times*.

Here we see that Moses and those who worshiped with him met in the Tent of Congregation *at set times, three times a day to worship, to seek, and to inquire*. As the Tabernacle/*Mishkan* was not yet built, Moses found a solitary place away from the camp. There he met with God/*Elohim* at the set times of prayer, three times a day, not only to worship but also to seek guidance and direction. *“So the LORD/Yahweh spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.”* When Moses approached the tent, the people would also rise. As Moses entered, the cloud of His Presence would descend. When the people saw the relationship between Moses and God/*Elohim*, they also began to grow in reverence and worship at set times in the Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33:11; John 1:1,14; Psalm 55:17; Daniel 6:10).

Moses and the *Glory of God/Elohim* Exodus 33:12-23

🌿 **Exodus 33:12, 14, 18-19** “Then Moses said to the LORD/*Yahweh*, ‘See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’ And He said, ‘My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.’ And he [*Moses*] said, ‘Please, show me Your glory.’ Then He said, ‘I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD/*Yahweh* before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’”

In Exodus 33, we are shown the conversation Moses had with God/*Elohim*. The intimacies we witness here are also for us today. God's/*Elohim* Words still carry the same potential as they did in the days of Moses. May we enter into His Presence as Moses did, and just as often.

We were told earlier about *the angel* who would go with them (Exodus 23:20; 33:2). Moses said to God/*Elohim*, *“You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people.’ But you have not let me know whom you will send with me”* (Exodus 33:12). God/*Elohim* declared in response,

“*My Presence [Yeshua] will go with them, and give them rest (Shabbat)*” (Exodus 33:14; John 1:1,14).

What or who is *His Presence*? His Presence is the theophany or pre-appearance of Messiah Yeshua before His incarnation as the promised and expected Messiah of Israel on earth. All through the Torah, Yeshua appeared many times. Isaiah 63:7-13 records that *over 600,000 were all filled from within with His Presence, the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh*.

🌿 **Isaiah 63:7-13** “I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD/*Yahweh* and the praises of the LORD/*Yahweh*, according to all that the LORD/*Yahweh* has bestowed on

us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. For He said, ‘Surely they *are* My people, Children *who* will not lie.’ **So He became their Savior.** In all their affliction He was afflicted, and **the Angel of His Presence saved them;** in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, *and* He fought against them. **Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: ‘Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them,** Who led them by the right hand of Moses, with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, Who led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, *that* they might not stumble?’”

We also read in Hebrews 13:8 that Yeshua is *the same yesterday, today, and forever*. Therefore, Yeshua is the same *before* His crucifixion, *at the time* of His crucifixion, and *after* His crucifixion. And, He will be *the same at His return*, as Yeshua is *Eternal*. We have all been taught to see this Scripture differently. However, the truth remains, and Scripture records for us that Yeshua is *before* the cross, and Yeshua is *after* the cross.

🔥 **Hebrews 13:8** “Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Scripture records that Yeshua was seen differently *before* the cross and *after* the cross. Mary thought He was the gardener after the resurrection. The two on the road to Emmaus didn’t recognize Him at first, either. These appearances do not mean His Presence wasn’t with them. Just because some people see Him differently does not validate that one group of people *before* the cross never knew Him as their Savior and that only those who knew Him *after* the cross are saved. That theology is flawed according to the Prophets, as pointed out by what we just read in Isaiah 63:7-13.

Case in point: I had one lady tell me that “*only those in the New Testament (after Yeshua’s resurrection) who are born again, are saved (regardless of their walk), and all those Jews in the Old Testament and today are going to Hell.*” After I had gotten over the shock, I asked if this included Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Joshua, Moses, David, etc. and what about the prophets, are they all going to Hell also? She said, “*only a few individuals were saved in the Old Testament, not like in Acts 2-3 when whole groups came to understand and were born again at the same time.*” I asked if she was open to seeing Scripture. She agreed, and I was able to share with her the Isaiah 63:7-13 passage. There she learned that over 600,000 Israelites, those who were with Moses, were *all at the same time fully saved, fully born again, and fully filled with the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh.* That number far exceeded what we read at the beginning of the Book of Acts. We need to take off the religious commentary glasses we have been handed and really look at the Scriptures for ourselves. Then we too can have an experience like Moses had in the Tent of Meeting (Luke 24:13-27; John 20:15-16; Revelation 13:8).

🔥 **Genesis 15:6** “And he [Abraham] believed in the LORD/Yahweh, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

🌿 **Galatians 3:7-9** “Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture [*the physical word, Yeshua*], foreseeing that God/*Elohim* would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

Moses said, “*Now show me your glory.*” God/*Elohim* said He would place Moses on a *rock*. When it was time, Moses would be put into *a cleft of the rock* and covered by His hand but not see His face (Exodus 33:18-23).

🌿 **Exodus 34:4-7** “Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD/*Yahweh* had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone. Now the LORD/*Yahweh* descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD/*Yahweh*. And the LORD/*Yahweh* passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD/*Yahweh*, the LORD God/*Yahweh Elohim*, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation”” (Exodus 20:5, 34:5-7).

If God/*Elohim* is Spirit, how could Moses *see* His back, unless he saw Yeshua? The expression *cleft in the Rock* is an expression for *the physical Word/Torah - Yeshua*. Moses saw Yeshua’s pierced side called *the cleft in the Rock* and His scarred hands. *Cleft*: Strong’s H5366 נִקְרָה *neqarah* meaning *pierced, fissure, as a piercing in a rock, cleft* (Exodus 33:20; John 1:1,14; John 8:56; Revelation 13:8).

Moses bowed and worshiped saying, “*O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord (His Presence, Yeshua) go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance*” (Exodus 34:9).

🌿 **John 1:1-3, 14** “In the beginning [*Genesis/Beresheet*] was the Word, and the Word was with God/*Elohim*, and the Word was God/*Elohim*. He was with God/*Elohim* in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. The Word became flesh [*Yeshua*] and made his dwelling among us. *We have seen his glory*, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

🌿 **Revelation 13:8** “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb [*Yeshua*] slain from the foundation of the world.”

🌿 **1 Corinthians 10:4** “and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach.*”

🌿 **John 5:46-47** “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me [*Yeshua*]; for he [*Moses*] wrote about Me [*Yeshua*]. But if you do not believe his [*Moses*] writings [*the*

Torah – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy], how will you believe My [Yeshua’s] words?”

The Terms of The Covenant Restated Exodus 34:10-28

📖 **Exodus 34:10** “And He said: ‘Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you *are* shall see the work of the LORD/Yahweh. For it *is* an awesome thing that I will do with you.”

It was during this personal time Moses had with God/Elohim that he was shown all the promises contained in the Marriage Covenant that reveals *His Glory*. Today, when His people observe His Word, that same Cornerstone is what we are to build on. His Word holds the *eternal key* to His Kingdom. That is the pattern Moses saw on Mount Sinai. If God’s/Elohim people *obey*, His promises will unfold throughout all generations to those who *love* (obey) Him (Isaiah 66:1; Matthew 7:20-27).

📖 **Exodus 34:27-28** “Then the LORD/Yahweh said to Moses, ‘Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a Covenant with you and with Israel.’ Moses was with the LORD/Yahweh forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the *words of the Covenant*.”

The Radiant Face of Moses Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses returned, not only was he holding the new tablets, but his face reflected God’s/Elohim Glory. Moses continued to reflect His Presence long after he returned until the people were so afraid, as it exposed their unclean hearts. Therefore, they could no longer look at him for the shame. For that reason, Moses covered his face with a veil whenever he was with them. Moses demonstrated that if they had secret sin in their hearts, a veil remained between them and the Glory. When believers spend time in His Presence/Word, the veil (sin) is removed. Then they too will radiate His Light in the same way as Moses.

📖 **2 Corinthians 3:7-18** Paul said, “Now if that which worked death, by means of a written text engraved on stone tablets, came with glory [*The Wedding Vows contained life and death*] – such glory that the people of Israel could not stand to look at Moses’ face [*because of their secret sins and guilty consciences*] because of its brightness, even though that brightness was already fading away – won’t the working of the Spirit be accompanied by even greater glory [*abundant life in Yeshua*]? For if there was glory in what worked to declare people guilty [*because of their disobedience*], how much more must the glory abound in what works to declare people innocent [*innocent / obedience / life*]! In fact, by comparison with this greater glory [*animal blood offering versus Yeshua’s perfect blood offering*], what was made glorious before [*animal blood offering*] has no glory now. For if there was glory in what faded away [*animal blood offering*], how much more glory must there be in what lasts [*Yeshua’s blood sacrifice once for all time*]. Therefore, with a hope like this [*Yeshua’s perfect offering*], we are very open – unlike

Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the people of Israel would not see the fading brightness come to an end [*as the people with Moses could not understand the promises held in the Glory of Yeshua*].”

“What is more, their minds [*hearts*] were made stone like [*hard, due to their hidden sin*]; for to this day the same veil remains over them [*anyone*] when they [*anyone with remaining sin in their heart*] read the Old Covenant [*Marriage Covenant*]; it [*the Glory*] has not been unveiled, [*when anyone, past, present or future allows sin to remain in the heart, their hardness will twist and warp the truth found in the law of Moses, therefore they put the veil over their own heart. And every time the Torah is read in the hearing of a hard heart, they will not be able to see or hear the truth*] because only by [*believing and obeying the Marriage Covenant and through repentance*] the Messiah, is the veil taken away [*dissolved*]. Yes, till today [*even to this day*], whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their [*over anyone who has a hard*] heart. *But, says the Torah, “whenever someone turns [repents] to Adonai [God], the veil is taken away.”* Now, “Adonai” in this text means the Spirit. And where the Spirit of Adonai is, there is freedom. So all of us [*those who have truly repented*], with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into His very image, from one degree of glory to the next, by Adonai the Spirit.” CJB

📖 **John 8:12** Jesus/Yeshua said, “I am the LIGHT of the world.”

📖 **Luke 11:33-36** Jesus/Yeshua said, “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you.”

As mentioned earlier, Yeshua’s light will shine through those who walk in obedience to His Word (Exodus 20). He warns His Bride not to make treaties with those not walking in agreement with His Covenant, not to bow down or worship other gods, or covet cast idols. We are asked to remove all unsavory habits and unclean ways. Yeshua’s light will shine and guide us to give direction and purpose for how to walk and what to observe, such as the Sabbath and God’s/Elohim Feasts at their appointed times. His directives and appointments are what guide His people and give opportunities to produce His Light (oil).

📖 **Ezekiel 36:24-38** “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God/Elohim. I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that

you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine. Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign LORD/Yahweh. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, O house of Israel!”

“On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD/Yahweh have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD/Yahweh have spoken, and I will do it. Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep, as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD/Yahweh.”

✠ **Matthew 5:13-15** “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. *You are the light of the world.* A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but *on a lampstand [Menorah], and it gives light to all who are in the house [Tabernacle].*”

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