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Dear Brethren,

Greetings and Shalom from Israel in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. I pray you are well and are being much blessed by our Heavenly Father.

I wanted to write to you and share a story about a very dear brother and friend of mine named Clarendon Jordan. Clarendon lived in Texas and about a year ago, he left the United States and the evil system of world democracy and moved to the country of Jordan in the Middle East.

It was not an easy move as he had kidney failure and was on dialyses three times a week. He said the initial move nearly killed him but he was so happy to go. He also said that in the US, whenever he would do a dialyses treatment that his blood would be purified about 25 percent but in Jordan, it was being purified 85 percent or more.

I was contacted back in May that Clarendon and his nurse Doris (who he brought to faith) wanted to come to Galilee to be baptized by me. At the time, we had the big Shavuot celebration and I told him that we would try to set it up in June.

He was not able to be baptized in Jordan due to the high salt content in the water as he had a tube in his chest due to his illness.

I got a call in late June that Clarendon was on his way and driving all the way from Jordan to Galilee to be baptized. I was much impressed by his zeal and dedication.

When I met him, he was an elderly, frail gentleman and yet you could see he didn't let his physical illness stunt his spirit.

He told me, *"Don, I know you, as I listen to you almost every day from your CD messages, and now I would like you to get to know me."* He then went on for about 45 minutes telling me his life story, which was filled with interesting episodes of faith and struggles and his great desire to serve Yahweh.

He also told me that he knew 100% that when he went into the water to be baptized that he was going to be healed. He said he was sure of it and that is why he had to come so quickly, as he needed to get on with the work of Yahweh in Jordan as he was doing, but would be able to do it much more after he was healed.

The next day we went to the water and me and another Elder had to help him and Doris to even get into the water and out. As we walked back to the car after the baptism Clarendon told me again, *"Don, I know I will be healed. Yahweh has been working with me for 30 years of trials and struggles to get me to this point, and do you really think that now when I am ready and qualified to serve Him that he brought me all this way for nothing!"*

I didn't believe in my spirit that he would be healed. Whenever I anoint someone for healing, there are times when I will feel a power go out from me as when the woman with the flow of blood touched Yahshua and He knew power went out from Him. I didn't feel that when I anointed him for healing from the kidney disease, but I also did not want to shake his faith which was so strong so I didn't say anything, except that of course Yahweh did not take him all this way for nothing.

A few weeks later, I got a really, nice letter from Clarendon and Doris thanking me for the time spent with them and telling me how happy both of them were to be baptized in Yahweh's covenant and to be a first-fruit of His. He also said how much he understood the bible better since he was baptized.

The very next day I got a message that both Clarendon and Doris had a head on collision in Jordan and both had died. It really struck Petra and I down to the soul and made me do a lot of soul searching.

It also made me think about how many things we are so sure of in our life, and we think it is having faith in Yahweh, and yet we could be deceiving ourselves. It also made me think about the question that Clarendon asked, ***“Would Yahweh take me 30 years through all this training for nothing?”***

The answer is still of course, NO! The difference is that many times we put so much focus on this wicked, evil, temporal world, that we forget that this whole 6,000 years of this age, since the Garden of Eden, is merely a test by Yahweh to see if we will be faithful forever in His Kingdom. Yahweh didn't take Clarendon 30 years of testing for nothing. Clarendon was a kind man that helped people and has passed his test and now he is sleeping in the grave, awaiting the resurrection of the just and first-fruits. He proved his integrity and sincerity to Yahweh and will be rewarded by Yahshua at His return with Doris also.

It also made me think that so many issues that we think are so important sometimes, such as the phase of the moon or the timing of a day, are important, but not the most crucial thing to our eternal life.

What Yahweh is going to judge each of us on is how dedicated, loving and obedient we were to Him and others. The test we are taking is every day of our life, in how we treat our spouse and how much time and love we give to our children and family. Do we sincerely help the poor and less fortunate or merely say a few words in a prayer and think it is sufficient. Are we bearing fruit for Yahweh's Kingdom and helping to bring more souls to salvation?

Clarendon left the system of Babylon to be a better servant of Yahweh every day of his life and as we see from this story, we never know when that last day will be. Clarendon was a fine example in his life of what a true faith filled believer should be like. He is also an example in his death that we should not say, there is four months to the harvest but look up the harvest is already white.

Joh 4: 34 Yahshua said to them, My food is that I should do the will of Him who sent Me, and that I may finish His work.

35 Do you not say that after four months comes the harvest? Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and see the fields that are white and have ripened for the harvest already.

Brethren, we have entered the two-minute warning and time is running out. For some, like Clarendon, he is already asleep awaiting his reward. To the rest of us that are still here another day, we need to do the work of Yahweh with all our heart mind, soul and strength. There is a world of lost souls waiting for each of us to help to bring them to salvation. I encourage all of us to seek those souls today, as none of us knows if this could be our last.

B'Shem Yahshua,

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Blow the Shofar



Lev 23:41 *And you shall keep a feast to Yahweh, seven days in a year, a never ending statute throughout your generations;*

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Personal.....

Greetings and shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. In this issue of the Remnant's Walks, I would like to focus on Yahweh's supremacy over mankind, and also His great love of redemption to His fallen creation.

Yahweh's Holy Days are a yearly reminder of not only His love for us as His children and creation, but, also of His redemptive work of salvation, through the shed blood of His Son Yahshua, our redeemer and Messiah.

The Passover season clearly pictures, ***"the true Lamb of Yah, slain from the foundation of the world."*** We see in Leviticus 17:11, that it is ***"the shedding of blood that makes atonement for the soul."***

Only, after accepting this fact, and allowing that blood of Yahshua's sacrifice to cover our sins and fallen nature, can we enter to the throne of Yahweh, through covenant relationship. That is why we take the Passover before we delevan our homes, because, as humans, we do not have the strength to do this on our own, before entering covenant relationship.

Then, we have the feast of firstfruits, which pictures the manifestation of the Children of Yahweh, in this present world, and the beginning of the 50 day count to Shavuot, and the making of the two loaves of Judah and Israel.

Thereafter, we now come to the fall Holy Days, of Trumpets (Messiah's return), Yom Kippur or Atonement, which shows Yahweh's reconciliation, and the festive feast of Sukkot, which pictures the soon coming Millennium, and the thousand year, peaceful reign of King Messiah.

Sukkot is a time of happiness and joy, as the Torah tells us that if we have been faithful during the year, and Yahweh has blessed our increase due to this fact, than we are to come to appear before Him in Jerusalem (Deut 16:16) and worship and give Honour to Him as the only Sovereign of the universe.

As we know, Israel was not faithful in this regard (Ezek 20:2-21). They rebelled completely against the will and Torah of Yahweh and were cast out into the nations for over 2700 years now. We also know though, that we are in the times of reformation where Yahweh is redeeming the Sons of Jacob back to Him (Is 48:20-22).

Isa 48:20 Go out of Babylon; flee from the Chaldeans. Tell this with the voice of rejoicing; let this be heard, let it go out to the end of the earth; say, Yahweh has redeemed His servant Jacob.

It is an unavoidable fact that everything, which Yahweh is doing in these end times, is about redeeming the Sons of Israel. He is redeeming them back into covenant relationship, He is redeeming them back to the truth of His Torah and away from their paganism that they learned among the nations, and He is redeeming them back to the promised land of Israel.

With over 2700 years of the children of Israel being in Diaspora, and being scattered among the nations, and being assimilated into their societies and culture, many have lost one of the greatest aspects of our inheritance; that being, the very land of Israel.

With the lies of replacement theology, claiming the church has replaced Israel, and heaven has replaced Jerusalem, even many covenant believers, which have come out of the church system, have not truly grasped the importance of the land covenant of Israel.

Clearly Leviticus 23:10, states about Yahweh's Holy Days, ***"When you come into the land that I am giving you"***. The intention of the Holy Days was never to be keeping them among the nations, but to reap the blessing of going ***to Jerusalem to appear before Yahweh in the place that He chose, from all the tribes of Israel to dwell in*** (1 Kgs 14:21).

This does not mean that we should not keep the commanded Holy Days in our Diaspora, or that we are sinning if we do not come up to Jerusalem during feast time, while we are still in Diaspora. Not being able to come to Jerusalem and appear before Yahweh at feast time is a punishment of Diaspora, but it is not a personal sin. Our forefathers sinned and were cast out of the very covenant land that many of us so much look forward to returning to someday.

We are told to cry out to Yahweh from our Diaspora and repent of the sins of our forefathers and ourselves and He will hear us and will re-establish the land covenant to the Sons of Jacob.

1Ki 8:33 When Your people Israel are stricken before the enemy, when they sin against You, if they turn again to You, and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this house;

1Ki 8:34 then You shall hear in Heaven, and shall forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and shall bring them back to the land that You gave to their fathers.

Lev 26: 40 And if they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass with which they have trespassed against Me; and, also, that they have walked contrary to Me,

Lev 26: 41 that I also have walked contrary to them, and I have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are then humbled, and they are pleased to pay for their iniquity;

Lev 26: 42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and also My covenant with Isaac, and I shall also remember My covenant with Abraham, and I shall remember the land.

After 2700 years of Israel keeping Sukkot in Diaspora, Yahweh has opened a door over the last decade for His people, to once again, appear before Him and light a lamp in Jerusalem at feast time for the name of Yahweh.

Did you catch verse 33 of 1 Kings 8? It says in order for Yahweh to honour the land covenant in our Diaspora that ***we must first confess His name***; for whatever reason, even many so-called Sabbath believers refuse to do this.

Yahweh has opened a door through me over the last decade, for the Congregation of Yahweh, Jerusalem to be able to appear before Him at feast time in our Diaspora and represent the name of YAHWEH, in His chosen city. It is one of the greatest blessings in ones life to be chosen by Yahweh, to come to Jerusalem at feast time and represent His name.

Yahweh has also started the preparation involved for the ending of Ephraim's punishment and the returning of the tribes of Israel back to the Promised Land. This will not happen overnight, and most Israelites living in Diaspora will not return to the land until the Messiah returns. However, the vexation that has been between Judah and Israel, since the days of Reheboam, the Son of Solomon, is being take away day by day.

I understand that most of you will never have this blessing, of coming to Jerusalem at feast time in your Diaspora, during this lifetime. A letter like this is not to make you feel bad for this, as again it is Not sin, but rather a punishment of Diaspora, that we all can not appear before Yahweh at feast times in Jerusalem during this current age.

But the fact that Yahweh has not blessed all of Israel, but only a remnant to keep the feast at His headquarters in Jerusalem during these end times, should not take away the desire of every true covenant believer to want to be there. As one Kenyan who was with us in Jerusalem for Sukkot so eloquently put it, *"when one Kenyan comes to Jerusalem at feast time, the whole nation comes with him."*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes, Sukkot is about Yahshua's millennial reign, and worldwide peace, in where no one on earth will hunger or suffer, but don't forget it is also about Yahweh redeeming the Sons of Israel back to the very promised land that He promised to Abraham.

We are so thankful to Yahweh for the fellow believers that he will have with us here in Israel for Sukkot. But for those who are not blessed to be with us in person in Jerusalem, you will be able to get an almost live video link from our website at www.coyhwh.com , and still be with us in spirit and have Yahweh's people connected to us and united throughout the world.

While others are keeping Sukkot in water parks, and Hilton hotels, and merely abusing the pleasures of Babylon, let every true covenant believer, who loves Yahweh and Yahshua, and who love the only promised land of Israel, keep in prayer and in their hearts the hope of next year in Jerusalem.

B'Shem Yahshua,

Don

Could you rule a city? (Reprint)



Let us use our imagination to travel forward in time a few years.

Picture the millennium. Yahshua has returned and Yahweh's family has been born into His family. Some have been raised from the dead. Others were instantly changed from mortal to immortal when the last trump sounded.

Together, for the first time, all of Yahweh's chosen people stand before their powerful and triumphant elder brother, Yahshua, waiting to receive their positions of responsibility and service in the new worldwide government.

Now it's your turn, as you come before Yahshua, you sense the power radiating from him. No wonder these ancient Israelites trembled with fear when they first saw the signs of His presence at Mt. Sinai!

But you have nothing to fear! The look into those shining eyes, more brilliant than a thousand suns, is one of friendship and recognition. You realize that Yahshua knows who you are. It is as if He, too, has been anticipating this moment.

And then, with a voice more powerful than the most powerful waterfall, but full of warmth and enthusiasm, Yahshua says the words you have been wanting to hear.

"Well done, you good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in the things I gave you to do, you have overcome and you endured to the end, Welcome to the kingdom of Yahweh." Then He adds, "I am going to give you authority over 10 cities."

A dream? Yes, but it is the realistic dream of many people now reading this magazine. It is a dream that will one day come true.

But wait a minute. Ordinary people, - an American construction worker, a Kenyan housewife, a Filipino farmer, a young Ugandan university student. How can people like that be qualified to rule a city? What do they - what do you - know about it?

Responsibilities of rulership

Did you ever stop to think about what must be done to manage a city, or even a small town? Water and power must be provided, streets and roads have to be planned and a building code must be established. Garbage must be collected. Disposal of sewage must be arranged.

And what about transportation, a school system, shops. What do you know about all that? Some of the best minds in the world today can't make our towns and cities work. So what makes you think you are going to do any better in Yahweh's Kingdom? How can you teach what you don't know? Discouraged? Don't be. Read on.

The world that Yahshua returns to will need instant help. He will find it battered from satan's rule and horribly chastened by the day of Yahweh.

The book of revelation shows how the great tribulation and the trumpet plagues will devastate civilization.

Communication networks will be in ruins. Transportations will have broken down. Dams will have been destroyed and bridges will have collapsed. Once- great cities will be nothing more than smoking piles of rubble. The ecosystem will have been badly damaged.

However, starting from Jerusalem, the healing and rebuilding will commence. Representatives of once proud nations will make their way to Yahshua's seat of government; to be taught His ways and learn His paths (Is 2: 3).

And they will find that the kingdom of Yahweh is ready and eager to help. It will also be competent. Yahshua will have a team with all the expertise necessary to show humanity how to live. If you are to be part of that team, Yahshua will have to see to it that you are qualified to help.

“But I have had no experience running a city!” you may say. “How will I be ready?”

Has, Yahshua been wrong in choosing the “weak things of the world” (I Cor 1: 27) to qualify for this kingdom? Perhaps it would have been better to have picked His people from among the mayors and governors of the world today. Perhaps He should have selected the most able civil engineers, town planning experts, telecommunication operators and those with experience in big business and large construction projects.

Instead, we find that “***not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty,, not many noble, are called***” (verse 26). Is that going to prove to be a mistake?

No. Yahshua knows exactly what He is doing. When He returns, His world ruling team will be ready and able to rule. That is why it is so important for you to prepare now, if you will be part of that team.

The missing dimension in knowledge

To understand how this is possible, we need to remind ourselves again just what it is that has gone wrong with this world. For, 6000 years, since Adam rejected the kind of knowledge that could only come from Yahweh, humans have tried to find a way of life that works. We have failed in every aspect except one. The human race has proved itself more than adequate in solving technical problems. Especially in the last 100 years, breakthroughs in all areas of technology have transformed the world.

Man has demonstrated that he can learn how to harness the power of mighty rivers or string bridges across great chasms. He knows how to build highways and railroads over soaring mountains and searing deserts. He can drill for oil beneath the arctic ice. He has split the atom, made an artificial heart and regularly travels into space.

But at the beginning of the Millennium, after the destruction at the end of this age, the world will have realized that all the knowledge of physical things has not produced a way of life that worked. It may have seemed right for a while, but it will have led us to the very brink of destruction.

Only Yahshua's intervention will save all flesh from extinction.

And Yahweh will not allow man to begin blindly rebuilding. Yahshua will restore the government of Yahweh to show this world Yahweh's way of life and to teach Yahweh's laws.

That is what the nations will go to Jerusalem to learn. It is knowledge that they have known nothing about. They must learn it from the beginning, like little children.

But you will know it! You are learning it all the time. Yahweh, through His spirit is teaching you a new way to live of sharing, cooperating, helping, humility and loving your neighbour as yourself.

That is the way Yahweh lives, and if you are being led by His spirit you are learning to live that way too. You are discovering that it produces peace.

At the moment, you probably only have a small family and perhaps a rather average job. Your income may not be great, or maybe you just have a small plot of land to take care of. Perhaps you are single, old or crippled. Maybe you are even in jail. Nevertheless, whoever you are, you should be making progress in learning to live your life Yahweh's way.

You are learning now

But can that really qualify you to rule a city – to tackle the complex administrative, organizational and personal problems that come up all the time when several thousands families live together? Yes, it can. Problems in the world today seem more complex than they actually are, because the nature of the problems is not understood. The apostle James showed the real cause of strife in the world:

“Where do wars and fights come from among you?? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war (to get more). Yet you do not have because you do not ask” (Ja 4: 1- 2). In other words, our problems are caused by human nature, expressed in jealousy, resentment, vanity, lust and greed.

Struggles between nations today are really only small problems grown big. The problem of two major powers locked in a hot war may seem more complex than two neighbours fighting over the back fence. However, it is essentially the same – they know no other way to settle disputes. Whether it is nations or individuals, ***“The way of peace they have not known”***(Ro 3:17).

And if the cause is the same, the solution is the same – love, tolerance, forgiveness, sharing, helping and giving. That way produces peace, happiness and prosperity. It works between people. Given a chance, it would work between nations.

Therefore, Yahshua does not need to see you in action on a large scale to know whether you know how to administer the laws that lead to peace. He sees it now; by the way you solve the problems of your own life.

You, in spite of your limited experience, will indeed have the ability to teach others the way of peace in the world tomorrow. Yahweh does not need to see you in action ruling 10 cities to determine whether you know how to apply and observe His law. He can see, by the simple decisions you make every day in your life, whether you will obey Him or go the way of the world.

Let's take, for example, your relationship with your wife, your husband or your children. How do you solve problems among yourselves? By shouting, yelling and expressing bad attitudes? Or are you showing Yahweh that you know a better way?

What about finances; would you handle the treasure of a city like so many rulers today, and enrich yourself at others expense? Yahweh can tell by the way you handle your employer's money, and the time your employer pays you for, and also by your attitude toward taxes that you must “render unto Caesar,” and by what you do with Yahweh's tithe.

As Yahshua said, If you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? (Luk 16:12). And notice verse 10, ***” He who is faithful in what is least is also faithful in that which is much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.”***

If you learn to be faithful and loyal in small things, Yahweh knows that you will be that way when given much greater responsibility. This is clearly shown by the parable of the talents in Math. 25, starting with verse 14. Let's pick the story up in verses 20 and 21, after the ruler had returned and asked his servants to give account of their stewardship:

“So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents....His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over few things, I will make you ruler over many things.”

Yahshua was showing that He could tell if His people were developing the qualities of proper rulership by the way they handled the small matters of their lives. The servant who misused his position of trust was disqualified (verses 24-30). He couldn't be trusted.

What kind of decisions do you make?

The decisions required to live Yahweh's way are really very simple – they are basically a matter of saying yes or no to Yahweh's law.

It doesn't have to be complicated. Yahweh did not test Adam and Eve on some gigantic, complex, problem to see whether or not they would be obedient. He tested them in one of the most basic areas: What were they going to eat? They succumbed to temptation and ate of the one fruit in the garden that Yahweh had forbidden. Faced with a relatively simple decision, they made the wrong choice. Don't be too quick to judge Adam and Eve – you have been making the same kind of wrong choices in simple decisions all your life.

You don't have to be a Hitler or an Idi Amin to prove you are unsuitable to rule over others. The way you treat your wife, your children, your Pastor or your friends, shows Yahshua what kind of a ruler you will be. Are you short tempered, hard to get along with, rebellious, uncooperative, unfair? Yahshua needs to know that now, before He trusts you with a major responsibility over many people for eternity. The kingdom of Yahweh is going to bring peace to the world, not more strife. Those who will rule must show Yahweh now that they are learning the way of peace.

Every day brings a thousand and one little decisions that show Yahweh whether you are learning His way or not. The book knowledge He can teach you instantaneously, but the character you need to build to be a ruler in His Kingdom must be learned now, through trial and experience.

Yahweh's way to be taught

Right now, most leaders in the world are not interested in learning this way. They consider it foolish, unrealistic and simplistic. Their quest for peace and prosperity will continue – damming more rivers, splitting more atoms, developing ever more miraculous machines. Treaties will be made and broken, and the wonderful inventions of science will inevitably be turned into engines of destruction. This world, based on physical knowledge, is destined to come crashing down.

Among the survivors will undoubtedly be architects, civil engineers, computer programmers and others with the technical skill to start rebuilding. But they will realize that their way of doing things was wrong. They will see that it didn't and couldn't bring peace.

They will turn in humility and repentance to Yahweh, and ask to be shown another way.

Yahweh will no longer hide that way. In the millennium, the knowledge of Yahweh's way of life will begin to fill the earth like the waters cover the ocean beds. (Is 11:9). The information will be readily available: ***“Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers”*** (Is 30:20). As people begin to rebuild, if they start to make a mistake, they will hear a word.....saying, ***“This is the way, walk in it, “whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.”*** (verse 21). Who knows, it could be you saying it to them.

Those teachers will have to know the way. They can't teach what they do not know. But if you have prepared yourself to be in Yahweh's Kingdom, you will be among those who know the way. Messiah will give you your reward with complete confidence. As you receive your authority to rule, you will also be given the power to go with the authority. The choices you will have to make will be

on a much grander scale than now, but you will still make decisions the same way, by knowing right from wrong.

Armed with that knowledge and power, Yahweh's chosen people will be able to rule a city, or even 5 or 10 cities- in the way of peace for a thousand years and beyond.

The Tassel; More than just a string by Don Esposito



Num 15:37 *And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,*

Num 15:38 *Speak to the sons of Israel and you shall say to them that they shall make themselves fringes on the corners of their garments, for their generations. And they shall put a thread of blue with the fringe of each corner.*

Num 15:39 *And I shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look on it and remember all the commandments of Yahweh, and do them; and that you do not go about after your own heart and your own eyes after which you fornicate;*

Num 15: 40 *that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy to your Elohim.*

First, we should understand that this command which Elohim gave to the Israelites was intended to be directed only to the males, in consideration of their greater spiritual responsibilities (see Numbers 30 and Ephesians 5:22-33). If you look at the gender of the verb, the pronoun and adjective in Numbers 15:38 you will see that all the words are in fact in the masculine gender, which in the Hebrew language shows unequivocally that the command is only meant to the males. Let us see why.

There is no Scriptural record of the tassels ever being worn by women nor to the best of our knowledge is there

any reliable record of the tassel ever being worn except by males.

It was not that the women were exempt from obedience, but since the tassel was the very sign of authority, it stands to reason, that the woman would be under the covering of her husband's tassel.

There is another aspect of wearing "the tassel" that is very important. In Numbers 15:39 it states in the original Hebrew "*And He shall be to you*" **for a fringe**", or in Hebrew "**Hayah L'chem**". The word *Hayah* is a form of the verb to be and is used when Yahweh says '*I Am that I Am*' or "*Eeshah Asher*".

In the Hebrew mindset, it is actually saying that He will be their tassel, denoting back to the last article, which was the blue string in the tassel, denoting the lineage of Messiah which the blue thread represented.

Therefore, since this scripture clearly denotes lineage, which in scripture is always clearly shown through the male, it would also denote that only men would wear the tassel and not the women, who again are under the covering and authority of their husband's or Father's.

Num 30:1 *And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Yahweh has commanded:*

Num 30:2 *When a man vows a vow to Yahweh, or has sworn an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do all that has gone out of his mouth.*

Num 30:3 *And when a woman vows a vow to Yahweh, and has bound a bond in the*

house of her father in her youth,

Num 30:4 *and her father has heard her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father has remained silent as to her, then all her vows shall stand; and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.*

Num 30:5 *But if her father has prohibited her in the day he heard, none of her vows and her bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. And Yahweh will forgive her because her father prohibited her.*

Num 30:6 *And if she belongs to a husband, and her vows are on her, or a rash utterance on her lips with which she has bound her soul,*

Num 30:7 *and her husband has heard, and in the day he heard he has remained silent as to her, then her vows shall stand, and her bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.*

Num 30:8 *And if in the day her husband hears, he prohibits her, then he has broken her vow which is on her, and the rash utterance of her lips with which she has bound her soul. And Yahweh will forgive her.*

Num 30:9 *And as to the vow of a widow, or her that is divorced, all that she has bound on her soul shall be established on her.*

Num 30:10 *And if she has vowed in the house of her husband, or bound a bond on her soul with an oath,*

Num 30:11 *and her husband has heard, and has remained silent as to her, and he has not prohibited her, then all her vows shall be established, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand.*

Num 30:12 *And if her husband has certainly broken them in the day he heard, none of the utterance of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall stand; her husband has broken them. And Yahweh will forgive her.*

Num 30:13 *Every vow and every oath, any bond to humble a soul, her husband shall establish it, or her husband shall break it.*

Num 30:14 *And if her husband is altogether silent at her from day to day, then he has established all her vows or all her bonds which are on her; he has established them; for he remained silent as to her in the day he heard.*

Num 30:15 *And if he at all breaks them after he hears, then he has borne her iniquity.*

Num 30:16 *These are the statutes which Yahweh has commanded Moses between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter in her youth in the house of her father.*

When you look at scripture, it is very clear that a women, whether young or old, should always have headship, if it be her father before marriage, or her husband after marriage. We also see from Paul's writings (1 Tim 5) where the Elderhood in the congregation would be headship for women who are either widows or for whatever reason do not have any headship in the home. It is not scriptural for a young lady to leave her father's covering before marriage and go live on her own and work on her own. This has only led to confusion, a falling away from the truth, unhappiness in marriage and a divorce rate of close to 60%.

In order to truly make sense of the regulation of the tassel, we need to see the cultural picture behind putting tassels on the corners of the garment.

In ancient times, garments were woven and decorated to show the person's identity and status in society. The hem and tassels of the outer robe were particularly important, with the hem being symbolic of the owner's identity and authority.

The hem of a Jew's garment was not, as in modern clothes, a simple fold in the garment, sewn down to prevent the edge from fraying. It was a decorative feature, which made a statement about the status and importance of the wearer.

Zec 8:22 *And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek*

Yahweh of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to seek the favour of the face of Yahweh.

Zec 8:23 So says Yahweh of Hosts: In those days ten men out of all languages of the nations shall take hold, and will seize the skirt (tassel) of a man, a Jew, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you.

Again, this scripture is indicating the importance and superiority of the Jewish nation in that day by the status symbol of the tassel on their garment. In texts found in Mesopotamia, references indicate that the removal of the fringe of a man's garment was the equivalent of removing part of his personality. In ancient legal contracts written in clay, instead of a signature, the corner of the hem would be pressed into the clay to leave an impression.

Thus, the tassel or fringe of a garment indicated the rank or personality of the wearer. We have to remember that Yahshua rebuked the Pharisees for enlarging their fringes, not for wearing them (Matt. 23:5); the inference being that they were thereby trying to magnify their position of importance.

When we look at the story of King Saul in scripture, the cutting of the hem is a prophetic picture of Yahweh removing him from his reign as king (1Sam 15:27, 1Sam 24:4). When David spared Saul's life, he took away evidence that he had him in his power:

1Sa 24:4 And David's men said to him, Behold, the day of which Yahweh said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it is good in your eyes. But David rose up and quietly cut off the skirt (tassel) of Saul's robe.

Why did David cut off Saul's tassel, and why did his conscience convict him afterward for having done it? The act of cutting off the tassel of Saul's robe was of great importance, which Saul was quick to recognize. When Saul was shouting at David the next day, he said:

1 Sam 24:10 "Now, behold, I know

that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand".

David had robbed Saul of his status symbol; the tassel of his robe was what identified him as king. The presence of the blue thread in the tassel was a reminder of the blue royal robes of the priests. It was as if each Israelite male wore a little piece of the high priest's blue robe at all times to remind them that like the priests, they were set apart for serving Yahweh.

According to the Jewish scholar Jacob Milgrom, *"The tzitzit is the epitome of the democratic thrust within Judaism, which equalizes not by levelling but by elevating: all of Israel is enjoined to become a nation of priests. In antiquity, the tzitzit (and the hem) was the insignia of authority, high breeding and nobility. By adding the blue woollen cord to the tzitzit, the Torah combined nobility with priesthood: Israel is not to rule man but to serve Elohim. Furthermore, tzitzit is not restricted to Israel's leaders, be they kings, rabbis or scholars."*

Let us look at some Scriptures that clearly show the authority (covering) that the tassel (tzitzit) had for a husband or father over his family. For example, in the account of Ruth and Boaz, it was obviously significant what Ruth said to Boaz when he discovered her at his feet in the morning,

Rth 3:9 And he said, Who are you? And she said, I am your handmaid Ruth, and you shall spread your skirt (tassel) over your handmaid, for you are a kinsman redeemer.

The skirt of Boaz would have been doubtless been edged, with the fringe and tassels that indicated his status. The fact that she also reminds him that he is her KINSMAN-REDEEMER, (type of Messiah) is also telling about his status to her. This request by Ruth was for his protection and his care to take her under his covering, as symbolized

by his tassel on his garment - his status symbol.

It is interesting to note that a similar custom still prevails at an orthodox Jewish wedding, when the bridegroom covers his bride with his tallit, his prayer shawl, with its tassels at each corner, signifying that he is taking her under his covering and personal care. They are now one and she is under the protective covering of his tassel and not wearing a separate one of her own.

Only quite recently has light been shed upon the subject by an unexpected archaeological discovery; in the Bar Kochba caves by the Dead Sea, tassels have been found which were sufficiently well preserved to reveal that they were composed of linen threads with a cord of blue wool. It was only on men's garment and was actually part of the garment itself. Women were not to wear a man's garment according to scripture.

One of the signs of the Messiah in ancient times was the blue thread in the tassel. So prevalent was the knowledge of this, that after Rabbi Akiva named Bar-Kochba as another false Messiah, Hadrian the Roman Emperor forced the Jews to remove the blue thread from their tassels because of all the false Messiahs that had risen up in his day.

With this in mind, it is quite interesting to look what happens in Revelation 7, when Yahshua returns;

Rev 7:14 And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are those coming out of the great tribulation; and they washed their robes and whited them in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 7:15 Because of this they are before the throne of Yahweh, and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary. And He sitting on the throne will spread His skirt (tassel) over them.

This is the same terminology being used in the book of Ruth. By spreading a skirt over someone, it is a physical sign of your covering or protection over

them. The tassel, as the most outer part of the garment is the sign of that covering, which means the protection and care that you will give your covenant partner. Far from being a point of restriction by being under one's covering, it is the very opposite; it brings you under their protection and care and status symbol of that individual.

It is not restricting a wife not to wear a tassel, but she is under the tassel (covering) of her husband or father. The single set of tassels worn by the man and not the woman is showing the oneness that marriage is supposed to bring and the wife's loyalty and submission to her husband as her protectorate and provider. ***Eph***

5:22 Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Master,

Eph 5:23 because a husband is head of the wife, as also Messiah is Head of the Congregation, and He is the Savior of the body.

Eph 5:24 But even as the Congregation is subject to Messiah, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the Congregation and gave Himself up on its behalf;

Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify it, cleansing it by the washing of the water in the Word,

Eph 5:27 that He might present it to Himself as the glorious Congregation, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such things, but that it be holy and without blemish.

Eph 5:28 So, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies, (he loving his wife loves himself),

Eph 5:29 for then no one hated his own flesh, but nourishes and

cherishes it, even as also the Master of the Congregation.

Eph 5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. Eph 5:31 "For this, a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh." Eph 5:32 The mystery is great, but I speak as to Messiah and as to the Congregation.

Eph 5:33 However, you also, everyone, let each one love his wife as himself, and the wife, that she give reference to the husband.

Submission is voluntary and always two sided, and as the wife is to submit to her husband as to Yahshua, the husband is to love his wife, as Yahshua loves the congregation. It is simply a matter of judicial order.

The husband has been put in the role model as Yahshua and the priest of his family. This is another reason why only the males would wear the tassel, due to the authority position in the family that it represents.

One of the main differences of a Kingdom compared to a Democracy is that in a kingdom the king is supreme and sovereign over all. Moreover, he is also responsible for the well-being of each and every person that is a member of that Kingdom; this is the status structure and symbolism that ancient Israel understood about the tassel in their day. That is why people simply wanted to touch Yahshua's tassel, as they understood that the tassel represented His authority as true High priest of Melchizedek and King Messiah, to be the sovereign and protectorate over their lives.

Mat 9:20 And behold, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came near behind Him, and touched the fringe (tassel) of His robe.

Mat 9:21 For she said within herself, If only I shall touch His robe, I will be cured.

Why should she stoop down to touch the tassel, why not simply his arm or his head? Surely, it

was because the tassel had special significance as the emblem of Yahshua's status and authority. This woman was not the only one who saw the authority that lies within a male's tassel but look at how the crowds who came to see Yahshua did the same.

Mat 14:35 And recognizing Him, the men of that place sent to all that neighbourhood, and brought to Him all those badly ill. Mat 14:36 And they begged Him that they might touch the fringe (tassel) of His robe. And as many as touched were cured.

Thus, in Yahshua's day it was common knowledge that the tassel of a man's garment had a special significance. It was also common knowledge that the blue thread showed a sign of priestly authority. No one in ancient times would have ever assumed it would belong to a woman who was under the covering of her husband or father. Since the Garden of Eden, Yahweh has clearly set in His judicial order that ***"the man is over the women as Messiah is over the congregation"*** (Eph 5:22), and that ***"the desire of the woman will be toward her husband"*** ***Gen 3:16 He said to the woman, I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception; you shall bear sons in sorrow, and your desire shall be toward your husband; and he shall rule over you.***

I believe that this is the crux of the matter, that in the Babylonian western culture today, it is simply foreign, and in most people's minds degrading, to think in this ancient biblical mindset. Yahweh did not think of it as a yoke of burden, but rather a means of protection for the weaker vessel.

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, wives, submitting yourselves to your own husbands, that even if any disobey the Word, through the behavior of the wives, without a word they will be won,

1Pe 3:2 observing your pure behavior in fear.

1Pe 3:3 Of whom let it not be the outward act of braiding of hairs, and

of putting gold around, or of clothing, garments of adornment, 1Pe 3:4 but the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of the meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value before Elohim.

1Pe 3:5 For so once indeed the holy women who were hoping on Elohim adorned themselves, submitting themselves to their own husbands,

1Pe 3:6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling

him master; whose children you became,

doing good, and fearing no terror.

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, husbands, dwelling together according to knowledge, as with a weaker vessel, the female, bestowing honour, as truly being co-heirs of the grace of life, not cutting off your prayers.

1Pe 3:8 And, finally, be all of one mind, sympathetic, loving the brothers, tender-hearted, friendly,
Headship in a marriage or family is not to restrict but to protect. The Torah is not a restrictive book to true covenant believers, but rather a book, which protects us from going against the will of our Heavenly Father. I know this is a very foreign idea in the Western world today, and for almost a whole generation the western mindset has went from the fathers' headship in the family, to the women's rights movement and a usurping of that headship, to now, where there is actually no headship at all.

As a society, the US has lost its morals and conservatism to liberal ideas and a Laodicean culture of each doing what is right in their own eyes (Jud 21:25).

It was never Yahweh's intent to have one tribe (Levi) be mediators for the other 11 tribes but Yahweh was going

to make a Kingdom of priests, And the Levites became the temporary mediator of all 12 tribes.

Exo 19:6 And you shall become a kingdom of priests for Me, a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel.

But now in the New Covenant we are a Kingdom of priests and each reigning male in his particular family must once again take the role of headship over his given family.

As true covenant believers, we should be striving to go back to the ancient paths, and the core of that ancient path is the family structure. We need to raise the bar and totally come out of the culture of Babylon and return to the culture that Yahweh set up in the Garden of Eden. We need to think with a Kingdom mindset and not in a democratic one.

Jer 6:16a So says Yahweh, Stand by the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls.

The tassel has so much more meaning than maybe originally thought. The men in the Congregation of YHWH should wear their tassels as a sign of identity of who we are, as Ephraimites in Diaspora. Interesting enough, the blue thread in the tassel, which signifies the royalty of Messiah is not worn by most religious Jews today. It shows, as Yahshua was obedient in all things, that as followers of Him, we will try to be obedient to Yahweh's Torah. It truly is a sign of Yahweh and Yahshua being upon us, and our obedience to His Torah and the headship that He has over us, and that He has given us to have in our families.

Iran Plans on Destroying Tomb of King Cyrus, Friend of the Jews

by Ezra HaLevi



Iran is planning on submerging the tomb of King Cyrus (Coresh), the Persian King known for authorizing the Jewish exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Holy Temple.

The Iranian ayatollahs are planning on destroying the tomb as part of a general campaign to sever the Persian people from their non-Islamic heritage; Cyrus was thought to be a Zoroastrian and was one of the first rulers to enforce a policy of religious tolerance on his huge kingdom. The measures being taken by the Islamic Republic's regime include the destruction of archaeological sites significant to this heritage.

"The government is in the final stages of constructing a dam in southern Iran that will submerge the archaeological sites of Pasargad and Persopolis – the ancient capital of the Persian Empire," the report states. "The site, which is considered exceptional in terms of its archaeological wealth and historical importance, houses the tomb of the Persian King Cyrus."

Cyrus, who lived from 576-530 BCE, liberated Babylonian Jewry from their exile in the famous Declaration of Cyrus (mentioned in the book of Ezra in both Hebrew and Aramaic).

A group of Iranian academics opposed to the regime's policies founded a group called the [Pasargad Heritage Foundation](#) with hopes of getting the United Nations involved in protecting the historical site.

Most recently, the foundation filed a petition with the International Criminal Court against the Iranian official in charge of maintaining the sites, charging him and his bureau with "crimes against humanity, due to the systematic state-sanctioned destruction of the culture of the ancient Iranian world and its historical heritage." Though the city of Pasargad is a ruin, Cyrus's Tomb has remained largely intact and it has been partially restored to counter its natural deterioration over the years.

Cyrus was praised in the Tanach (Isaiah 45:1-6), though he was also criticized for believing the false report of the Cuthites, who wanted to halt the building of the Second Temple.

A HOUSE DIVIDED (Reprint)



Question: If the devil wanted to destroy Yahweh's Congregation, how would he do it?

Answer: Divide and conquer.

Divide and conquer is one of the fundamental rules of warfare. And we are in a war!

As Paul said: "...Our fight is not against any physical enemy: it is against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are against the unseen power that controls the dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil" (Eph.6:12, Phillips translation). As true Believers, we are in a battle for eternal survival against a powerful and insidiously evil enemy – Satan the devil. And the devil's existence is *fact* - not superstition! Satan is the avowed enemy of the Body of Messiah. He hates this Congregation and wishes to destroy it.

He will stop at nothing to hurt, damage, vilify and *utterly destroy* the Congregation of Yahweh. His wicked devices are many. He uses every tool at his disposal to attack, decimate and *divide* the body of Messiah. How well he knows that a house divided against itself *cannot*, in the long run, stand.

Satan is likened to a hunting lion prowling around looking for a kill.

But what kind of prey does a lion usually go after? He goes after the *weakest* members of the flock or herd. He stalks the stragglers and the wounded. He goes after the young, the lame, or the old and tired. And when he catches them, where does he strike?

Remember the television commercial for *Simba* – the drink that "quenches the

African thirst?" It goes for the *throat* – the weakest of the anatomy of both animals and humans.

Satan is no different! He stalks the weaker members of the Congregation – those who are more vulnerable. And he preys on the *weak points* of even strong members! None of us are entirely free from weakness. Messiah said, "the flesh is *weak*!" And we are all flesh. We all have areas of vulnerability. It is *those areas* that we must shore up if we are to be able to resist the devil.

One of the most fundamental weaknesses of virtually all human beings is *the urge to gossip*.

Being able to give a person a juicy piece of "*information*" is a position we all like to be in from time to time. Everyone wants to be informed – "in the know." Knowing something that someone else does not gives us a momentary psychological advantage over them. We all have "bargained" for information. "I'll tell you about so-and-so if you'll tell me what you know about..." "Sound familiar? We've *all* done it! As natural human beings, we thrive on scandal. Whole national magazines are devoted to nothing but digging up dirt about people. They sell like hotcakes.

We've all done our share of dirt digging and we've all exchanged shovelfuls with others. It comes naturally to most of us.

However, just because it's natural and easy does not mean it is right! Have you ever stopped to consider the *fruits*, or results, of gossip mongering? Does exchanging dirt and scandalous

“information” produce unity in Yahweh’s Congregation?

“*An ungodly man digs up evil: and in his lips there is a burning fire. A forward man [habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition – Webster’s Eighth New Collegiate Dictionary] sows strife: and a whisperer separates close friends*” (Prov. 16:27-28).

Rather than producing unity and harmony in the Congregation, digging up evil generates strife and disharmony. Long-standing friendships are destroyed or seriously damaged. *People lose the desire to work together as a team.* Cooperation and organization disintegrate. A team effort loses its momentum and ultimately dies. AND YAHWEH’S WORK IS A TEAM EFFORT!

But What if the Gossip is True?

Speaking of the end time, Yahshua prophesied: “And because *iniquity shall abound*, the love of many shall wax cold” (Matt. 24:12).

The chances of being able to find evil, sin or iniquity in any given individual are pretty great in these perilous times!

We live in an evil day and age. If looking for sin and weakness in people – and then exposing them - is your “bag,” then you can have a field day. Sin is everywhere and in everyone (1 John 1:8, 10; Rom. 5:12; 1 Kings 8:46; Rom. 3:23, ect.). But you know the old cliché – “People who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones.” The fruit in trafficking in others’ sins is always evil and bitter. It is *divisive* and defeating.

Just because something is *true* does *not* mean that it should be broadcast to the whole world. Love *covers* sins - it does not expose them. Love *protects* – it does not reveal the weaknesses and shortcomings of others. That does *not* mean that love *condones* sin! Nor does it mean that love permits or provides for sin.

“Let him know, that he which converts *the sinner* from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide [Greek – cover up or remove from sight] a multitude of sins” (James 5:20).

Notice it does *not* say, “he that *exposes* the sins of others shall save him...” The help is directed *toward the sinner*. Love seeks to help, not expose the guilty one.

There is no more effective way for Satan the devil to divide and conquer than to get everyone exposing each other’s sins and shortcomings.

“...If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matt. 6:15). If you expect to be granted forgiveness by Yahweh, you will have to be willing to forgive the sins of others.

A vindictive and unforgiving spirit is not of Yahweh! When a sinner repents before Yahweh, he is forgiven *instantly*. Yahweh removes the guilt and the stain of sin. The record is wiped clean by the blood of Messiah (1John 1:7,9; Rom. 3:25). Yahweh will *never again* bring up that sin to the transgressor. It is as though it had never happened – the guilt is completely removed.

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he *removed* our transgressions from us” (Ps. 103:12).

Then who is *mere man* to come along and fling that sin back in the face of the person who committed it?

It is righteous to forgive – but it is *satanic* to dig up a person’s sins and tell others about them.

Satan is the chief advocate of spiritual grave digging (Prov. 16:27). Because *his* guilt is ever before him, he wants others to feel the same way. The devil likes to rub our noses in the dung of our own sins long after Yahweh has forgiven and forgotten! And all those who dig up other people’s sins and “noise them abroad” are (*unless* and

until they really repent) *serving their father the devil!*

Yahweh Staffs for Strength

Yahweh has called us all to have a part in His great Work. “But now has Yahweh set the members every one of them in the body, *as it has pleased Him*” (1 Cor. 12:18). Yahweh knew what He was doing when He called you and me to do His work. He was pleased to give us a part in what He is doing on the earth at this time.

He called us, not because of our sins and weaknesses, *but in spite of them!* There is *no one* in this work who does not have human failings. But, by the same token, there is *no one* who does not have *something to contribute!* Yahweh is able to *amplify* by means of the Holy Spirit – which is Yahweh’s power – whatever natural talents and abilities we may have and use them in His service.

When Yahweh places us in His work – in whatever capacity – He utilizes our strengths. Yet, *He does not remove our weaknesses* (though He does help us rule over them and control them). Nor does He prevent others from *knowing* that we have weaknesses.

Nevertheless, Yahweh does not encourage us to prey on each other’s shortcomings. Rather, He commands us to look to the *Work* others are doing and respect them for that! “...If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand” (Mark 3:24- 25).

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in Yahweh, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love *for their works sake*. *And be at peace among yourselves*” (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

Yahweh instructs us to look to a person’s *works* – to the fruit that is borne rather than to their sins and shortcomings. Satan would like us to

do just the opposite – ignore works and focus on the sins. Will you be His pawn?

Brethren, there’s a whole world of suffering humanity out there waiting to be served. Will we allow the devil to turn us inward and away from our collective responsibility? Will we become *spiritual isolationists*, divided, bickering and fighting among ourselves? Will we allow Satan to gain an advantage over us by capitalizing on our natural weaknesses?

We cannot afford to allow that to happen!

We must not allow the evil one to divide us over *anything!* We must not allow ourselves to be *diverted from doing the work* by petty internal squabbles and disruptions. The preaching of the gospel is our *first* responsibility. We are *duty bound* to get that message of hope and salvation to as many as we can before the end of this mind-shattering age! We have a *Work* to do!

About four and a half centuries before Messiah, Yahweh raised up a man to do a great Work. It was Nehemiah’s job to build a wall around the city of Jerusalem and to at least, partially restore the battle-scarred Jewish capital to a semblance of order.

It was a big job and Nehemiah had his enemies. They badgered, threatened, intimidated and ridiculed him with relentless ferocity. Nevertheless, Nehemiah was determined *to do the Work*. He would not allow himself to be deterred. Notice his example:

“Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobish, and Gershem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left therein... That Sanballat and Gershem sent unto me, saying, ‘Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono.’ But *they thought to do me mischief*. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I

AM DOING A GREAT WORK, SO THAT I CANNOT COME DOWN: WHY SHOULD THE WORK CEASE, while I leave it, and come down to you?" (Neh. 6:1-3).

Should we cease, today, from doing the Work of Yahweh and spend our time criticizing each other, complaining and judging each other, and generally wasting precious time? Should we fiddle while the world burns?

Yahweh forbid! Let's get on with the Work we have been commissioned to do. Let's plunge into it with a greater zeal than ever before. Let's develop and maintain *a sense of urgency* about helping that suffering world out there instead of picking at each other like monkeys in a zoo!

Nehemiah did the work! He finished his job. And notice the inspiring and moving results:

"So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days vs 15). What an unbelievable feat we can do when we are focused correctly.

Satan *knows* this Work is of Yahweh – that is why he wants to stop it. That is why he wants to divide and conquer us and divert us from doing the Work, as did the enemies of Nehemiah!

Yahweh's End-Time Message to His Work

Your Bible contains a very specific message for the Work of Yahweh in this closing chapter of this age. It is pointed directly at those who would be Yahweh's servants just before the return of Messiah Yahshua to set up His Kingdom. And it explicitly warns about the possibility of those of us in Yahweh's own Work turning on each other in anger and animosity. Let's read it in Matthew 2, beginning in verse 42.

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

This indicated the time elements of the message – the return of Messiah. We do not know precisely when

Yahshua will return. But we do know we should be ready at all times.

"Therefore be also ready: for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes. Who then is a faithful and wise servant [those doing the Work of Yahweh], whom his master has made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his master when he comes shall find so doing" (verses 44-46).

Yahweh's ministers should be feeding the Congregation the right kind of strong spiritual food at the most appropriate time – when it is needed.

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my master delays his coming: *and begin to smite his fellow servants*, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the master of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of" (verses 48-50). Those are powerful and timely words! They are pointed *directly* at you and me as we plunge into the new millennium in an age gone mad!

Yahweh warns us that we must not begin fighting among ourselves. We must not allow Satan to divide us over *any* issue whatsoever. No matter what gossip or slander you may hear about anyone in Yahweh's Work – no matter whether that gossip is true or false – you must not let it undermine your faith. No doctrinal "problem" – real or imagined – should ever separate us from the love of those brethren who have been called to share in the Work of Yahweh.

Messiah Yahshua, the head of this Congregation, can deal with any and all problems. He can punish sinners, forgive sinners, and help sinners overcome sin. He can lead us into all truth on any doctrine or belief. He can manage the Congregation that He Himself has staffed and built. And He can stop Satan the devil from dividing the people of Yahweh.

It is our job to help protect the Congregation from disunity whenever we can. If we fail to do so, we are irresponsible! We each have a part to play. It is our urgent duty to resist the divisive tactics of the Adversary.

We should fight against the urge to participate in gossip, slander, or character defamation. We should not pass on evil about others – nor should we desire to hear it. Forgive those who have repented of their past sins, and *forget* those sins- Yahweh does!

Give the leaders in Yahweh's Work the benefit of the doubt (if you have any). Think about the profound *truths* you have learned from them. Think about the wonderful changes that have taken place in the lives of so many with whom Yahweh is dealing through this Work. Look at the fruits and the good works – not at the shortcomings, of which we re *all* partakers.

Also, remember, that it is Yahweh who has placed the leaders in the position they are in, and if we are criticizing our leaders then we are criticizing the one who appointed them.

If you have doctrinal questions, take them to the ministry – and *leave them there!* Do not create doubts in the minds of those “little ones” Yahweh is calling by airing our theological questions in open “bull sessions.”

Why should anyone want to spread doubt and confusion among the people of Yahweh anyway? It is a *grievous sin* to shake or damage the faith of one who is already on somewhat shaky ground. Yet some have done just that!

Yahweh warns the ministry:

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the congregation of Yahweh, which He hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall *grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them*” (Acts 20:28-30).

An unrighteous man digs up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire. A forward man sows strife: and a whisperer separates chief friends.” (Proverbs 16:27-28).

Such men are willing weapons in the hands of the devil. They can be used as instruments of war to divide and mercilessly conquer the sheep of Yahweh. Do not allow yourselves to be deceived by such men. Do not be shaken by their words. Be stable, sound, and solid in the faith of Messiah Yahshua.

Look to Yahshua as the loving, competent, concerned Head of His Congregation. Don't *limit* the Holy One of Israel by allowing yourself to think He is no longer running His own Body! Yahweh has not forsaken his people – He never will. Let patience have its perfect work. Resist the divisive tactics of the devil and keep the faith!

(This is a reprint article written almost 40 years ago and how much does it apply to today. Let us heed the warning of Almighty Yahweh and show love and loyalty to Him and His leaders and work and don't fall prey to gossip.)

Letters from our Readers

Dear Don & Family,
My two sons and I are so excited that your translation is out and now available. Ever since I discovered a copy of "The Great Falling Away" last fall in a thrift store, our lives have never been the same. We ordered and gave away five of that book and my own has also been given out.

We were attending Sunday worship at a Presbyterian congregation and have tried to share our new discoveries with them, which include our Father & Savior's names, the importance and blessing of keeping our Father's Sabbaths, but they won't agree nor change, and none of us can bear to participate any longer- so we study with you on the internet.

Thank you with all my heart for your ministry and for sharing with all of us, and may our Father continue to bless you, in all His work thru you, His good and faithful servant.

Virginia, USA

Greetings Brother Don,
Debbie and I were anxiously awaiting our bibles and received them one month ago and they far exceed our expectations. We can truly see that the Father's hand was with you in this endeavour. They are of beautiful quality and a comfortable size print, a very literal version with the Hebraic mindset, and most importantly, Yahweh and Yahshua's names have been restored. Thank you for your dedication to our Father's work.

Florida, USA

Dear Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the audio materials that you have faithfully donated to our chapel at Everglades Correctional

Institution. The CD's have been well received and the inmates express their special gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

Please keep us in mind for further donations and may the Lord make all grace abound toward you in all wisdom and prudence in His love. Chaplain
Supervisor,
Florida Dept of Corrections

Dear Sir,
I reached your site through the Internet and some things that I read, made me to have interest on your teachings. I am a poor man searching for truth, and I want to work for you with my family, because I believe there is a Heavenly Father.

I want to know truth about the Heavenly Father and His Son and other issues concerning them. What I need is truth and that is why I am writing you because I want to enrol or be a student in your bible school. Does your Congregation have a branch in Nigeria so that I can easily enrol for study? If not, what should I do to start lessons? Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Nigeria

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Greetings Don,
Just a quick note to tell you how awesome the Shavuot pilgrimage was. I will never read the bible the same again, and it seems so alive now that I have been there. It was truly the best Shavuot I have ever kept.

Texas, USA

Dear Don and Petra and Team,

I am still overwhelmed by all that I was so privileged to experience on my first trip to ISRAEL. How extremely grateful I am that we could experience and learn from you Don. Your teaching has changed my way of thinking, my thinking and in fact my life... It was a life changing experience... and the desire to come again with more people is so ever present.

How I wish I could express in words the sincere gratitude toward you all that's in my heart... THANK YOU... THANK YOU....

Thank you Don for giving us what YAHWEH has given you.... Your books and teachings are breaking it open... and it is so exciting,

Shalom & Blessings,
South Africa

Dear Don & Petra,

It was a pleasure to be with you and all the great people at the feast in Israel. Thank you for placing me with a great roommate.... It was fun.

What an Experience.. the tours were so good and the guides so informative... I learned so much on this tour.. and so glad I could be part of it.... I have so much to digest. I really enjoyed that you take the time to take us to so many biblical places and explained them in depth... you really do a good job with

all the details... have so many good memories.....

I am enjoying your tapes and look forward to receiving your bible and newsletters.

Thank you again and Shalom,
Florida, USA

Dear Don,

I just wanted to thank you for all you and your staff did to make my Israel experience so memorable. I am sorry now that I didn't take the opportunity to thank everyone when we were sharing our testimonies.

I especially appreciate the men who were so helpful carrying the luggage and helping the ladies on and off the buses. Everyone was so kind and thoughtful- guess that is one reason that I am going again.

I also want to say that your translation of the scriptures is a hit. I have been working with a group of Christian ladies in my neighbourhood and they are coming into the knowledge of the correct names. I had given your bible to two of the ladies before I left for Israel and when I got back the leader of the group asked me if I had one she could read. It is so exciting to see Father Yahweh working right before our very eyes. One of the biggest things I believe Yahweh showed me while over in Israel was that the harvest is ripe and the workers are few and bringing in the lost sheep of Israel is the mission.

Shalom & Brachat,
Georgia, USA

I really enjoyed coming over to Israel. It was an experience that I will never forget. As several people said, reading the bible is different now. I can relate to a number of places and events that just did not have much significance for me at first. I want to say thanks to Don for making it possible for me and many others to come over to the Land of

Promise. The fellowship was also awesome.

May Yahweh bless and keep all the brethren that are striving to make the way of life of the Messiah a reality each and every day.

Thank you, Sincerely,
Georgia, USA

Hi Don & Petra,

I wanted to thank you again for the life changing time we had in Israel. I never dreamed of seeing and experiencing so much in my life in the time that we were there. We can't stop talking about Israel. It is sad to be back in Babylon. But the fire within us is burning with

the passion and will to live more for Him.

We truly want to live our lives with more holiness and open ourselves to serve more even in our little area without anyone. We have made some relationships in Israel and truly value them. We love you and are praying for you and are grateful for all that you have done for us and continue to do for the brethren. We have never met anyone else that lives, breathes, walks, talks the truth like you do.

Blessings in Yahweh, Ohio USA

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.....

Q - Please explain Math 24:40-41, "**40 At that time two will be out in the field; the one is taken away, and the one is left; 41 two grinding at the mill; one is taken away, and one is left.**

Is this the rapture, and who are taken and to where, and who are left?

A- No this is not the rapture, as the rapture is a false teaching that was never believed by the early congregation, but was only thought up in the last 100 years.

Also, remember you must put line upon line and precept upon precept and let the bible interpret itself. If you read all of Mathew 24 in context you will see that when these people are being taken it is already after Yahshua has returned to earth and the elect have been transformed into glorified beings (Math 24:29-31).

Now let's look at the corresponding scripture in Luke and see who these people are that are alive at Messiah's second coming, but yet are not firstfruits and are not changed into glorified beings at His appearance?

Luk 17:34 I say to you, In that night two will be on one bed; the one will be taken and the other will be left.

Luk 17:35 Two will be grinding together; one will be taken and the other will be left.

Luk 17:36 Two will be in the field, the one will be taken and the other will be left.

Luk 17:37 And answering, they said to Him, Where, Lord? And He said to them, Where the dead bodies are, there the eagles will be gathered together.

The people who are taken away in verse 40 and 41 of Mathew 24 are not being rewarded, but rather they are being taken to where the other evil humans will be burned in the Lake of Fire, which is an actual valley in Jerusalem on the southwest corner, called the Valley of Hinnom, or Valley of Ge-Henna.

This is the judgment spoke about in Mathew 25:41-46. Also, look at the corresponding scripture in Mathew 13:40-42.

Mat 13:40 Then as the tares are gathered and is consumed in the fire, so it will be in the completion of this age.

Mat 13:41 The Son of Man will send forth His cherubs, and they will gather out of His kingdom all the offences, and those who practice lawlessness.

Mat 13:42 And they will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.

At Messiah's return, all those who teach against the Torah and practice lawlessness will be taken and thrown into the Lake of fire and burned up.

If you have any questions you would like answered please send them into us and we will try our best to answer then as space allows.

The Mystery of the Lineage of the Messiah

By Don Esposito



Every bible student from time immemorial knows that it was prophesied that the Messiah would be born a Jew through the lineage of Judah.

Mic 5:2 And you, Bethlehem Ephratah, being least among the thousands of Judah, out of you He shall come forth to Me to become One ruling in Israel; and His goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity.

And the Messiah would not be born through any Jew, but particularly, Yahweh made a promise to David that his Son would sit upon his throne forever and ever.

2Sa 7:11b-16 And Yahweh declares to you that Yahweh will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled, and you lie with your fathers, then I shall raise up your seed after you, who shall come out from your bowels, and I shall establish His kingdom. (speaking of the Messiah). He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of His kingdom forever. I shall be a father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me. When He takes iniquity, then I will chasten Him with a rod of men, and with strokes of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not be taken from Him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And Your house shall be established, and Your kingdom before You forever. Your throne shall be established forever.

Many people have wrongly thought that this scripture was referring to King Solomon. That is not correct. King Solomon's kingdom did not last forever; rather, it was ripped out of his

hand and divided because of his worship of pagan deities. As a matter of fact, we know that this scripture can't be talking about Solomon because Solomon's descendant, Jeconiah, was told that he would never have a son to sit on the throne of Israel again.

Jer 22:28 Is this man Jeconiah a despised, broken jar, or a vessel in which is no pleasure?

Jer 22:30 So says Yahweh, Write this man childless, a man who will not prosper in his days. For not one from his seed will succeed, a man sitting on the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.

Yet David promised Bath Sheba that her Son would sit on the throne. How could this be? The answer lies in the correct translation of 1Ki 5:5.

1Ki 5:5 And, behold, I am commanding a house to be built to the Name of Yahweh my Elohim, as Yahweh spoke to my father David, saying, Your son, whom I will appoint (Nathan) in your place (to be rival with) on your throne, he shall build the house for My Name.

The Hebrew word for appoint in 1Kings 5:5 is "Nathan." Nathan was the brother of Solomon, and also son of Bath Sheba. So the prophecy of David's throne being forever was not through the line of *Solomon and Jechoniah*, but through the line of **Nathan**. It is saying that Nathan would be appointed in the place of Solomon. Interestingly enough, Nathan was also in the genealogy of Yahshua.

Luk 3:31 the son of Menan, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

Another Scripture proving the predominance of the tribe of Nathan over Solomon is in the book of Zechariah.

Zec 12:12-13 And the land shall mourn, each family apart: the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

This is a Scripture talking about the tribe of Judah mourning when the Messiah, Yahshua, returns. Once again notice, though, that it contrasts the most predominant tribe "Nathan" with the least predominant tribe "Shimei." Solomon is not even mentioned. What a joy to both Jew and Believer alike to know that Jeconiah did not destroy this great promise to King David of ruler ship through his son forever, but that the promise was through Nathan all along.

It is also interesting to note that a false Messiah will come in the end time, and he could possible come through the cursed line of Solomon, as the Rabbi's in Israel believe that the Messiah will still come from Solomon's lineage and not Nathan's. It will be exciting in these end times to see these prophecies come to pass and to witness the return of the true Messiah, Yahshua back to the earth.

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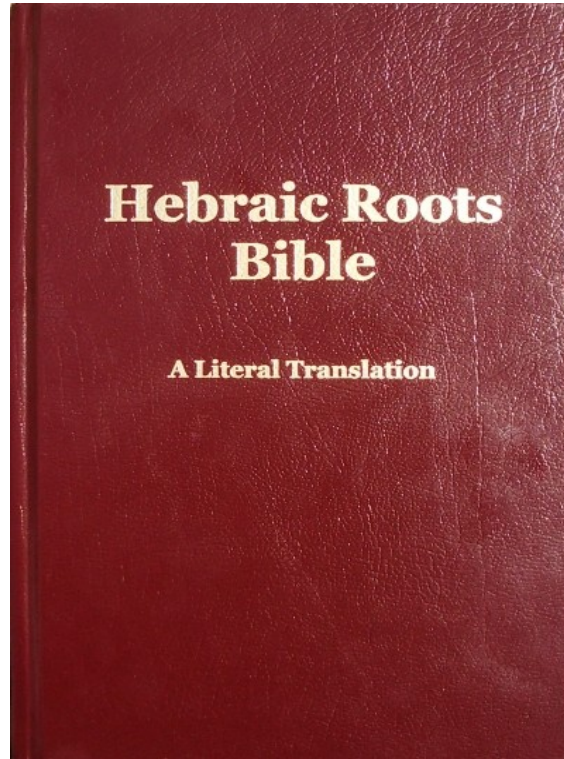
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