

Elohim, and served the Ba'als and the Ashērahs.**BDB Definition:**

Baal = “lord”

1) supreme male divinity of the Phoenicians or Canaanites (noun proper masculine)

BDB Definition: Ashera(h) = “groves (for idol worship)”

1) a Babylonian (Astarte)-Canaanite goddess (of fortune and happiness), the supposed consort of Baal, her images

1a) the goddess, goddesses 1b) her images 1c) sacred trees or poles set up near an altar

Jdg 3:8 And **the displeasure of יהוה burned against Yisra'ël**, and He sold them into the hand of **Kushan-Rish'athayim** sovereign of Aram Naharayim. And the children of Yisra'ël served Kushan-Rish'athayim eight years.

Jdg 3:9 And when the **children of Yisra'ël cried out to יהוה, יהוה raised up a savior for the children of Yisra'ël, who saved them: Othni'ël son of Qenaz, Kalēb's younger brother.**

Jdg 3:10 And **the Spirit of יהוה came upon him, and he ruled Yisra'ël, and went out to battle, and יהוה gave into his hand Kushan-Rish'athayim sovereign of Aram Naharayim. And his hand prevailed over Kushan-Rish'athayim.**

Jdg 3:11 and the **land had rest for forty years. Then Othni'ël son of Qenaz died.**

BDB Definition: Chushan-rishathaim = “twice-wicked Cushan”

1) a king of Mesopotamia defeated by the judge Othniel the son-in-law of Caleb

BDB Definition: Othniel = “lion of God”

1) son of Kenaz, younger brother of Caleb, and husband of Achsah the daughter of Caleb and his own niece; first judge of Israel, who after the death of Joshua, delivered the Israelites from the oppression of Chushanrithathaim

Ehud - **BDB Definition:** Ehud = “united” 1) great grandson of Benjamin

Jdg 3:12 and **the children of Yisra'ël again did evil in the eyes of יהוה.** And יהוה made **Eğlon** sovereign of Mo'ab strong against Yisra'ël, because they had done evil in the eyes of יהוה.

Jdg 3:13 And he gathered **to himself the children of Ammon and Amalēq, and went and struck Yisra'ël, and they took possession of the city of palms.**

Jdg 3:14 And the children of **Yisra'ël served Eğlon sovereign of Mo'ab eighteen years.**

Jdg 3:15 And when the children of Yisra'ël cried out to יהוה, יהוה raised up a savior for them: **Ĕhud son of Gēra, a Binyamite, a man impeded in his right hand.** And by him the children of Yisra'ël sent a present to Eğlon sovereign of Mo'ab.

The successful strategy of Ehud. What bravery!

Jdg 3:16 And Ĕhud made himself a sword, it was double-edged and a cubit in length, and he girded it under his long robe on his right thigh.

Jdg 3:17 And he brought the present to Eġlon sovereign of Mo'ab. Now **Eġlon was a very fat man.**

Jdg 3:18 And it came to be that when he had finished bringing near the present, he sent away the people bearing the present.

Jdg 3:19 But **he himself turned back from the stone images that were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O sovereign."** And he said, "Be silent!" And all those standing beside him went out from him.

Jdg 3:20 And Ĕhud came to him while he was sitting in his cool roof room. And Ĕhud said, "I have a message from Elohim for you." So he arose from his seat.

Jdg 3:21 And Ĕhud reached with his left hand, and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his stomach.

Jdg 3:22 And the handle went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his stomach, and it came out behind.

Jdg 3:23 Then Ĕhud went out to the porch and shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

Jdg 3:24 And when he had gone out, his servants came to look and saw the doors of the roof room were locked. So they said, "He is only covering his feet in the cool roof room."

Jdg 3:25 And they waited until they were ashamed, but saw he was not opening the doors of the upper room. So they took the key and opened them and saw their master, fallen to the ground, dead.

Jdg 3:26 **But while they were delaying Ĕhud escaped and had passed beyond the stone images, and escaped to Se'irah.**

Jdg 3:27 **And it came to be, when he arrived, that he blew the shophar^a in the mountains of Ephrayim, and the children of Yisra'el went down with him from the mountains, with him leading them.** Footnote: ^aAnimal horn, traditionally a ram's horn.

Jdg 3:28 **And he said to them, "Follow me, for יהוה has given your enemies the Mo'abites into your hand."** **And they went down after him, and took the fords of Yarden leading to Mo'ab, and did not allow anyone to pass over.**

Jdg 3:29 **And they struck about ten thousand men of Mo'ab at that time, all robust and brave men, and not a man escaped.**

Jdg 3:30 And on that day Mo'ab was humbled under the hand of Yisra'el. And **the land had rest for eighty years.**

Shamgar

Jdg 3:31 And after him was Shamgar son of Anath, and he struck six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad. And he too saved Yisra'el.

BDB Definition: Shamgar = "sword"

1) son of Anath and a judge of Israel; with an ox-goad he slew 600 Philistines and delivered Israel

Acts 7

In Acts 7, Stephen gives the perfect Melchizedek Covenant Confirming Gospel message. He starts at the beginning with YHWH's Promise given to Abraham. This chapter is so much more than a 'speech', so take your time and hear the message beautifully articulated. These would be some of Stephen's last words and how glorious they are! Stephen is the first martyr to give His life for sharing the message of Yahusha HaMashiach.

Stephen's Speech

Act 7:1 And the high priest said, "Is this so?"

*YHWH gives Abraham His Unconditional **Promise**: Gen. 12:1 - 7*

Act 7:2 **And he replied**, "Men, brothers and fathers, listen: **The Elohim of esteem appeared to our father Abraham** when he was in Aram Naharayim, before he dwelt in Haran,

Act 7:3 **and said to him, 'Come out of your land and from your relatives, and come here, into a land that I shall show you.'** [Gen 12:1](#).

Act 7:4 "Then he came out of the land of the Kasdim and dwelt in Haran. And from there, after the death of his father, He removed him to this land in which you now dwell.

Act 7:5 "And He gave him no inheritance in it, **not a foot of it.** [Deu 2:5](#) **But He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him**^a [Gen 12:7](#), [Gen 17:8](#) when as yet he had no child. Footnote: ^aAlso see [Gen 13:15](#), [Gen 15:4](#), [Gen 15:7](#), [Gen 15:18-21](#), [Gen 24:7](#), [Gen 48:4](#).

YHWH gives Abraham a 'guarantee' by the flaying of the animals. [Gen. 15] Now, if the covenant is broken; someone would have to die. We now know Yahusha would choose to lay down His life and take it back up again.

Act 7:6 "And Elohim spoke in this way: that **his seed would be sojourning in a foreign land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.** [Gen 15:13](#).

Act 7:7 '**And the nation to whom they shall be enslaved, I shall judge,**' [Gen 15:13](#) said Elohim, '**and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.**' [Gen 15:14](#), [Exo 3:12](#).

YHWH gives Abraham the covenant of circumcision. The covenant seed would 'pass through' the flayed flesh of Abraham's circumcision and be conceived in Sarah and she would bear Isaac. Abraham at age 99 and Ishmael at 13 were circumcised on the same day; therefore, the seed that formed Ishmael did not pass through Abram's circumcised flesh, nor was his mother Sarah.

Act 7:8 “And He gave him **the covenant of circumcision**. And so he brought forth Yitshaq and circumcised him on the eighth day. And Yitshaq *brought forth* Ya'aqob, and Ya'aqob *brought forth* the twelve ancestors.

[The following Scriptures relate to the covenant of circumcision.]

Gen 17:10 “This is My covenant which you guard between Me and you, and your seed after you: **Every male child among you is to be circumcised**.

 Gen 17:19 And Elohim said, “No, **Sarah your wife is truly bearing a son to you**, and you shall call his **name Yitshaq**. And **I shall establish My covenant with him** for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

 Gen 17:24 And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. Gen 17:25 And Yishma'el his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. Gen 17:26 Abraham and his son Yishma'el were circumcised that same day.

Stephen tells of the jealousy of Joseph bearing the favor of his father Jacob [Israel]. YHWH works everything for good to preserve the covenant seed of righteousness.

Act 7:9 “And the ancestors, **becoming jealous, sold Yosëph into Mitsrayim. But Elohim was with him**, [Gen 37:11](#), [Gen 37:28](#), [Gen 39:2](#), [Gen 39:21](#).

Act 7:10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and **gave him favour** [Gen 39:21](#) and wisdom **before Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim. And he appointed him governor over Mitsrayim and all his house.** [Gen 41:37-46](#).

Act 7:11 “**Then a scarcity of food and great distress came over all the land of Mitsrayim and Kena'an**, [Gen 41:54](#), [Gen 42:5](#) and our fathers found no food.

Act 7:12 “But Ya'aqob heard that there was grain in Mitsrayim, [Gen 42:2](#) and he sent out our fathers the first time,

Act 7:13 and at **the second time** Yosëph was made known to his brothers, and Yosëph's race became known to the Pharaoh.

Act 7:14 “**And Yosëph sent and called his father Ya'aqob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people.**

Act 7:15 “And **Ya'aqob went down to Mitsrayim, and died**, he and our fathers, [Gen 46:5](#); [Gen 49:33](#), [Exo 1:6](#).

Act 7:16 and they were brought **over to Shekem** and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price of silver from the sons of Hamor, *the father* of Shekem.

Egyptian Slavery

Act 7:17 “**But as the time of the promise drew near which Elohim had sworn to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Mitsrayim**

Act 7:18 until **another sovereign arose who did not know Yosëph.** [Exo 1:8](#).

Act 7:19 “Having dealt treacherously with our race, this one mistreated our fathers, making them expose their babies, so that they should not live.

Birth of Moses

Act 7:20 “At that time Mosheh was born, and he was well-pleasing to Elohim. And he was reared three months in the house of his father.

Act 7:21 “But when he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and reared him as her own son.

Act 7:22 “And **Mosheh was instructed in all the wisdom of the Mitsrites, and was mighty in words and works.**

Act 7:23 “And when he was **forty years old**, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Yisra’ël.

Act 7:24 “And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended and revenged him who was oppressed, smiting the Mitsrian.

Act 7:25 “And he thought that his brothers would have understood that Elohim would give deliverance to them by his hand, but they did not understand.

Act 7:26 “And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and urged them to peace, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers, why do you wrong one another?’

Act 7:27 “But he who was wronging his neighbour pushed him away, saying, **‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’**

Act 7:28 **‘Do you wish to kill me as you killed the Mitsrian yesterday?’** [Exo 2:14](#).

Moses flees to Midyan

Act 7:29 “And at this saying, **Mosheh fled and became a sojourner in the land of Midyan**, [Exo 2:15](#) where he fathered two sons.

YHWH appears to Moses at the burning bush:

Act 7:30 “And **after forty years** were completed, a **Messenger of יהוה** appeared to him in a **flame of fire in a bush**, [Exo 3:2](#) in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

Act 7:31 “And Mosheh, seeing it, marveled at the sight, and coming near to look, the voice of יהוה came to him,

Act 7:32 saying, **‘I am the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham and the Elohim of Yitshaq and the Elohim of Ya‘aqob.’ And Mosheh trembled and did not have the courage to look.**

Act 7:33 ‘But יהוה said to him, **‘Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is set-apart ground.**

Act 7:34 “I have certainly seen the evil treatment of my people who are in Mitsrayim, and I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, let Me send you to Mitsrayim.” ’ [Exo 3:6-10](#).

Act 7:35 “This Mosheh whom they had refused, saying, **‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’** [Exo 2:14](#) – this one Elohim sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Messenger who appeared to him in the bush.

Act 7:36 **‘This one led them out,** after he had done wonders and signs in the land of Mitsrayim,

and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Moses is raised up to lead the people out of Egypt. Notice the 40/40/40 cycle of Moses. Forty years in Egypt; 40 years in Midyan; 40 years in the wilderness.

The Book of the Covenant, the marriage Ketubah at Mt. Sinai is given to the people. Though they accept His proposal; though it is blood ratified along with the covenant confirming meal; they are disobedient in just 40 days and sin with the golden calf breaking the covenant.

Act 7:37 “This is the Mosheh who said to the children of Yisra’ël, **‘יהוה your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brothers. Him you shall hear.’** [Deu 18:15](#).

Act 7:38 “This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the Messenger who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, **who received the living Words to give to us,**

Act 7:39 unto whom our fathers would not become obedient, but thrust away, and in their hearts they turned back to Mitsrayim,

Aaron makes the golden calf as the people requested.

Act 7:40 saying to **Aharon**, **‘Make us mighty ones to go before us, for this Mosheh who led us out of the land of Mitsrayim, we do not know what has become of him.’** [Exo 32:1](#), [Exo 32:23](#).

Act 7:41 “And they made a calf in those days, and brought an offering to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their own hands.

Act 7:42 “**So Elohim turned and gave them up to worship the host of the heaven,**^b as it has been written in the book of the Prophets, **‘Did you bring slaughtered beasts and offerings unto Me during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Yisra’ël? Footnote: ^b [Deu 4:19](#), [Deu 17:3](#), [2Ki 23:5](#).**

Act 7:43 **‘And you **took up the tent of Molek, and the star of your mighty one Kiyyun, images which you made to bow before them. Therefore I shall remove you beyond Babel.**’** [Amo 5:25-27](#).

Implementation of the Book of the Law under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood: Moses and Joshua were the only two that were not present with the sinning of the golden calf. Moses was still under the Melchizedek Priesthood along with Joshua.

Keep in mind, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu were also once under the Melchizedek Priesthood as they were present at the Covenant confirming meal in Exodus. 24:9-11. They saw the Elohim of Israel and were not harmed. Now things would be different and much more complicated. The **Book of the Law** would serve as their tutor and as a witness against them; until Yahusha would come.

Act 7:44 “The **Tent of Witness** was with our fathers in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Mosheh to make it according to the pattern that he had seen,

Act 7:45 which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Yehoshua into the land possessed by the nations, whom Elohim drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of Dawid,

David found favor before Elohim, but Solomon would build the House of Elohim, the temple.

Act 7:46 who found favour before Elohim and asked to find a dwelling for the Elohim of Ya'aqob,

Act 7:47 but Shelomoh built Him a house.

YHWH doesn't dwell in dwellings made with hands. Now, for those that receive Him by faith, His Ruach HaKodesh dwells in man; we are the temple; the living stones being made into the 'one new man' with Yahusha HaMashiach as the head.

Act 7:48 “However, **the Most High does not dwell in dwellings made with hands,**^c as the prophet says: Footnote: ^cSee also [Act 17:24](#).

Act 7:49 ‘The heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. What house shall you build for Me? says יהוה, or what is the place of My rest?’

Act 7:50 ‘Has My hand not made all these?’ [Isa 66:1-2](#).

Act 7:51 “You stiff-necked [Exo 32:9](#), [Exo 33:3](#), [Exo 33:5](#) and uncircumcised in heart and ears! [Lev 26:41](#), [Jer 6:10](#) You always resist the Set-apart Spirit, **as your fathers did, you also do.**

Act 7:52 “Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who before announced the coming of the **Righteous One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers.**

Act 7:53 who received the Torah as it was ordained by messengers, but **did not watch over^d it.**”

Footnote: ^dSee [Mat 5:20](#).

The Stoning of Stephen – The council's response shows the manifestation of the Anti-messiah spirit they were under. Something is terribly wrong when people start gnashing their teeth like a wild animal.

Act 7:54 And hearing this they were **cut to the hearts and gnashed the teeth at him.**

Act 7:55 **But he, being filled with the Set-apart Spirit,** looked steadily into the heaven and saw the esteem of Elohim, and **יהושע standing at the right hand of Elohim,**

Act 7:56 and he said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Adam **standing at the right hand of Elohim!**” [Psa 110:1](#).

Act 7:57 And **crying out with a loud voice,** they stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one mind,

Now we see the presence of Paul [Shaul] who would soon become YHWH's chosen vessel. It is believed that Paul never really got over being there at the stoning of Stephen. But praise Yah that YHWH used all these things for good in spreading the Good News.

Act 7:58 and **threw him out of the city and stoned him.** And **the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Sha'ul.**

Act 7:59 And they were stoning Stephanos as he was calling and saying, "Master יהושע, receive my spirit."

Act 7:60 And kneeling down he cried out with a loud voice, "Master, do not hold this sin against them." And having said this, he fell asleep.

Jeremiah 16

'Do not's' and the missing voices...

Famine, Sword, and Death

Jer 16:1 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Jer 16:2 "**Do not take a wife, nor have sons or daughters in this place.**"

Jer 16:3 For thus said יהוה concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bear them and their fathers who bring them forth in this land,

Jer 16:4 "They shall die of deaths from diseases, they shall not be lamented nor be buried, but be like dung on the face of the earth, and be consumed by sword and by scarcity of food. And their corpses shall be meat for the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth."

Jer 16:5 For thus said יהוה, "**Do not enter the house of mourning, neither go to lament or mourn for them, for I have withdrawn My peace from this people,**" declares יהוה, "**even the loving-commitment and the compassions.**"

Jer 16:6 "Both great and small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried, and no one shall lament for them, or cut themselves, or make themselves bald for them.

Jer 16:7 "Neither shall they break bread in mourning for them to comfort them for the dead, nor give them the cup of comfort to drink for their father or their mother.

Jer 16:8 "**Do not enter the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and drink.**"

Jer 16:9 For thus said יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra'el, "See, before your eyes and in your days, I am making

- **the voice** of rejoicing and
- **the voice** of gladness,
- **the voice** of the bridegroom and
- **the voice** of the bride to cease in this place.

Jer 16:10 "And it shall be, when you declare to this people all these words, and they shall say to you, 'Why has יהוה pronounced all this great evil against us? And what is our crookedness, and what is our sin that we have committed against יהוה our Elohim?'

Jer 16:11 **then you shall say to them,**

- 'Because your fathers have forsaken Me,' declares יהוה, 'and
- have walked after other mighty ones and
- served them and bowed themselves to them, and
- have forsaken Me, and
- did not guard My Torah.

Jer 16:12 And **you have done more evil than your fathers,** for look, **each one walks according to the stubbornness of his own evil heart, without listening to Me.**

Jer 16:13 So I shall throw you out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers. And there you shall serve other mighty ones day and night, where I show you no favour.'

YHWH Will Restore Israel

Jer 16:14 **"Therefore see,** the days are coming," declares יהוה, **"when it is no longer said,** 'יהוה lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el from the land of Mitsrayim,'

Jer 16:15 **but, יהוה lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.'** For I shall bring them back into their land I gave to their fathers.

Praise Yah! In Jer. 16:15, yet once more He is gathering us, the children of Israel and those grafted in. Yet, we should be mindful that we should continue to run the race to the very end and stay on the narrow path of righteousness.

- Jer 16:16 **"See, I am sending for many fishermen,"** declares יהוה, **"and they shall fish them.** And after that
- I shall **send for many hunters,** and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

Jer 16:17 **"For My eyes are on all their ways;** they have not been hidden from My face, nor has their crookedness been hidden from My eyes.

Jer 16:18 **"And first I shall repay double for their crookedness and their sin,** because they have defiled My land with the dead bodies of their disgusting *matters*, and have filled My inheritance with their abominations."

Jer 16:19 O יהוה, my strength and my stronghold and my refuge, in the day of distress the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers have inherited only falsehood, futility, and **there is no value in them.**"^a Footnote: ^aSee also [Psa 147:19](#), [Isa 2:3](#), [Isa 60:2-3](#), [Joh 4:22](#), [Rom 2:20](#), [Rom 3:2](#) and [Rom 9:4](#).

Jer 16:20 Would a man make mighty ones for himself, which are not mighty ones?

Jer 16:21 **"Therefore see, I am causing them to know, this time I cause them to know My hand and My might. And they shall know that My Name is יהוה"**

Mark 2

Yahusha Heals a Paralytic

Mar 2:1 And some days later He again entered into Kephrah Nahum, and it was heard that He was in the house.

Mar 2:2 And so many gathered together, that there was no more room, not even at the door. And **He spoke the Word to them.**

Mar 2:3 **And they came to Him, bringing a paralytic, carried by four.**

Mar 2:4 And not being able to come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. And when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

Mar 2:5 And when יהושע saw their belief, He said to the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven you.”**

Mar 2:6 **Now some of the scribes were sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,**

Mar 2:7 “Why does this One talk like this? He is blaspheming! Who is able to forgive sins but Elohim alone?”

Mar 2:8 And immediately יהושע, knowing in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, **“Why do you reason about all this in your hearts?”**

Mar 2:9 “Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?”

Mar 2:10 **“But in order for you to know that the Son of Adam possesses authority on earth to forgive sins...”** He said to the paralytic,

Mar 2:11 “I say to you, rise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

Mar 2:12 And he rose straightaway, and took up the bed, and went out before all, so that all were amazed and praised Elohim, saying, “We have never seen the like of it!”

Yahusha posed the question: Which is easier, to say to the paralytic?

1. **Your sins are forgiven.** – This Yahusha had already done. This could not be **‘seen’** by others.
2. **Rise take up your bed and walk.** – This Yahusha did so they could **‘see’** His authority not only to forgive sin; but His authority to heal and fully restore.

Yahusha Calls Levi – Levi is another name used for Matthew. When Matthew heard His voice; he immediately followed Him. Tax collectors were known to have had shady practices; but didn’t we all before we responded to His call.

Yahusha comes to us just as we are; but He refuses to leave us that way. He does a divine renovation in our lives. At first there are many things torn away or removed; other areas reinforced and strengthened; and then; new materials are brought in through His Word to build us up in Him.

Mar 2:13 And He went out again by the sea, and all the crowd was coming to Him, and He taught them.

Mar 2:14 And passing by, He saw Lēwi the son of Alphaï sitting at the tax office, and said to him, “Follow Me.” And having risen he followed Him.

Mar 2:15 And it came to be, as He sat at the table at his house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat with יהושע and His taught ones, for there were many, and they followed Him.

Mar 2:16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His taught ones, “Why does He eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Mar 2:17 And hearing this, יהושע said to them, **“Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.”**

A Question About Fasting

Mar 2:18 And the taught ones of Yoḥanan and of the Pharisees were fasting. And they came and said to Him, **“Why do the taught ones of Yoḥanan and of the Pharisees fast, but Your taught ones do not fast?”**

Mar 2:19 **And יהושע said to them, “Are the friends of the bridegroom able to fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they are not able to fast.”**

Mar 2:20 **“But the days shall come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast in those days.”**

Mar 2:21 “And no one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, otherwise the renewed piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.

Mar 2:22 “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine runs out, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine is to be put into fresh wineskins.”

We become a new creation in Him; and with that the Ruach HaKodesh comes to live in us and through us. Those that do not have faith in Yahusha would never be able to house the Ruach HaKodesh. They would be consumed.

Only His kingdom of priests can come before His throne; He doesn't receive or allow any 'strange fire' or beliefs of other little 'g' gods.

Soon, Satan's time will be up, and he will be cast down to earth; he had once been the Cherub that covered; but soon he will be cut off.

Eze 28:13 “You were in Ĕden, the garden of Elohim. Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, topaz, and diamond, beryl, shoham, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald and gold. The workmanship of your settings and mountings was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Eze 28:14 “You were the anointed kerub that covered. And I placed you, you were on the set-apart mountain of Elohim. You walked up and down in the midst of stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

Eze 28:16 “By the greatness of your trade you became filled with violence within, and you sinned. So I thrust you from the mountain of Elohim, and I destroyed you, O covering kerub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your loveliness, you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendour. I threw you to the earth, I laid you before sovereigns, to look at you.

Eze 28:18 “You profaned your set-apart places by your many crookednesses, by the unrighteousness of your trading. Therefore I brought forth fire from your midst. It has devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth before the eyes of all who see you.

Eze 28:19 “All who knew you among the peoples were astonished at you. Waste you shall be, and cease to be, forever.” ’ ’ ”

Yahusha is Elohim of the Sabbath

Mar 2:23 And it came to be that He went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And as they went His taught ones began to pluck heads of grain,

Mar 2:24 and the Pharisees said to Him, “**Look, why do they do what is not right on the Sabbath?**”

Mar 2:25 And He said to them, “Have you never read what Dawid did when he had need and was hungry, he and those with him?”

Mar 2:26 “How he went into the House of Elohim, while Ebyathar was high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not right to eat, except for the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?”

Mar 2:27 And He said to them, “**The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.**

Mar 2:28 “So the Son of Adam is also **Master of the Sabbath.**”^a Footnote: ^aSee also [Gen 2:2-3](#).

Yahusha wants us to be at ‘rest’ in Him on the Sabbath. He knows this world can consume every free minute that a person has; but He wants us to redeem the time; He wants us to take pause and sit at His feet; He wants to fill us with a fresh Word and revitalize our being. He also, wants us to ‘rehearse’ for His soon return.

He wants to hear from us about the good things; the bad things; and He wants to hear about the desires of our hearts. He is our Groom and we are His beloved. We are betrothed to Him. During this time, we practice those things pleasing to Him as we mature as His bride.

Under the Book of the Law, the Sabbath was mandated to be observed. Violation of the Sabbath under the Book of the Law was worthy of death. The Book of the Law was a schoolmaster that enforced obedience in order to hopefully train the people in the ways of YHWH and point to Yahusha. The Book of the Law was unforgiving; yet it served its purpose to spare their lives after the sin of the golden calf; until Yahusha could come and give 'rest.' Now, we still keep Sabbath under Covenant Torah and we fully enter His rest through Yahusha, our Advocate.

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