

Week 41: Phineas 'Pinchas': Numbers 25:9 - 29; 1 Kings 18:45-19:21; Matthew 26:1-30

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PIN'CHAS פינחס Phinehas/dark- skinned Num 25:10-29:40

The peril of syncretism is the account found in Torah parsha Pinchas. The error at the Acacia Grove in Num. 25 is: don't be distinct, blend in with the culture. The grace of Balaam is lawlessness, it teaches that it's okay to assimilate the worship practices of Ishtar into the festivals of the Creator. Yahusha has strong words against the assembly in Pergamos in Rev. 2.

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Numbers 25

Numbers 25 opens with the children of Israel encamping at Shittim.

BDB Definition: Shittim = “the acacias”

1) **place of Israel's encampment between the conquest of the Transjordan region and crossing the Jordan into Canaan**

2) a place west of Jerusalem

In Numbers 25, we are about to witness how the enemy truly works. We saw that King Balak of Moab, failed to curse Israel through Balaam's use of divination; and slaughterings done to his gods on the high places. Balak had promised Balaam great esteem and other 'perks' which were meant to appeal to his 'pride of life'.

Before we go any further, there is a point screaming to be made. **YHWH had protected the** children of Israel from being cursed by Balak and Balaam. Question: Were the children of Israel even aware of YHWH's protection and intervention? Did they know they were being stalked and divination was being done against them on the surrounding 'high places'? Did they hear the blessings spoken over them from those 'high places' and let their guard down thinking it was the surrounding nations blessings them, rather than YHWH? What do you surmise?

In Numbers 25, we see the enemy change his strategies by slithering enticements into the encampment of the Israelites another way - lust. This time the enemy would use the temptation categories of the 'lust of the flesh' and the 'lust of the eyes.' Sadly, the children of Israel succumb. We read:

Num 25:1 And Yisra'el dwelt in Shittim, and **the people began to whore with the daughters of Mo'ab,**

Num 25:2 and **they invited the people to the slaughterings of their mighty ones, and the people ate and bowed down to their mighty ones.**

Num 25:3 **Thus Yisra'el was joined to Ba'al Pe'or, and the displeasure of יהוה burned against Yisra'el.**

Recall that the last 'high place' Balak moved Balaam to was Peor. Peor was defined as follows:

Peor = "cleft"

1) a mountain peak in Moab belonging to the Abarim range and near Pisgah (noun proper locative)

2) **a false god worshipped in Moab; corresponds to Baal** (noun proper deity)

The scripture specifically states the people 'began to whore with the daughters of Moab.' However, it doesn't specifically say only the men whored, but the people began to whore with the daughters. These enticements were probably not only sexual enticements but the enticements of the physical appetites of meats and drinks etc.

Under the Book of the Law, there was no barrier for disobedience between the children of Israel and the wrath of YHWH. Moses could only intercede to a certain point. The consequence to their lustful sins results in the plague **killing 24,000!**

Also, in Numbers 25 we are introduced to **the zeal of Phinehas (Pinehas)**. Phinehas is the son of Elazar. Elazar, we recall took the high priest position after the death of his father, Aaron. We read:

Num 25:4 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Take all the leaders of the people and hang them up before יהוה, before the sun, so that **the burning displeasure** of יהוה turns away from Yisra'el."

Num 25:5 And Mosheh said to the judges of Yisra'el, "**Each one of you kill his men who were joined to Ba'al Pe'or.**"

Num 25:6 And see, one of the children of Yisra'el came and brought to his brothers a Midyanite woman before the eyes of Mosheh and before the eyes of all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el, who were weeping at the door of the Tent of Appointment.



Num 25:7 And when **Pinehas, son of El'azar,** son of Aharon the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his hand,

Num 25:8 and he went after the man of Yisra'ël into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Yisra'ël, and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague among the children of Yisra'ël came to a stop.

Num 25:9 And those who died in the plague were **twenty-four thousand.**

Because of Phinehas's love for YHWH, his zeal causes him to act swiftly when he searches out this man and woman and thrusts them both with either a sword or spear. Because of Phinehas's quick action, YHWH stops the plague of death. We read:

The Zeal of Phinehas

Num 25:10 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 25:11 "Pinehas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, **has turned back My wrath from the children of Yisra'ël, because he was ardent with My ardour in their midst, so that I did not consume the children of Yisra'ël in My ardour.**

Num 25:12 "Therefore say, 'See, I am giving him **My covenant of peace,**

Num 25:13 and **it shall be to him and to his seed after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was ardent for his Elohim, and made atonement for the children of Yisra'ël.'** "

Here we read about 'My covenant of peace' which was to be to Phinehas and his seed after him, a covenant of an 'everlasting' priesthood; some believe 'everlasting' here meant without end or eternal. However, the term everlasting, 'olam', must be kept in context to quantify its usage. Case in point, Exodus 40:15.

Exo 40:15 and shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, and they shall serve as priests to Me. And their anointing shall be for them an everlasting [olam] priesthood **throughout their generations.**"

Keep in mind, the tribe of Levi, like all the other tribes are welcome to enter through the Door, Yahusha HaMashiach, of the Melchizedek priesthood by accepting the eternally everlasting new covenant. Those entering the new covenant of the Melchizedek Priesthood, are made into His kingdom of priests, inclusive of every tongue, TRIBE, people and nation!

The earthly Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was a type and shadow of a better priesthood to come based on 'BETTER' promises. The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood along with the Tabernacle/Temple earthly system, served as a living parable pointing to Yahusha, the Tent made without hands.

In Yahusha HaMashiach, we have been made into a kingdom of priests that ACTIVELY serve Him on earth and ultimately in eternity. We are under His Kingly and High Priestly authority, the One who sits at the right hand of YHWH! There can only be one reigning priesthood and one reigning High Priest! A last will and testament usurp previous testaments (brits/covenants) though it may keep many of the same elements.

We need **to take pause** here to see priestly **transferences within** the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This will show that Phinehas' "everlasting priesthood" was for his 'definite period' as represented below.

We see that Phinehas' priestly office of **his Elazar lineage** was transferred to the Ithamar line yet still under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood; then, when Abiathar conspires against Solomon, the priestly office transfers to Zadok, the descendant of Uzzi, placing the priestly office once again under **the Elazar line all still under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood**. The Wikipedia excerpt walks this out in the below timeline.

(Excerpt from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_High_Priests_of_Israel)

"From the Exodus to Solomon's Temple

The following section is based on information found in the various books of the Bible, including the genealogies given in First Book of Chronicles and the Book of Ezra, the works of Josephus^[1] and the early-medieval Seder Olam Zutta.

- **Aaron**
- **Eleazar**, son of Aaron (Numbers 20:28)
- **Phinehas**, son of Eleazar
- **Abishua**, son of Phinehas
- The Samaritans insert Shesha as the son of Abishua and father of Bukki.^[citation needed]
- **Bukki**, son of **Abishua**
- **Uzzi**, son of **Bukki**

Though Phinehas and his descendants are not directly attested as high priests, this portion of the genealogy given in 1 Chronicles 6:3-15 is assumed by other sources (including Josephus^[2] and Seder 'Olam Zutta), to give the succession of the office from father to son. **At some time, the**

office was transferred from **descendants of Eleazar** to those of **his brother Ithamar**.^[3] The first known and **most notable high priest of Ithamar's line was Eli**, a contemporary of Samuel.

- **Eli**, descendant of Ithamar, son of Aaron
- Ahitub, son of Phinehas and grandson of Eli
- Ahijah, son of Ahitub
- Ahimelech, son of Ahijah (or brother of Ahijah and son of Ahitub)
- **Abiathar, son of Ahimelech**

Abiathar was removed from the high priesthood for conspiring against King Solomon, and was replaced by **Zadok, son of Ahitub**, who oversaw the construction of the First Temple. According to the genealogies given in 1 Chronicles 6:3-15, **Zadok was a descendant of Uzzi** (through Zerariah, Meraioth, Amariah and Ahitub) and **thus belonged to the line of Eleazar**."

Numbers 25 then identifies those slain by Phinehas. We see it was a Midianite woman. The Moabites and Midianites were allies and probably worshipped the same gods. Not only did the children of Israel suffer a great loss; YHWH, **goes after the source of their vexation**. We read:

Num 25:14 And the name of the man of Yisra'el who was struck, who was struck with the Midyanite woman, was **Zimri, son of Salu, a leader of a father's house among the Shim'onites**.

Num 25:15 And the name of the Midyanite woman who was struck was **Kozbi the daughter of Tsur. He was head of the people of a father's house in Midyan**.

Num 25:16 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 25:17 "Distress the Midyanites! And you shall strike them,

Num 25:18 for they distressed you with their tricks with which they deceived you in the matter of Pe'or and in the matter of Kozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midyan, their sister, who was struck in the day of the plague because of Pe'or."

Numbers 26

In Numbers 26, the counting of the next generation takes place in the desert plains of Moab by the Jordan of Jericho.

Moses and Elazar, Aaron's son, are instructed by YHWH to:

Census of the New Generation

Num 26:1 And it came to be, after the plague, that יהוה spoke to Mosheh and El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, saying,

Num 26:2 "Take a census of all the congregation **of the children of Yisra'el from**

twenty years old and above, by their fathers' houses, everyone going out to the army in Yisra'ël."

Num 26:3 So Mosheh and El'azar the priest spoke with them in the desert plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn of Yeriho, saying,

Num 26:4 *"Take a census of the people from twenty years old and above, as יהוה* commanded Mosheh and the children of Yisra'ël who came out of the land of Mitsrayim."

Num 26:5 Re'ubēn, first-born of Yisra'ël, sons of Re'ubēn: of Ḥanok, the clan of the Ḥanoqites; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluites;

Num 26:6 of Ḥetsron, the clan of the Ḥetsronites; of Karmi, the clan of the Karmites.

Num 26:7 These are the clans of the Re'ubēnites, and their registered ones were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty.

Rueben: 43,730

Ḥanok, the clan of the Ḥanoqites; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluites;
Ḥetsron, the clan of the Ḥetsronites; of Karmi, the clan of the Karmites.

A note is made on the clan of Pallu:

Num 26:8 And the son of Pallu: Eliyaḅ.

Num 26:9 And the sons of Eliyaḅ: Nemu'ël, and **Dathan, and Abiram**. This Dathan and Abiram, were the called ones of the congregation, who contended against Mosheh and against Aharon in the company of Qoraḥ, when they contended against יהוה,

Num 26:10 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Qoraḥ when that company died, when the fire consumed two hundred and fifty men. And they became a sign, **Num 26:11** but the sons of Qorah did not die.

TSK Cross-Reference (Num 26:11) states: It seems to be intimated in Num 16:27, Num 16:31-33, that the sons and the little ones of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, were swallowed up; but the text here expressly affirms, that the children of Korah "died not;" and their descendants were famous even in David's time. On a close inspection, however, of **Num 26:27**, we shall find, that the sons and the little ones of Dathan and Abiram alone are mentioned.

Shim'on: 22,200

Nemu'ël, the clan of the Nemu'ëlites
Yamin, the clan of the Yaminites
Yaḳin, the clan of the Yaḳinites;
Zeraḥ, the clan of the Zarḥites
Sha'ul, the clan of the Sha'ulites

Gad: 40,500

Tsephon, the clan of the Tsephonites

Ḥaggi, the clan of the Ḥaggites

Shuni, the clan of the Shunites

Ozni, the clan of the Oznites

Ĕri, the clan of the Ĕrites

Aroḏ, the clan of the Aroḏites

Arĕli, the clan of the Arĕlites

Judah: 76,500 (NOTE: Ĕr and Onan died in the land of Kena'an.)

Shĕlah, the clan of the Shĕlanites

Perets, the clan of the Partsites [**Son conceived with daughter-in-law Terah**] 1Chron. 2:3-4

Sons of Perets:

Ḥetsron, the clan of the Ḥetsronites

Ḥamul, the clan of the Ḥamulites.

Zeraḥ, the clan of the Zarḥites [Son conceived with daughter-in-law Terah]

Issachar: 64,300

Tola, the clan of the Tolaites

Puwwah, the clan of the Punites

Yashuḃ, the clan of the Yashuḃites

Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites

Zebulun: 60,500

Sereḏ, the clan of the Sardites

Ĕlon, the clan of the Ĕlonites

Yaḥle'ĕl, the clan of the Yaḥle'ĕlites

Joseph: Menashsheh: 52,700 Ephrayim: 32,500

Menashsheh: 52,700

Maḳir, the clan of the Maḳirites. And Maḳir brought forth Gil'aḏ;

Gil'aḏ, the clan of the Gil'aḏites. These are sons of Gil'aḏ:

Iyezer, the clan of the Iyezerites; of Ḥĕleq, the clan of the Ḥĕleqites;

Asri'ĕl, the clan of the Asri'ĕlites; of Sheḳem, the clan of the Sheḳemites; of Shemiḏa, the clan of the Shemiḏaites; of Ḥĕpher, the clan of the Ḥĕpherites. And Tselophḥaḏ son

Ḥĕpher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of **the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ:**

Maḥlah, and No'ah, Hoḡlah, Milkah, and Tirtsah.

Ephrayim: 32,500

Shuthelaḥ, the clan of the Shuthalḥites;

Sons of Shuthelaḥ: of Ĕran, the clan of the Ĕranites

Beḳer, the clan of the Baḳrites;

Taḥan, the clan of the Taḥanites.

Benjamin: 45,600

Bela, the clan of the Belaites

Sons of Bela were Ard and Na'aman

Ard, the clan of the Ardites

Na'aman, the clan of the Na'amites.
 Ashbël, the clan of the Ashbërites
 Aḥiram, the clan of the Aḥiramites
 Shephupham, the clan of the Shephuphamites
 Ḥupham, the clan of the Ḥuphamites.

Dan: [Shuhamites] 64,400

Shuḥam, the clan of the Shuḥamites

Asher: 53,400

Yimna, the clan of the Yimnahites
 Yishwi, the clan of the Yishwites
 Beri'ah, the clan of the Beri'ites
 Sons of Beri'ah
 Ḥeḇer, the clan of the Ḥeḇerites
 Malki'ël, the clan of the Malki'ërites.
 Daughter of Ashër was Seraḥ.

Naphtali: 45,400

Yaḥtse'ël, the clan of the Yaḥtse'ërites
 Guni, the clan of the Gunites
 Yětser, the clan of the Yětserites
 Shillëm, the clan of the Shillëmites.

Total: 601,730

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Num 26:11 but the sons of Qoraḥ did not die.

Num 26:12 Sons of Shim'on according to their clans: of Nemu'ël, the clan of the Nemu'ërites; of Yamin, the clan of the Yaminites; of Yaḳin, the clan of the Yaḳinites;

Num 26:13 of Zeraḥ, the clan of the Zarḥites; of Sha'ul, the clan of the Sha'ulites.

Num 26:14 These are the clans of the Shim'onites: twenty-two thousand two hundred.

Num 26:15 Sons of Gaḏ according to their clans: of Tsephon, the clan of the Tsephonites; of Ḥaggi, the clan of the Ḥaggites; of Shuni, the clan of the Shunites;

Num 26:16 of Ozni, the clan of the Oznites; of Ĕri, the clan of the Ĕrites;

Num 26:17 of Aroḏ, the clan of the Aroḏites; of Arëli, the clan of the Arërites.

Num 26:18 These are the clans of the sons of Gaḏ according to their registered ones:

forty thousand five hundred.

Num 26:19 Sons of Yehuḏah: Ār and Onan. And Ār and Onan died in the land of Kena'an.

Num 26:20 And sons of Yehuḏah according to their clans: of Shēlah, the clan of the Shēlanites; of Perets, the clan of the Partsites; of Zerah, the clan of the Zarḥites.

Num 26:21 And sons of Perets: of Ḥetsron, the clan of the Ḥetsronites; of Ḥamul, the clan of the Ḥamulites.

Num 26:22 These are the clans of Yehuḏah according to their registered ones: seventy-six thousand five hundred.

Num 26:23 Sons of Yissasḵar according to their clans: of Tola, the clan of the Tolaites; of Puwwah, the clan of the Punites;

Num 26:24 of Yashuḅ, the clan of the Yashuḅites; of Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites.

Num 26:25 These are the clans of Yissasḵar according to their registered ones: sixty-four thousand three hundred.

Num 26:26 Sons of Zebulun according to their clans: of Sereḏ, the clan of the Sardites; of Ēlon, the clan of the Ēlonites; of Yaḥle'ēl, the clan of the Yaḥle'ēlites.

Num 26:27 These are the clans of the Zebulunites according to their registered ones: sixty thousand five hundred.

Num 26:28 Sons of Yosēph according to their clans, by Menashsheh and Ephrayim:

Num 26:29 Sons of Menashsheh: of Maḵir, the clan of the Maḵirites. And Maḵir brought forth Gil'aḏ; of Gil'aḏ, the clan of the Gil'aḏites.

Num 26:30 These are sons of Gil'aḏ: of Iyezer, the clan of the Iyezerites; of Ḥēleq, the clan of the Ḥēleqites;

Num 26:31 of Asri'ēl, the clan of the Asri'ēlites; of Sheḵem, the clan of the Sheḵemites;

Num 26:32 of Shemiḏa, the clan of the Shemiḏaites; of Ḥēpher, the clan of the Ḥēpherites.

Num 26:33 And Tselophḥaḏ son of Ḥēpher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ: Maḥlah, and No'ah, Ḥoḡlah, Milkah, and Tirtsah.

Num 26:34 These are the clans of Menashsheh, and their registered ones: fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

Num 26:35 These are the sons of Ephrayim according to their clans: of Shuthelaḥ, the clan of the Shuthalḥites; of Beḵer, the clan of the Baḵrites; of Taḥan, the clan of the Taḥanites.

Num 26:36 And these are sons of Shuthelaḥ: of Ēran, the clan of the Ēranites.

Num 26:37 These are the clans of the sons of Ephrayim according to their registered ones: thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the sons of Yosēph according to their clans.

Num 26:38 Sons of Binyamin according to their clans: of Bela, the clan of the Belaites;

of Ashbĕl, the clan of the Ashbĕlites; of Aḥiram, the clan of the Aḥiramites;

Num 26:39 of Shephupham, the clan of the Shephuphamites; of Ḥupham, the clan of the Ḥuphamites.

Num 26:40 And sons of Bela were Ard and Na'aman: of Ard, the clan of the Ardites; of Na'aman, the clan of the Na'amites.

Num 26:41 These are sons of Binyamin according to their clans, and their registered ones: forty-five thousand six hundred.

Num 26:42 These are sons of Dan according to their clans: of Shuḥam, the clan of the Shuḥamites. These are the clans of Dan according to their clans.

Num 26:43 All the clans of the Shuḥamites, according to their registered ones: sixty-four thousand four hundred.

Num 26:44 Sons of Ashĕr according to their clans: of Yimna, the clan of the Yimnahites; of Yishwi, the clan of the Yishwites; of Beri'ah, the clan of the Beri'ites.

Num 26:45 Of the sons of Beri'ah: of Ḥeḇer, the clan of the Ḥeḇerites; of Malki'ĕl, the clan of the Malki'ĕlites.

Num 26:46 And the name of the daughter of Ashĕr was Seraḥ.

Num 26:47 These are the clans of the sons of Ashĕr according to their registered ones: fifty-three thousand four hundred.

Num 26:48 Sons of Naphtali according to their clans: of Yaḥtse'ĕl, the clan of the Yaḥtse'ĕlites; of Guni, the clan of the Gunites;

Num 26:49 of Yĕtser, the clan of the Yĕtserites; of Shillĕm, the clan of the Shillĕmites.

Num 26:50 These are the clans of Naphtali according to their clans, and their registered ones: forty-five thousand four hundred.

Num 26:51 These are the registered ones of the children of Yisra'ĕl: **six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.**

Land Divisions / Lots

Num 26:52 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 26:53 "The land is to be divided to these as an inheritance, according to the number of names.

Num 26:54 "To the large one you give a larger inheritance, and to the small one you give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to their registered ones.

Num 26:55 "But the land is divided by lot, they inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

Num 26:56 "According to the lot their inheritance is divided between the larger and the smaller."

Num 26:57 And these are the **registered ones of the Lĕwites** according to their clans: of Gĕrshon, the clan of the Gĕrshonites; of Qeḥath, the clan of the Qeḥathites; of

Merari, the clan of the Merarites.

Num 26:58 These are the clans of the Lěwites: the clan of the Liḡnites, the clan of the Ḥeḡbronites, the clan of the Maḡlites, the clan of the Mushites, and the clan of the Qorḡites. And Qehath brought forth Amram.

Registered ones of the Levites: 23,000

Gěrshon, the clan of the Gěrshonites

Qehath, the clan of the Qehathites [And **Qehath brought forth Amram**]

Merari, the clan of the Merarites.

Clans of the Levites:

clan of the Liḡnites

clan of the Ḥeḡbronites

clan of the Maḡlites

clan of the Mushites

clan of the Qorḡites.

And **Qehath brought forth Amram**.

Num 26:59 And the name of **Amram's wife was Yoḡeḡeḡed the daughter of Lěwi, who was born to Lěwi in Mitsrayim**. And to Amram she bore **Aharon and Mosheh and their sister Miryam**.

Num 26:60 And to **Aharon** were born **Nadab and Abihu, El'azar and Ithamar**.

Num 26:61 And Naḡaḡ and Aḡihu died when they brought strange fire before יהוה.

Num 26:62 And their registered ones were **twenty-three thousand**, every male from a new *moon*^a old and above. For they were not registered among the other children of Yisra'ěl, **because there was no inheritance given to them among the children of Yisra'ěl**. Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 26:63 These are the ones registered by Mosheh and El'azar the priest, who registered the sons of Yisra'ěl in the desert plains of Mo'aḡ by the Yarděn of Yeriḡo.

The above were the ones counted or registered by Moses and Elazar.

Num 26:64 But among these **there was not a man of those registered by Mosheh and Aharon** the priest when they registered the sons of Yisra'ěl in the Wilderness of Sinai.

Num 26:65 For יהוה had said of them, "They shall certainly die in the wilderness." And not a man was left of them, **except Kalěḡ son of Yephunneh, and Yehoshua son of Nun**.

Numbers 27

The book of Numbers covers a time span in the wilderness of 38-39 years. We know Miriam and Aaron die in the 40th year and Moses would follow about 6 months after Aaron.

Num 1:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Appointment, on the first day to the second new moon, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, saying,

What should have been a journey of a matter of months, turned into 40 years. I say a matter of months because though we have all heard the journey should have taken a couple of weeks, I question that. We know YHWH moves according to His moedim. They had observed Passover prior to exiting out of Egypt. They arrive at Mt. Sinai at the time of Pentecost. It was at the time of Pentecost that YHWH proposed to the people at Mt. Sinai. That covered a minimum of 50+ days. Following the acceptance of YHWH's

proposal: the blood ratification of the Marriage Covenant (The Book of the Covenant) would have also taken more time.

The first major delay was caused by the people sinning with the golden calf. This caused the implementation of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood/Tabernacle system, to administer the imposed Book of the Law as a witness against them. It took almost a year to get everything in place. So, at this point, they still could have made it into the promise land within a few years except they rebel again.

Exo 40:2 "On the first day of the first new moon, you are to raise up the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Appointment,

The second major delay was caused by the people receiving the 'evil report' of the 10 spies at Kadesh Barnea, rather than listening to the 'good report' of Joshua and Caleb. This was the major rebellion that prolonged their entry into the promise land by a whole generation!

In today's narrative, Miriam and Aaron have already died. Moses is getting the final instructions from YHWH. YHWH tells Moses after he ascends Mt. Abarim and views the promise land, he would be gathered to his people as Aaron had been. Before this takes place, Moses is given final instructions to the children of Israel about to enter the promise land. These closing chapters in the Book of Numbers, cover many topics, but much is devoted to the land inheritances and boundaries; offerings and moedim; and we see the commissioning of Joshua.

From yesterday's devotional in the counting of the next generation we recall:

Num 26:33 And Tselophhad son of Hēpher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Tselophhad: Maḥlah, and No'ah, Ḥoḡlah, Milkah, and Tirtsah.

Num 27:1 Then came the daughters of Tselophhad, son of Hēpher, son of Gil'ad, son of Maḳir, son of Menashsheh, from the clans of Menashsheh, son of Yosēph. And these were the names of his daughters: Maḥlah, No'ah, Ḥoḡlah, and Milkah, and Tirtsah.

Num 27:2 And they stood before Mosheh, and before El'azar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, by the doorway of the Tent of Appointment, saying,

Num 27:3 "Our father died in the wilderness, yet he was not in the company of those who were met together against יהוה, in company with Qorah, but he died in his own sin. And he had no sons.

Num 27:4 "Why should the name of our father be removed from among his clan because he had no son? Give us a possession among the brothers of our father."

Num 27:5 Mosheh then brought their case before יהוה.

Num 27:6 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Moses brings the case to YHWH. YHWH agrees with the daughters of Tselophhad.

Num 27:7 "The daughters of Tselophhad speak what is right. You should certainly give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. [NOTE: Numbers 36 is devoted to female heirs.]

YHWH then further expounds on proper inheritance distributions under various circumstances. The instructions are given as laws of right-rulings to ensure the proper handling of inheritances.

The Last Ascent of Moses

In the latter half of Numbers 27, we read that YHWH speaks to Moses about ascending to Mt. Abarim to see the land being given to the children of Israel. Moses would not be able to enter the promise land due to his rebellion at the waters of Meribah, at Qadsh in the Wilderness of Tsin. After Moses views this beautiful sight he would be gathered to his people. This would be Moses' last ascent up a mount in his lifetime. Though this instruction is given to Moses and is recorded in Numbers 27, we will see Moses continue to receive instructions to impart to the children of Israel prior to this ascent up Mt. Abarim, as well as the commissioning of Joshua.

Num 27:8 “And speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘When a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.

Num 27:9 And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

Num 27:10 And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father’s brothers.

Num 27:11 And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest relative in his clan, and he shall possess it.’ ” And it shall be to the children of Yisra’el a law of right-ruling, as יהוה commanded Mosheh.

Joshua to Succeed Moses

Num 27:12 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Yisra’el.

Num 27:13 “And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as Aharon your brother was gathered,

Num 27:14 because you rebelled against My mouth in the Wilderness of Tsin, in the strife of the congregation, to set Me apart at the waters before their eyes.” These were the waters of Meribah, at Qadsh in the Wilderness of Tsin.

Num 27:15 And Mosheh spoke to יהוה, saying,

Moses has a request of YHWH.

Num 27:16 “Let יהוה, the Elohim of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

Num 27:17 who goes out before them and comes in before them, who leads them out and brings them in, so that the congregation of יהוה be not like sheep without a shepherd.”

YHWH replies:

Num 27:18 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “**Take Yehoshua son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit.** And you shall lay your hand on him,

Num 27:19 and shall set him before El'azar the priest and before all the congregation, and give him command before their eyes,

Num 27:20 and shall put some of your esteem upon him, so that all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el obey *him*.

Num 27:21 “**And he is to stand before El'azar the priest, who shall inquire before יהוה for him by the right-ruling of the Urim. At his word they go out, and at his word they come in, both he and all the children of Yisra'el with him, all the congregation.”**

A Change in Priesthood; A Change in Law

Joshua would receive answers from YHWH through Elazar the priest by the right ruling of the Urim. This was different than how Moses had been able to speak to YHWH face to face. The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and the Melchizedek Priesthood would run parallel, but all would be guided by **the imposed Book of the Law**, YHWH's permissive will. The **Book of the Covenant** had been broken.

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed,^b of necessity there takes place a change of law also. Footnote: ^bFrom Malkitse_{deq} to Aharon.

Joshua is commissioned by Moses as YHWH commanded:

Num 27:22 And Mosheh did as יהוה commanded him, and took Yehoshua and set him before El'azar the priest and before all the congregation,

Num 27:23 and laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as יהוה commanded by the hand of Mosheh.

Numbers 28

Numbers 28 records some of Moses' final instructions from YHWH to the children of Israel. These are very detailed instructions. The baton is being passed to the next generation as they continue to live under the tutor, the Book of the Law. Again, all of these offerings were meant to point to the coming Lamb of Elohim along with His moedim; His prophetic bridal rehearsals.

Joh 1:29 On the next day Yoḥanan saw יהושע coming toward him, and said, "See, the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!"^c Footnote: ^c [Mat 1:21](#), [Tit 2:14](#), [1Jn 3:5](#) and [1Jn 3:8](#).

Num 28:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 28:2 "Command the children of Yisra'el, and you shall say to them, 'Take heed to bring My offering, My food for My offerings made by fire as a sweet fragrance to Me, at their appointed time.'

Daily Offerings

Lam 3:22 The loving-commitments of יהוה! [For we have not been consumed](#), For His compassions have not ended. 23 [They are new every morning, Great is Your trustworthiness](#).

Num 28:3 "And you shall say to them, 'This is the offering made by fire which you bring to יהוה: two male lambs a year old, perfect ones, daily, **a continual ascending offering**.

- One lamb you prepare in the morning
- The other lamb you prepare between the evenings
- 1/10th of an ĕphah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with 1/4th of a hin of pressed oil
- 1/4th a hin of wine for a lamb [is identified in Num. 28:14](#).

These were sweet fragrance ascending offerings to YHWH. The same process for the morning lamb was to be done for the other lamb. The 1/4th of wine for each lamb was to be poured out to YHWH.

Num 28:4 The one lamb you prepare in the morning, and the other lamb you prepare between the evenings,

Num 28:5 with one-tenth of an ĕphah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil,

Num 28:6 a continual ascending offering which was offered at Mount Sinai for a sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to יהוה,

Num 28:7 and its drink offering, one-fourth of a hin [for each lamb](#). Pour out the drink to יהוה as an offering in the set-apart place.

Num 28:8 And the other lamb you prepare between the evenings. As the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you prepare it as an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to יהוה.

Sabbath Offerings

Num 28:9 And on the Sabbath day two lambs a year old, perfect ones, and two-tenths

of an ěphah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering,
Num 28:10 the ascending offering for every Sabbath, besides the continual ascending offering with its drink offering.

Monthly Offerings

Num 28:11 And on the beginnings of your new *moons* you bring near an ascending offering to יהוה: two young bulls and one ram, and seven lambs a year old, perfect ones;

Num 28:12 three-tenths *of an ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths *of an ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram;

Num 28:13 and one-tenth *of an ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as an ascending offering of sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to יהוה.

Num 28:14 And **their drink offering** is half a hin of wine for a bull, and one-third of a hin for a ram, and **one-fourth of a hin for a lamb**. This is the ascending offering for each new *moon* throughout the new *moons* of the year,

Num 28:15 and one male goat as a sin offering to יהוה is prepared, besides the continual ascending offering and its drink offering.

Sabbath Offerings

The ascending offering every Sabbath:

- Two lambs a year old, perfect ones
- Two-tenths *of an ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil,
- With its drink offering, [This would equate to 1/4th of hin of wine per lamb.]
- **Besides the continual ascending offering with its drink offering.**

Monthly Offerings

The ascending offering for the beginning of each new month and the new month of the year was to be:

- 2 young bulls + 3/10th *of an ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine per bull.
- 1 ram + 2/10th *of an ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for the one ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3rd hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old, perfect ones + 1/10th *of an ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb** an offering made by fire to YHWH; with its drink offering of 1/4th hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה is prepared, **besides the continual ascending offering and its drink offering.**

Passover Offerings

Num 28:16 And in the first new moon [month], on the fourteenth day, is the **Pēsah^a of יהוה**, **Footnote: ^aPassover. 17** and on the fifteenth day of this new *moon* is a festival. For **seven days unleavened bread** is eaten. **18** On the first day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

These are the ascending offerings made by fire to YHWH:

- 2 young bulls + the grain offering mixed with fine flour mixed with oil; 3/10th ephah per bull; with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine per bull.
- 1 ram + the grain offering mixed with fine flour mixed with oil; 2/10th ephah for ram; with its drink offering of 1/3rd hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old; perfect ones **they are for you** + the grain offering mixed with fine flour mixed with oil; 1/10th ephah per lamb; with its drink offering of 1/4th hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you.
- Prepare these besides the ascending offering of the morning, which is for a continual ascending offering.
- According to these you are to **prepare the food of the offering made by fire daily for seven days**, as a sweet fragrance to יהוה. It is prepared **besides the continual ascending offering and its drink offering**.
- on the **7th day you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work**.

Num 28:17 and on the fifteenth day of this new *moon* is a festival. For seven days unleavened bread is eaten.

Num 28:18 On the first day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

Num 28:19 And you shall bring near an offering made by fire as an ascending offering to יהוה: two young bulls and one ram, and seven lambs a year old, perfect ones they are for you,

Num 28:20 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil. Prepare three-tenths *of an ĕphah* for a bull, and two-tenths for a ram.

Num 28:21 Prepare one-tenth *of an ĕphah* for each of the seven lambs,

Num 28:22 and one goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

Num 28:23 Prepare these besides the ascending offering of the morning, which is for a continual ascending offering.

Num 28:24 According to these you are to prepare the food of the offering made by fire daily for seven days, as a sweet fragrance to יהוה. It is prepared besides the continual ascending offering and its drink offering.

Num 28:25 And on the seventh day you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

Offerings for the Feast of Weeks

Num 28:26 And **on the day of the first-fruits**, when you **bring a new grain offering** to יהוה at your Festival of **Shabu'oth**,^b you have a set-apart gathering, **you do no servile**

work. Footnote: ^bWeeks.

Num 28:27 And you shall bring near an ascending offering as a sweet fragrance to יהוה: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs a year old,

Num 28:28 with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ĕphah* for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

Num 28:29 one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,

Num 28:30 one male goat to make atonement for you,

Num 28:31 perfect ones they are for you. Prepare them with their drink offerings, besides the continual ascending offering with its grain offering.

An ascending offering as a sweet fragrance to יהוה

- 2 young bulls + the grain offering mixed with fine flour mixed with oil; 3/10th ephah per bull; with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine per bull.
- 1 ram + the grain offering mixed with fine flour mixed with oil; 2/10th ephah for ram; with its drink offering of 1/3rd hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old; perfect ones **they are for you** + the grain offering mixed with fine flour mixed with oil; 1/10th ephah per lamb; with its drink offering of 1/4th hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you.
- Prepare these besides the ascending offering of the morning, which is for a continual ascending offering.
- Perfect ones they are for you. Prepare them with their drink offerings, **besides the continual ascending offering with its grain offering.**

Numbers 29

Offerings for the Feast of Trumpets

Num 29:1 'And in **the seventh new moon, on the first day of the new moon**, you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work, it is Yom Teru'ah^a for you. Footnote: ^aDay of Soundings or Noisings.

Num 29:2 And **you shall prepare an ascending offering as a sweet fragrance to יהוה**: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:3 and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of an ĕphah* for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

Num 29:4 and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,

Num 29:5 and one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you,

Num 29:6 besides the ascending offering with its grain offering for the New *moon*, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their right-ruling, as a sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to יהוה'.

Prepare an ascending offering, an offering made with fire, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- 1 young bull + $3/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for the one bull;** with its drink offering of $1/2$ hin of wine for the bull.
- 1 ram + $2/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for the one ram;** with its drink offering of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old, perfect ones + $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb** with its drink offering of $1/4^{\text{th}}$ hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the ascending offering with its grain offering for the New moon[month]
- Besides the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their right-ruling, as a sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to יהוה.

Offerings for the Day of Atonement

Num 29:7 And on the tenth day of this seventh new moon you have a set-apart gathering, and you shall afflict your beings, you do no work.

Num 29:8 And you shall **bring near an ascending offering** to יהוה, a sweet fragrance: one young bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, perfect ones they are for you,

Num 29:9 and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an *ěphah* for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

Num 29:10 one-tenth for each of the seven lambs,

Num 29:11 one male goat as a sin offering, besides the sin offering for atonement, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

Prepare an ascending offering, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- 1 young bull + $3/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for the one bull;** with its drink offering of $1/2$ hin of wine for the bull.
- 1 ram + $2/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for the one ram;** with its drink offering of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old, perfect ones + $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb** an offering made by fire to YHWH; with its drink offering of $1/4^{\text{th}}$ hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the sin offering for atonement, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

Offerings for the Feast of Booths

Num 29:12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh new moon you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work. And you shall celebrate a festival to יהוה seven days,

Num 29:13 and **you shall bring near an ascending offering, an offering made by**

fire, a sweet fragrance to יהוה: thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones they are,

Num 29:14 and their grain offering: fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths *of an ĕphah* for each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for each of the two rams,

Num 29:15 and one-tenth for each of the fourteen lambs,

Num 29:16 and one male goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:17 Then on the second day: twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:18 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

Num 29:19 and one male goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

Num 29:20 And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:21 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

Num 29:22 and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:23 Then on the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:24 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

Num 29:25 and one male goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:26 Then on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:27 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

Num 29:28 and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:29 Then on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:30 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

Num 29:31 and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:32 Then on the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:33 and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

Num 29:34 and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:35 On the eighth day you have an assembly, you do no servile work,

Num 29:36 and you shall bring near an ascending offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to יהוה: one bull, one ram, seven lambs a year old, perfect ones,

Num 29:37 their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, by their number, according to the right-ruling,

Num 29:38 and one goat as a sin offering, besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Prepare an ascending offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- **13 young bull** + 3/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3rd hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of 1/4th hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

On the 2nd Day

- **12 young bull** + 3/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3rd hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of 1/4th hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

On the 3rd Day

- **11 young bull** + 3/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + 2/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of 1/3rd hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + 1/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of 1/4th hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה

- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

On the 4th Day

- **10 young bull** + $3/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of $1/2$ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + $2/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of $1/4^{\text{th}}$ hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

On the 5th Day

- **9 young bull** + $3/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of $1/2$ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + $2/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of $1/4^{\text{th}}$ hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

On the 6th Day

- **8 young bull** + $3/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of $1/2$ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + $2/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of $1/4^{\text{th}}$ hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

On the 7th Day

- **7 young bull** + $3/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil **for each bull;** with its drink offering of $1/2$ hin of wine for each bull.
- 2 rams + $2/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, **for each ram;** with its drink offering of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ hin of wine for each ram.
- 14 lambs a year old + $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering **for each lamb;** with its drink offering of $1/4^{\text{th}}$ hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the continual ascending offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

Num 29:35 **On the eighth day** you have an assembly, you do no servile work,

Prepare an ascending offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet fragrance to YHWH with perfect ones as follows:

- 1 young bull + 3/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil for the one bull; with its drink offering of ½ hin of wine for the bull.
- 1 ram + 2/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; with its drink offering of 1/3rd hin of wine for the ram.
- 7 lambs a year old, perfect ones + 1/10th of an *ěphah* of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb an offering made by fire to YHWH; with its drink offering of 1/4th hin of wine per lamb.
- 1 male goat as a sin offering to יהוה
- Besides the sin offering for atonement, the continual ascending offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

Num 29:39 These you prepare to יהוה at your appointed times, besides your vowed offerings and your voluntary offerings, as your ascending offerings and your grain offerings, as your drink offerings and your peace offerings.’ ”

Num 29:40 And Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra'ěl according to all יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

After seeing how in each day of the 'Feasts of Booths or Sukkot', the bull offerings were 'counted down by one' for each of the 7 days, I can't help but wonder about that silly song, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.' Knowing what we know now, the enemy mocks in several different ways. 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', in my opinion, was one of those mocking's.

1Kings 18:45-46

1Ki 18:45 And in the meantime, it came to be that the heavens became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain, while Ahab rode and went to Yizre'ěl.

1Ki 18:46 And the hand of יהוה was on Ęliyahu. And he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Yizre'ěl.

1Kings 19

Elijah Flees Jezebel

1Ki 19:1 And when Ahab reported to Izebel all that Ęliyahu had done, also how he slew all the prophets with the sword,

1Ki 19:2 Izebel sent a messenger to Ęliyahu, saying, "So let the mighty ones do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

Without consulting YHWH, Elijah takes his servant and flees. With receiving such a threatening message, the rational thought would be to get out of immediate harms way. Each situation is different and there are definitely times fleeing is the option. At some point however, we should be asking YHWH for direction. Thankfully He knows us better than we know ourselves and provides for us amid chaotic times.

1Ki 19:3 And he feared, and rose up and ran for his life, and went to Be'ērsheba, which belongs to Yehudah, and **left his servant there.**

BDB Definition: Beer-sheba = “well of the sevenfold oath” 1) a city at the south edge of Israel

1Ki 19:4 **But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness,** and came and sat down under a broom tree, and prayed that he might die, and said, **“It is enough! Now, יהוה, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!”**

In 1Kings 17 YHWH commands the ravens to sustain Elijah by the brook Kerith. Now, we see that a messenger of YHWH is sent to sustain Elijah.

1Ki 19:5 And he lay and slept under a broom tree, and see, **a messenger touched him, and said to him, “Rise, eat.”**

1Ki 19:6 And he looked and saw by his head a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and turned and lay down.

1Ki 19:7 And the **messenger of יהוה** came back the second time, and touched him, and said, **“Rise, eat, for the journey is too much for you.”**

1Ki 19:8 **And he rose up and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horēb, the mountain of Elohim.**

We find ourselves in the wilderness with Elijah being provided baked cake and a jar of water. **BDB Definition H5692: 1) disc or cake (of bread)** These provisions sustain him to make the 40 day and 40-night journey to Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai. The various elements mentioned within the text connect us to several other Scriptures.

We know wilderness experiences are often connected to 'witnessing.'

- The Israelites wandered in the wilderness 40 years and served as a 'witness' to the surrounding nations of the mighty Elohim they served. YHWH provided the Israelites manna from heaven and water from a rock.
- Satan tried to tempt Yahusha in the wilderness after 40 days and nights to no avail; again, a situation that served as a 'witness' to us on how to resist Satan and his tactics by using the sword; the Word of YHWH.
- The woman in Rev. 12 is nourished in the wilderness and will serve as a witness.
Rev 12:14 And the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, to fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished **for a time and times and half a time**, [Dan 7:25](#), [Dan 12:7](#) from the presence of the serpent.
- These connections are meant to help us glean deeper meaning and understanding. They are repetitious patterns.

YHWH Speaks to Elijah

1Ki 19:9 And **there he went into a cave and spent the night there**. And see, the word of יהוה came to him, and said to him, **"What are you doing here, Ēliyahu?"**

1Ki 19:10 And he said, **"I have been very jealous for יהוה Elohim of hosts, for the children of Yisra'el have forsaken Your covenant. They have thrown down Your slaughter-places, and they have killed Your prophets with the sword, and I am left, I alone, and they seek my life, to take it."**

1Ki 19:11 And He said,

- "Go out, and stand on the mountain before יהוה." And see, יהוה passed by,
- and a great and strong wind tearing the mountains and breaking the rocks in pieces before יהוה – יהוה was not in the wind.
- And after the wind an earthquake – יהוה was not in the earthquake,
- **1Ki 19:12** and after the earthquake a fire – יהוה was not in the fire,
- and after the fire **a still small voice**.

It is very important to be able to 'tune in' to YHWH's still small voice. There are many other sights, sounds, and voices that try to compete with His still small voice. His people learn and know His voice.

1Ki 19:13 And it came to be, when Ēliyahu heard it, that he wrapped his face in his robe and went out and stood at the cave opening. And see, **a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Ēliyahu?"**

This is really a good question. Whenever we need affirmation or direction from YHWH, we should ask Him. YHWH, am I doing what you want me to be doing? Am I where you want me to be? – Ask, seek, and knock.

1Ki 19:14 And he said, “I have been very jealous for יהוה Elohim of hosts, for the children of Yisra’el have forsaken Your covenant. They have thrown down Your slaughter-places, and they have killed Your prophets with the sword, and I am left, I alone, and they seek my life, to take it.”

1Ki 19:15 And יהוה said to him,

- “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Dammeseq.
- And you shall go in and anoint Ḥaza’el as sovereign over Aram.
- **1Ki 19:16** “And anoint Yēhu son of Nimshi as sovereign over Yisra’el.
- And anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abēl Meḥolah as prophet in your place.

1Ki 19:17 “And it shall be

- that whoever escapes the sword of Ḥaza’el, Yēhu does kill.
- And whoever escapes from the sword of Yēhu, Elisha does kill.

1Ki 19:18 “And I shall leave **seven thousand in Yisra’el**, all whose knees have not bowed to Ba’al, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Remnants:

Rom 11:1 I say then, has Elohim rejected His people? Let it not be! For I also am of Yisra’el, of the seed of Abrahām, of the tribe of Binyamin.

Rom 11:2 **Elohim has not rejected His people** Psa 94:14 whom He knew beforehand. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Ēliyahu, how he pleads with Elohim against Yisra’el, saying,

Rom 11:3 **“יהוה, they have killed Your prophets and overthrown Your slaughter-places, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”?** 1Ki 19:10, 1Ki 19:14.

Rom 11:4 But what does the answer of Elohim say to him? **“I have left for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Ba’al.”** 1Ki 19:18.

Rom 11:5 So therefore also, at this present time a remnant according to the choice of favor has come to be.

Eze 9:4 and יהוה said to him, “Pass on into the midst of the city, into the midst of Yerushalayim, and you shall **put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.”**

Eze 9:5 And to the others He said in my hearing, “Pass on into the city after him and strike, do not let your eye pardon nor spare.

 Rev 7:3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees until we have sealed the servants of our Elohim upon their foreheads."^a Footnote: ^aSee [Rev 9:4](#), [Rev 14:1](#), [Rev 22:4](#).

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of all the tribes of the children of Yisra'el:

The Call of Elisha

1Ki 19:19 And **he went from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat**, who was **ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen** before him, and **he was with the twelfth**. And Ēliyahu passed by him and threw his robe on him.

1Ki 19:20 And he left the oxen and ran after Ēliyahu, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I follow you." And he said to him, "Go, turn back, for what have I done to you?"

1Ki 19:21 And he turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and cooked their flesh, using the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. **Then he rose up and followed Ēliyahu, and became his servant.**

Matthew 26

In Matthew 26, it goes from bad to worse; but everything unfolds within the divine plan of YHWH. It is difficult to comprehend how much evil can exist in mankind and at the same time see how much love exists in Him. Praise Yah that He is our beloved and we are His.

He demonstrated His love for us; in that while we were yet sinners, He died for us and arose the 3rd day. Now we can rejoice and sing 'worthy is the Lamb' to open the scroll!

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

Rev 5:9 And they sang a renewed song, saying, "**You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,**"^c Footnote:

^cThis fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.

Rev 5:10 **and made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth.**"^d Footnote: ^d[Dan 7:18-27](#).

One of my greatest personal revelations, occurred while reading Rev. 5:8-10 in the Book of Revelation. It is worth repeating right now.

Who is singing this song? The four living creatures and the 24 elders.

Who are they?

- They are the ones that Elohim has redeemed
- They have been redeemed by His blood of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
- They are the ones He has made sovereigns and priests to our Elohim
- They shall reign upon the earth!

My revelation was that the **4 living creatures** represented the redeemed souls of all those that had died in Him; and now await their resurrected bodies. They are the redeemed and they are singing the 'song of the redeemed.' They are depicted by the lead banners of the four head tribes of the wilderness encampments: the lion, the ox; the man; and the eagle. They each have six wings meaning, each quadrant had three tribes! Their wings are covered with eyes depicting millions upon millions of souls. The 4 living creatures are believers that have died in Yahusha up until that time! This is my present understanding.

Please ponder these possibilities. Read those verses again and answer who is singing? We know the 24 elders are possibly connected to the 12 patriarchs and 12 apostles; however, they could also stand for the 24 priestly courses. If 12 of the 24 elders relate to the apostles, then John the Revelator possibly saw himself as one of the elders. [ponder that]. Remember, he had been taken into the future, the day of YHWH, and into the heavenly throne room!

Mat 19:28 And יהושע said to them, "Truly I say to you, when the Son of Aḏam sits on the throne of His esteem, you who have followed Me in the rebirth, shall also **sit on twelve thrones**, judging the twelve tribes of Yisra'ël.

The Plot to Kill Yahusha

Mat 26:1 And it came to be, when יהושע ended all these words, He said to His taught ones,

Mat 26:2 "You know that after two days the Pěsaḥ takes place, and the Son of Aḏam is to be delivered up to be impaled."

Mat 26:3 Then the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people came together at the court of the high priest, who was called Qayapha,

Mat 26:4 and **plotted to seize יהושע by trickery and kill Him**.

Mat 26:5 But they said, "Not at the festival lest there be an uproar among the people."

Yahusha Anointed at Bethany

Mat 26:6 And when יהושע was in Běyth Anyah at the house of Shim'on the leper,

Mat 26:7 a woman came to Him, having an alabaster flask of costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

Mat 26:8 And when His taught ones saw it, they were much displeased saying, "To what purpose is this waste?"

Mat 26:9 "For this perfume could have been sold for much and given to the poor."

Mat 26:10 However, when יהושע noticed it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work toward Me.

Mat 26:11 "For you always have the poor with you, **but Me you do not have always.**

Mat 26:12 "For in pouring this perfume on My body, **she did it for My burial.**

Mat 26:13 "Truly, I say to you, **wherever this Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what this woman has done shall be spoken of also, to her remembrance.**"

The enemy has worked his way inside the camp and weaved himself closely to the sovereign, the King of kings, Yahusha HaMashiach. Judas gives his flesh over to sa_tan and chooses to make the grave mistake of 'selling the righteous' for silver! To add insult to injury, Judas also **betrays him with a kiss**. Though there was a time that the disciples said they would never deny Yahusha; when the heat is turned up, they all flee.

Judas to Betray Yahusha

Mat 26:14 Then **one of the twelve**, called **Yehudah from Qerioth [Judas of Iscariot]**, went to the chief priests,

Mat 26:15 and said, "What would you give me to deliver Him to you?" And **they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.** [Zec 11:12](#).

Mat 26:16 And from then on he was seeking an occasion to deliver Him up.

The Passover with the Disciples

Mat 26:17 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread the taught ones came to יהושע, saying to Him, "**Where do You wish us to prepare for You to eat the Pěsah?**"

Mat 26:18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, '**The Teacher says, "My time is near. I am to perform the Pěsah at your house with My taught ones.**' ' "

Mat 26:19 And the taught ones did as יהושע had ordered them, and prepared the Pěsaḥ.

Mat 26:20 And when evening came, He sat down with the twelve.

Mat 26:21 And while they were eating, He said, **“Truly, I say to you, one of you shall deliver Me up.”**

Mat 26:22 And they **were deeply grieved**, and began to say to Him, each of them, “Master, is it I?”

Mat 26:23 And He answering, said, **“He who has dipped his hand with Me in the dish, he shall deliver Me up.”**

Mat 26:24 “Indeed, the Son of Aḏam goes as it has been written concerning Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Aḏam is delivered up! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

Mat 26:25 And Yehuḡah – he who delivered Him up – answering, said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, **“You have said it.”**

Institution of the YHWH's Supper – This is the institution of the New Covenant confirming meal. It consisted of the bread, representing His body; the wine, representing the blood ratification of the new covenant; the acceptance and partaking by those that say ‘yes’ to His proposal; followed by the priestly foot washing of those set-apart to Him. The first mention of the elements of bread and wine in the Bible, is the meeting between Melchizedek, King of Salem and Priest to the Most High El and Abraham [Gen.14].

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, יהושע took bread, and having blessed, broke and gave it to the taught ones and said, “Take, eat, this is My body.”

Mat 26:27 And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

Mat 26:28 **“For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.”**

Mat 26:29 **“But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father.”**

Yahusha Foretells Peter's Denial

Mat 26:30 And having sung a song, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mat 26:31 Then יהושע said to them, **“All of you shall stumble in Me this night**, for it has been written, **‘I shall strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.’**^a [Zec 13:7](#). Footnote: ^aAlso see [Mar 14:27](#), [Joh 16:32](#).

Mat 26:32 **“But after I have been raised, I shall go before you into Galil.”**

Mat 26:33 And Kěpha answering, said to Him, “Even if all stumble in You, I shall never stumble.”

Mat 26:34 יהושע said to him, **“Truly, I say to you that this night, before the cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.”**

Mat 26:35 Kěpha said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I shall not deny You!” All the taught ones said the same too.

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. As Yahusha stated, they all would stumble in Him that night. They would grieve like never before; yet we know everything changes when Yahusha sends the Comforter! His disciples rise to the occasion and are shown faithful even unto death.

Yahusha Prays in Gethsemane

Mat 26:36 Then יהושע came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the taught ones, **“Sit here while I go over there and pray.”**

Mat 26:37 And He took with **Him Kěpha and the two sons of Zabdai,** and **He began to be grieved and deeply distressed.**

Mat 26:38 Then He said to them, “My being is exceedingly grieved, even to death. **Stay here and watch with Me.**”

Mat 26:39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face, and prayed, saying, **“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I desire, but as You desire.”**

Yahusha was not asking His Father not to be crucified; He was asking His Father not to let him die prematurely in the garden. We know this to be the case because he had already rebuked sa_tan working through the flesh of Peter in speaking against His impending death. He told Peter, for this reason, He had come. He was grieved exceedingly in the garden, even to death. Remember, he even sweated great drops of blood, a condition we know as Hematidrosis.

Hematidrosis is a condition in which capillary blood vessels that feed the sweat glands rupture, causing them to exude blood, occurring under conditions of extreme physical or emotional stress.^[4] Severe mental anxiety activates the sympathetic nervous system to invoke the stress-Fight-or-flight response to such a degree as to cause hemorrhage of the vessels supplying the sweat glands.^[5] It has been suggested that acute fear and extreme stress can cause hematidrosis.^[6] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hematidrosis>

Mat 26:40 And He came to the taught ones and **found them asleep,** and said to Kěpha, **“So, were you not able to watch with Me one hour?”**

Mat 26:41 “Watch and pray, lest you enter into trial. The spirit indeed is eager, but the flesh is weak.”

Mat 26:42 Again He went away, a second time, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is impossible for this to pass unless I drink it, let Your desire be done.”

Mat 26:43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

Mat 26:44 And He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Mat 26:45 Then He came to His taught ones and said to them, “Still sleeping and taking rest? See, the hour has come near, and the Son of Adam is delivered up into the hands of sinners.”

Mat 26:46 “Rise, let us go. See, he who delivers Me up has come near.”

We must not forget the season was Passover [not 'Ishtar' Easter]. We too are reminded to watch and pray during the Passover rehearsal. In Exodus 12, this feast is referred to as the 'night of watches' but it is also known as the 'feast of fleeing'; and fleeing they did. We are to be ready and watching for our Groom to arrive; for no one knows the day or hour except for YHWH. Therefore, we should vigilantly keep His rehearsals, His moedim and not the man-made traditions of men and cultures.

Exo 12:42 It is a night of watches unto יְהוָה for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This is that night of watches unto יהוה, for all the children of Yisra'el throughout their generations.

Betrayal and Arrest of Yahusha

Mat 26:47 And while He was still speaking, see, Yehudah [Judas], one of the twelve, with a large crowd with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Mat 26:48 And he who was delivering Him up gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, it is He, seize Him.”

Mat 26:49 And going straight up to יהושע he said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

Mat 26:50 And יהושע said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on יהושע and seized Him.

Mat 26:51 And look, one of those with יהושע put out his hand and drew his sword, and striking the servant of the high priest he cut off his ear.

Mat 26:52 Then יהושע said to him, “Return your sword to its place, for all who take the sword shall die by the sword.

Mat 26:53 “Or do you think that I am not able to pray to My Father now, and He shall

provide Me with more than twelve legions of messengers?

Mat 26:54 **“How then would the Scriptures be filled that it has to be this way?”**

Mat 26:55 In that hour יהושע said to the crowds, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to arrest Me? Daily I sat with you, teaching in the Set-apart Place, and you did not seize Me.

Mat 26:56 **“But all this came to be, so that the Scriptures of the prophets might be filled.”** Then all the taught ones left Him and fled.

Yahusha Before Caiaphas and the Council

Mat 26:57 And those who had seized יהושע led Him away to Qayapha the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

Mat 26:58 **But Kēpha followed Him at a distance to the courtyard of the high priest,** and he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

Mat 26:59 And the chief priests, and the elders, and all the council were seeking **false witness against יהושע to put Him to death,**

Mat 26:60 **but found none.** Although many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward,

Mat 26:61 and said, **“This one said, ‘I am able to destroy the Dwelling Place of Elohim and to build it in three days.’ ”**

Mat 26:62 And the high priest stood up and said to Him, “Have You no answer to make? What do these witness against You?”

Mat 26:63 But יהושע remained silent. So the high priest said to Him, **“I put You to oath, by the living Elohim that You say to us if You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim.”**

Mat 26:64 יהושע said to him, “You have said it. Besides I say to you, from now on you shall see **the Son of Adam sitting at the right hand of the Power,** [Psa 110:1](#) and **coming on the clouds of the heaven.”** [Dan 7:13](#).

When Caiaphas put Yahusha under oath, Yahusha had to answer or else break Leviticus 5:1 under the Book of the Law; which would have been a sin.

Lev 5:1 ‘And when a being sins in that he has heard the voice of swearing, and is a witness, or has seen, or has known, but does not reveal it, he shall bear his crookedness.

Then Yahusha goes on to quote Psalm 110:1.

Psa 110:1 יהוה said to my Master, "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Psa 110:2 יהוה sends Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendours of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeq."

And then onto Daniel 7:13:

Dan 7:13 "I was looking in the night visions and saw One like the *Son of Enosh*,^a coming with the clouds of the heavens! And He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. *Footnote: ^aSon of Enosh - This Aramaic term is similar to the Hebrew 'Ben Adam,' (Son of Adam) but not the exact equivalent of it.*

Mat 26:65 Then the **high priest tore his garments**, saying, "He has blasphemed! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, now you have heard His blasphemy!

By Caiaphas tearing his priestly garment; he disqualified himself as High Priest and was worthy of death. It is for this reason, that Yahusha, already having been mikvah'd by the true High Priest, John the Immerser; is prepared to officiate as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek over His own crucifixion, the crucifixion of the spotless Lamb of Elohim.

Mat 26:66 "What do you think?" And they answering, said, "He is liable to death."

Mat 26:67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him, and others slapped Him,

Mat 26:68 saying, "Prophecy to us, Messiah! Who is the one who struck You?"

Peter Denies Yahusha

Mat 26:69 And Kēpha sat outside in the courtyard, and **a servant girl came to him**, saying, "And you were with יהושע of Galil."

Mat 26:70 But **he denied it** before them all, saying, "I do not know what you say."

Mat 26:71 And as he was going out into the porch, **another girl saw him** and said to those there, "And this one was with יהושע of Natsareth."

Mat 26:72 But again **he denied with an oath**, "I do not know the Man!"

Mat 26:73 And after a while **those who stood by came to him and said to Kēpha**, "Truly you are one of them too, for even your speech gives you away."

Mat 26:74 Then **he began to curse and to swear**, saying, "I do not know the Man!" And **immediately a cock crowed**.

Mat 26:75 And Kěpha remembered the word of יהושע who had said to him, "Before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times." **And going out, he wept bitterly.**

We can all relate to failures in our lives. This was one of Peter's epic failures; but even that failure was foreknown by Yahusha. Peter was broken hearted; but praise Yah, He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Peter's broken heart is later healed, and he becomes a mighty witness to Yahusha even unto death on a cross. It is said that Peter requested to be crucified upside down, for he didn't feel worthy to be crucified right side up as His Savior. His desire was to exalt Yahusha; and humbly lay down his life for Him. We know Peter finishes the race, and he finishes well! Praise Yah!

There is so much more that could be said, but we will close and keep all these things close to our hearts.

Other Torah Portion Readings:

John 2:13-25; 7:1-39; 11:55-12:1; 13:1; 18:28, 39; 19:14

Acts 2:1-21; 12:3-4; 20:6-16; 27:9-11

1 Corinthians 5:6-8; 16:8

Hebrews 11:28

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