

Greetings, today our manna is Deut. 29; Psalm 119:49-72; Isaiah 56; Matthew 4.

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Deuteronomy 29

Life is all about finding a relationship with the One true living Elohim; and Satan knows this. Throughout Biblical history, YHWH has proven to mankind, without a doubt, that He is the great I Am. Multiple eyewitness accounts attest to His mighty hand in setting the captives free then, and now.

YHWH was faithful in fulfilling every prophecy concerning Yahusha's coming the first time; and He will be faithful to fulfill every prophecy of Yahusha's second coming.

We must see that we too may cycle through the same challenges and/or hard-hearted moments that we have read about with the wilderness generation. As long as we sojourn on this earth, we will be surrounded by a wilderness of paganistic nations. This also provides us with abundant opportunities to witness for Him.

As in the days of Lot, there was much paganistic flaunting and alluring of YHWH's people to 'turn their hearts' toward the lust of the eyes; the lust of the flesh; and the pride of life. The enemy in Lot's region of Sodom and Gomorrah was so successful that there were **not even ten righteous people among them!**

Only when YHWH leads you do your garments and sandals never wear out. When you are born anew in His Spirit, you become His new creation. Your very DNA make-up is then geared toward knowing Him more and more.

2Co 5:17 **Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a renewed creature – the old matters have passed away, see, all matters have become renewed!**^d Footnote: ^d Rom 6:2-22, Gal 2:20, Eph 4:22-24, Col 3:10, 1Jn 3:9-10.

2Co 5:18 And all matters are from Elohim, **who has restored us to favour with Himself through יהושע Messiah,** and has given us the service of restoration to favour,

2Co 5:19 that is, that **Elohim was in Messiah** restoring the world to favour unto Himself, not reckoning their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of restoration to favour.

2Co 5:20 Therefore we are envoys on behalf of Messiah, as though Elohim were pleading through us. We beg, on behalf of Messiah: Be restored to favour with Elohim.

Moses was instructing the next generation to be faithful; to be obedient; to stay with their first love; the One who led them out of captivity in Egypt.

We too must heed this advice when entering His promised land! Believers should see themselves as part of His holy nation. As stated in 2Co. 5:20, we are envoys, or ambassadors, here on earth on behalf of Messiah. Though we dwell on earth, it is no longer our home. We are His ambassadors on earth knowing that Yahusha HaMashiach lives in us through the power of the Holy Spirit!

In Revelation 2 & 3, YHWH gives us 7 possible conditions we may identify with in our walk of sanctification. We find these within the 7 messages He sent to the 7 assemblies. The goal is to follow the two patterns provided by the assemblies in Smyrna and Philadelphia and take heed to the warnings given to the other five assemblies. Believers make up the assemblies. Though we gather in homes or buildings, believers are the congregations; we are the assemblies. We are the living stones making up the New Jerusalem.

Below are my personal paraphrased take-aways for our day, that correlate to the messages given to the assemblies.

5 Warnings to Believers:

1. **Do not leave your first love in Yahusha HaMashiach.** Be faithful and walk in the new Covenant Confirming Gospel message.
2. **Come out of teachings that blend paganism with the profound teaching of YHWH's Word.** Such teachings that disregard YHWH's feast days for pagan feast days; such as, but not limited to, eating pig at Ishtar[Easter] and the celebration of 'Tammuz' at 'Christmas'. Eating unclean foods play a large role in bringing upon YHWH's people the diseases and tumors of 'Egyptian' captivity.

The enemy promotes and advocates the eating of 'garbage' flesh. These unclean creatures were made to be scavengers to clean waters and our environment such as pigs, clams, catfish, lobsters, crawfish, and other refuse eaters!

If we have the mind of Yahusha and follow His Word; we would know not to eat such; and not to participate in festivals that promote such! You are what you eat, and bad behavior corrupts good behavior.

Nicolaitan 'churches' that promote such 'potluck' unclean foods are not to be listened to and they should repent from such practices. YHWH's Word should

not be mixed with the added leaven of man-made traditions and beliefs. Come out of such a system!

3. **Do not let the ‘spirit of Jezebel’ seduce you into the ‘herd mentality’ that gives ear to the whispers of the adulteress, saying it is okay to commit whoring and to eat food offered to idols.** It is a twisted false teaching and it can come from a man or a woman. These individuals are very charismatic in speech; but are very deadly or unhealthy to be yoked with.
4. **Don’t be captivated by the ‘lights, show, and action’ being hyped up and promoted in ‘emerging churches.’** They bask in the glory of men and do not esteem YHWH. They may have started out with good intentions, but their approach falls short before Elohim. YHWH encourages these assemblies to strengthen what remains and is about to die. They should return to their foundation in Him and get back on His path and not make their own paths.
5. **Avoid being lukewarm when it comes to YHWH.** This portrays the assembly that has pretty much turned into a ‘social club’ and views YHWH as an after-thought or sees Him as just ‘one of the gang.’ They think they have it all together. They think they are ‘rich’, but they are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Strengths or Commendations of Smyrna and Philadelphia that we should imitate in our walk follows:

1. **He should know and see our works produced by faith in Him, and also see the pressure and poverty we experience from stepping out of the ‘herd mentality’ of various man-made religions and worldly traditions.** Pressure comes upon individuals from past memberships and associations with various ‘churches and beliefs’; as well as from friends and family members that are critical of the change in our walk.

When we become zealous for His Word and for Him, we trigger the radar of the enemy and may come under persecution; even from those that declare themselves to be ‘Jews’ and are not.

2. **When YHWH sees us walk in obedience to His Word; he sets before us an open door that no one can shut.** The person may feel weakened due to the many rejections and hateful things said toward them in their walk of obedience; but these are the ones that will stand and not denied His Name.

The synagogue of Satan persecutes true believer that discover who they are in Him; when they come to understand that they are the temple and that they are Israel, born from above. The enemy may demean true believers or disregard

them as ‘animals’ or label them with classifications such as ‘sheeple’ or ‘goyim.’ These very ones will one day come and worship at the feet of YHWH’s people.

No one should become lax in their walk with YHWH. We must constantly guard His Word, lest we too stumble into disobedience. We should walk in patient endurance knowing His return draws nigh.

Let Deuteronomy speak to your heart as we today we walk in Covenant Torah. We now are saved by grace through faith.

Deu 29:1 These are the words of the covenant which יהוה commanded Mosheh to make with the children of Yisra’el in the land of Mo’ab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horēb.

Deu 29:2 And Mosheh called all Yisra’el and said to them, “You yourselves saw all that יהוה did before your eyes in the land of Mitsrayim, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land.

Deu 29:3 “Your eyes saw the great trials, the signs, and those great wonders.

Deu 29:4 “But יהוה has not given you a heart to know and eyes to see and ears to hear, till this day.

Deu 29:5 “And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your garments have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

Deu 29:6 “You ate no bread and drank no wine nor strong drink, so that you might know that I am יהוה your Elohim.

Deu 29:7 “And when you came to this place, Sihon sovereign of Heshbon and Og sovereign of Bashan came out against us to battle, and we struck them,

Deu 29:8 and took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Re’uḇēnites, and to the Gaḏites, and to half the tribe of Menashsheh.

Deu 29:9 “Therefore you shall guard the words of this covenant, and do them, so that you prosper in all that you do.

Deu 29:10 “All of you are standing today before יהוה your Elohim: your leaders, your tribes, your elders and your officers, all the men of Yisra’el,

Deu 29:11 your little ones, your wives, and your sojourner who is in the midst of your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water,

Deu 29:12 so that you should enter into covenant with יהוה your Elohim, and into His oath, which יהוה your Elohim makes with you today,

Deu 29:13 in order to establish you today as a people for Himself, and He Himself be your Elohim, as He has spoken to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya’aqob.

Deu 29:14 “And not with you alone I am making this covenant and this oath,

Deu 29:15 but with him who stands here with us today before יהוה our Elohim, as well as with him who is not here with us today.

Deu 29:16 “For you know how we dwelt in the land of Mitsrayim and how we passed through the nations which you passed through,

Deu 29:17 and you saw their abominations and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were with them,

Deu 29:18 lest there should be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe, whose heart turns

away today from יהוה our Elohim, to go and serve the mighty ones of these nations, lest there should be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood.

Deu 29:19 “And it shall be, when he hears the words of this curse, that he should bless himself in his heart, saying, ‘I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart,’ in order to add drunkenness to thirst.

Deu 29:20 “יהוה would not forgive him, but rather, the displeasure of יהוה and His jealousy shall burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book shall settle on him, and יהוה **shall blot out his name from under the heavens.**

Deu 29:21 “And יהוה shall separate him for evil, out of all the tribes of Yisra’el, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Torah.

Deu 29:22 “And the generation to come of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, shall say when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which יהוה has sent into it:

Deu 29:23 All its land is sulphur, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sedom and Amarah, Admah and Tseboyim, which יהוה overthrew in His displeasure and His wrath.’

Deu 29:24 “And all nations shall say, ‘Why has יהוה done so to this land? What does the heat of this great displeasure mean?’

Deu 29:25 “And it shall be said, ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of יהוה Elohim of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim.

Deu 29:26 And they went and served other mighty ones and bowed themselves to them, mighty ones that they did not know and that He had not given to them,

Deu 29:27 therefore the displeasure of יהוה burned against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book.

Deu 29:28 And יהוה uprooted them from their land in displeasure, and in wrath, and in great rage, and cast them into another land, as it is today.’

Deu 29:29 “The secret *matters* belong to יהוה our Elohim, but what is revealed belongs to us and to our children forever, to do all the Words of this Torah.

Psalm 119:49-72

The Psalmist could easily be identified as one in the assembly of the righteous; the assembly of Smyrna or Philadelphia; the assembly of the bride; the assembly of the faithful ones in YHWH.

Psa 119:49 Zayin Remember the word to Your servant, On which You have caused me to wait.

Psa 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.

Psa 119:51 The proud have utterly scorned me, I did not turn aside from Your Torah.

Psa 119:52 I remembered Your right-rulings of old, O יהוה, And I comfort myself.

Psa 119:53 Rage has seized me because of the wrong Who forsake Your Torah.

Psa 119:54 Your laws have been my songs In the place of my sojournings.

Psa 119:55 I have remembered Your Name in the night, O יהוה, And I guard Your Torah.

Psa 119:56 This has become mine, Because I have observed Your orders.

Psa 119:57 **Het** You are my portion, O **יהוה**; I have promised to guard Your words.

Psa 119:58 I have sought Your face with all my heart; Show me favour according to Your word.

Psa 119:59 I have thought upon my ways, And turned my feet to Your witnesses.

Psa 119:60 I have hurried, and did not delay To guard Your commands.

Psa 119:61 The cords of the wrong have surrounded me, Your Torah I have not forgotten.

Psa 119:62 At midnight I rise to give thanks to You, For Your righteous right-rulings.

Psa 119:63 I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those guarding Your orders.

Psa 119:64 O **יהוה**, Your loving-commitment has filled the earth; Teach me Your laws.

Psa 119:65 **Tet** You have done good to Your servant, O **יהוה**, According to Your word.

Psa 119:66 Teach me good sense and knowledge, For I have trusted in Your commands.

Psa 119:67 Before I was afflicted I myself was going astray, But now I have guarded Your word.

Psa 119:68 You are good, and do good; Teach me Your laws.

Psa 119:69 The proud have forged a lie against me, With all *my* heart I observe Your orders.

Psa 119:70 Their heart has become like fat, Without feeling; I have delighted in Your Torah.

Psa 119:71 It was good for me that I was afflicted, That I might learn Your laws.

Psa 119:72 The Torah of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Isaiah 56

Isaiah 56 gives much hope to those that [may feel downtrodden by life](#). One must know that anyone who joins himself to YHWH, [is loved exceedingly by YHWH!](#) YHWH loves them with an everlasting love! Just read [Isaiah 56](#) and rejoice! Come to Him all who thirst! His arms are wide-open! Respond and receive His love! He lives!

Isa 56:1 Thus said **יהוה**, “**Guard right-ruling, and do righteousness, for near is My deliverance to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.**”

Isa 56:2 “**Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who becomes strong in it, guarding the Sabbath lest he profane it, and guarding his hand from doing any evil.**”

Isa 56:3 “And let not the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to **יהוה** speak, saying, ‘**יהוה** has certainly separated me from His people,’ nor let the eunuch say, ‘Look I am a dry tree.’”

Isa 56:4 For thus said **יהוה**, “To the eunuchs who guard My Sabbaths, and have chosen what pleases Me, and are holding onto My covenant:

Isa 56:5 to them I shall give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters – I give them an everlasting name that is not cut off.”

Isa 56:6 “Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to יהוה, to serve Him, and to love the Name of יהוה, to be His servants, all who guard the Sabbath, and not profane it, and are holding onto My covenant –

Isa 56:7 them I shall bring to My set-apart mountain, and let them rejoice in My house of prayer. Their ascending offerings and their slaughtering are accepted on My slaughter-place, for **My house is called a house of prayer for all the peoples.**”

Isa 56:8 **The Master יהוה, who gathers the outcasts of Yisra’el, declares, “I gather still others to him besides those who are gathered to him.”**

Isaiah 56 also has VERY strong words of warning to irresponsible leaders. His message is directed to those that call themselves watchmen but are blind dumb dogs, slumbering; also, to those that call themselves shepherds, yet have not known understanding and they do things their ‘own way’ for their ‘own gain.’

Israel's Irresponsible Leaders

Isa 56:9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour, all you beasts in the forest.

Isa 56:10 **His watchmen are blind**, all of them, they have not known. **All of them are dumb dogs, unable to bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.**

Isa 56:11 **And the dogs have a strong appetite, they never have enough.** And they are shepherds! They have not known understanding. **All of them look to their own way**, every one **for his own gain**, from **his own end, saying**,

Isa 56:12 **“Come, let me bring wine and fill ourselves with strong drink. And tomorrow shall be as today, even much greater.”**

Matthew 4

The Temptation of Yahusha

Mat 4:1 Then יהושע was led up by the Spirit **into the wilderness** to be tried by the devil.

YHWH often will allow us to go through trials to ‘prove us.’ To prove our steadfast love for Him as He did to the mixed multitude in the wilderness; or as He allowed in Job’s life. Days of proving also stand as a ‘powerful witness’ to others and to ourselves, as we come out of the refining fire and still prevail and still stand on holy ground!

Our strongest witnessing moments usually come from our wilderness experiences. We saw this demonstrated in:

1. The witness of the approximate ‘2.5 million’ mixed multitude of Israel **wandering in the wilderness**, while being observed from the high places by pagan nations. These nations feared this people **of the one true Elohim that protected them and gave them**

victory!

2. Job's **wilderness experience** of standing firm in YHWH, though He didn't understand what brought on his life's tragedies.
3. Elijah's 40 day/night **wilderness journey** experience, and his dealings with feelings of isolation at the cave.
4. The witness of John the Immerser's **wilderness experience**. Though the temple system was corrupted, it did not prevent him from carrying out his High Priestly duties of preaching repentance and baptizing in the Jordan, in preparing the way for Yahusha HaMashiach.
5. Yahusha's 40 day/night **wilderness experience** face to face with Satan; as he stood His ground and gave witness to the power of His Word.
6. Yahusha's **wilderness witness** of the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection to life; which had multiple eyewitnesses to the fact He lives!
7. Paul's **wilderness witness** on the road to Damascus.
8. In the last days, the two witnesses will proclaim His Word to the **wilderness nations of unbelief** for 1,260 days.
9. The woman in Revelation 12, will be given two wings of a great eagle, to fly to her place in **the wilderness**, where she is nourished **for a time and times and half a time**.

Mat 4:2 And after having fasted forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.

Mat 4:3 And the trier came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of Elohim, command that these stones become bread."

Mat 4:4 But He answering, said, "It has been written, '**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of יהוה**.' " Deu 8:3.

Mat 4:5 Then the devil took Him up into the set-apart city, set Him on the edge of the Set-apart Place,

Mat 4:6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of Elohim, throw Yourself down. For it has been written, '**He shall command His messengers concerning you**,' Psa 91:11 and, '**In their hands they shall bear you up, so that you do not dash your foot against a stone**.' " Psa 91:12.

Mat 4:7 יהושע said to him, "It has also been written, '**You shall not try יהוה your Elohim**.' " Deu 6:16.

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on a very high mountain, and showed Him all the reigns of the world, and their esteem,

Mat 4:9 and said to Him, "All these I shall give You if You fall down and worship me."

Mat 4:10 Then יהושע said to him, "Go, Satan! For it has been written, '**You shall worship יהוה your Elohim, and Him alone you shall serve**.' " Deu 6:13.

Mat 4:11 Then the devil left Him, and see, messengers came and attended Him.

It is often after our '[wilderness witness](#)' experiences, that we are proven or shown to be faithful for the purposes that YHWH wants to fulfill in our lives. Yahusha demonstrated how to triumph over Satan. We are to speak His Word, for it is sharper than any two-edged sword. We defeat the enemy by the word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb.

Yahusha Begins His Ministry

Mat 4:12 And **יהושע**, having heard that Yoḥanan had been put in prison, withdrew into Galil.

Mat 4:13 And leaving Natsareth, He came and dwelt in Keph̄ar Naḥum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,

Mat 4:14 to fill what was spoken by Yeshayahu the prophet, saying,

Mat 4:15 **“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Yardēn, Galil of the nations –**

Mat 4:16 **the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and upon those who sat in the land and shadow of death, light arose to them.”** [Isa 9:1-2](#).

Mat 4:17 **From that time **יהושע** began to proclaim and to say, “Repent, for the reign of the heavens has drawn near.”**

Isn't this just amazing! We are seeing so many prophecies be fulfilled from Deuteronomy, Psalms, and Isaiah. He is faithful to fulfill every jot and tittle! This is YHWH's greatest witness to us all! [Every prophecy](#), not just 'some' of the prophecies will be fulfilled!

Yahusha Calls the First Disciples

Mat 4:18 And **יהושע**, walking by the Sea of Galil, saw two brothers, Shim'on called Kēpha, and Andri his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

Mat 4:19 And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I shall make you fishers of men.”

Mat 4:20 And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

Mat 4:21 And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, Ya'aqob *the son* of Zabdai, and Yoḥanan his brother, in the boat with Zabdai their father, mending their nets. And He called them,

Mat 4:22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Now we see Yahusha start to call His disciples. Peter and Andrew, both fishermen, immediately left their nets and followed Him. Then we see two other brothers, James [Ya'aqob] and John [Yohanan], with their father Zebedee mending their nets in their boat. They too immediately left the boat and their father and followed Yahusha. One can't help but wonder what their father thought about that. They would all soon become 'fishers of men.'

The beauty is that they followed without hesitation. It was their day, when they heard His voice, and they followed!

Heb 3:7 Therefore, as the Set-apart Spirit says, "**Today, if you hear His voice,** 8 **do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,** 9 **where your fathers tried Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years.**

Yahusha Ministers to Great Crowds

Mat 4:23 And יהושע went about all Galil, **teaching in their congregations**, and **proclaiming the Good News of the reign**, and **healing every disease and every bodily weakness** among the people.

Mat 4:24 And news about Him went out into all Suria. And they brought to Him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and pains, and those who were demon-possessed, and epileptics, and paralytics. **And He healed them.**

Mat 4:25 And large crowds – from Galil, and Dekapolis, and Yerushalayim, and Yehudah, and beyond the Yardēn – followed Him.

Sometimes we may wonder why we don't see as many diseases healed as in the days of Yahusha? We need to keep in mind, when Yahusha walked on this earth, the people were in an unhealthy state spiritually, psychologically, and physically. Ten out of the twelve tribes had been dispersed among the nations and a partial group of the two southern tribes had returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the temple. They lived under Roman rule and the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was sorely corrupted. Yahusha was revealing Himself, that he had come into the world to seek and save that which was lost.

We read in Exodus:

Exo 15:26 And He said, "If you diligently obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim and do what is right in His eyes, and shall listen to His commands and shall guard all His laws, I shall bring on you none of the diseases I brought on the Mitsrites, for I am יהוה who heals you."

Today, miraculous healings still prevail. Could it even be, that many of us have been spared from ever having some diseases brought on us, because we did start to be obedient to His voice and do what was right in His eyes? Because we did start listening to His Covenant commands and we started following His moedim and His dietary laws. Through belief in Yahusha we have received the power of the Ruach HaKodesh living in us and through us.

At the same time, we know we live in a fallen world that promotes addictive unhealthy living in many ways, and we are exposed to many things beyond our control. So, I am not saying, whenever we get ill or have a disease, that a person is not following His commands. What I am saying, is that true believers may one day be amazed at the many diseases we may have been spared because we did start to diligently obey His voice. Afterall, Hezekiah's life was extended so maybe some of our lives will be or have been extended as well; even if we are unaware.

In the authority of Yahusha HaMashiach, we ask, speak, and pray for healings and restorations for ourselves and our loved ones all the time and we should! He has given us the ability and the authority to be healed spiritually, psychologically, and physically of diseases, as well as being freed from demonic possessions and oppressions. He has given us His full armor to stand amid spiritual warfare. He gives us peace, love, and a sound mind.

We now live in a time where we can choose to walk in Covenant Torah and be saved by grace through faith. Several of us may have been brought up in homes of believers, while many others have not. In our day and age, even many 1st generation believers, have ready access to the Word of YHWH by hardcopies, internet, or other various electronic forms within this age of technology.

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