Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 8; Job 25 & 26; Luke 11; 1 Cor. 12

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Exodus 8

The Second Plague of Frogs – YHWH tells Moses to go to Pharaoh and warn him that if he does not let His People go; he would smite all the Egyptian borders with frogs. This is the 2nd of the 1st set of three plagues. Moses goes to the palace to give Pharaoh the warning.

YHWH is going to send frogs. Keep in mind these <u>frogs know</u> to invade and smite **the exact borders of Egypt**. YHWH is Elohim of all. The warning is very detailed. The frogs will not be a 'respecter' of Egyptian hierarchy. The warning says <u>the frogs shall even</u> **come up on** Pharaoh, his people, and all his servants!

The Second Plague: Frogs

- Exo 8:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה, "Let My people go, so that they serve Me.
- Exo 8:2 "But if you refuse to let them go, see, I am smiting all your border with frogs.
- Exo 8:3 "And the <u>river shall swarm with frogs</u>, which shall go up and shall <u>come into</u> <u>your house</u>, and <u>into your bedroom</u>, and <u>on your bed</u>, and <u>into the houses of your servants</u>, and <u>on your people</u>, and <u>into your ovens</u>, and <u>into your kneading bowls</u>, Exo 8:4 and the frogs <u>shall come up on you</u> and <u>on your people</u> and <u>on all your</u>
- **Exo** 8:4 and the frogs **shall come up on you** and **on your people** and **on all your servants."** '"
- Exo 8:5 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Mitsrayim.' "
- Exo 8:6 So Aharon stretched out his hand over the waters of Mitsrayim, and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 8:7 And the magicians did so with their magic, and brought up frogs on the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 8:8 Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon, and said, "Pray to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I shall let the people go to slaughter to ."
- Exo 8:9 And Mosheh said to Pharaoh, "Explain yourself to me: When am I to pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, and remain only in the river?"
- Exo 8:10 So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "Let it be according to your word, so

that you know that there is no one like יהוה our Elohim.

Exo 8:11 "And the frogs shall turn aside from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people – they shall remain in the river only."

Exo 8:12 And Mosheh and Aharon went out from Pharaoh. And Mosheh cried out to concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh.

Exo 8:13 And יהוה did according to the word of Mosheh. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields.

Exo 8:14 And they gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.

Exo 8:15 And when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as יהוה had said.

Moses instructed Aaron to stretch out his hand with his rod over all the waters of Egypt and the frogs covered the land. The magicians also bring frogs upon the land of Egypt. That wasn't the wisest thing to do, but if the magicians were truly powerful, why wouldn't Pharaoh ask his magicians to rid the land of the frogs?

Pharaoh humbles himself <u>for a moment</u> and <u>calls Moses and Aaron to pray to YHWH</u> to take away the frogs from himself and the people and he would let the people go to slaughter to YHWH.

For Pharaoh to know the power of YHWH, Moses asks Pharaoh for the specifics of exactly where he would like the frogs maintained and when he would want them to pray. Pharaoh confirms to have them only in the river and for them to pray 'tomorrow'. So, YHWH in perfect timing, turned aside the frogs and they died out and they remained only in the river. The messy, stinky, clean-up followed. Having relief from the frogs, Pharaoh hardens his heart and does not listen to Moses and Aaron.

The Third Plague: Gnats

Exo 8:16 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Say to Aharon, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it becomes gnats in all the land of Mitsrayim.' "

Exo 8:17 And they did so, and Aharon stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the land became gnats in all the land of Mitsrayim.

Exo 8:18 And the magicians did similarly with their magic to bring forth gnats, but they were unable. And there were gnats on man and beast.

Exo 8:19 The magicians then said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of Elohim!" But the heart of Pharaoh was strengthened, and he did not listen to them, as יהוה had said.

With the third plague, comes <u>NO warning</u>. YHWH instructs Moses to tell Aaron to stretch out his rod and strike the dust of the land and the **dust becomes gnats** on all the land, on man and beast! The magicians **cannot duplicate this sign** and they tell Pharaoh that "This is the finger of Elohim!" But Pharaoh doesn't listen. <u>This concludes the first set of three plagues: water to blood; frogs; and gnats.</u>

The Fourth Plague: Flies

- Exo 8:20 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus said יהוה, "Let My people go, so that they serve Me.
- Exo 8:21 "Or else, if you do not let My people go, see, I am sending swarms of flies on you and your servants, and on your people and into your houses. And the houses of the Mitsrites shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand.
- Exo 8:22 "And in that day I shall separate the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, so that you know that I am יהוה in the midst of the land.
- Exo 8:23 "And I shall put a ransom between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be." ' "
- Exo 8:24 And יהוה did so, and thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Mitsrayim, and the land was ruined because of the swarms of flies.
- Exo 8:25 Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon, and said, "Go, slaughter to your Elohim in the land."
- Exo 8:26 And Mosheh said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be slaughtering the abomination of the Mitsrites to יהוה our Elohim. See, if we slaughter the abomination of the Mitsrites before their eyes, would they not stone us?
- Exo 8:27 "Let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, then we shall slaughter to יהוה our Elohim, as He commands us."
- Exo 8:28 And Pharaoh said, "I am letting you go, then you shall slaughter to יהוה your Elohim in the wilderness. Only, do not go very far away! Pray for me."
- Exo 8:29 And Mosheh said, "See, when I leave you I shall pray to יהוה, and tomorrow the swarms of flies shall depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But do not let Pharaoh again deceive, not to let the people go to slaughter to יהוה."
- Exo 8:30 And Mosheh went out from Pharaoh and prayed to יהוה.
- Exo 8:31 And יהוה did according to the word of Mosheh and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained.
- Exo 8:32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time too, and did not let the people go.

Now the second <u>set</u> of three plagues begin – <u>flies!</u> YHWH tells Moses to meet Pharaoh as he <u>comes down to the water</u> to give him warning. There would be swarms of flies that would cover the whole land of Egypt <u>EXCEPT for Goshen</u> where His people were; so that Pharaoh, would KNOW that YHWH was in the midst of the land. The swarms of flies come; again, <u>Pharaoh calls Moses and Aaron to pray to YHWH to take the flies away;</u> Pharaoh tells Moses that they can slaughter <u>'in the land'</u> but Moses tells Pharaoh that would not work. Moses again tells Pharaoh that they must go a <u>three-day journey</u> into the wilderness to slaughter. Pharaoh agrees at first; the flies are sent away at the time of Moses' prayer to YHWH; then Pharaoh again hardens his heart.

Keep in mind, though we are reading about these plagues with the first exodus; we know the Book of Revelation tells us that similar plagues will happen in the end of days. The plagues that come in the Book of Revelation will not come in sets of three but in sets of seven.

Job 25 & 26

This is <u>the last of the opinions</u> of the three friends of Iyob (Job). We must recall from chapter two, that their initial desire was noble. They had come to <u>comfort</u> and sympathize with Job.

Job 2:11 And three of the friends of lyob heard of all this evil that came on him, and each one came from his own place – Eliphaz the Těmanite, and Bildad the Shuḥite, and Tsophar the Na'amathite – and they met together to come to **sympathize with him and to comfort him.** (emphasis mine)

At this point, one wonders whom to have more sorrow for, Job or his three friends. One wonders if they even had a relationship with the one true Elohim. The righteous in YHWH walk by faith then and now. Bildad, the Shuhite, doesn't understand this as he asks:

Job 25:4 So how could man be righteous before ĚI? Or how could he be flawless who is born of a woman?

In chapter 26, Job exalts the power and might of YHWH. Great and mighty is He.

Job 26:12 is a very interesting verse that gives clues as to when Job (Iyob) lived. This verse possibly alludes to the parting of the Red Sea and the striking down of Egypt, Rahab. So, is it possible that Job lived sometime after Moses?

Job 26:12 By His power He has calmed the sea, and by His understanding He struck down Rahab.

BDB Definition: rahab 1) pride, blusterer 1a) storm, arrogance (but only as names) 1a1) mythical sea monster 1a2) emblematic name of Egypt

Bildad Speaks: Man Cannot Be Righteous

- Job 25:1 And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,
- Job 25:2 "Rule and fear belong to Him, making peace in His high places.
- Job 25:3 Is there any number to His armies? And on whom does His light not rise?
- Job 25:4 So how could man be righteous before El? Or how could he be flawless who is born of a woman?
- Job 25:5 See, even the moon does not shine, and the stars have not been flawless in His eyes,
- Job 25:6 how much less man, a maggot, and a son of man, a worm?"

Job 26

Job Replies: God's Majesty Is Unsearchable

- Job 26:1 And Iyob answered and said,
- Job 26:2 "How have you helped the powerless, saved an arm not strong?
- Job 26:3 How have you given counsel to the unwise, or declared sound advice to many?
- Job 26:4 With whom have you spoken words? And whose spirit came from you?
- Job 26:5 The dead wait those under the waters and those inhabiting them.
- Job 26:6 She'ol is naked before Him, and destruction has no covering.
- Job 26:7 He it was who stretched out the north over emptiness, hanging the earth upon space,
- Job 26:8 binding up waters in His thick clouds, and the cloud is not torn under them,
- Job 26:9 covering the surface of His throne, spreading His cloud over it.
- Job 26:10 A law of encirclement on the face of the waters until the end of light with darkness.
- Job 26:11 The columns of the heavens tremble, and are stunned at His reproof.
- Job 26:12 By His power He has calmed the sea, and by His understanding He struck down Rahab.
- Job 26:13 By His Spirit He adorned the heavens. His hand whirled the fleeing serpent.
- Job 26:14 See, these are the fringes of His ways, and how little a matter is heard of Him! And who understands the thunder of His power?"

Adam Clarke Commentary on Job 26:12 He divideth the sea with his power - Here is a manifest allusion to the passage of the Red Sea by the Israelites, and the overthrow of Pharaoh and his host, according to the opinion of the most eminent critics.

He smiteth through the proud - Calmat remarks: "This appears to refer only to the passage of the Red Sea, and the destruction of Pharaoh. Were we not prepossessed with the opinion that Job died before Moses, every person at the first view of the subject must consider it in this light." I am not thus prepossessed. Let Job live when he might, I am satisfied the Book of Job was written long after the death of Moses, and not earlier than the days of Solomon, if not later. The farther I go in the work, the more this conviction is deepened; and the opposite sentiment appears to be perfectly gratuitous.

Luke 11

Yahusha was praying in a certain place and afterwards one of his disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. This is one of the most important and cherished lessons available to us.

Master teach us to pray...

Luk 11:1 And it came to be while He was praying in a certain place, as He ceased, one of His taught ones said to Him, "Master, teach us to pray, as Yoḥanan also taught his taught ones."

Luk 11:2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say:

- Our Father in the <u>heavens</u>,
- let Your reign come,
- let Your desire be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- ♣ Luk 11:3 "Give us day by day our daily bread.
- Luk 11:4 "And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
- And do not lead us into trial, but rescue us from the wicked one."

First and foremost, by faith, YHWH is the only one we should call Father.

Matthew 23:5 "And they do all their works to be seen by men, and they make their t'fillen wide and lengthen the tzitziyota of their garments, 6 and they love the best place at feasts, and the best seats in the congregations, 7 and the greetings in the market-places, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi,' 8 "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi,' for One is your Teacher, the Messiah, and you are all brothers. 9 "And do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your Father, He who is in the heavens. 10 "Neither be called leaders, for One is your Leader, the Messiah. [ISR] (emphasis mine)

Our Father is in the heavens. Heavens is plural, indicating, He is Omnipresent, He is everywhere. Counterfeit gods and Satan cannot be everywhere at once.

Proverbs 15: 3 The eyes of יהוה are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

The Book of Remembrance

Mal 3:16 Then shall those who fear יהוה speak to one another, and יהוה listens and hears, and a book of remembrance be written before Him, of those who fear יהוה, and those who think upon His Name.

Mal 3:17 "And they shall be Mine," said יהוה of hosts, "on the day that I prepare a treasured possession. And I shall spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.

Mal 3:18 "Then you shall again see the difference between the righteous and the wrong, between one who serves Elohim and one who does not serve Him.

We are to honor and hallow His Name. His Name is so powerful that the enemy has replaced His Name nearly 7,000 times in the Holy Bible; the enemy has tried to hide His Name; the enemy has made laws not to say, speak, sing, or write His Name. If His Name was not so powerful, do you think the enemy would have spent so much time attacking His Name? Now, the enemy desires to enforce decapitation laws against anyone saying His Name or worshiping Him as in the 7 Talmudic Noahide Laws.

Acts 4: <u>12</u>"And there is no deliverance in anyone else, for there is no other Name under the heaven given among men by which we need to be saved."

Let your reign come! Yes, we await to see Yahusha come in all His glory! All creation groans for this moment.

Romans 8:22 For we know that all the creation groans together, and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only so, but even we ourselves who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, we ourselves also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Let His will or desire be done on earth as it is in heaven. He is Omniscient. He knows all; thus, He knows what is needed when we pray for ourselves and when we intercede for others in prayer.

John 5: <u>30</u>"Of Myself I am unable to do any *matter*. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own desire, but the desire of the Father who sent Me.

All our provisions come from Him! He is our living spiritual bread as well as the provider for our physical bread. Yahusha, YHWH in Son, came in the <u>likeness of flesh</u> for his flesh came down out of heaven. Man's flesh was formed from the clay.

John 6: <u>47</u> "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me possesses everlasting life. <u>48</u> "I am the bread of life. <u>49</u> "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. <u>50</u> "<u>This is the bread which comes down out of the heaven</u>, so that anyone might eat of it, and not die. <u>51</u> "I am the living bread which came down out of the heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live

forever. And indeed, the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

We ask for forgiveness of our sins and we freely offer forgiveness to others that sin against us.

Mark 11:<u>26</u> "But if you do not forgive, neither shall your Father in the heavens forgive your trespasses."

Do not lead us into trial but rescue us from the evil one.

Psa 27:5 For in the day of evil He hides me in His booth; In the covering of His Tent He hides me; On a rock He raises me up.

Psa 27:6 And now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me; And I slaughter in His Tent with slaughters of sounding; I sing, yes, I sing praises to יהוה.

Psa 27:7 Hear, O יהוה, when I cry with my voice! And show me favor, and answer me.

Ask

Seek

Knock

Luk 11:5 And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,

Luk 11:6 since a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I do not have *food* to set before him.'

Luk 11:7 then the one inside answering, says, 'Do not trouble me, the door is already locked, and my children with me are in bed. I am unable to get up and give to you'?

Luk 11:8 "I say to you, if he does not get up and give to him because he is his friend, he shall get up and give him as many as he needs because of his persistence.

Luk 11:9 "And I say to you: ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.

Luk 11:10 "For everyone asking receives, and he who is seeking finds, and to him who is knocking it shall be opened.

Luk 11:11 "And what father among you whose son asks for bread shall give him a stone, or if he asks for a fish shall give him a snake instead of a fish,

Luk 11:12 or if he asks for an egg shall give him a scorpion?

Luk 11:13 <u>"If you then, being wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father from heaven give the Set-apart Spirit to those asking Him!"</u>

Yahusha and Beelzebul

Luk 11:14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was dumb. And it came to be, when the demon had gone out, that the dumb spoke. And the crowds marveled.

Luk 11:15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Be'elzebul, the ruler of the demons,"

Luk 11:16 and others, trying *Him*, were seeking from Him a sign from heaven.

Luk 11:17 And He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every reign divided against itself is laid waste, and a house *divided* against a house falls.

Luk 11:18 "So if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his reign stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Be'elzebul.

Luk 11:19 "Now if I cast out demons by Be'elzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Because of this they shall be your judges.

Luk 11:20 "But if I cast out demons by the finger of Elohim, then the reign of Elohim has come upon you. Footnote: aSee Exo_31:18.

Luk 11:21 "When a strong man, having been well armed, watches over his own court, his possessions are in peace.

Luk 11:22 "But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his booty.

Luk 11:23 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

Return of an Unclean Spirit

Luk 11:24 "When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest. And finding none, he says, 'I shall return to my house from which I came.'

Luk 11:25 "And when he comes, he finds it swept and decorated,

Luk 11:26 then <u>he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than</u> himself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last *state* of that man becomes worse than the first."

Before anyone receives deliverance, it is extremely important that the person has the desire to receive Yahusha HaMashiach as their Savior and receive the infilling of the Ruach HaKodesh. Otherwise, they may end up worse than what they began with; for their 'house may become clean' for a season, but they are vulnerable to be possessed again, and even more so without having faith in Yahusha.

True Blessedness

Luk 11:27 And it came to be, as He was saying this, a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which You sucked!"

Luk 11:28 But He said, "Blessed rather are those hearing the Word of Elohim and watching over it!" b Footnote: bSee Luk_8:21.

Miriam was blessed to have birthed Yahusha; however, today 'religion' has elevated her to deity level which then translates to 'mother goddess' worship. This in turn is idol worship. Miriam was a surrogate womb in which Yahusha was birthed; she was blessed and beloved, but never was she meant to be prayed to nor worshipped.

The Sign of Jonah

Luk 11:29 And while the crowds were thronging, He began to say, "This generation is wicked. It seeks a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Yonah the prophet.

Luk 11:30 "For as Yonah became a sign to the Ninewites, so also the Son of Adam shall be to this generation.

Luk 11:31 "The sovereigness of the South shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and shall condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Shelomoh, and look, a greater than Shelomoh is here.

Luk 11:32 "The men of Nineweh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Yonah, and look, a greater than Yonah is here.

It is important not to miss one's divine encounter with Yahusha. Today, if you hear His voice, repent and receive the Messiah. He lives. All one must do is ask, seek, and knock, with a sincere heart and He, himself, will answer.

The Light in You

Luk 11:33 "And no one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a hidden place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in shall see the light.

Luk 11:34 "The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, all your body also is enlightened. But when your eye is evil, C your body also is darkened.

Footnote: ^CThis is Hebrew idiom – *a good eye* means to be generous, while *an evil eye* means to be stingy. Also see <u>Pro_22:9</u>, <u>Pro_23:6</u> and <u>Pro_28:22</u>

Luk 11:35 "See to it therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness.

Luk 11:36 "If then all your body is enlightened, having no part dark, all shall be enlightened, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."

The living, in Him, are filled with light. The dead are filled with darkness. Caution is given to those that have light in them; to make sure it is not darkness!

Woes to the Pharisees and Lawyers

Luk 11:37 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him, so He went in and sat down to eat.

Luk 11:38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He did not first wash before dinner.

Luk 11:39 And the Master said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is filled with greed and wickedness.

- Luk 11:40 "Mindless ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?
- Luk 11:41 "But give in kindness of that which is within, and see, all are clean to you.
- Luk 11:42 "But woe to you Pharisees, because you tithe the mint and the rue and every plant, and pass by the right-ruling and the love of Elohim. These you should have done, without leaving the others undone.
- Luk 11:43 "Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the best seats in the congregations and the greetings in the market-places.
- Luk 11:44 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you are like the unseen tombs, and the men walking over them do not know."

Luk 11:45 And one of those learned in the Torah, answering, said to Him,

"Teacher, when You say this You insult us too."

Luk 11:46 And He said,

- "Woe to you also, you learned in the Torah, because you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.
- Luk 11:47 "Woe to you, because you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.
 - Luk 11:48 "So you bear witness that you approve of the works of your fathers, because they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.
 - Luk 11:49 "And because of this the wisdom of Elohim said, 'I shall send them prophets and emissaries, and some of them they shall kill and persecute,'
 - Luk 11:50 so that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world shall be required of this generation,
 - Luk 11:51 <u>from the blood of Hebel to the blood of Zekaryah who</u> <u>perished between the slaughter-place and the Dwelling Place. Yes, I</u> say to you, it shall be required of this generation.
- Luk 11:52 "Woe to you learned in the Torah, because you took away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

<u>The</u> Pharisees and the scribes were repulsed, insulted, and opposed Him, the Truth, fiercely. Their desire was to silence His voice and find something to accuse Him of, when they should have been repenting and asking for forgiveness.

Luk 11:53 And as He was saying this to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to oppose Him fiercely, and to draw Him out on many subjects,

Luk 11:54 watching Him, and seeking to catch Him in whatever He says, so as to accuse Him.

1Cor. 12

From the <u>same Spirit</u> comes many gifts; there are different kinds of service, but <u>the same</u> <u>Master</u>; there are different kinds of workings, but <u>the same Elohim</u> <u>who is working all in</u> all.

We are many parts making up the one new man with Yahusha HaMashiach as the head.

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.

He is bringing the two houses of Judah and Israel back together; forming the one new man 'Israel.'

Exo 4:22 "And you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus said יהוה, <mark>"Yisra'ěl is My son, My first-born,</mark>

Hos 11:1 "When Yisra'ěl was a child, I loved him, and out of Mitsrayim I called My son.

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of Elohim through belief in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 There is not Yehudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:29 And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.

Rev 12:5 And she bore a male child^a who was to shepherd all nations with a **rod of iron.**Psa 2:9 And her child was caught away to Elohim and to His throne. Footnote: ^aSee also Isa 26:17, Isa 66:7, Mic 4:9-10.

1Co 12:1 And concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not wish you to be ignorant.

1Co 12:2 You know that you were nations,^a led away to the dumb idols, even as you might be led. Footnote: ^aSee also <u>Eph 2:11</u>, <u>Eph 4:17</u>, <u>1Pe 4:3</u>, <u>1Th 4:5</u>.

1Co 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of Elohim says יהושע is a curse, and no one is able to say that יהושע is Master except by the Setapart Spirit.

- 1Co 12:4 And there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 1Co 12:5 There are different kinds of services, but the same Master.
- 1Co 12:6 And there are different kinds of workings, but it is the same Elohim who is working all in all.
- 1Co 12:7 And to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for profiting,
- 1Co 12:8 for to one is given a word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
- 1Co 12:9 and to another belief by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit,
- 1Co 12:10 and to another operations of powers, and to another prophecy, and to another discerning of spirits, and to another kinds of tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues.
- 1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these, distributing to each one individually as He intends.

One Body with Many Members

As a body has many parts and functions; we too as living stones have many functions; with workings, service, and gifts but are all built together.

- 1Pe 2:4 Drawing near to Him, a living Stone rejected indeed by men, but chosen by Elohim and precious –
- 1Pe 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up, a spiritual house, a set-apart priesthood, to offer up spiritual slaughter *offerings* acceptable to Elohim through יהושע Messiah.
- 1Pe 2:6 Because it is contained in the Scripture, "See, I lay in Tsiyon a chief corner-stone, chosen, precious, and he who believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame." Isa_28:16.
- 1Pe 2:7 This preciousness, then, is for you who believe; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone," Psa_118:22.
- 1Pe 2:8 and "A stone of stumbling and a rock that makes for falling," Isa_8:14 who stumble because they are disobedient^a to the Word, to which they also were appointed. Footnote: ^aSee Joh_3:36, Heb_3:18.
- 1Pe 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**, b <u>Deu_10:15</u> a **royal priesthood**, c <u>Isa_61:6</u> a **set-apart nation**, d <u>Exo_19:6</u> a **people for a possession**, e <u>Isa_43:2</u> that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light, Footnotes: bAlso see <u>Isa_43:20</u>. cAlso see Isa_66:21. dAlso see Deu_7:6. eAlso see Exo_19:5, Tit_2:14.
- 1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**, f but now the **people of Elohim**; f who had **not obtained compassion**, f but now **obtained compassion**. f Hos_1:9-10, Hos_2:23. Footnote: fAlso see Isa_65:1, Hos_1:9, Isa_63:16, Isa_64:8, Rom_9:25-26.

- 1Co 12:12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is the Messiah.
- 1Co 12:13 For indeed by one Spirit we were all immersed into one body, whether Yehudim or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink into one Spirit.
- 1Co 12:14 For indeed the body is not one member but many.
- 1Co 12:15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," does it therefore not belong to the body?
- 1Co 12:16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," does it therefore not belong to the body?
- 1Co 12:17 If all the body was an eye, where would be the hearing? If all hearing, where would be the smelling?
- 1Co 12:18 But now Elohim has set the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He pleased.
- 1Co 12:19 And if they all had been one member, where would the body be?
- 1Co 12:20 And now, there are indeed many members, but one body.
- 1Co 12:21 And an eye is unable to say to the hand, "I have no need of you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

All of us as living stones are important and serve necessary roles.

1Co 12:22 But much rather, those members of the body which are thought to be weaker are necessary.

1Co 12:23 And to those of the body which we think to be less respected, these we present greater respect. And our unseemly *members* have greater seemliness,

1Co 12:24 whereas our seemly *members* have no need. But Elohim blended together the body, having given greater respect to that *member* which lacks it, 1Co 12:25 that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same concern one for another.

<u>Our unified oneness is of utmost importance to YHWH</u>. We each have a vital role and purpose given to us by YHWH through the Ruach HaKodesh. Loving YHWH and loving one another must always remain on the top of our list so to speak.

1Co 12:26 And <u>if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it;</u> or <u>if one member is esteemed, all the members rejoice with it.</u>

- 1Co 12:27 And you are a body of Messiah, and members individually.
- 1Co 12:28 And Elohim has appointed these in the assembly: firstly emissaries, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps,

ministrations, kinds of tongues.

1Co 12:29 Are all emissaries? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

1Co 12:30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

1Co 12:31 But earnestly seek the better gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

Love never fails!

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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