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Nitzavim – Stand – Week 51

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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, <u>without a doubt</u>, 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 first coming; 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 <u>not even ten righteous people among them</u>!

Only when YHWH leads you do <u>your garments never wear out</u> nor your <u>sandals</u>. 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, <mark>who has restored us to favour with Himself</mark> 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. They were 'TO STAND.' Stand on YHWH's Word; stand on His promises.

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 <u>envoys, or</u> <u>ambassadors</u>, here on earth <u>on behalf of Messiah</u>. 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 <u>two patterns provided by the assemblies in Smyrna and Philadelphia</u> and <u>take heed to the warnings given to the other five assemblies</u>. 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.

<u>5 Warnings to Believers:</u>

- 1. <u>Do not leave your first love in Yahusha HaMashiach</u>. Be faithful and walk in the new Covenant Confirming Gospel message.
- 2. <u>Come out of teachings that blend paganism with the profound teaching of</u> <u>YHWH's Word.</u> 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 or should repent. YHWH's Word should not be mixed with the <u>added leaven</u> 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. <u>Don't be captivated by the 'lights, show, and action' being hyped up and</u> <u>promoted in 'emerging churches.'</u> They bask in the <u>glory of men</u> 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 theirs.
- 5. <u>Avoid being lukewarm when it comes to YHWH</u>. This portrays the assembly that has pretty much turned into a <u>'social club'</u> 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.

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

 <u>He should know and see our works produced by faith in Him, and also</u> <u>see the pressure and poverty we experience from stepping out of the</u> <u>'herd mentality' of various man-made religions and worldly traditions.</u> 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. <u>When YHWH sees us walk in obedience to His Word; he sets before us an</u> <u>open door that no one can shut.</u> 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 <u>they are the temple</u> and that <u>they are Israel</u>. 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.

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

Let Deuteronomy speak to your heart as we today 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'ěl in the land of Mo'ab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horěb.

Deu 29:2 And Mosheh called all Yisra'ěl 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 <u>"Your eyes saw the great trials, the signs, and those great wonders.</u>

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 <u>I have led you forty years in the wilderness</u>. 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, <u>Sihon sovereign of Heshbon</u> and <u>Og sovereign</u> of Bashan came out <u>against us to battle</u>, and we struck them,

Deu 29:8 and took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Re'ubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Menashsheh.

Torah Portion Begins Here – Today we are to 'Guard His Covenant Torah and Stand.'

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'ěl,

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 <u>you saw their abominations and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold</u>, which were with them,

Deu 29:18 lest there should be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe, <u>whose heart turns</u> <u>away today from הוה our Elohim</u>, 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 <u>every curse that is written in this book shall settle on him</u>, and <u>shall blot out his name from under the heavens.</u>

Deu 29:21 "And יהוה shall separate him for evil, out of all the tribes of Yisra'ěl, 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 הוה 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 Amorah, Admah and Tseboyim, which הוה 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.

Deuteronomy 30

The children of Israel are given the instructions on how to live a life of blessings or curses. One can't help but read this chapter and sense that they would end up **not choosing** the good life of blessings.

It talks about '<u>turning them back'</u> and <u>gathering them</u> from all the peoples in which YHWH had scattered them; even if they were driven to the farthest parts under the heavens. This portion of Deuteronomy 30 seems to reach forward into our day, when YHWH's people would be circumcised of heart by grace through faith in the New Covenant.

We know this is what ultimately happens. All 12 tribes are scattered to the furthest parts under heaven and essentially; the '<u>they'</u> has now become the '<u>we.</u>' In essence, we are reading about when <u>He will gather us!</u>

Deu 30:1 "And it shall be, when all these words come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you shall bring them back to your heart among all the nations where יהוה your Elohim drives you,

Isa 46:8 "Remember this, and show yourselves men; turn it back, you transgressors.

Deu 30:2 and <u>shall turn back to יהוה your Elohim and obey His voice</u>, according to all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your being, you and your children,

Joel 2:12 "<u>Yet even now," declares יהוה</u>, "turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning."

Joel 2:13 <u>And tear your heart and not your garments</u>, and <u>turn back to יהוה your Elohim</u>, for He shows favour and is compassionate, patient, and of great loving-commitment, and He shall relent concerning the evil.

Deu 30:3 then יהוה your Elohim shall turn back your captivity, and shall have compassion on you, and <u>He shall turn back and gather you from all the peoples where יהוה your Elohim has scattered you.</u>

Deu 30:4 "If any of you <u>are driven out to the farthest parts under the heavens</u>, from there your Elohim does gather you, and from there He does take you.

Deu 30:5 "<u>And הוה your Elohim shall bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it</u>. And He shall do good to you, and increase you more than your fathers.

Deu 30:6 "And יהוה your Elohim <u>shall circumcise your heart</u> and the heart of your seed, to love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being, so that you might live,

TSK Cross-reference and other commentaries support that this section of Deuteronomy <u>is speaking of a greater return other than that from the</u> <u>Babylonian captivity.</u> We read:

As this promise refers to a return from a captivity <u>among all nations</u>, consequently it <u>cannot be exclusively the Babylonish captivity which is intended</u>; and <u>the repossession</u> <u>of their land must be different</u> from that which was consequent on their return from Babylon. Nor at that period could it be said that they were multiplied more than their fathers, or, as the Hebrew imports, made greater than their fathers, when after their return they were tributary to the Persians, and afterwards fell under the power of the Greeks, under whom they suffered much; nor have their hearts, as a nation, yet been circumcised. [TSK Cross-reference Commentary on Deut. 30:4]

Deu 30:7 <u>and הוה your Elohim shall put all these curses on your enemies and on those who</u> <u>hate you, who persecuted you.</u>

Zep 3:18 "I shall gather those who grieve about the appointed time, who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden.

Zep 3:19 "See, I am dealing with all those afflicting you at that time. And I shall save the lame, and gather those who were cast out. And I shall give them for a praise and for a name in all the earth where they were put to shame.

Deu 30:8 "And you shall turn back and obey the voice of יהוה and do all His commands which I command you today.

Deu 30:9 "And יהוה your Elohim shall make you have excess in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground for good. For turns back to rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,

Deu 30:10 <u>if you obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to guard His commands and His laws</u> which are written in this Book of the Torah, if you turn back to יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being.

Deu 28:11 "And יהוה shall make you **to have plenty of what is good**, in the fruit of your <u>body</u>, in the <u>fruit of your livestock</u>, and in the <u>fruit of your ground</u>, in the land of which יהוה swore to your fathers to give you.

Deu 28:12 "הוה' opens to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall lend to many nations, but you do not borrow.

Deu 28:13 "<u>And הוה shall make you the head and not the tail</u>. <u>And you shall be only on</u> top, and not be beneath, if you obey the commands of יהוה your Elohim, which I command you today, to guard and do.

Deu 28:14 "And do not turn aside from any of the Words which I am commanding you

today, right or left, to go after other mighty ones to serve them.

The Choice of Life and Death

Deu 30:11 "For this command which I am commanding you today, <u>it is not too hard for you,</u> <u>nor is it far off.</u>

Deu 30:12 "It is not in the heavens, to say, 'Who shall ascend into the heavens for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?'

Deu 30:13 "Nor is it beyond the sea, to say, 'Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?'

Deu 30:14 "For the Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart – to do it.

Rom 10:8 But what does it say? **"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart**" <u>Deu 30:14</u> – that is, the word of belief which we are proclaiming:

Rom 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth the Master יהושע and believe in your heart that Elohim has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, and so is saved.

Deu 30:15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, and death and evil,

1Jn 5:11 And this is the witness: that Elohim has given us everlasting life, and this life is in His Son.

1Jn 5:12 He who possesses the Son possesses life, he who does not possess the Son of Elohim does not possess life.

Deu 30:16 in that I am commanding you today to <u>love הוה</u> your Elohim, to <u>walk in His ways</u>, and to <u>guard His commands</u>, and <u>His laws</u>, and <u>His right-rulings</u>. And you shall live and increase, and יהוה your Elohim shall bless you in the land which you go to possess.

Deu 30:17 "<u>But if your heart turns away</u>, and you do not obey, and shall be drawn away, and shall <u>bow down to other mighty ones and serve them</u>,

Heb 12:25 Take heed not to refuse the One speaking. For if those did not escape who refused the warning on earth, much less we who turn away from Him from heaven,

Deu 30:18 "I have declared to you today that <u>you shall certainly perish</u>, <u>you shall not prolong</u> <u>your days in the land which you are passing over the Yarděn to enter and possess.</u>

Deu 30:19 "I have called the heavens and the earth as witnesses today against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore you shall choose life, so that you live, both you and your seed,

Act 2:39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off, as

many as יהוה our Elohim shall call."

Deu 30:20 <mark>to love יהוה your Elohim, to obey His voice, and to cling to Him – for He is your life</mark> and the length of your days – to dwell in the land which יהוה swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitsḥaq, and to Yaʿaqob̯, to give them."

Col 3:3 For you have died, and your life has been hidden with Messiah in Elohim. Col 3:4 When the Messiah, who is our life, is manifested, then you also shall be manifested with Him in esteem.

Isaiah 61

The Year of YHWH's Favor

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Master יהוה is upon Me, because יהוה has anointed Me to bring good news to the meek. He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound,

<mark>lsa 61:2 to proclaim the acceptable year of אהוה, and the day of vengeance of our Elohim, to comfort all who mourn,</mark>

Yahusha quotes Isaiah 61:1 and part of Isaiah 42:7 in Luke 4. Yahusha alludes to this being the ultimate **year of Jubilee** when debts and obligations of bondmen & women are released.

It is <u>through Yahusha HaMashiach</u> that captives are set-free from their sins; from their blindness; from their crushed spirits; and healing is brought to the broken-hearted. Behold, in Him, all things become new!

Luk 4:16 And He came to Natsareth, where He had been brought up. And according to His practice, He went into the congregation on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. Luk 4:17 And the scroll of the prophet Yeshayahu was handed to Him. And having unrolled the scroll, He found the place where it was written:

Luk 4:18 "The Spirit of min is upon Me,^C because He has anointed Me to bring the Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away crushed ones with a release, Footnote: ^CSee Isa_61:1-3.

Luk 4:19 **to proclaim the acceptable year of הוה.**"^d <u>Isa 61:1-2</u> Footnote: ^dAlso see <u>Isa 58:6</u>. Luk 4:20 And having rolled up the scroll, He gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the congregation were fixed upon Him.

Luk 4:21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been filled in your hearing."

lsa 61:3 to appoint unto those who mourn in Tsiyon: to give them embellishment for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And they shall be called trees of righteousness, a planting of יהוה, to be adorned.

Isa 61:4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, raise up the former wastes. And they shall restore the ruined cities, the wastes of many generations.

Isa 61:5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner be your ploughmen and your vinedressers.

He will give us beauty for ashes and oil of joy for mourning. We will no longer be clothed in garments of heaviness but garments of praise. We will stand as people of righteousness. The places of ruin and waste lands will be restored.

Isa 61:6 But you shall be called, **<u>'Priests of isanity</u>'** '<u>Servants of our Elohim'</u> shall be said of you. <u>You shall consume the strength of the nations, and boast in their esteem</u>.

Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame and reproach, they rejoice a second time in their portion. <u>Therefore they take possession a second time in their land, everlasting joy is theirs.</u> Isa 61:8 "For I, אות, love right-ruling; I hate robbery for ascending offering. And <u>I shall give</u> <u>their reward in truth, and make an everlasting covenant with them.</u>

Isa 61:9 "And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples. All who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed יהוה has blessed."

Israel will once again enter the Promised Land; this time as <u>Priests of YHWH</u>. Israel will receive their portion and enter everlasting joy! The seed of Israel prevails as the 'one new man.' Unrepentant Esau/Edomites will be defeated.

Isa 61:10 I greatly rejoice in הוה, my being exults in my Elohim. For <u>He has put garments of</u> deliverance on me, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isa 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the seed to shoot up, so the Master הנה causes righteousness and praise to shoot up before all the nations!

Isaiah 62 Yahusha is our banner! He is our hope! He is our salvation! Those that are set-apart and fully devoted to Him, are His bride. We are Zion; we are the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven; we are the living stones.

He has gone to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. He tells us He is coming again to receive us to Himself! Praise Yah! HalleluYah!

Joh 14:2 "In My Father's house are many **<u>staying places</u>**. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you might be too.

Joh 14:4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Zion's Coming Salvation

Isa 62:1 For Tsiyon's sake I am not silent, and for Yerushalayim's sake I do not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her deliverance as a lamp that burns.

Isa 62:2 And <u>the nations shall see your righteousness</u>, and <u>all sovereigns your esteem</u>. And <mark>you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of יהוה designates</mark>.

Isa 62:3 And you shall be <u>a crown of comeliness</u> in the hand of <u>הוה</u>, and <u>a royal head-dress</u> in the hand of your Elohim.

Isa 62:4 <u>No longer are you called "Forsaken,"</u> and <u>no longer is your land called</u> "Deserted." But you shall be called <u>"Hephtsibah,"</u> and your land <u>"Married," for יהוה shall</u> <u>delight in you, and your land be married.</u>

BDB Definition:

Hephzi-bah = "my delight is in her"

- 1) the queen of King Hezekiah and mother of Manasseh
- 2) a name for Jesusalem (figuratively)

Isa 62:5 For as a young man marries a maiden, so shall your sons marry you. And <u>as the</u> bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your Elohim rejoice over you.

lsa 62:6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Yerushalayim, all the day and all the night, continually, who are not silent. You who remember יהוה, give yourselves no rest,

Isa 62:7 and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Yerushalayim a praise in the earth.

lsa 62:8 הוה has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength, "No more do l give your grain to be food for your enemies, nor do sons of the foreigner drink your new wine, for which you have laboured;

Isa 62:9 but those gathering it shall eat it, and praise יהוה. And those collecting it shall drink it in My set-apart courts."

Isa 62:10 Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Lift up a banner for the peoples! Isa 62:11 See, אור has proclaimed to the end of the earth: "Say to the daughter of Tsiyon, 'See, your deliverance has come; see, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.' "

You can only 'pass through the gate' if you are His sheep! He is the Good Shepherd; He is the Door to the sheepfold; only His sheep pass under His rod. There is no other way to enter. His sheep are wrapped in garments of white that have been washed by the blood of the Lamb!

lsa 62:12 And they shall be called, <mark>"The Set-apart People, the Redeemed of יהוה"." And you</mark> shall be called, "Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken."

Isaiah 63

We must keep in mind that the wheat and tares; the sheep and the goats; the Esau/Edomites and YHWH's Israelites; **are existing side by side**. Though we can discern '**who is who'** by their fruit; it is not always that simple.

Only Yahusha will be able to tell for sure, who is who. He knows the heart. For this reason, we should <u>encourage all to come</u> to the saving faith in Yahusha HaMashiach for it is <u>His desire that none perish</u>.

We were <u>all</u> born with a fallen nature, and only by repentance and coming into covenant with Yahusha do we enter His Kingdom and become part of Israel. There is still hope for those that are lost and are still existing in the realm of Esau/Edom – <u>the worldly fleshly</u> <u>nation people</u>.

YHWH's Day of Vengeance

Isa 63:1 Who is this coming from Edom, with garments of glowing colours from Botsrah, who is robed in splendour, striding forward in the greatness of His strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

Isa 63:2 Why is there red on Your raiment, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?

Isa 63:3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. And I trod them down in My displeasure, and I trampled them in My wrath. Their blood is sprinkled

upon My garments, and I have defiled all My raiment.

Isa 63:4 "For a day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.

Isa 63:5 "And I looked, but there was none helping, and I was astonished that there was none upholding. So My own arm saved for Me, and My wrath upheld Me.

Isa 63:6 "And I trod down peoples in My displeasure, and <u>made them drunk in My wrath</u>, and brought down their strength to earth."

BDB Definition:

Bozrah = "sheepfold" or "fortress"

1) a town in Edom

2) a town in Moab

Excerpt from 'Esau Effect' by Kimberly Rogers Brown – MessianicMessage.com

"Remember I told you the Jews considered Rome an Edomite city? They nicknamed it **Bosra** in honor of the capital of Edom and the Edomites who had infiltrated the highest levels of the Edomite Roman Empire. Now, **the Biblical Bosrah is NOT Rome**, but a city in Lower Jordan where the future sheepfolds will be when Yeshua returns.

Mic 2:12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men."

So, though we see YHWH exercising His vengeance and wrath in Botsrah, we know He would have already gathered and protected any of His sheep that had been in that region.

"Bozrah is mentioned in 9 verses in the Tanakh. It was an established city before Rome was ever thought of. It will be Bozrah, not Rome, where the LORD will return. Why? Because Bozrah is in the Land that He swore to Abraham; Rome is not. However, it is good for us to understand the connection between Bozrah of ancient Edom, which is now lower Jordan, and its nicknamed counterpart, Rome."

"Now, let me give you a caution:

Deu 23:7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land.

We Believers need to be careful. Esau is our brother. We are not to hate our brother. In fact, we must witness to the Edomites while we still can because God has made provision for them to come to Him just like us. We can disagree with Esau, but we must treat him with justice and kindness like the Torah teaches. We must give every Edomite Jew the opportunity to turn from Communism and alah ± the curse ± to the God of Jacob." [Excerpts end]

YHWH's Mercy Remembered

Isa 63:7 Let me recount the loving-commitments of יהוה and the praises of יהוה, according to all that יהוה has done for us, and the great goodness toward the house of Yisra'ěl, which He has done for them according to His compassion, and according to His many loving-commitments.

Isa 63:8 And He said, <u>"They are My people, children who do not act falsely." And He</u> became their Savior.

Isa 63:9 In all their distress He was distressed, and the Messenger of His Presence saved them. In His love and in His compassion He redeemed them, and He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Isa 63:10 But they rebelled and grieved His Set-apart Spirit, so He turned against them as an enemy, and He fought against them.

Isa 63:11 Then He remembered the days of old, Mosheh, His people, "Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Setapart Spirit within him,

Isa 63:12 who led them by the right hand of Mosheh, with His comely arm, dividing the water before them to make for Himself an everlasting Name,

Isa 63:13 who led them through the deep? Like a horse in the wilderness they did not stumble."

Isa 63:14 As a beast goes down into the valley, and the Spirit of הוה causes him to rest, so You led Your people, to make Yourself a comely Name.

YHWH has not forgotten His people. He loved us and redeemed us then and now. He justified us and mikvah'd the nation as they passed through the waters of the Sea of Reeds and the Jordan. Israel is His first born. Israel is the one He has shown His loving commitment toward.

Prayer for Mercy

Isa 63:15 Look down from the heavens, and see from Your set-apart and comely dwelling. Where are Your ardor and Your might, the stirring of Your inward parts and Your compassion toward me? Are they withheld?

lsa 63:16 For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Yisra'ěl does not recognise us. You, O ההה, are our Father, our Redeemer – Your Name is from of old.

Isa 63:17 O יהוה, why do You make us stray from Your ways, and harden our heart from Your

fear? Turn back, for the sake of Your servants, the tribes of Your inheritance.

Isa 63:18 For a little while Your set-apart people possessed it – our adversaries have trodden down Your set-apart place.^a Footnote: ^a <u>Psa_74:1-23</u>, <u>Psa_79:1-13</u>, <u>Jer_51:51</u>, <u>Lam_1:10</u>, <u>Dan_8:13</u>, <u>Dan_11:31</u>, <u>Mat_24:15</u>.

Isa 63:19 We have become like those over whom You never ruled – Your Name is not called on them!

Joh 10:16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold – I have to bring them as well, and they shall hear My voice, and **there shall be one flock, one shepherd**.^b Footnote: ^bSee also Joh_11:52, Eph_2:13-19, Isa_56:8, Eze_34:23, Eze_37:24.

Isa 56:8 The Master יהוה, <mark>who gathers the outcasts</mark> of Yisra'ěl, declares, "<mark>I gather still</mark> others to him besides those who are gathered to him."

Eph 2:13 But now in Messiah יהושע you <u>who once were far off</u> have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah.

Eph 2:14 For He is our peace, who has made both one, and having broken down the partition of the barrier,

Eph 2:15 <u>having abolished in His flesh the enmity</u>^d – the torah of the commands in dogma – so as to create in Himself one renewed man from the two, thus making peace, Footnote: ^dAlso see <u>Col 2:14</u>, <u>Col 2:20</u>, <u>Act 11:1-3</u>.

Eph 2:16 and to completely restore to favour both of them unto Elohim in one body through the stake, having destroyed the enmity by it.

Eph 2:17 And having come, He brought as Good News peace to you who were far off, and peace to those near. <u>Isa_57:19</u>.

Eph 2:18 Because through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,^e Footnote: ^eSee Rom_11:17-24, Isa_14:1.

Matthew 5:17-20

Yahusha Came to Fulfill the Law

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets.^e I did not come to destroy but to complete. Footnote: ^eThe Law and the Prophets is a term used for the pre-Messianic Scriptures.

Mat 5:18 "For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one yod or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done.^f Footnote: ^f Luk 16:17. Mat 5:19 "Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.

Mat 5:20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees,9 you shall by no means enter into the reign of the heavens. Footnote: 9See also Mat 23:28, Mat 15:3-9, Mar 7:7-13, Joh 7:19, Act 7:53, Rom 2:23-27, Gal 6:13.

Luke 24



The Resurrection – On the Sabbath, before the dawn broke into 'Sunday', they arrive at the tomb to find the stone rolled away; linen wrappings were seen where He had laid; and Yahusha's body was not there. Luke later defines who 'they' were in the following verse. They had gone to the tomb to anoint Yahusha's body with spices.

Luk 24:10 And it was Miryam from Magdala, and Yoḥanah, and Miryam *the mother* of Ya'aqob, and the rest with them, who told this to the emissaries.

They encounter two men in glittering garments. And the men ask <u>why do you seek the</u> <u>living among the dead</u>. The men in glittering garments go on to remind them <u>what</u> <u>Yahusha had already told them.</u>

Luk 24:4 And it came to be, as they were perplexed about this, that see, two men stood by them in glittering garments.

Luk 24:7 saying, 'The Son of Adam has to be delivered into the hands of sinners, and be impaled, and the third day rise again.' "

Luk 24:8 And they remembered His words.

The following verses <u>are just a few</u> other accounts of His resurrection in the gospels. They all vary somewhat and give us a broader description of the resurrection scene that morning. The account that puzzles me the most is found in the Book of Mark that describes 'a young man' sitting on the right, wearing a white robe. Could this young man be the same one we read about in Mark 14:51?

Mar 14:51 And a certain young man was following Him, having a linen cloth thrown around *his* naked *body*. And when they seized him,

Mar 14:52 he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

Mar 16:5 And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, wearing a white robe, and they were greatly astonished.

Joh 20:11 But Miryam was standing outside by the tomb weeping. Then as she wept, she stooped down to the tomb,

Joh 20:12 and saw <mark>two messengers in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet,</mark> where the body of יהושע had been laid.

Those that had gone to the tomb, return to the eleven and the others to report all they had witnessed; yet their witnessed account was not believed and was considered nonsense. Luke records that Peter goes to the tomb to see for himself.

On the Road to Emmaus

We then read the account of the two on the road to Emmaus. One of the two is later identified as Cleopas.

Emmaus was thought to be located approximately 7 miles away from Jerusalem. While they traveled, they bemoaned their disappointment in all that had taken place over the past several days. As they did so, Yahusha draws near to them, but they are restrained from 'seeing' who He was.

When Yahusha inquired about their conversation, Cleopas somewhat sarcastically replies. Sometimes in our own weaknesses and frustrations, we give flippant replies that usually come back and 'bite us'. This is one of those time. Cleopas goes on to answer Yahusha's question as per Cleopas's understanding as to 'What?' took place.

Yahusha, still being concealed from their eyes, replies.

Luk 24:25 And He said to them, "O thoughtless ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

Luk 24:26 "Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these and to enter into His esteem?" Luk 24:27 And beginning at Mosheh and all the Prophets, He was explaining to them in all the Scriptures the *matters* concerning Himself.

Yahusha shows us all much patience; and daily He shows us his loving commitment. Cleopas and the other traveler invite the 'visitor' to tarry with them since it was late. As they later sit at the table and break bread, their eyes are open; revealing it was Yahusha. No sooner than this revelation is shown to them; Yahusha disappears.

Then that same hour, they start the approximately 7-mile journey back to tell the 11 disciples and those gathered with them all that had happened! Note: If they went to tell the 11 disciples, that means that the other person traveling with Cleopas was <u>not one of the eleven disciples (Judas Iscariot was dead and none other had yet been appointed</u>. But then we read an interesting verse.

Luk 24:34 saying, "The Master was truly raised, and has appeared to Shim'on!"

Wait, we just read that Yahusha had appeared to both. So why do we read that Yahusha appeared to Shimon? Could it be that the two on the road to Emmaus were from the **tribe of Shimon**? Just a thought to ponder. Because the next verse they both tell all that had happened as He was recognized by them!

Luk 24:35 And they related what *took place* on the way, and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

Could the one traveling with Cleopas be his wife?

Luke 24:18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked ... - Bible Hub https://www.biblehub.com/luke/24-18.htm

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers (18) One of them, whose name was Cleopas.

The ministry of <u>James the Just brother of Jesus</u> is known in scripture and <u>James' tensions</u> and life threatening struggles with the House of Ananus are now documented. Simeon early made his mark in the Nazarene society. Like his two brothers Simeon was also known for his piety, his leadership ability in times of crisis. He has also come down in history as a teacher and a scholar. Later Jewish sources attribute the books, *the Gospel of the Hebrews, the Ascents of Jacob, and the Book of John as coming from the pen of* Simeon ben Calpus (Cleopas). Though lost in the misty fog of ancient history, glimpses of their existence can be seen today. http://www.biblesearchers.com/hebrewchurch/primitive/primitive16.shtml

Yahusha Appears to His Disciples

Now, <u>as the two were sharing</u> all that had happened, Yahusha appears and stands in their very midst. All eyes gaze on His nailed scarred hands and feet; He said handle Me for a spirit does not have flesh and bone; He then asks for food and He eats in their presence; He tells them this is what I had taught you; He then opens their minds to understanding the Scriptures; He explains that His prophesied death, burial, and resurrection on the third day had to take place; He tells them they are to be witnesses and preach **repentance and forgiveness of sins in His Name** to all nations beginning at Jerusalem; and they were to tarry in Jerusalem for **the Promise** that would cloth them with power from on high.

The Ascension – Yahusha departs with them as far as Bethany. He **lifts His hands and blesses them** then ascends into heaven. Yahusha conducted His Melchizedek High Priestly duties over his own sacrifice. Many things had to be completed between and through His death, burial, and resurrection on the 3rd day. We now see Him making several witnessed appearances before ascending on the 40th day.

The cross-references to **'he lifted'** are very telling. <u>Gen_14:18-20</u>, <u>Gen_27:4</u>, <u>Gen_48:9</u>, <u>Gen_49:28</u>; <u>Num_6:23-27</u>; <u>Mar_10:16</u>; <u>Heb_7:5-7</u>

Romans 9:30 - 10:13

Israel's Unbelief

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That nations not following after righteousness, have obtained righteousness, even the righteousness of belief,

Rom 9:31 but Yisra'ěl following after the Torah of righteousness, has not arrived at the Torah of righteousness.

Rom 9:32 Why? Because *it was* not of belief, but as by works of Torah. For they stumbled at the **Stone of stumbling.** <u>Isa_8:14</u>.

Rom 9:33 As it has been written, "See, I lay in Tsiyon a Stone of stumbling and a Rock that makes for falling, and everyone who is believing on Him shall not be put to shame." <u>Isa_8:14</u>, <u>Isa_28:16</u>.

Rom 10:1 Truly brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to Elohim for Yisra'ěl is for deliverance.

Rom 10:2 For I bear them witness that they have an ardour for Elohim, but not according to knowledge.

Rom 10:3 For not knowing the righteousness of Elohim, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not subject themselves to^a the righteousness of Elohim. Footnote: ^aOr *did not obey*.

Rom 10:4 For Messiah is the goal^b of the 'Torah unto righteousness' to everyone who believes. Footnote: ^bOr end purpose; not termination.

The Message of Salvation to All

Rom 10:5 For Mosheh writes about the righteousness which is of the Torah, "The man who does these shall live by them." $Lev_{18:5}$.

Rom 10:6 But the righteousness of belief speaks in this way, "Do not say in your

heart, 'Who shall ascend into the heavens?' " <u>Deu 30:12</u> – that is, to bring Messiah down; or,

Rom 10:7 " Who shall descend into the abyss?' " – that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead.

Rom 10:8 But what does it say? **"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"** <u>Deu 30:14</u> – that is, the word of belief which we are proclaiming:

Rom 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth the Master יהושע and believe in your heart that Elohim has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, and so is saved.

Rom 10:11 Because the Scripture says, **"Whoever puts his trust in Him shall not be** put to shame." <u>Isa 28:16</u>.

Rom 10:12 Because there is no distinction between Yehudi and Greek, for the same Master of all is rich to all those calling upon Him.

Rom 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the Name of יהוה shall be saved."^C Joe 2:32. Footnote: CAct 2:21.

1Tim. 6

Paul's words to Timothy speak for themselves; and to this day they still speak to all His set-apart ones.

1Ti 6:1 Let those who are servants under a yoke regard their own masters worthy of all respect, lest the Name of Elohim and His teaching be blasphemed.

False Teachers and True Contentment

1Ti 6:2 And those who have believing masters, let them not disregard them because they are brothers, but rather serve them because they are believing and beloved ones, those receiving of the good service in return. Teach and urge these *matters*.

1Ti 6:3 If anyone teaches differently and does not agree to the sound words, those of our Master יהושע Messiah, and to the teaching which is according to reverence,

1Ti 6:4 he is puffed up, understanding none at all, but is sick about questionings and verbal battles from which come envy, strife, slander, wicked suspicions,

1Ti 6:5 worthless disputes of men of corrupt minds and deprived of the truth, who think that reverence is a means of gain – withdraw from such.

1Ti 6:6 But reverence with contentment is great gain.

1Ti 6:7 For we brought naught into the world, and it is impossible to take any out.

1Ti 6:8 When we have food and covering, we shall be satisfied with these.

1Ti 6:9 But those wishing to be rich fall into trial and a snare, and into many foolish and injurious lusts which plunge men in ruin and destruction.

1Ti 6:10 For the love of silver^a is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some, by longing for it, have strayed from the belief, and pierced themselves through with many pains. Footnote: ^aImplying money.

Paul then encourages Timothy to fight the good fight of faith!

1Ti 6:11 But you, O man of Elohim, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, reverence, belief, love, endurance, meekness.

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of the belief, lay hold on everlasting life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

1Ti 6:13 In the sight of Elohim who gives life to all, and of Messiah יהושע who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, I charge you:

1Ti 6:14 that you guard the command^b spotlessly, blamelessly, until the appearing of our Master יהושע Messiah, Footnote: ^bCommand (singular) often means commands, e.g. <u>Deu_17:20</u>, <u>Psa_19:8</u>.

1Ti 6:15 which in His own seasons He shall reveal – the blessed and only Ruler, the Sovereign of sovereigns and Master of masters,

1Ti 6:16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see, to whom be respect and everlasting might. Aměn.

1Ti 6:17 Charge those who are rich in this present age not to be high-minded, nor to trust in the uncertainty of riches, but in the living Elohim, who gives us richly all for enjoyment,

1Ti 6:18 to do good, to be rich in good works,^C to be generous, ready to share, Footnote: ^CSee <u>Mat 16:27</u>.

1Ti 6:19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, so that they

lay hold on everlasting life.

1Ti 6:20 O Timotiyos! Watch over that which has been entrusted to you, turning aside from the profane and empty babblings and contradictions of the falsely called 'knowledge,'

1Ti 6:21 which some, having professed it, have missed *the goal* concerning the belief. Favour be with you. Aměn.

Hebrews 12:14-15

The author in Hebrews 12 encourages the audience NOT to grow weary; be strengthen and do what is right and loving. Receive His discipline gladly because <u>He disciplines those</u> <u>He loves for good and not for evil</u>. He is the <u>Perfecter of our faith</u>. Discipline is like pruning; it may hurt and not be pleasant; but in the end; much fruit is produced. Stand firm; don't turn back; run the race with patient endurance.

Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all, and *pursue* apartness without which no one shall see the Master.

Heb 12:15 See to it that no one falls short of the favour of Elohim, that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, by which many become defiled,

1John 5

There is nothing sadder than to hear someone say, 'well I hope I am saved' or 'I think I'm save.' YHWH sent His Son that we may 'know' we are saved. By faith we are saved when we come to Him with <u>a sincere repentant heart</u>; asking for forgiveness; and asking Him to become our Savior and to teach us His ways.

It was the very words written in this chapter that I saw a dying man's life transform. We had gone in visitation groups of three to witness to members of our congregation. This man was a husband of a member of our Baptist church at the time, but he was a Catholic. He was dying of throat cancer.

When we arrived at the home, his wife greeted us and said he was sleeping on the sofa. She asked if we wanted her to wake him up. We looked at one another and pondered, should we? After vacillating, I was moved by the Holy Spirit; I look at her and said yes. I sat beside him and communicated with him through his writing on his yellow legal pad. He was unable to speak. When I asked him if he knew he would be with Jesus one day, he said he wasn't 100% sure.

His answer made His Spirit within me quicken, and I said yes, you can know! I read to him 1John 5:13. I asked him if he wanted to know he was saved and give his life to Jesus. He said yes. We held hands and he prayed along with me in his heart. After praying, he started bouncing up and down while he sat next to me on the sofa. He was so excited! He grabbed the yellow legal pad; and wrote: N.D.O.B followed by the date. I asked him what that meant. He wrote, 'New Date of Birth!' Praise Yah!

His Word is powerful and living. This man moved from death unto everlasting life in Yahusha (Jesus) that day. He died two weeks later. It was truly a divine appointment lead by the Ruach HaKodesh. YHWH used a clay vessel such as me to reach one of his lost sheep. All praise, honor, glory to YHWH!

I kept that note as a beautiful memorial to the power of our Living YHWH; and to His divine appointment with a man that YHWH placed in my path for a moment in time; an **appointment to witness of His great love for us!** I have no doubt, that man was forever changed and was 'born anew.'

I was going through old files for shredding and came across the copy of the note. In preparing this Torah portion, I had grabbed my previous comments on 1John 5, and by no coincidence, I had previously shared this man's testimony. I know this must indicate that this message is meant for someone out there for such a time as this. Here is the note and I transcribed it for easier reading. You will see his N.D.O.B. in the upper left-hand corner dated March 10, 2002.

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Moments in life I fully realize only Jesus can guide and help me. I feel (or sense) my fellow man can not help me as Christ can. These times are rare. Also takes a mountain of prayer to come to an answer.

Me: Jesus is always there. At any moment – always available – always praying and He is bigger than any mountain.

Do you know <u>without a doubt</u> if you will go to heaven?

I've never come to an emphatic 100% YES answer to this question. Therefore, I guess I do have a smidgen of doubt.

Me: You do not have to have any doubt – Jesus came so that we would <u>know</u> we have eternal life. [Read to him 1 John 5:13]

I would be honored to lead you in a prayer to GOD right now so you would **<u>know</u>**.

As shared previously, after praying, he started bouncing up and down while he sat next to me on the sofa. He was so excited! He grabbed the yellow legal pad; and wrote: N.D.O.B followed by the date. I asked him what that meant. He wrote, 'New Date of Birth!' Praise Yah! I then wrote, 'I love you!'

Overcoming the World

1Jn 5:1 Everyone who believes that יהושע is the Messiah has been born of Elohim, and everyone who loves the One bringing forth also loves the one having been born of Him.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim and guard His commands.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love for Elohim, that we guard His commands,^a and His commands are not heavy, Footnote: ^aSee <u>1Jn 5:2</u>, <u>2Jn 1:6</u> and <u>Joh 14:15</u>.

1Jn 5:4 **because everyone having been born of Elohim overcomes the world**. And this is the overcoming that has overcome the world: our belief.

1Jn 5:5 Who is the one who overcomes the world but he who believes that יהושע is the Son of Elohim?

Testimony Concerning the Son of Elohim

1Jn 5:6 This is the One that came by water and blood: יהושע Messiah, not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the Truth.

1Jn 5:7 Because there are three who bear witness: Footnote: As per early Gk. text. Later MSS contain additions. See Explanatory Notes, 'Comma Johanneum'.

1Jn 5:8 the Spirit, and the water, and the blood. And the three are in agreement.

1Jn 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of Elohim is greater, because this is the witness of Elohim which He has witnessed concerning His Son.

1Jn 5:10 The one who believes in the Son of Elohim has the witness in himself, the one who does not believe Elohim has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the witness that Elohim has given concerning His Son.

1Jn 5:11 And this is the witness: that Elohim has given us everlasting life, and this life is in His Son.

1Jn 5:12 He who possesses the Son possesses life, he who does not possess the Son of Elohim does not possess life.

That You May Know

1Jn 5:13 I have written this to you who believe in the Name of the Son of Elohim, so that you know that you possess everlasting life, and so that you believe in the Name of the Son of Elohim.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the boldness that we have in Him, that if we ask whatever according to His desire, He hears us.

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

1Jn 5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin, not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for those not sinning unto death. There is a sin unto death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

1Jn 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death.

1Jn 5:18 We know that everyone having been born of Elohim does not sin,^b but the one having been born of Elohim guards himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.^c Footnotes: ^bSee <u>1Jn_3:6-9</u> ^cSee <u>1Jn_4:4</u>.

1Jn 5:19 We know that we are of Elohim, and all the world lies in the wicked one.

1Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of Elohim has come and has given us an understanding, so that we might know the true One. **And we are in the true One**, in His Son יהושע Messiah. This is the true Elohim and everlasting life.

1Jn 5:21 <u>Little children, keep yourselves from idols</u>.^d Aměn. Footnote: ^dSee <u>1Co_10:14</u>.

Shabbat Shalom, Libby