

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 18; Job 36; Luke 21; 2Cor. 6.

March 7 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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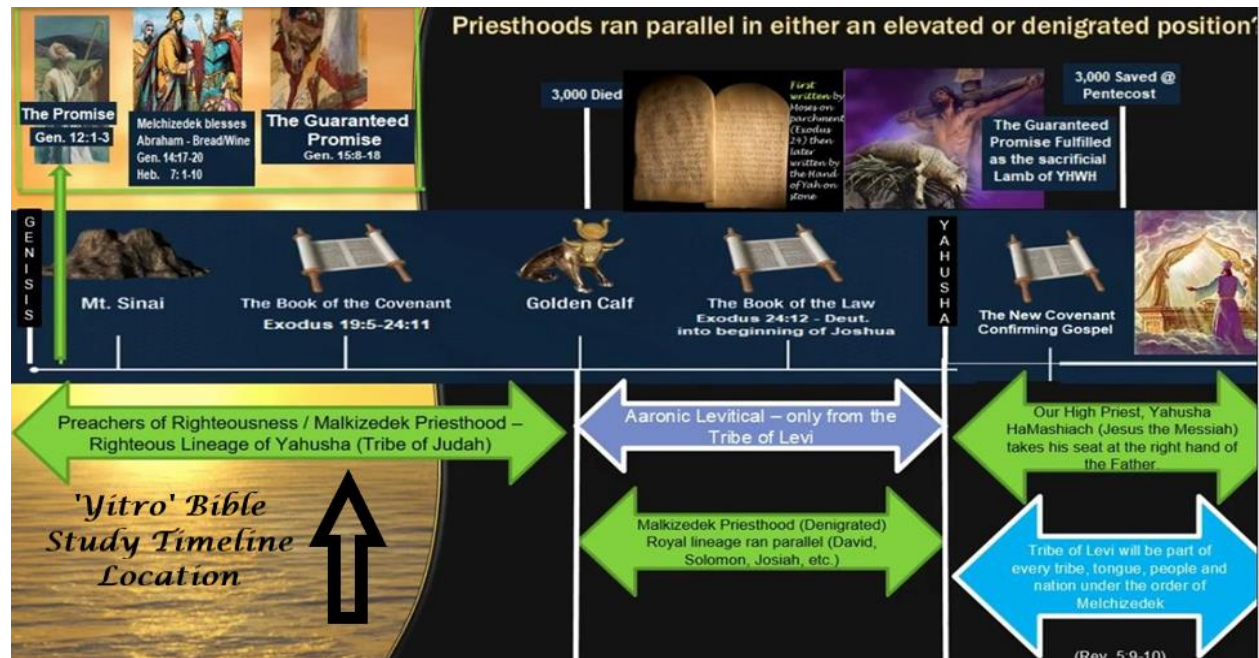
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Exodus 18

Moses **comes full circle**. In Exodus 18 he arrives back at the mountain of Elohim, the mountain in the wilderness of the burning bush. This was the **SIGN**, YHWH gave to Moses in Exodus 3:12.

Exodus 3: 1 And Mosheh was shepherding the flock of Yithro his father-in-law, the priest of Midyan. And he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and **came to Horëb, the mountain of Elohim**.

Exodus 3: 12 And He said, "Because I am with you. **And this is to you the sign** that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Mitsrayim, **you are to serve Elohim on this mountain**."



What Do Mt. Horeb, The Mountain of God, Mt. Paran and Mt. Seir Have to Do with Mt. Sinai? By Bryant G. Wood, PhD. Answers that question this way: **The short answer to our title question is that the Mountain of God, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Sinai and Mt. Paran are all names for Mt. Sinai, and Mt. Seir is important for determining the location of Mt. Sinai.** The long answer, which is the subject of this article, is that each of these names provides important clues for determining where Mt. Sinai is located. The location of Mt. Sinai is one of the major mysteries in Biblical research. Yohanan Aharoni has stated, "To-day the problem of identifying the route of the Exodus and Mount Sinai

itself is one of extraordinary difficulty, far more than any other problem of Palestinian Biblical topography” (1962: 118). Link: <http://www.biblearchaeology.org/post/2008/11/What-Do-Mt-Horeb2c-The-Mountain-of-God2c-Mt-Paran-and-Mt-Seir-Have-to-Do-with-Mt-Sinai.aspx#Article>

We see Jethro (Yitro) bring Moses’ wife and two sons to Moses at Mount Sinai, ‘the Mountain of Elohim.’ Jethro had heard all the things that YHWH had done through Moses’ in leading the people out of Egyptian captivity. Can you imagine those conversations! People talking about the 10 plagues; the sea parting; drowning of Pharaoh’s army; bread falling from heaven; rock giving water; Amalekites being defeated and so forth!

Jethro's Advice

Exo 18:1 And Yithro, the priest of Midyan, Mosheh’s father-in-law, heard of all that Elohim had done for Mosheh and for Yisra’ël His people, that הוה' had brought Yisra’ël out of Mitsrayim.

Exo 18:2 And Yithro, Mosheh’s father-in-law, took Tsipporah, the wife of Mosheh – after he had sent her back,

Exo 18:3 and her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gěreshom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land,”

Exo 18:4 and the name of the other was Eli’ezer, for he said, “The Elohim of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.”

Exo 18:5 Yithro, Mosheh’s father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Mosheh in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of Elohim.

Exo 18:6 And he had said to Mosheh, “I, your father-in-law Yithro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her.”

Exo 18:7 And Mosheh went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed down, and kissed him. And they asked each other about their welfare, and they went into the tent.

The names of Moses’ sons are significant. **Gěreshom**, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land” and **Eli’ezer**, for he said, “The Elohim of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.” We too, live out the meaning of their names, by being sojourners in a foreign land and having been delivered from the sword of Pharaoh through Yahusha as we await to meet with Him on Mt. Zion!

Heb 12:18 For you have not drawn near to a mountain touched and scorched with fire, and to blackness, and darkness and storm,

Heb 12:19 and a sound of a trumpet, and a voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that no further Word should be spoken to them,^c Footnote: ^cSee Exo 20:19.

Heb 12:20 for they could not bear what was commanded, “**If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot through with an arrow.**” Exo 19:12.

Heb 12:21 And so fearsome was the sight that Mosheh said, “**I exceedingly fear and tremble.**” Deu 9:19.

Heb 12:22 But you have drawn near to Mount Tsiyon and to the city of the living Elohim, to

the heavenly Yerushalayim, to myriads of messengers,

Heb 12:23 to the entire gathering and assembly of the first-born having been enrolled in heaven, and to Elohim the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 and to יהושע the Mediator^d of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling which speaks better than *the blood of Hebel*. Footnote: ^dSee Heb 8:6.

Did you catch that? What have we drawn near to? If we read through the Scriptures too rapidly and don't take pause, or Selah, we miss the awesomeness of His Word.

- ❖ But you have drawn near to Mount Tsiyon
- ❖ to the city of the living Elohim
- ❖ to the heavenly Yerushalayim
- ❖ to myriads of messengers
- ❖ to the entire gathering and assembly of the first-born **having been enrolled in heaven**
- ❖ to Elohim the Judge of all
- ❖ to the spirits of righteous men made perfect
- ❖ to יהושע the Mediator^d of a new covenant
- ❖ to the blood of sprinkling which speaks better than *the blood of Hebel*

Praise Yah! This describes the location we have drawn near to, Mount Zion!

Rev 21:9 And one of the seven messengers who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and spoke with me, saying, "**Come, I shall show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to **a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the set-apart Yerushalayim, descending out of the heaven from Elohim,**

Rev 21:11 having the esteem of Elohim, and her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal,

Moses shares further details with Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. If Jethro ever had any doubt of who YHWH was; he doesn't any longer! He praises YHWH; makes an ascending offering and slaughterings to YHWH; meets with Moses, Aaron, and the elders of Israel and they eat bread before Elohim.

Exo 18:8 And Mosheh told his father-in-law all that יהוה had done to Pharaoh and to the Mitsrites for Yisra'el's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and how יהוה had delivered them.

Exo 18:9 And Yithro rejoiced for all the good which יהוה had done for Yisra'el, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Mitsrites.

Exo 18:10 **And Yithro said, "Blessed be יהוה, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Mitsrites and out of the hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Mitsrites."**

Exo 18:11 **"Now I know that יהוה is greater than all the mighty ones, indeed in the matter in which they acted proudly, above them."**

Exo 18:12 Then Yithro, the father-in-law of Mosheh, brought an ascending offering and other slaughterings unto Elohim. And Aharon came with all the elders of Yisra'el to eat bread with the father-in-law of Mosheh before Elohim.

Exo 18:13 And it came to be, on the next day, that Mosheh sat to rightly rule the people. And the people stood before Mosheh from morning until evening.

Exo 18:14 And when the father-in-law of Mosheh saw all that he did for the people, he said, “What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit by yourself, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?”

Exo 18:15 And Mosheh said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to seek Elohim.

Exo 18:16 “When they have a matter, they come to me, and I rightly rule between one and another, and make known the laws of Elohim and His **Torot.**”^a **Footnote: ^aTorot - plural of Torah, teaching.**

Jethro gives Moses wise advice about sharing the load of right judgments with able devoted men on matters brought by the people. He also instructs Moses to teach the people about the laws of Elohim so they would have more understanding and in turn could instruct others. He gives specific standards to go by when selecting rulers over the people. Later, Jethro, returns to his own land and one can't help but think about the blessings and knowledge he brought back with him to Midian.

Exo 18:17 And the father-in-law of Mosheh said to him, “What you are doing is not good.

Exo 18:18 “Both you and these people with you shall certainly wear yourselves out. For the matter is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it by yourself.

Exo 18:19 “Now listen to my voice. Let me counsel you and Elohim be with you: Stand before Elohim for the people, and you shall bring the matters to Elohim.

Exo 18:20 “And you shall enlighten them *concerning* the laws and the Torot, and show them the way in which they should walk and the work which they do.

Exo 18:21 “**But you yourself, seek out from all the people able men,**

- ❖ who fear Elohim,
- ❖ men of truth,
- ❖ hating unfair gain.
- ❖ And place *these* over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Exo 18:22 “And they **shall rightly rule the people at all times.** And it shall be that they bring every great matter to you, but they themselves rightly rule every small matter. So, make it lighter for yourself, for they shall bear with you.

Exo 18:23 “If you do this word, and Elohim shall command you, then you shall be able to stand and all this people also go to their place in peace.”

Exo 18:24 And Mosheh listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he

said.

Exo 18:25 And Mosheh chose able men out of all Yisra'el, and made them heads over the people: rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Exo 18:26 And they rightly ruled the people at all times – the hard matters they brought to Mosheh, but they rightly ruled every small matter themselves.

Exo 18:27 And Mosheh sent off his father-in-law, and he went away to his own land.

Job 36 Elihu speaks of Eloah's attributes.

Omniscient – 'all knowing'

Job 36:4 For truly my words are not false; **the One perfect in knowledge is with you.**

Omnipotent – 'all powerful'

Job 36:22 See, Ėl is exalted by His power; who is a Teacher like Him?

Omnipresent – 'He is everywhere' – To Him there is no end. He has been with every generation. He is beyond time.

Job 36:26 See, Ėl is great, beyond our understanding, and we do not know the number of His years.

Elihu Extols Eloah's Greatness

Job 36:1 Then Elihu continued and said,

Job 36:2 "Bear with me a little, and let me show you there is still more to say for Eloah.

Job 36:3 I bring my knowledge from afar and ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

Job 36:4 For truly my words are not false; the One perfect in knowledge is with you.

Job 36:5 See, Ėl is mighty, but rejects no one – mighty in power *and* heart.

Job 36:6 He does not keep the wrongdoer alive, but *He* gives right-ruling to the oppressed ones.

Job 36:7 He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous, and sovereigns on the throne, and seats them forever, and they are exalted.

Job 36:8 And if they are bound in shackles, caught in the cords of affliction,

Job 36:9 then He reveals to them their work, and their transgressions, that they behaved proudly.

Job 36:10 And He opens their ear for discipline, and commands that they turn back from wickedness.

Job 36:11 If they obey and serve, they complete their days in blessedness, and their years in pleasantness.

Job 36:12 But if they do not obey, they perish by the sword, and die without knowledge.

Job 36:13 But the defiled ones in heart become enraged – let them not cry for help when He binds them.

Job 36:14 Their being dies in youth, and their life among the male cult prostitutes.

Job 36:15 He rescues the afflicted one in his affliction, and opens their ears in oppression.

Job 36:16 And He also would have brought you out of distress, into a broad place where there is no restraint. And what is set on your table would be filled with rich food.

Job 36:17 But you are filled with the judgment of the wrong, judgment and right-ruling take hold of you.

Job 36:18 *Beware*, that rage does not entice you to scoffing. And do not let a large bribe turn you aside.

Job 36:19 Would He value your riches? No, not precious ore, nor all your strength!

Job 36:20 Do not long for the night, when people go up in their place.

Job 36:21 Beware, do not turn to wickedness, for you have chosen this rather than affliction.

Job 36:22 See, Ēl is exalted by His power; who is a Teacher like Him?

Job 36:23 Who has appointed Him His way, or who has said, 'You have worked unrighteousness'?

Job 36:24 Remember to extol His work, of which men have sung.

Job 36:25 All men have seen it, man looks on it from afar.

Job 36:26 See, Ēl is great, beyond our understanding, and we do not know the number of His years.

Job 36:27 For He draws up drops of water, which distil as rain from the mist,

Job 36:28 which the clouds drop down – pour down in showers on man.

Job 36:29 Also, who understands the spreading of clouds, the crashing from His booth?

Job 36:30 See, He has spread his light upon it, and He has covered the depths of the sea.

Job 36:31 For by these He judges the peoples; He gives plenty of food.

Job 36:32 He has covered His hands with lightning, and commands it to strike.

Job 36:33 Its noise declares concerning Him, also the cattle, as to what is coming up.

Luke 21

The Widow's Offering

The widow's offering showed great faith, hope, and love in YHWH. He knows everything about each person. She gave all.

Luk 21:1 And looking up He saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,

Luk 21:2 and He saw a certain poor widow putting in two mites.

Luk 21:3 And He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all.

Luk 21:4 “For all these out of their excess have put in offerings for Elohim, but she out of her poverty has put in all that she had to live on.”

Yahusha Foretells Destruction of the Temple

Just as Yahusha prophesied, the temple was destroyed in approximately 68-70 C.E. We know now that we are the temple. The following two verses hold true for this end of days:

Luk 21:5 And as some were speaking about the Set-apart Place, that it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, He said,

Luk 21:6 “These that you see – the days are coming in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

Luk 21:7 And they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when shall this be? And what is the sign when this is about to take place?”

Luk 21:8 And He said, “See that you are not led astray, for many shall come in My Name, saying, ‘I am,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ **Then do not go after them.**”

Luk 21:9 “But when you hear of fightings and unrests, do not be alarmed, for these have to take place first, but the end is not immediately.”

Yahusha Foretells Wars and Persecution

Luk 21:10 Then He said to them, “Nation^a shall rise against nation, and reign against reign. Footnote: ^aThe Greek word for nation is *ethnos* which could also mean “ethnic group.”

Luk 21:11 “And there shall be great earthquakes in various places, and scarcities of food and deadly diseases. And there shall be horrors, and great signs from heaven.”

Luk 21:12 “**But before all this, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the congregations and prisons, being brought before sovereigns and rulers for My Name’s sake.**”

With such persecution the witnesses arise [Luke 21:13]. These witnesses will not worry about what to say, because YHWH will give them words that the **sovereigns and rulers cannot refute or resist**. The witnesses before these courts will be ‘clay vessels’ that YHWH Himself will speak through. These will be the true witnesses of Yahusha HaMashiach. They will be betrayed by those around them and some will be put to death because of His Name. Very sobering to ponder.

Luk 21:13 “**And it shall turn out to you for a witness.**”

Luk 21:14 “Therefore, **resolve in your hearts** not to premeditate on what to answer.

Luk 21:15 “For **I shall give you a mouth and wisdom** which all your adversaries shall not

be able to refute or resist.

Luk 21:16 “And **you shall also be betrayed by parents and brothers and relatives and friends. And some of you shall be put to death.**

Luk 21:17 “And you shall be hated by all because of My Name.

Luk 21:18 “But not a hair of your head shall be lost at all.

Luk 21:19 “Possess your lives by your endurance!

Very sobering section!

He tells us BEFORE the rise of nation against nation; ethnic group against ethnic group; earthquakes; famine and diseases; great horrors and signs of heaven; He states BEFORE these things they shall lay their hands on you; deliver you up to the congregations and prisons; and be brought before sovereigns and rulers for My Name’s sake.

This makes sense if we compare events of the exodus out of Egypt. We recall that the people were in captivity; they were persecuted; some died; YHWH spoke through Moses and Aaron; and THEN, ‘WHEN?’, THEN, YHWH brought forth famine, disease, great horrors, and signs of heaven.

Could what we be seeing with the present-day Sanhedrin and rulers promoting the Talmudic Seven Noahide Laws to rule internationally; be used as the sword of persecution? These Noahide Talmudic laws would make it a crime to say, speak, sing, or write His Name and worshipping Him would be considered idolatry.

Acts 1: 8“But you shall receive power when the Set-apart Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Yerushalayim, and in all Yehudah and Shomeron, and to the end of the earth.” (emphasis mine)

Yahusha Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem

We have just read about the destruction of the physical temple; now we read about the destruction of Jerusalem. Prophecies usually cycle and occur 3-fold. Today, Satan desires to desecrate our bodies; the temple. He also pridefully wants to build himself a man-made temple in Jerusalem. Any such temple will be destroyed as well as Jerusalem upon His return. Then, He will usher in the New Jerusalem.

Luk 21:20 “And **when you see Yerushalayim surrounded by armies, then know that its laying waste is near.**

Yahusha tells us when to flee.

Luk 21:21 “Then let those in Yehudah flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of her go out, and let not those who are in the fields enter her.

Luk 21:22 “Because these are days of vengeance, to fill all that have been written.

Luk 21:23 “And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing children in those days! For there shall be great distress in the earth and wrath upon this people.

Luk 21:24 “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Yerushalayim shall be trampled underfoot by the nations^b until the times of the nations are filled. Footnote: ^bSee [Gen 48:19](#), [Psa 79:1](#), [Rom 11:25](#).

The Coming of the Son of Man

The Coming of the Son of Man will usher in all kinds of changes in the sun, moon, and stars; the earth and all that is in it will be strongly agitated and disturbed. Men’s hearts will fail them from fear of things coming upon the earth. Then all shall see Him coming in a cloud with power and much esteem.

Luk 21:25 “And there shall be signs in the sun, and moon, and stars, and on the earth anxiety of nations, in bewilderment at the roaring of the sea, and agitation,

Luk 21:26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of what is coming on the earth, for **the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.** [Hag 2:6](#), [Hag 2:21](#).

Luk 21:27 “And then they shall see **the Son of Adam coming in a cloud** [Dan 7:13](#) with power and much esteem.

Luk 21:28 “And when these *matters* begin to take place, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

When we see the budding of these things begin; just as the budding of the fig trees and the trees; we will know that the reign of Elohim is near. Nature does not lose track of the seasons; neither should we.

Luk 21:29 And He spoke a parable to them, “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

Luk 21:30 “When they have already budded, observing it, you shall know for yourselves that summer is now near.

Luk 21:31 “So you also, when you see these *matters* take place, know that the reign of Elohim is near.

Luk 21:32 “Truly, I say to you, this generation shall by no means pass away till all shall have taken place.

Luk 21:33 “The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My words shall by no means

pass away.

Watch Yourself

Yahusha gives everyone warning.

Luk 21:34 “And take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down by gluttony, and drunkenness, and worries of this life, and that day come on you suddenly.

Luk 21:35 “For it shall come as a snare on all those dwelling on the face of all the earth.

Luk 21:36 “**Watch then at all times**, and **pray that you be counted worthy to escape all this about to take place**, and **to stand before the Son of Adam.**”

Luk 21:37 And He was teaching in the Set-apart Place by day, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain of Olives,

Luk 21:38 and early in the morning all the people came to Him in the Set-apart Place to hear Him.

This chapter closes with Him teaching in the Set-Apart place during the day; retreating to the mount of Olives at night; then returning to teach at the Set-Apart place in the morning. Retreat and return; retreat and return; brings waves of washing in the Truth.

2Cor. 6

Do not delay. Today if you hear His voice!

2Co 6:1 And working together, **we also call upon you not to receive the favor of Elohim in vain –**

2Co 6:2 For He says, **“In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in a day of deliverance I have helped you.” See, now is the well-accepted time, see, now is a day of deliverance – Isa 49:8.**

Hebrews 3: 7Therefore, 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.

2Co 6:3 **giving no cause of stumbling in whatever, so that the service is not blamed.**

2Co 6:4 Rather, **we commend ourselves as servants of Elohim in every way:** in much endurance, in pressures, in hardships, in distresses,

2Co 6:5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in disturbances, in toils, in watchings, in fastings,

2Co 6:6 in cleanness, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Set-apart Spirit, in love unfeigned,

2Co 6:7 in the word of truth, in the power of Elohim, through the weapons of righteousness, on the right and on the left,

2Co 6:8 through esteem and disrespect, through evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers, and yet true;

2Co 6:9 as unknown, and yet well-known; as dying, and see, we live; as disciplined, and yet not killed;

2Co 6:10 as sad, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet enriching many; as having none, and yet possessing all.

2Co 6:11 Our mouth has spoken openly to you, O Corinthians, our heart is wide open.

2Co 6:12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained by your own affections.

2Co 6:13 But for the same reward – I speak as to children – open wide *your hearts* too.

Paul serves as a great example to us on how to finish ‘the race’ well. We should all take heed and read his words slowly.

The Temple of the Living Elohim

2Co 6:14 Do not become unevenly yoked with unbelievers.

- For what partnership has righteousness and lawlessness?
- And what fellowship has light with darkness?
- **2Co 6:15** And what agreement has Messiah with Beliya'al?
- Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?
- **2Co 6:16** And what union has the Dwelling Place of Elohim with idols?
 - For you are a Dwelling Place of the living Elohim, as Elohim has said, **“I shall dwell in them and walk among them, and I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.”**^a [Lev 26:12](#) Footnote: ^aSee also [Exo 29:45](#), [Lev 26:12](#), [Jer 31:1](#), [Eze 37:27](#).



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Unequally Yoked 2Cor. 6:14-16

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| 1. Righteousness is not yoked with what? | A. An unbeliever |
| 2. Light is not yoked with what? | B. Beliya'al |
| 3. Messiah has no agreement with whom? | C. Darkness |
| 4. A believer has no part in yoking with whom? | D. Idols |
| 5. What does not have union with the Dwelling place of Elohim? | E. Lawlessness |

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2Co 6:17 Therefore, “Come out from among them and be separate, says יהוה, and **do not touch what is unclean**, and I shall receive you. [Isa 52:11](#).

2Co 6:18 “And I shall be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, says יהוה the Almighty.” [Isa 43:6](#), [Hos 1:10](#).

Be Set-Apart – We are the temple!

Shalom, Libby

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