

*Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 29; Proverbs 5; John 8; Galatians 4.*

## *March 18 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Exodus 29**

Moses is given instructions on **‘how to’ consecrate** Aaron and his sons in **Exodus 29**. We read about Moses **performing the actual consecration** in **Leviticus 8**.

**Keep in mind some key points.** At this point, only Moses and Joshua still functioned under the Melchizedek priesthood. They had not been part of the **transgression with the sin of the golden calf**. They had been up on the mount. They were the only two that could enter **the Tent of Appointment**. (Ex. 33:7-11)

Now, Moses is being given instructions on the process to **transition between the priesthoods**. The reigning Melchizedek Priesthood would be denigrated; and the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood would be established and elevated to the reigning position to implement the Book of the Law; UNTIL Yahusha would come.

We are reading about the preparations and soon the actual consecration [Lev. 8] of Aaron and his sons. However, we know the transition of the priesthoods occur again in the New Testament, when **the Melchizedek Priesthood shifts back** to the reigning elevated position with Yahusha HaMashiach as High Priest. John the Immerser, the true Aaronic Levitical High Priest functioning in the wilderness, mikvahs Yahusha to fill all righteousness of the Book of the Law in which He was born under. Being mikvah’d by the present High Priest was a requirement, such as we see in the New Testament between John the Immerser [the true Aaronic Levitical High Priest] and Yahusha.

### **Consecration of the Priests**

**Exo 29:1** “And this is the task you shall do to them to set them apart to serve Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams, perfect ones,

**Exo 29:2** and unleavened bread, and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil – make these of wheat flour.

**Exo 29:3** “And you shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, along with the bull and the two rams.

**Exo 29:4** “Then you shall bring Aharon and his sons to the door of the Tent of Appointment, and wash them with water.

Mat 3:15 But יהושע answering, said to him, **“Permit it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fill all righteousness.”** Then he permitted Him.

Mat 3:16 And having been immersed, יהושע went up immediately from the water, and see, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove and coming upon Him,

Mat 3:17 and see, a voice out of the heavens, saying, **“This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I delight.”**

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Act 2:38 And Kěpha said to them, “Repent, and **let each one of you be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah** for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>d</sup> And you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit.

Moses is given instructions that Aaron would be dressed in his High Priestly garments and Moses would **anoint his head with oil**. These High Priestly garments would be handed down generationally to the sons of Aaron. (Ex. 29:29)

**Exo 29:5** “And you shall take the garments, and shall put on Aharon the long shirt, and the robe of the shoulder garment, and the shoulder garment, and the breastplate, and shall gird him with the embroidered band of the shoulder garment,

**Exo 29:6** and shall put the turban on his head, and shall put the set-apart sign of dedication on the turban,

**Exo 29:7** and shall take the anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him.

Mar 14:3 And while He was in Běyth Anyah in the house of Shim'on the leper, and sitting at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of perfume, genuine nard, very costly. And breaking the flask she poured it on His head.

Then the garments for Aaron and his sons are recorded:

**Exo 29:8** “Then you shall bring his sons and put long shirts on them,

**Exo 29:9** and shall gird them with girdles – Aharon and his sons – and put the turbans on them. And the priesthood shall be theirs for an everlasting law. So you shall ordain Aharon and his sons.

Isa 11:5 **And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins,** and trustworthiness the girdle of His waist

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Rev 3:5 **“He who overcomes shall be dressed in white robes,** and I shall by no means blot out his name from the Book of Life, but **I shall confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.**

**Exo 29:10** “And you shall bring near the bull before the Tent of Appointment, and Aharon and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull.

**Exo 29:11** “And you shall slay the bull before יהוה, by the door of the Tent of

Appointment,

**Exo 29:12** and take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the slaughter-place with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the base of the slaughter-place.

**Exo 29:13** “And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, and the appendage on the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and burn them on the slaughter-place.

**Exo 29:14** “But the flesh of the bull, and its skin and its dung, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.

**Exo 29:15** “And take one ram, and Aharon and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram,

**Exo 29:16** and you shall slay the ram, and you shall take its blood and sprinkle it all around on the slaughter-place.

**Exo 29:17** “And cut the ram in pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and place them upon its pieces and on its head.

**Exo 29:18** “And you shall burn the entire ram on the slaughter-place. It is an ascending offering to יהוה, it is a sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to יהוה.

**Exo 29:19** “And you shall take the second ram, and Aharon and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram,

**Exo 29:20** and you shall slay the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aharon and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the slaughter-place.

**Exo 29:21** “And you shall take some of the blood that is on the slaughter-place, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aharon and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him. And he and his garments shall be set-apart, and his sons and the garments of his sons with him.

**Exo 29:22** “And you shall take the fat of the ram, and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails, and the appendage on the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat on them, and the right thigh – it is for a ram of ordination –

**Exo 29:23** and one loaf of bread, and one cake made with oil, and one thin cake from the basket of the unleavened bread that is before יהוה.

**Exo 29:24** “And you shall put all these in the hands of Aharon and in the hands of his sons, and you shall wave them – a wave offering before יהוה.

**Exo 29:25** “Then you shall take them from their hands and burn them on the slaughter-place as an ascending offering, as a sweet fragrance before יהוה. It is an offering made by fire to יהוה.

**Exo 29:26** “And you shall take the breast of the ram of Aharon’s ordination and wave it – a wave offering before יהוה, and it shall be your portion.

**Exo 29:27** “And from the ram of ordination you shall set apart the breast of the wave offering which is waved, and the thigh of the contribution which is raised, of that which is for Aharon and of that which is for his sons.

**Exo 29:28** “And it shall be from the children of Yisra’ël for Aharon and his sons by a law forever, for it is a contribution. And it is a contribution from the children of Yisra’ël from the slaughters of their peace offerings – their contribution to יהוה’.

**Exo 29:29** “And the set-apart garments of Aharon are for his sons after him, to be anointed in them and to be ordained in them.

**Exo 29:30** “The priest from his sons in his place, puts them on for seven days, when he enters the Tent of Appointment to attend in the set-apart place.

**Exo 29:31** “And take the ram of ordination and cook its flesh in a set-apart place.

**Exo 29:32** “And Aharon and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the Tent of Appointment,

**Exo 29:33** and they shall eat those *offerings* with which the atonement was made, to ordain them, to set them apart. But let a stranger not eat them, because they are set-apart.

**Exo 29:34** “And if any of the flesh of the ordination offerings, or of the bread, be left over until the morning, then you shall burn up what is left over. It is not eaten, because it is set-apart.

As you have read, the ordination and consecration process of Aaron and his sons are very detailed and would **last seven days**. Several specific offerings would be made.

**Exo 29:35** “And so you shall do to Aharon and his sons, according to all I have commanded you. Seven days you shall ordain them,

**Exo 29:36** and prepare a bull each day as a sin offering for atonement. And you shall cleanse the slaughter-place when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to set it apart.

**Exo 29:37** “For seven days you shall make atonement for the slaughter-place, and set it apart. And the slaughter-place shall be most set-apart – whatever touches the slaughter-place is to be set-apart.

Then for daily offerings:

**Exo 29:38** “And this is what you prepare on the slaughter-place: **two lambs, a year old, daily, continually.**

**Exo 29:39** “Prepare the one lamb in the morning, and the other lamb you prepare between the evenings.

**Exo 29:40** and one-tenth of an ĕphah of **flour** mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed **oil**, and one-fourth of a hin of **wine** as a drink offering, **with the one lamb.**

**Exo 29:41** “And prepare the other lamb between the evenings. And with it prepare the **grain offering** and the **drink offering**, as in the morning, for a sweet fragrance, an offering made by fire to יהוה’ –

**Exo 29:42** a continual ascending offering for your generations at the door of the

**Tent of Appointment before יהוה, where I shall meet with you to speak with you.**

**Exo 29:43** “And there I shall meet with the children of Yisra’ël, and it shall be set apart by My esteem.

**Exo 29:44** “And I shall set apart the Tent of Appointment and the slaughter-place. And Aharon and his sons I set apart to serve as priests to Me.

**Exo 29:45** “And I shall dwell in the midst of the children of Yisra’ël and shall be their Elohim.

**Exo 29:46** “And they shall know that I am יהוה their Elohim, who brought them up out of the land of Mitsrayim, to dwell in their midst. I am יהוה their Elohim.

**Proverbs 5**

**Proverbs 5** and **John 8** go hand in hand. One warns against the treachery of adultery; and the other records ‘the woman caught in the act of adultery’ brought to Yahusha in an attempt to ensnare Him into breaking the **Book of the Law**. One might ask, ‘Isn’t **“Do not commit adultery”** a **Covenant command** also? Yes. But in John 8, the people are still functioning under the Book of the Law, which had a death penalty for anyone caught in adultery.

**Warning Against Adultery**

**Pro 5:1** My son, listen to my wisdom; Incline your ear to my understanding,

**Pro 5:2** So as to watch over discretion, And your lips guard knowledge.

**Pro 5:3** For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil;

**Pro 5:4** But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.

**Pro 5:5** Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of She’ol.

**Pro 5:6** She does not consider the path of life; Her ways are unstable – you do not know it.

**Pro 5:7** So now, listen to me, you children, And do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

**Pro 5:8** Keep your way far from her, And do not come near the door of her house,

**Pro 5:9** Lest you give your splendour to others, And your years to one who is cruel;

**Pro 5:10** Lest strangers be filled with your strength, And your labours go to the house of a foreigner.

**Pro 5:11** Then you shall howl in your latter end, When your flesh and your body are consumed,

**Pro 5:12** And shall say, “How I have hated discipline, And my heart has despised reproof!

**Pro 5:13** “And I have not heeded the voice of my teachers, And I have not inclined my ear to those who instructed me!

**Pro 5:14** “In a little while I was in all evil, In the midst of an assembly and a congregation.”

**Pro 5:15** Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well.

**Pro 5:16** Should your springs be scattered abroad, Rivers of water in the streets?

**Pro 5:17** Let them be only your own, And not for strangers with you.

**Pro 5:18** Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth –

**Pro 5:19** A loving deer and a pleasant doe! Let her nipples satisfy you at all times. And be captivated by her love always.

**Pro 5:20** For why should you, my son, Be captivated by a strange woman, And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

**Pro 5:21** For the ways of man Are before the eyes of יהוה, And He considers all his paths.

**Pro 5:22** The wrong one is entrapped In his own crookednesses, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.

**Pro 5:23** He dies for lack of discipline, And in the greatness of his folly He goes astray.

## John 8

John 8 opens with the accusation of a ‘woman caught in the act of adultery.’ Yahusha uses this as a **‘transitional’** teachable moment. Yahusha was ushering in a change in priesthood and a change in law. A change from the Aaronic Levitical priesthood back to the Melchizedek Priesthood. A change from the blessings and curses under the Book of the Law; to the blessings, grace, and mercy under Covenant Torah. Under the Book of the Law, adultery came with a death penalty. Under Covenant Torah grace and forgiveness is offered.

Which priesthood are you under? Which law or Torah are you under: Book of the Law or Covenant Torah? All Torah is profitable, but we must rightly divide Torah based on the time period in history and the associated reigning priesthood in place.

Yahusha is YHWH in Son. He knows what those around Him are thinking and planning. He knew Nathaniel was under the fig tree; in John 7, He knew that the Yehudim were seeking to kill Him; He knew Judas Iscariot was going to betray him; He knew Peter would deny Him three times before the cock crowed; He knows the thoughts of man and He knows what is in them!

These seething slivering brood of vipers, who refuse to repent, crawl into an ever deepening and widening hole. However, Yahusha is on a mission and they play perfectly into His hand. He is ushering in the Kingdom of Elohim; He is ushering in the Melchizedek Priesthood; He is ushering in the New Blood Ratified Covenant; in which the command, ‘Do Not Commit Adultery’, is VERY MUCH a part of!

He even raises the standard of this command to include looking with lust at individuals. Today, adultery is promoted by viewing pornography; reading soft porn romance novels; watching soap operas; and much more. You see, in order to have adultery there must be the presence of an adulteress Jezebel spirit like spoken of in Proverbs 5; to lure the victim into its snare. Jezebel spirits work through both males and females.

The difference between committing adultery under the Book of the Law; and committing adultery under the Book of the Covenant; is death verses His grace and mercy, respectively. Yahusha is in the very process of ushering in His Kingdom and His forgiveness through His blood **for those that repent and receive.**

**But this transition between the priesthoods and laws hasn't fully happened yet, has it?**  
No, it has not. We are seeing it take place slowly but surely; day by day. Just as with night dawning into day or as the day fades into night, we are seeing the twilight of the transition between priesthoods.

So, they bring this woman caught in the very act of adultery forward; the other party isn't present. Where do they bring her? Into the Set-apart place where Yahusha is teaching! The enemy wants an audience, because this time; the enemy really thinks Yahusha is cornered. Adrenalin of evil is pulsating through their flesh. In their eyes, they have been successful so far by seeing the Jezebel spirit at work to ensnare the woman. The taste of blood is on their lips of these ravenous wolves.

**Joh 8:1** And יהושע went to the Mount of Olives.

**Joh 8:2** And at dawn He came again into the Set-apart Place, and all the people were coming to Him. And having sat down, He was teaching them.

**Joh 8:3** And the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And having set her in the midst,

The scribes and Pharisees pose a question in hopes to ensnare Yahusha.

**Joh 8:4** they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

**Joh 8:5** “And in the Torah Mosheh commanded us that such should be stoned. What then do You say?”

**Joh 8:6** And this they said, trying Him, so that they might accuse Him. But יהושע, bending down, wrote on the ground with the finger, as though He did not hear.

As they continue to question Him, Yahusha straightens up and makes one statement that stops them in their tracks.

**Joh 8:7** But as they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

**Joh 8:8** And bending down again, He wrote on the ground.

**Joh 8:9** And when they heard it, being reproved by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the older ones until the last. And יהושע was left alone, and the woman standing in the middle.

**Joh 8:10** And יהושע, straightening up and seeing no one but the woman, said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Did no one condemn you?”

**Joh 8:11** And she said, “No one, Master.” And יהושע said to her, “Neither do I condemn you. **Go and sin no more.**”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Joh 5:14](#), [Rom 6:16-20](#), [1Co 15:34](#), [1Pe 2:24](#), [1Pe 4:1-2](#), [1Jn 3:4-10](#), [1Jn 5:18](#).

Yahusha allows time for His statement to sink in to ‘the accuser of the brethren.’ He bends down and writes on the ground. Much focus has been on trying to figure out what He wrote; **but the more important act we should see** is this; He was causing everyone to take pause; **taking pause allows inner reflection and controls and calms heated situations**. Quieting the surrounding noise; letting the adrenalin rush subside; lifts away acting impulsively. In the quietness is when YHWH divinely works on hearts. **In the silence of the pause**, His still small voice pierces their consciences and does a mighty work.

**Conscience** defined by Strong’s G4893: *suneidēsis soon-i’-day-sis* From a prolonged form of G4894; *co-perception*, that is, moral *consciousness*: - conscience.

And the root G4894 means: *suneidō soon-i’-do* From G4862 and G1492; **to see completely**; used (like its primary) only in two past tenses, respectively meaning to *understand* or *become aware*, and to *be conscious* **or (clandestinely) informed of**: - consider, know, be privy, be ware of.

As Yahusha wrote on the hard ground in silence; **their hard hearts were reproved by their consciences** as Yahusha’s challenge churned in their minds; their own sins surfaced that were **engraved in their memories**; like the ocean waves that reveal seashells in the sand.

The accuser of the brethren, departs; and Yahusha asks the woman where are her accusers? Did no one condemn you? She responds, “No one, Master.” Yahusha tells her, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.’

From then on, the whole city would be reminded of this precedence by the woman’s very presence. They had witness a **change of law** that did not put her to death; as was the punishment for adultery required under the Book of the Law. Yahusha was ushering in a ‘change of priesthood’ which would bring a ‘change in law.’

Heb 7:12 For the **priesthood being changed**,<sup>b</sup> of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

What started out as being the worse day of the woman’s life; turned out to be the best day! She calls Yahusha Master and she is offered His grace and mercy!

### I Am the Light of the World

Joh 8:12 Therefore יהושע spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but possess the light of life.”<sup>b</sup>

Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See also [Joh 11:9-10](#), Joh 7:53-8:11 does not appear in the Aramaic Peshitta or Aramaic Old Syriac texts.

Joh 8:13 The Pharisees, therefore, said to Him, “You bear witness about Yourself, Your witness is not true.”

Joh 8:14 יהושע answered and said to them, “Even if I witness concerning Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know from where I come, or where I go.

Joh 8:15 “You judge according to the flesh, I judge no one.

Joh 8:16 “But even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me.

Joh 8:17 “And in your Torah also, it has been written that the witness of two men is true.

Joh 8:18 “I am One who witnesses concerning Myself, and the Father who sent Me witnesses concerning Me.”

Joh 8:19 Therefore they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” יהושע answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would have known My Father also.”

Joh 8:20 These words יהושע spoke in the treasury, teaching in the Set-apart Place. And **no one laid hands on Him, because His hour had not yet come.**

Covenant Torah is being ushered in? The ‘power’ shift is taking place. The Light of the world has come. In John 8:19, it states clearly that no one can know the Father without knowing the Son, Yahusha.

**Joh 8:21** Therefore יהושע said to them again, “I am going away, and you shall seek Me, and you shall die in your sin. Where I go you are unable to come.”

**Joh 8:22** Then the Yehudim said, “Shall He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you are unable to come’?”

Yahusha tells the Yehudim where they are from and where He is from.

**Joh 8:23** And He said to them, “You are from below, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world.”

**Joh 8:24** “Therefore I said to you that you shall die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins.”

**Joh 8:25** Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And יהושע said to them, “Altogether that which I even say to you!”

**Joh 8:26** “I have much to say and to judge concerning you. But He who sent Me is true, and what I heard from Him, these Words I speak to the world.”

**Joh 8:27** They did not know that He spoke to them of the Father.

**Joh 8:28** So יהושע said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Adam, then you shall know that I am He, and that I do none at all of Myself, but as My Father taught Me, these words I speak.”

**Joh 8:29** “And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.”

**Joh 8:30** As He was speaking these words, many believed in Him.

Yahusha continues to witness to the Yehudim.

### **The Truth Will Set You Free**

**Joh 8:31** So יהושע said to those Yehudim who believed Him, “If you stay in My Word, you are truly My taught ones,

**Joh 8:32** and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

**Joh 8:33** They answered Him, “We are the seed of Abraham, and have been servants to no one at any time. How do you say, ‘You shall become free’?”

**Joh 8:34** יהושע answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone doing sin is a servant of sin.

**Joh 8:35** “And the servant does not stay in the house forever – a son stays forever.

**Joh 8:36** “If, then, the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

**Joh 8:37** “I know that you are the seed of Abraham, but you seek to kill Me, because My Word has no place in you.

**Joh 8:38** “I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

### **You Are of Your Father the Devil**

**Joh 8:39** They answered and said to Him, “**Abraham is our father.**”<sup>c</sup> יהושע said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. **Footnote:** <sup>c</sup>See footnote [Mat 3:9](#), [Rom 9:8](#).

**Joh 8:40** “But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has spoken to you the truth which I heard from Elohim. Abraham did not do this.

**Joh 8:41** “You do the works of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of whoring, we have one Father: Elohim.”

**Joh 8:42** יהושע said to them, “If Elohim were your Father, you would love Me, for I came forth from Elohim, and am here. For I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me.

**Joh 8:43** “Why do you not know what I say? Because you are unable to hear My Word.

**Joh 8:44** “You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you wish to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

**Joh 8:45** “And because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

**Joh 8:46** “Who of you proves Me wrong concerning sin? And if I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me?

**Joh 8:47** “He who is of Elohim hears the Words of Elohim, therefore you do not hear because you are not of Elohim.”

The Yehudim do not have spiritual eyes to see nor ears to hear. They flip the conversation [to accuse Yahusha of having a demon](#). The enemy is always ready [to call good evil and evil good](#). Then Yahusha closes with:

### **Before Abraham Was, I Am**

**Joh 8:48** The Yehudim answered and said to Him, “Do we not say well that You are a Shomeroni and have a demon?”

**Joh 8:49** יהושע answered, “I do not have a demon, but I value My Father, and you do not value Me.

**Joh 8:50** “And I do not seek My own esteem, there is One who is seeking and is judging.

**Joh 8:51** “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone guards My Word he shall never see death at all.”

**Joh 8:52** The Yehudim said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, and the prophets. And You say, ‘If anyone guards My Word he shall never taste death at all.’

**Joh 8:53** “Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died. Whom do You make Yourself?”

**Joh 8:54** יהושע answered, “If I esteem Myself, My esteem is none at all. It is My Father who esteems Me, of whom you say that He is your Elohim.

**Joh 8:55** “And you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be like you, a liar. **But I do know Him and I guard His Word.**<sup>d</sup> **Footnote:** <sup>d</sup>See also [Joh 15:10](#).

**Joh 8:56** “Your father Abraham was glad that he should see My day, and he saw it and did rejoice.”

**Joh 8:57** The Yehudim, therefore, said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

**Joh 8:58** יהושע said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham came to be, I am.**”<sup>e</sup> **Footnote:** <sup>e</sup>See also [Joh 1:1](#), [Joh 6:62](#), [Joh 17:5](#), [Heb 11:26](#)

**Joh 8:59** Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but יהושע was hidden and went out of the Set-apart Place, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

## Galatians 4

The people were enslaved under **the Book of the Law that was a ‘guardian’**. It was **imposed** on the people after the sin of the golden calf **to spare their very lives; UNTIL** their Father would send His Son to make legal provisions **for adoption as heirs and sons of Elohim**.

### Sons and Heirs

**Gal 4:1** And I say, for as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, though he is master of all,

**Gal 4:2** **but is under guardians and trustees till the time prearranged by the father.**

**Gal 4:3** **So we also, when we were children, were under the elementary matters of the world, being enslaved.**

**Gal 4:4** But when **the completion of the time came**, Elohim sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under Torah [[Book of the Law](#)],

**Gal 4:5** **to redeem those who were under Torah** [[Book of the Law](#)], **in order to receive the adoption as sons.**

**Gal 4:6** And because you are sons, Elohim has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying, “Abba, Father!”

**Gal 4:7** So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, also an heir of Elohim through Messiah.

Paul shares concern for the Galatians, as to us in our day, **not to turn back and enslave themselves under the Book of the Law**; but **to live by the blood ratified Covenant**. NONE OF HIS WORD is 'done away with'. We do not walk in lawlessness but in Covenant! All His Word is valuable, but His Word must be rightly divided and followed; **knowing clearly that there has been a change in priesthood thus also a change in law (Hebrews 7:12)**. A change indicates a shift, a transition. All should be very cautious and study His Word closely and accurately.

Heb 10:29 **How much worse punishment** do you think shall he deserve who has trampled the Son of Elohim underfoot, counted the **blood of the covenant** by which he was set apart as common, and insulted the Spirit of favor?

### Paul's Concern for the Galatians

Gal 4:8 But then, indeed, not knowing Elohim, you served those which by nature are not mighty ones.

Gal 4:9 **But now after you have known Elohim, or rather are known by Elohim, how do you turn again to the weak and poor elementary matters,<sup>a</sup> to which you wish to be enslaved again?** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Gal 4:3](#), [Col 2:8](#) and [Col 2:20](#).

Gal 4:10 You closely observe days and months and seasons and years.

Paul feared they were slipping back into Pharisaical Legalism, a mechanical ritualistic approach rather than a spiritual approach through faith in Yahusha HaMashiac. Paul is not stating that we shouldn't keep YHWH's feasts for Paul himself kept several feasts that are mentioned in the Book of Acts.

YHWH's feasts are His wedding rehearsals with His bride. We walk in sanctification daily but we set-apart His feasts to commune as one body in Him. Yahusha fulfilled the spring feasts yet He is coming again to receive His bride. YHWH moves according to His calendar based on His appointed times. To know Yahusha is to know His feasts and their significance. All of His feasts have future fulfillment yet to come!

If a person doesn't recognize that the Lamb of YHWH came as our Passover Lamb once and for all; yet continues in observance of the feasts according to the Book of the Law with animal sacrifices, they are actually trampling on the blood of Yahusha.

Gal 4:11 I fear for you, lest by any means I have labored for you in vain.

Gal 4:12 Brothers, I beg you to become as I am, because I am as you are. You did not wrong me at all.

Gal 4:13 But you know that through weakness of the flesh I brought the Good News to you before.

Gal 4:14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as a messenger of Elohim, as Messiah יהושע.

Gal 4:15 What then was your blessedness? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

Gal 4:16 **So then, have I become your enemy, speaking truth to you?**

Gal 4:17 **They are ardent towards you, for no good, but they wish to shut you out, that you might be ardent towards them.**

Those that cling to the Book of the Law and the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood AFTER Yahusha has already come, are simply wanting their own glory and man-made rules followed; or they are under a strong delusion; or both. They want to prevent people from receiving life through Yahusha HaMashiach; and they want power, control, and want to bask in the esteem of mankind. In other words, they want to usurp the glory and power that only belongs to YHWH.

Gal 4:18 And it is good always to be ardent in what is good, and not only when I am present with you.

Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I am again in birth pains until Messiah is formed in you,

Gal 4:20 even now I wish to be present with you now and to change my voice, for I have doubts about you.

Paul goes on to paint a picture for everyone by using the dichotomy between Sarah and Hagar; the free woman and the bond woman.

### Example of Hagar and Sarah

Gal 4:21 Say to me, **you who wish to be under Torah** [Book of the Law], do you not hear the Torah?

Gal 4:22 For it has been written that **Abraham had two sons**, one by a female servant, the other by a free woman.

Gal 4:23 But he who was of the female servant was born according to the flesh, and he of the free woman through promise.

He who was of the female servant was born according to **the flesh**.

He who was of the free woman through **promise**.

Gal 4:24 **This is allegorical, for these are the two covenants**: one indeed from Mount Sinai which brings forth slavery, which is Haḡar,

Gal 4:25 for this Haḡar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Yerushalayim

which now is, and is in slavery with her children.

Gal 4:26 But the Yerushalayim above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Gal 4:27 For it has been written, **“Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who do not have birth pains! For the deserted one has many more children than she who has a husband.”** [Isa 54:1](#).

Gal 4:28 **And we, brothers, as Yitshaq was, are children of promise.**

Gal 4:29 But, as he who was *born* according to the flesh then persecuted him born according to the Spirit, so also now.

Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? **“Cast out the female servant and her son, for the son of the female servant shall by no means be heir with the son of the free woman.”** [Gen 21:10](#).

Gal 4:31 **Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the female servant but of the free woman.**

Rev 3:6 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’

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