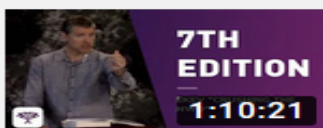


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## **Deuteronomy 8**

The forty-year wanderings served to humble the people and prove them. They were to remember that it was YHWH, their Elohim, that led them out of Egypt and through their wilderness wanderings. Their wanderings ultimately revealed what was in their hearts; whether they would guard His commands or not. YHWH already knows what is in our hearts before we do; but He wants us to see and recognize our own condition. The real battlefield is in the mind.

We saw that His people in the wilderness fought physical battles on both sides of the Jordan River. We too will have spiritual battles before entering the promise land; and, after entering the promise land. Prior to Yahusha, the wall of partition sealed off the promise land, all the way back to the time of Adam and Eve. The promise land is His Kingdom where His presence and His provisions dwell. Through Yahusha's torn flesh and sacrifice, He tore down the partition of separation. His perfect will was always for us to be His treasured possession; His kingdom of priests; His set-apart holy nation. When accepting His Covenant, our journey just begins.

Each person is proved by YHWH. He sees what is in each heart. He knows those who give Him 'lip service' and those that give 'their heart' to Him by guarding His commands. When His children stumble: they repent; submit to His correction; and then advance further into positioning themselves as close to YHWH as possible.

The **7 nations** that YHWH was to drive out before His people; each had pagan spiritual practices. YHWH strictly warned His people against intermingling with such practices; not inter-marrying nor making any covenants with the people. If these nations had pagan practices; then it stands to logic **they each had principality spirits and powers driving such practices.**

Deu 8:19 “And it shall be, if you by any means forget יהוה your Elohim, **and follow other mighty ones, and serve them and bow yourself to them,** I have warned you this day that you shall certainly perish.

Deu 8:20 “Like the nations which יהוה is destroying before you, **so you are to perish, because you did not obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim.**

The only way to beat the enemy is to stay in His Word and do His Word. Stay in covenant with Him. That is the only way. **We are not to mix what is profane with what is pure; it is the law of separation.**

The enemy always mimics or counterfeits YHWH. Rev. 4 speaks of His seven Spirits described as 7 lamps of fire, burning before His throne. Seven lamps together, make up a menorah. The lamps on a menorah tell us who He is.

When we lay down pagan spiritual practices, we take up YHWH’s practices; we observe His 7 moedim; as pictured in the menorah and His Shabbats. These are our wedding rehearsals. Could these rehearsals reflect His 7 Spirits?

### **We see Him as:**

The Lamb of Elohim who was slain @ Passover

The One who died in our place; He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life @ Unleavened Bread

The High Priest of the Melchizedek Order offering His blood on the heavenly altar @ First Fruits

The Holy Spirit, Ruach HaKodesh, the Comforter sent @ Shavuot - Pentecost

At His return, we see Him as our King @ Yom Teruah - Feast of Trumpets

We see Him as Judge; with right-rulings @ Yom Kippur – Day of Atonement

We see Him as our Groom gathering His Bride to Himself @ Sukkoth – Tabernacles

The opening verses of Deuteronomy tell us:

**Remember YHWH your Elohim**

**Deu 8:1** “Guard to do every command which I command you today, that you might live, and shall increase, and go in, and shall possess the land of which יהוה swore to your fathers.

**Deu 8:2** “And you shall remember that יהוה your Elohim led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, prove you, to know what is in your heart, whether you guard His commands or not.

**Deu 8:3** “And He humbled you, and let you suffer hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, to make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of יהוה.<sup>a</sup> Footnote:

<sup>a</sup>See also [Mat 4:4](#) and in [Luk 4:4](#).

**Deu 8:4** “Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

Truly, man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of YHWH!

The 7 nations, just like the 7 assemblies written of in the Book of Revelation, only serve as a cross-section of a much bigger reality. The 7 assemblies represent all believers and their associated strengths and weaknesses. Likewise, these 7 nations, represent worldly pagan conditions. Is it any coincidence that there are 7 continents that make up the world?

In our present day, all continents have pagan spiritual practices. Perverted spiritual forces have entered all man-made religions and therefore have entered the spiritual practices of the believer. This is evident when we see the blending of pagan practices with the spiritual things of YHWH! The obelisks have not been torn down; they have been built up! What do we think church steeples are? The Washington Monument? The obelisk at St. Peter’s Basilica? In towns? In graveyards? What about the ‘Christmas Tree’ obelisk? The traditions of man by hanging ‘ornaments’ on a tree and bowing down before it to retrieve and offer gifts? Or incense burned to other gods and fruit offerings? Or the celebration of Ishtar at ‘Easter’, the fertility goddess, and bowing down to retrieve eggs? You all get the picture. If it is not in His Word, it should not be practiced. **YHWH wants NOTHING to do with pagan holidays and the tradition of men.** We practiced such BEFORE we knew YHWH; and should turn away from all these heathenistic practices and idols. We should have no association with them.

YHWH loves those He disciplines. He doesn't want any to perish but all to come to the saving knowledge and love of Him. He is the Good Shepherd that watches over His sheep.

**Deu 8:5** “Thus you shall know in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so יהוה your Elohim disciplines you,

**Deu 8:6** therefore you shall guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

**Deu 8:7** “For יהוה your Elohim is bringing you into a good land, a land of streams of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills,

**Deu 8:8** a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,

**Deu 8:9** a land in which you eat bread without scarcity, in which you do not lack at all, a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you dig copper.

**Deu 8:10** “And you shall eat and be satisfied, and shall bless יהוה your Elohim for the good land which He has given you.

Deut. 8 goes on to say to guard our hearts lest we forget all that YHWH has done for us. Guard our hearts from the things of this world that can turn out to be stumbling blocks. He doesn't want wealth and provisions to ensnare His people, lest they forget their first love.

**Deu 8:11** “Be on guard, lest you forget יהוה your Elohim by not guarding His commands, and His right-rulings, and His laws which I command you today,

**Deu 8:12** lest you eat and shall be satisfied, and build lovely houses and shall dwell in them,

**Deu 8:13** and your herds and your flocks increase, and your silver and your gold are increased, and all that you have is increased,

**Deu 8:14** that your heart then becomes lifted up, and you forget יהוה your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage,

**Deu 8:15** who led you through that great and awesome wilderness – fiery serpents and scorpions and thirst – where there was no water, who brought water for you out of the flinty rock,

**Deu 8:16** who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, in order to humble you and to try you, to do you good in the end,

**Deu 8:17** you then shall say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand have made for me this wealth!’

**Deu 8:18** “But you shall remember יהוה your Elohim, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, in order to establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is today.

**Deu 8:19** “And it shall be, if you by any means forget יהוה your Elohim, **and follow other mighty ones, and serve them and bow yourself to them,** I have warned you this day that you shall certainly perish.

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## Deuteronomy 9

### Facing the Giants

**Deu 9:1** “Hear, O Yisra’el: You are passing over the Yardēn today, **to go in to dispossess nations greater and stronger than yourself, cities great and walled up to the heavens,**

**Deu 9:2** **a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anaqim, whom you know, and of whom you heard it said, ‘Who does stand before the descendants of Anaq?’**

YHWH is driving the nations out because of their wrong, NOT of Israel’s righteousness.

**Deu 9:3** “And you shall know today that יהוה your Elohim is He who is passing over before you as a consuming fire – He does destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall dispossess them and destroy them quickly, as יהוה has said to you.

**Deu 9:4** “Do not think in your heart, after יהוה your Elohim has driven them out before you, saying, ‘Because of my righteousness יהוה has brought me in to possess this land.’ But it is because of the wrong of these nations that יהוה is driving them out from before you.

YHWH drives them out to establish the word He swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**Deu 9:5** “It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wrong of these nations that יהוה your Elohim drives them out from before you, in order to establish the word which יהוה swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya’aqob.

**Rebellion is a stumbling block to be an Overcomer** – One may still get into the promise land, but it will be after learning lessons the hard way. The children of Israel are being prepared to enter the promise land. They had come ‘this close’ once before; when they chose rebellion and failed. With that rebellion, their days in the wilderness were prolonged to 40 years; the rebellious generation dies in the wilderness and does not enter the promise land; others die during the wilderness due to rebellion; Moses, himself, does not enter and only sees the promise land by looking out from the mountaintop N-S-E-W, due to disobedience. Rebellion is as witchcraft (1Sam. 15:23).

In our devotional, we are simultaneously reading the Book of Revelation, about our 'own' near future opportunity **to enter the promise land**. Five (5) out of the 7 assemblies are given warnings and advice from Yahusha on how to be overcomers, and not be left behind to wander in the wilderness and face fiery serpents and threat of death.

For those that rebel and choose to do Bible things 'their way' and not Bible things 'His way'; they will suffer. If a person doesn't love Him enough to keep His covenant commands; He will prove what is in their own hearts; and let them go down their path of choice.

Ponder what Moses is imparting to this generation about to enter the promise land; ponder why Yahusha is giving warnings to 5 out of 7 of the assemblies; and encouraging all 7 assemblies to be overcomers in Revelation; ponder again what Ezekiel is prophesying to the rebellious ones; then, and for us now. There will only be a remnant of the righteous taken away to safety; and the others will make their garments white by washing them in the blood of the Lamb during the tribulation.

Eze 5:12 **One-third of you shall die of pestilence, and be consumed with scarcity of food in your midst. And one-third shall fall by the sword all around you. And I shall scatter another third to all the winds, and draw out a sword after them.**

Eze 5:17 And I shall send against you **scarcity of food and evil beasts, and they shall bereave you. And pestilence and blood shall pass through you, while I bring the sword against you.** I, יהוה, have spoken.' ”

Eze 14:13 **“Son of man, when a land sins against Me to commit a trespass, and I shall stretch out My hand against it, and cut off its supply of bread and send scarcity of food on it, and cut off man and beast from it,**

**Eze 14:14 even though these three men, Noah, Dani'el, and Iyob, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” declares the Master יהוה.**

Eze 14:15 “If I cause an evil beast to pass through the land, and it shall bereave it, and it shall be a wasteland, so that no man passes through because of the beasts,

Eze 14:16 **even though these three men were in it,** as I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters. **They alone would be delivered,** but the land be a wasteland.

Eze 14:17 “Or if I bring a sword on that land, and I shall say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’ and I shall cut off man and beast from it,

Eze 14:18 **even though these three men were in** its midst, as I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, **for they alone would be delivered.**

Eze 14:19 “Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and I shall pour out My wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,

Eze 14:20 **even though Noah, Dani'el, and Iyob were in it,** as I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter. **They would deliver their own lives by their righteousness.”**

Eze 14:21 For thus said the Master יהוה, “How much more it shall be when **I send My four evil judgments on Yerushalayim:** the sword and scarcity of food and evil beasts and pestilence, to cut off man and beast from it?

Eze 14:22 **“But see, there shall be left in it a remnant who are brought out,** both sons and daughters. See, they are coming out to you, and you shall see their ways and their deeds, and shall be comforted concerning the evil which I have brought upon Yerushalayim – all that I have brought upon it.

Eze 14:23 “And they shall comfort you, when you see their ways and their deeds. And you shall know that it was not for naught that I have done whatever I did in it,” declares the Master יהוה.

Again, YHWH is emphasizing to the children of Israel that:

1. He is driving the nations out because of their own wrongness.
2. He is NOT driving the nations out because of the children of Israel’s righteousness.
3. He is driving them out to establish the word He swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Present condition and reminders given through Moses:

- You are a stiff-necked people
- From the day that you came out of the land of Mitsrayim until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against יהוה.
- Moses reminds them, that when He had gone up Mt. Sinai to get the stone tablets, they had made themselves a molded image.
- Moses recounts the sin of the golden calf in detail.
- Moses reminds them that YHWH was wroth with them.
- Moses reminds them that YHWH was enraged with Aaron.
- Moses reminds them how he pulverized the golden calf and mixed it in water.
- He names the places of the people’s rebellions at Tab’erah, Massah, Qibroth, Hatta’awah where they made יהוה wroth; and at Qadësh Barnëa where they rebelled against the mouth of YHWH.
- Moses reminds them of His intercession to YHWH to spare their very lives by remembering His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

After the sin of the golden calf, the people were placed under **the Book of the Law**.

When Moses completes writing the words of the **Book of the Law**, it is placed BESIDE the Ark of the Covenant as a witness against them (Deut. 31:26).

The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was established to implement **the Book of the Law** after the sin of the golden calf. Though their lives were spared, they would now be a nation with a priest; instead of a kingdom of priests; UNTIL Yahusha would come. They had broken their marriage covenant, their wedding ketubah.



**Deu 9:6** “And you shall know that **יהוה** your Elohim is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people.

**Deu 9:7** “Remember, do not forget how you provoked to wrath **יהוה** your Elohim in the wilderness. From the day that you came out of the land of Mitsrayim until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against **יהוה**.

**Deu 9:8** “Even in Horeb you made **יהוה** wroth, so that **יהוה** was enraged with you, to destroy you.

**Deu 9:9** “When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which **יהוה** made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I did not eat bread nor did I drink water.

**Deu 9:10** “Then **יהוה** gave me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of Elohim, and on them were all the Words which **יהוה** had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

**Deu 9:11** “And it came to be, at the end of forty days and forty nights, that **יהוה** gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

**Deu 9:12** “Then **יהוה** said to me, ‘Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you brought out of Mitsrayim have acted corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them, they have made themselves a moulded image.’

### **The Golden Calf**

**Deu 9:13** “And **יהוה** spoke to me, saying, ‘I have seen this people, and look, they are a stiff-necked people.

**Deu 9:14** Leave Me alone, so that I destroy them and blot out their name from under the heavens, and make of you a nation stronger and greater than they.’

**Deu 9:15** “So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire. And the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

**Deu 9:16** “And I looked and saw that you had sinned against **יהוה** your Elohim, and had made for yourselves a moulded calf! You had quickly turned aside from the way which **יהוה** had commanded you.

**Deu 9:17** “And I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes,

**Deu 9:18** “and I fell down before **יהוה**, as at the first, forty days and forty nights. I did not eat bread and I did not drink water, because of all your sins which you committed in doing evil in the eyes of **יהוה**, to provoke Him.

**Deu 9:19** “For I was afraid of the displeasure and rage with which **יהוה** was wroth with you, to destroy you. But **יהוה** listened to me that time once more.

**Deu 9:20** “And **יהוה** was very enraged with Aharon, to destroy him, so I prayed for Aharon at that time also.

**Deu 9:21** “And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it and ground it very small, until it was as fine as dust. And I threw its dust into



the stream that came down from the mountain.

**Deu 9:22** “And at Tab’ĕrah and at Massah and at Qibroth Hatta’awah you made **יהוה** wrath.

**Deu 9:23** “And when **יהוה** sent you from Qadĕsh Barnĕa, saying, ‘Go up and possess the land which I have given you,’ then you rebelled against the mouth of **יהוה** your Elohim, and you neither trusted Him nor listened to His voice.

**Deu 9:24** “You have been rebellious against **יהוה** from the day that I knew you.

**Deu 9:25** “So I fell down before **יהוה** the forty days and forty nights, for I fell down because **יהוה** had said He would destroy you.

**Deu 9:26** “And I prayed to **יהוה**, and said, ‘O Master **יהוה**, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have ransomed in Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Mitsrayim with a strong hand.

**Deu 9:27** Remember Your servants, Aḅraham, Yitshaq, and Ya’aqoḅ. Do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wrong or on their sin,

**Deu 9:28** lest the land from which You brought us should say, “Because **יהוה** was not able to bring them to the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.”

**Deu 9:29** And they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm.’

## Deuteronomy 10

Often people wonder, what exactly was written on the two stone tablets. They wonder if only the 10 Commandments were written on the stone tablets; or was there more? The answer to this question can be found in Deuteronomy 9:10; Deuteronomy 10:4; and Exodus 32:15-16.

**Deu 9:10** “Then יהוה gave me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of Elohim, and on them were all the Words which יהוה had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

### New Tablets of Stone

**Deu 10:1** “At that time יהוה said to me, ‘Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain. And you shall make yourself an ark of wood,

**Deu 10:2** then I write on the tablets the Words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. And you shall put them in the ark.’

**Deu 10:3** “So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, with the two tablets in my hand.

**Deu 10:4** “And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten

**Words, which יהוה had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.** Then יהוה gave them to me,

Deu 10:5 and I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made. And they are there, as יהוה commanded me.”

In addition, we get insights about the stone tablets from Exodus 32:

Exo 32:15 And Mosheh turned and went down from the mountain, and in his hand were the two tablets of the Witness, **tablets written on both their sides, written on the one and on the other.**

Exo 32:16 And the **tablets were the work of Elohim,** and **the writing was the writing of Elohim engraved on the tablets.**

From these verses in Exodus and Deuteronomy we find the answer to what was written on the two stone tablets: **both the first set and the second set.** These verses reveal the following:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> set of stone tablets were written on BOTH sides; **on the one and on the other.** (Ex. 32:15)
- The tablets were the work of Elohim. (Ex. 32:16)
- The writing was the writing of Elohim engraved on the tablets. (Ex. 32:16)
- On the first set of stone tablets were **all the Words which יהוה had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.** (Deut. 9:10) This defines that, what was written on the tablets, were not ONLY the Ten Words, **but ALL the Words spoken from Mt. Sinai on the day of the assembly.**
- For the second set of stone tablets, Moses was to hew them like the first set. (Deut. 10:1-3)
- For the second set of stone tablets, Moses was also to make an Ark of acacia wood to house the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of stone tablets. (Deut. 10:1-3)
- YHWH **wrote on the tablets the Words that were on the first tablets,** which Moses broke. (Deut. 10:2)
- YHWH told Moses to put them in the ark. (Deut. 10:2)
- YHWH **wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Words, which יהוה had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.** (Deut. 10:4)
- Moses went up the mount **with the two tablets in his hand;** and when he returned down the mountain, **Moses placed the tablets in the ark.** (Deut. 10:3 & 10:5)
- Moses then states that he placed the two stone tablets in the ark as YHWH had commanded him. (Deut. 10:5)

These verses are important because many people believe that **the Book of the Covenant** and **the Book of the Law** are the same or synonymous; **but they most definitely are not.** The above scriptures give proof that what was written on the stone tablets by YHWH, front and back on both, were **all the words spoken on the day of the assembly inclusive of the 10 commandments.**

When the people broke the blood ratified Book of the Covenant, their marriage ketubah, with the sin of the golden calf; Moses interceded to YHWH to spare their very lives! At that point, the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was established to implement the imposed Book of the Law as a tutor; UNTIL Yahusha would come. The **Book of the Law** stood as a witness against them.

Remember, Aaron and his two sons Nadab and Abihu were all present at the covenant confirming meal with Moses, the elders, and YHWH. (Ex. 24:9-11) **They had actually been part of the Melchizedek priesthood prior to, the establishment of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood!**

In Deuteronomy 10, the words of the **Book of the Covenant** given on the day of the assembly at Mt Sinai, were written on the two stone tablets. Then, Moses clearly states he placed the stone tablets in the Ark of the Covenant. Obviously, the Ark of the Covenant, so named; contained the **Book of the Covenant**.

The **Book of the Law** was placed BESIDE the Ark of the Covenant as a witness against them.

Deu 31:26 “Take this **Book of the Torah**, and you shall place it beside the ark of the covenant of יהוה your Elohim, and it shall be there as a witness against you, [ISR]

Deu 31:26 Take this **book of the law**, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. [KJV]

**Deu 10:6** Now the children of Yisra'el set out from the wells of Benēi Ya'aqan to Moserah. Aharon died there, and he was buried there. And El'azar his son became priest in his place.

**Deu 10:7** From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Yotbathah, a land of rivers of water.

**Deu 10:8** At that time יהוה separated the tribe of Lēwi to bear the ark of the covenant of יהוה, to stand before יהוה, to serve Him, and to bless in His Name, to this day.

**Deu 10:9** Therefore Lěwi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers. יהוה is his inheritance, as יהוה your Elohim promised him.

**Deu 10:10** “And I stayed in the mountain for forty days and forty nights. And יהוה heard me at that time also, and יהוה chose not to destroy you.

**Deu 10:11** “And יהוה said to me, ‘Arise, go before the people, to set out, and let them go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

Deut. 10:6 fast forwards to the time of Aaron’s death and identifies that Elazar took his place. Moses goes on to review how the Levites were set-apart to YHWH for the service of bearing the ark of the covenant; serving YHWH; and blessing His Name.

Deut. 10:10 lets us know that Moses was on Mt. Sinai another 40 days; just as he was when receiving the first set of stone tablets. Afterwards, they begin their journey

forward toward the promise land.

In the rest of Deuteronomy 10, YHWH speaks heart to heart to His people. He longed for them to be obedient and to stay faithful to Him and to His Word.

**Deu 10:12** “And now, Yisra’ēl, what is יהוה your Elohim asking of you, but to **fear יהוה your Elohim**, to **walk in all His ways** and to **love Him**, and to **serve יהוה your Elohim with all your heart** and with **all your being**.

**Deu 10:13** to **guard the commands of יהוה and His laws** which I command you today for your good?

**Deu 10:14** “See, the heavens and the heaven of **heavens belong to יהוה your Elohim**, also the **earth** with all that is in it.

**Deu 10:15** “**יהוה delighted only in your fathers, to love them. And He chose their seed after them, you above all peoples,<sup>a</sup> as it is today.** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Deu 7:6](#), [Deu 14:2](#), [Deu 26:18](#), [Psa 135:4](#) and [Amo 1:1-9:15](#).

**Deu 10:16** “And **you shall circumcise the foreskin of your heart,<sup>b</sup> and harden your neck no more.** Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See also [Deu 30:6-8](#), [Rom 2:26-29](#) and [1Co 7:19](#).

**Deu 10:17** “For **יהוה your Elohim is Elohim of mighty ones** and **Master of masters**, **the great Ėl, mighty and awesome**, who **shows no partiality** nor takes a bribe.

**Deu 10:18** “**He executes right-ruling for the fatherless and the widow**, and **loves the stranger, giving him food and a garment**.

**Deu 10:19** “And **you shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Mitsrayim.**

**Deu 10:20** “**Fear יהוה your Elohim. Serve Him**, and **cling to Him**, and **swear by His Name**.

**Deu 10:21** “**He is your praise**, and **He is your Elohim**, who has done for you these great and

awesome deeds which your eyes have seen.

**Deu 10:22** “Your fathers went down to Mitsrayim with **seventy beings**, and now יהוה your Elohim **has made you as numerous as the stars of the heavens.**

## Deuteronomy 11

### Love and Serve YHWH

**Deu 11:1** “And you shall love יהוה your Elohim and **guard His charge:**<sup>a</sup> even His laws, and His right-rulings, and His commands, always. **Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>See [Gen 26:5](#).

**Deu 11:2** “And you shall know today – for it is not your children who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of יהוה your Elohim, His greatness, His strong hand and His outstretched arm,

**Deu 11:3** and His signs, and His works which He had done in the midst of Mitsrayim, to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, and to all his land;

**Deu 11:4** and that which He had done to the army of Mitsrayim, to their horses and their chariots, when He made the waters of the Sea of Reeds overflow them as they pursued you, and how יהוה has destroyed them to this day;

**Deu 11:5** and what He had done for you in the wilderness till you came to this place;

**Deu 11:6** and what He had done to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliyab, son of Re’ubēn, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the living creatures that were in their possession, in the midst of all Yisra’ēl.

**Deu 11:7** “For yours are the eyes that saw all the great work of יהוה, which He did.

Loving YHWH and guarding His charge, go hand in hand. Yahusha carries this forward in John 14:23.

**Joh 14:23** יהושע answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him.

Most people pretty much believe they understand what it means to love YHWH. But do we really understand what that means? We see here that loving YHWH is coupled with ‘guarding His charge’ in Deut. 11:1.

In John 14:23, Yahusha says, if anyone ‘loves Me’, he shall ‘**guard My Word.**’ And goes on to say, “My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him. Why? Because **we are now the temple** of His Ruach HaKodesh.

Most of us came to YHWH [Yahusha in Son] with a child-like faith and love which is great! The problem comes in, when that faith and love, remains ‘child-like’ and is easily misguided. For instance, the enemy loves to use the word ‘love’ and twists its meaning. The enemy manipulates words and distorts definitions.

The enemy would have people feel that they should love anyone and anything; and if they don’t; well that is hateful. If any other perspective is spoken, well that is ‘hate-speech.’ Well, that doesn’t sound good! After bringing on ‘false guilt’, the enemy puts ‘his’ laws in place, and before you know it; the enemy has taken away our right to know and love YHWH. We should discern according to His Word, not ours.

To truly love YHWH [Yahusha in Son], we are to ‘**guard His charge**’ and we do so through the proper administration of His Word. For the most part, this has not been done in our generation. Because of this, even as I type, the enemy has snuck in a bill that has passed

the U.S. House and will be coming up for a vote in the Senate, called ‘The Equality Act.’ ‘The Equality Act’ is the criminalization of speaking many truths in His word, as ‘hate speech.’ This type of legislation has already taken place in Canada; and this is setting up the world for living out the **book of Revelation!** Presently, we are just experiencing ‘birth pangs.’

Why has all this happened? Because people have not loved Him according to His Word; nor have they guarded His charge! What does it mean to guard His charge? To guard His charge, we must first diligently know His Word, and know how to ‘rightly divide’ His Word, by time periods and by administrations. When presidential ‘administrations’ change; do laws change? Obviously yes, newer laws are implemented and take precedence.

For instance, we know that Yahusha was born under the law. What law? **The Book of the Law**. After the sin of the golden calf, the book of the law was imposed on the people as a ‘tutor’; UNTIL Yahusha would come. Yahusha meticulously lived His life to fulfill every jot and tittle of the Book of the Law; or He would have sinned. He was the only one that could live out the Book of the Law perfectly. Yahusha not only lived out the requirements under the Book of the Law; but He became our atoning sacrifice according to the Book of the Law; and He entered into His priestly role by being mikvah’d by the true High Priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, John the Immerser: fulfilling the proper Book of the Law transference of priesthods. With this, He ushered the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position and served over His own sacrifice and ascending offering. He is THE Melchizedek.

Once Yahusha made full atonement, with His blood, being the Lamb of Elohim [a one year old spotless lamb – being 490 days old - dated **From:** His mikvah and designation as ‘the Lamb of Elohim’ **To:** Pentecost]; Yahusha fulfilled the conditional ‘death penalty’ arm [Gen. 15] of the promise to Abraham; and proposed to us with His new blood ratified covenant. Those that accept His new proposal, ratified by His blood, and partake in His covenant confirming meal of bread and wine; enter His priesthood after the order of Melchizedek [Ps. 110:4]. YHWH’s covenant Torah once again brings His bride back in covenant to Himself. He makes His people once again a ‘kingdom of priest’ and a set-apart nation. [1Peter 2:9; Rev. 1:6; Rev. 5:9-10; Rev. 20:6]

This connects us back to the original marriage covenant [Ex. 19:5 – 24:11] and to the unconditional promise given to Abraham in Gen. 12:1-3. Without this basic understanding, one may sincerely love Him; but fall short by not having diligently guarded His charge by the proper administration of His Word.

The generation Moses was addressing were ‘under’ the Book of the Law. Yahusha was born ‘under’ the Book of the Law. Noah was born under the ‘preachers of righteousness’ and was in the righteous kingly priestly line of Melchizedek. Today, we are born ‘under’ the reign of Yahusha as Melchizedek High Priest and are given the opportunity to accept His New Covenant proposal.

**This doesn’t mean** we do not greatly benefit from knowing and understanding the Book of the Law; but our Melchizedek High Priest ushered in a better covenant and now administers Covenant Torah.



2Ti 3:16 **All Scripture** is breathed out by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 that the man of Elohim might be fitted, equipped for every good work.

‘Guarding His Charge’ is stated in such a way as a command given to a soldier. If a soldier, doesn’t understand the command correctly; he can still fill his position with passion and zeal, but at the same time give footing to the enemy.

Guarding His charge, changes with different administrations. We that walk in Covenant Torah are NOT to administer the same ‘charge’ as in the day of Deuteronomy 11! They were under the tutor, the Book of the Law.

To love YHWH and to ‘guard His charge’ by diligently following and rightly dividing His Word, is **what Deut. 11:1** is all about. The Deuteronomy 11 generation, that were about to enter the promise land under Joshua, most certainly followed the Book of the Law! They lived ‘under’ the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood administration of the book of the law.

Now, we live under Covenant Torah administered by our Melchizedek High Priest as His ‘kingdom of priests’ from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation; **reflecting the ‘coat of many colors.’** It is no longer based on a priesthood requiring mother father lineage of Aaron. Now, it is under The Melchizedek, ‘our King is Righteous.’ There is only One High Priest.

Understanding this one verse, Deut. 11:1, has huge implications and the enemy knows this very well! Why? **Because the enemy wants the world to love him and to live ‘under’ his administration of his inspired man-made laws!**

**Deu 11:8** “And you **shall guard every command which I command you today**, so that you are strong, and shall go in, and shall possess the land which you are passing over to possess,

**Deu 11:9** and to prolong your days **in the land which יהוה swore to give your fathers**, to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.

**Deu 11:10** “For the land which you are going in to possess is not like the land of Mitsrayim from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden,

**Deu 11:11** but **the land which you are passing over to possess** is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of the heavens,

**Deu 11:12** a land which יהוה your Elohim looks after. The eyes of יהוה your Elohim are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the latter end of the year.

In Deuteronomy 11, we see Moses who served under the Melchizedek Priesthood, passing the ‘administration’ to the next generation under the reigning Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. He has reviewed all the events from YHWH leading them out of Egypt, with all the ups and downs that had been experienced in the wilderness. This generation was receiving full knowledge and full responsibility to love YHWH their Elohim and to keep His charge under the Book of the Law.

Overcomers, not only cross-over to possess the ‘promise land’; they cross over to truly love Him by keeping His charge; by staying faithful and true as His chaste set-apart bride.

There are numerous classic verses in Deuteronomy 11 for your devotional time. The key message is to diligently stay in His Word; let His Word constantly be in front of our eyes and in our hands, so that the enemy will not ensnare you and so that you will be blessed.

**Deu 11:13** And it shall be that if you diligently obey My commands which I command you today, to love יהוה your Elohim and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your being,

**Deu 11:14** then I shall give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, and you shall gather in your grain, and your new wine, and your oil.

**Deu 11:15** And I shall give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be satisfied.

**Deu 11:16** Guard yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other mighty ones and bow down to them.

**Deu 11:17** Then the displeasure of יהוה shall burn against you, and He shall shut up the heavens, and there be no rain, and the land not give its increase. And you shall perish quickly from the good land which יהוה is giving you.

**Deu 11:18** And you shall lay up these **Words<sup>b</sup>** of Mine in your heart and in your being, and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **Footnote:** <sup>b</sup>See footnote at [Deu 5:22](#).

**Deu 11:19** And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,

**Deu 11:20** and shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

**Deu 11:21** so that your days and the days of your children are increased on the soil of

which יהוה swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens on the earth.

**Deu 11:22** For if you diligently guard all these commands which I command you, to do it, to love יהוה your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, and to cling to Him,

**Deu 11:23** then יהוה shall drive out all these nations before you, and you shall dispossess greater and stronger nations than you.

**Deu 11:24** Every place on which the sole of your foot treads is yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea is your border.

**Deu 11:25** No man shall stand against you. יהוה your Elohim shall put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, as He has spoken to you.

**Deu 11:26** See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

**Deu 11:27** the blessing, when you obey the commands of יהוה your Elohim which I command you today;

**Deu 11:28** and the curse, if you do not obey the commands of יהוה your Elohim, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other mighty ones which you have not known.

**Deu 11:29** And it shall be, when יהוה your Elohim has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ėybal.

**Deu 11:30** Are they not beyond the Yardĕn, toward the setting sun, in the land of the Kena'anites who dwell in the desert plain opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinth trees of Moreh?

**Deu 11:31** For you are passing over the Yardĕn to go in to possess the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, and you shall possess it and dwell in it,

**Deu 11:32** and shall guard to do all the laws and right-rulings which I am setting before you today.'

## Isaiah 49

In Isaiah 49:1-7 YHWH has called forth His Son to redeem not only His people but also the nations. Yahusha [YHWH in Son] came in the likeness of flesh; born of a virgin; to redeem Jacob; Israel. He is the head of the body. He will gather all 12 tribes along with the mixed- multitudes grafted in to form the one-new man, Israel.

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

Yahusha is the Word; therefore, the words He spoke were sharper than any two-edged sword. Yahusha is the Good Shepherd sent by the Father to gather His flocks into

one. To Him, the Redeemer of Israel and the Light of the world, every knee shall bow!

### The Servant of YHWH

**Isa 49:1** Listen to Me, O coastlands, and hear, you peoples from afar! יהוה has called Me from the womb, from My mother’s belly He has caused My Name to be remembered.

**Isa 49:2** And He made My mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of His hand He hid Me, and made Me a polished shaft. In His quiver He hid Me.”

**Isa 49:3** And He said to Me, ‘You are My servant, O Yisra’ël, in whom I am adorned.’

**Isa 49:4** And I said, ‘I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for emptiness, and in vain. But my right-ruling is with יהוה, and my work with my Elohim.’ ”

**Isa 49:5** And now said יהוה – who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Ya’aqob back to Him, though Yisra’ël is not gathered to Him, yet I am esteemed in the eyes of יהוה, and My Elohim has been My strength –

**Isa 49:6** and He says, “Shall it be a small *matter* for You to be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Ya’aqob, and to bring back the preserved ones of Yisra’ël? And I shall give You as a light to the nations, to be My deliverance to the ends of the earth!”

**Isa 49:7** Thus said יהוה, the Redeemer of Yisra’ël, their Set-apart One, to the despised, to the loathed One of the nation, to the Servant of rulers, **“Sovereigns shall see and arise, rulers also shall bow themselves, because of יהוה who is steadfast, the Set-apart One of Yisra’ël. And He has chosen You!”**

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 Php 2:9 Elohim, therefore, has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the Name of יהושע every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess Isa 45:23 that יהושע Messiah is Master, to the esteem of Elohim the Father.

### The Restoration of Israel

**Isa 49:8** Thus said יהוה, “In a **favorable time I shall answer You**, and in the **day of deliverance I shall help You** – and **I guard You and give You for a covenant of the people**, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the ruined inheritances,

**Isa 49:9** to **say to the prisoners**, ‘Go out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’ Let them feed on the ways, and let their pasture be on all bare hills.

**Isa 49:10** “They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither heat or sun strike them, for **He who has compassion on them shall lead them, even by fountains of water guide them.**

**Isa 49:11** “And I shall make all My mountains a way, and My highways raised up.

**Isa 49:12** “See, these come from far away, and see, those from the north and the

west, and these from the land of Sinim.”

Isa 49:13 Sing, O heavens, rejoice, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For יהוה shall comfort His people and have compassion on His afflicted ones.

Isa 49:14 But Tsiyon says, “יהוה has forsaken me, and יהוה has forgotten me.”

Isa 49:15 “Would a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? **Though they forget, I never forget you.**

Isa 49:16 “See, **I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands: your walls are always before Me.**

Isa 49:17 “Your sons shall hurry, your destroyers and those who laid you waste depart from you.

Isa 49:18 “Lift up your eyes round about and see, all of them gather together and come to you. As I live,” declares יהוה, “you shall put on all of them as an ornament, and bind them on you as a bride does.

Isa 49:19 “For your wastes, and your deserted places, and the land of your destruction, shall soon be too narrow for the inhabitants, while those who swallowed you up are far away.

Isa 49:20 “The sons of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, ‘The place is too narrow for me, make room for me to live.’

Isa 49:21 “And you shall say in your heart, ‘Who has brought forth these for me, since I am bereaved and barren, an exile, and wandering to and fro? And who reared them? See, I was left alone – from where did these come?’ ”

Isa 49:22 **Thus said the Master יהוה**, “See, I lift My hand up to the nations, and set up My banner for the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters carried on their shoulders;

Isa 49:23 “And sovereigns shall be your foster fathers, and their sovereignesses your nursing mothers. They bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. And you shall know that I am יהוה – those who wait for Me shall not be ashamed.”

Isa 49:24 Is prey taken from the mighty, and the captives of the righteous delivered?

Isa 49:25 Yet thus said יהוה, “Even the captives of the mighty are taken away, and the prey of the ruthless is delivered; and **I strive with him who strives with you, and I save your children.**

Isa 49:26 “And I shall feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, and let them drink their own blood as sweet wine. **All flesh shall know that I, יהוה, am your Saviour, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Ya'aqob.**”

## John 13:31 – 15:27

### A New Commandment

After Judas went out, Yahusha declares that esteem [glory] to the Son of Adam and to Elohim has been achieved. He leaves the taught ones with a new commandment to love one another as He had loved them. By this all men shall know that you are my taught ones. Love lets others see YHWH's glory living in us and through us. Love never fails.

**Joh 13:31** When, therefore, he went out, **יהושע** said, "Now the Son of Adam has been esteemed, and Elohim has been esteemed in Him.

**Joh 13:32** "If Elohim has been esteemed in Him, Elohim shall also esteem Him in Himself, and straightaway esteem Him.

**Joh 13:33** "Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek Me, and as I said to the Yehudim, 'Where I am going, you are unable to come,' I now also say to you.

**Joh 13:34** "A renewed command I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

**Joh 13:35** "By this shall all know that you are My taught ones, if you have love for one another."

### Yahusha Foretells Peter's Denial

The chapter closes with Yahusha foretelling Peter's denial of Him three times before the cock crows. Like Peter, at times our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak. We will later see a whole different Peter after he receives the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit. Praise Yah, that greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world! We can do all things through Yahusha that strengthens us.

**Joh 13:36** Shim'on Kěpha said to Him, "Master, where are You going?" **יהושע** answered him, "Where I am going you are unable to follow Me now, but afterwards you shall follow Me."

**Joh 13:37** Kěpha said to Him, "Master, why am I unable to follow You now? I shall lay down my life for You."

**Joh 13:38** **יהושע** answered him, "Shall you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock shall not crow at all until you have denied Me three times.

## John 14

Yahusha's time was drawing to a close on earth and he continued to teach his disciples deeper understandings about the kingdom of YHWH. Not only about the kingdom of YHWH but also about Himself. Some were still not understanding that Yahusha was YHWH in Son. To this day, the echad of YHWH, His plural monotheistic oneness is misunderstood.

### **I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life**

**Joh 14:1** “Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in Elohim, believe also in Me.

**Joh 14:2** “In My Father's house are many staying places. 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.”

**Joh 14:5** T'oma said to Him, “Master, we do not know where You are going, and how are we able to know the way?”

**Joh 14:6** יהושע said to him, **“I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

**Joh 14:7** “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father too. From now on you know Him, and have seen.”

**Joh 14:8** Philip said to Him, “Master, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

**Joh 14:9** יהושע said to him, **“Have I been with you so long, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father, and how do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”**

**Joh 14:10** “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak from Myself. But the Father who stays in Me does His works.

**Joh 14:11** “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, otherwise believe Me because of the works themselves.

**Joh 14:12** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he shall do also. And greater *works* than these he shall do, because I go to My Father.

**Joh 14:13** “And whatever you ask in My Name, that I shall do, in order that the Father might be esteemed in the Son.

**Joh 14:14** “If you ask whatever in My Name, I shall do it.

### **Yahusha Promises the Holy Spirit**

**Joh 14:15** “If you love Me, you shall guard My commands.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Joh 14:21](#) and [Joh 14:23](#), [Exo 20:6](#), [1Jn 5:2-3](#) and [2Jn 1:6](#).

**Joh 14:16** “And I shall ask the Father, and He shall give you another Helper, to stay with you forever –



**Joh 14:17** the Spirit of the Truth, whom the world is unable to receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, for He stays with you and shall be in you.

**Joh 14:18** “I shall not leave you orphans – I am coming to you.

**Joh 14:19** “Yet a little while, and the world no longer sees Me, but you shall see Me, because I live, and you shall live.

**Joh 14:20** “In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

We are one in Him, the ‘one new man.’

 Yahusha is in the Father

 Believers are in Yahusha

 Yahusha is in us.

**Joh 14:21** “He who possesses My commands and guards them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I shall love him and manifest Myself to him.”

**Joh 14:22** Yehudah – not the one from Qerioth – said to Him, “Master, what has come about that You are about to manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

**Joh 14:23** יהושע answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him.

**Joh 14:24** “He who does not love Me does not guard My Words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father Who sent Me.

**Joh 14:25** “These *Words* I have spoken to you while still with you.

**Joh 14:26** “But the Helper, the Set-apart Spirit, whom the Father shall send in My Name, He shall teach you all, and remind you of all that I said to you.

**Joh 14:27** “Peace I leave with you – My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

**Joh 14:28** “You heard that I said to you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If you did love Me, you would have rejoiced that I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.

**Joh 14:29** “And now I have told you before it takes place, that when it does take place, you shall believe.

**Joh 14:30** “I shall no longer talk much with you, for [the ruler of this world<sup>b</sup>](#) is coming, and he possesses none at all in Me, [Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See footnote Luk 4:6](#).

**Joh 14:31** but, in order for the world to know that I love the Father, and that as the Father commanded Me, so I am doing. Rise up, let us go from here.

Yahusha was teaching Kingdom principles.

1. He said, I am **the Way, the Truth and the Life**. NOT a way or a truth.
2. **No one** comes to the Father **except through Him, Yahusha**.
3. In His Father' house were many rooms or 'staying places'.
4. Yahusha was going before them, and before us, to prepare a place.
5. Knowing that He was going before them to prepare a place, He, Yahusha, tells them (and us) that He is **COMING AGAIN** to receive us to Himself, so that where He is, we can be also!
6. No one that doesn't know Yahusha, the Son; can know the Father. Because the way to the Father is through the Son! They are ONE! **A person CANNOT have the Father without the Son!**

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Yisra'el: יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one!

Joh 14:8 Philip said to Him, "**Master, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.**"

Joh 14:9 יהושע said to him, "**Have I been with you so long, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father**, and how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Joh 14:10 "**Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?** The words that I speak to you I do not speak from Myself. But **the Father who stays in Me** does His works.

Joh 14:11 "**Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me**, otherwise believe Me because of the works themselves.

7. **By faith**, belief, we are saved through Him, Yahusha, YHWH in Son!
8. He tells them (and us) that he who believes in Him shall do works like He has done and even greater works because He was going to His Father. How? Because His Spirit, the Ruach HaKodesh, would work through EACH believer.
9. He goes on to teach them (and us), that anything we ask in His Name, He will do. That doesn't mean the outcome of our prayers will be what we envision, but better. By faith, we always want His perfect will done in our lives. By faith, we know all things work together for good, for those that love Him, and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28 paraphrased)
10. They (and we) are to guard His Commands, His New Covenant, ratified by His blood. Those that believe in Him; those that accept His proposal; those that partake in His Covenant confirming meal of bread and wine; keep His Covenant. Yahusha gives us His New Covenant and connects us back to the Book of the Covenant given at Mount Sinai in Exodus 19:4 – Exodus 24:11; He fulfills the death penalty in Genesis 15 because of the broken covenant by the people with the sin of the golden calf; and ultimately, He connects us to **His original unconditional promise to Abraham in Genesis 12.**

11. He will ask His Father to send the Helper, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth to them (and us). This is the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit.
12. The Ruach HaKodesh cannot be seen nor known by the world.

Joh 14:17 the **Spirit of the Truth**, whom the world is unable to receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. **But you know Him, for He stays with you and shall be in you.**

13. By a person's sincere repentance and faith in Yahusha HaMashiach, the Ruach HaKodesh is received. That individual will know he is born anew. Born of His Spirit. He, the Ruach HaKodesh, will lead that individual to all truth. He will provide comfort and strength and the ability, as His kingdom of priests, to enter before the throne room of Elohim with prayers, gifts, and petitions. To stay in His Word is of utmost importance for He is the Word.
14. He will not leave us as orphans in this fallen world. He will come for us and to us!
15. He foretells of His coming death when those of the world would no longer 'see' Him, but His taught ones would; for the Comforter would be sent to live in them and through them (as well as for us).
16. Then He tells them something amazing: Joh 14:20 "In that day you shall know that **I am in My Father**, and **you in Me**, and **I in you**."
17. He who possesses and guards His commands loves Him, and he who loves Him, is loved by His Father; and they will come to the believer and the Ruach HaKodesh will teach them.
18. He foretold them things to come so that they (and we) would have peace. Not the kind of peace the world gives but His peace that surpasses understanding.
19. They (and we) should rejoice that Yahusha fulfilled all, and returned to His Father. He has redeemed those that believe in Him through His death, burial, and resurrection.
20. He is our High Priest of the Melchizedek order that resided over His own sacrificial offering as the Lamb of Elohim. He, Himself, presented His blood, the blood of the Lamb, on the heavenly altar, once and for all.

To make all the above happen, he faced the 'ruler of this world' and completed all that the Father commanded. Because of Yahusha HaMashiach, we too have victory over the enemy.

## John 15

We are connected to Yahusha. We are one in Him and He is in us. He is **the true Vine**. **His Father is the Master Gardener**. We are the branches. Yahusha often spoke in parables using our worldly environment to convey biblical truths. Without us staying in Him, without being connected to Him; we can do nothing.

He is our King and High Priest of the Melchizedek Order who has cleansed us: Just like Moses of the Melchizedek Order washed and set-apart Aaron and his sons to YHWH in the Aaronic Priestly Order; just like John the Baptist was permitted to mikvah Yahusha to scripturally fulfill all righteousness in the priestly transference back to the Melchizedek Priestly reign; and just like Yahusha has washed us and set-us apart to be His kingdom of priests of the Melchizedek order; a holy nation. We have been washed by the blood of the Lamb by grace through faith. We have been set-apart to fulfill our priestly duties by being washed by Him, our High Priest. Through Him, we have been sanctified in order to carry out our priestly duties in coming before His Father. He is holy. He has redeemed us; therefore, we should redeem the time for service to Him.

### **I Am the True Vine**

**Joh 15:1** “I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener.

**Joh 15:2** “**Every branch in Me that bears no fruit He takes away**. And every branch that bears fruit He prunes, so that it bears more fruit.

**Joh 15:3** “You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you.

**Joh 15:4** “Stay in Me, and I *stay* in you. As the branch is unable to bear fruit of itself, unless it stays in the vine, so neither you, unless you stay in Me.

**Joh 15:5** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who stays in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit. Because without Me you are able to do naught!

**Joh 15:6** “If anyone does not stay in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up. And they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

**Joh 15:7** “If you stay in Me, and My Words stay in you, you shall ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

**Joh 15:8** “In this My Father is esteemed, that you bear much fruit, and you shall be My taught ones.

## YHWH's Gardening Guide:

1. Every branch in Him that bears no fruit, He takes away.
2. Every branch that bears fruits, He prunes to bear more fruit. This may hurt a little but in the long run it is for the best.
3. If the branch breaks away and doesn't stay attached to the Vine, it cannot bear fruit. Without the Vine (Him), the branch (us) can do nothing!
4. Branches that break away, dry up and wither; and are gathered and burned.
5. By staying connected and nourished through the Word, the Vine; the branch bears much fruit and brings esteem and glory to the Gardner, the Father, YHWH.

The Father is well pleased by the branches bearing much fruit because, good fruit speak that we are His. [Matthew 7:16 By their fruit you will recognize them...](#) Did you know plants speak to gardeners? They do. They tell them when they thirst. They tell them when they are stressed. They tell the gardener when a plant or weed next to them is choking them out. They tell them when they have parasites eating on their leaves and their fruit through 'non-verbal' communication.

You get the point. Plants give signs that speak. Yahusha taught that those bearing healthy abundant fruit stay in Him; stay in His love; love Him and others; keep His Fathers commandments; these could ask for whatever they wished, and it would be done. For He knows what we need before we even ask. His answers are given in the best possible way to fulfill the requested prayer of the branch. The Master Gardener understands exactly. He inspects His garden regularly. He will not under or over fertilize.

The Master Gardner teaches the branches. He guides the direction and growth of the branches. He supports them when their fruit becomes heavy or bad weather ensues. The branch starts to understand why the Master Gardener does certain things and responds to Him; and because of that, they become 'His taught ones'.

**Joh 15:9** "As the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you. Stay in My love.

**Joh 15:10** "If you guard My commands, you shall stay in My love,<sup>a</sup> even as I have guarded My Father's commands and stay in His love. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Joh 14:15](#).

**Joh 15:11** "These words I have spoken to you, so that My joy might be in you, and that your joy might be complete.

**Joh 15:12** "[This is My command, that you love one another, as I have loved you.](#)<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Joh 13:34](#) and [Joh 15:17](#).

**Joh 15:13** “No one has greater love than this: that one should lay down his life for his friends.

**Joh 15:14** “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

**Joh 15:15** “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for all *teachings* which I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

**Joh 15:16** “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name He might give you.

**Joh 15:17** “These *words* I command you, so that you love one another.<sup>c</sup> Footnote:

<sup>c</sup>See [Joh 13:34](#) and [Joh 15:12](#).

John 15 then switches to the weedy garden of the world. It is full of tares, parasites, greed, and jealousy. He tells us that if the world hates us that bear good fruit, to know that the world hated Him first. The fruitless tares recognize those that belong to Him, the Vine, by our abundant healthy fruit.

### The Hatred of the World

**Joh 15:18** **“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.**

**Joh 15:19** “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, for that reason the world hates you.

**Joh 15:20** “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they shall persecute you too. If they have guarded My Word, they would guard yours too.

**Joh 15:21** **“But all this they shall do to you because of My Name, because they do not know Him who sent Me.**

**Joh 15:22** **“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.**

**Joh 15:23** **“He who hates Me hates My Father as well.**

**Joh 15:24** “If I did not do among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin. But now they have both seen and have hated both Me and My Father,

**Joh 15:25** but...that the word might be filled which was written in their Torah, **“They hated Me without a cause.”** [Psa 35:19](#), [Psa 69:4](#).

**Joh 15:26** “And when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of the Truth, who comes from the Father, He shall bear witness of Me,

**Joh 15:27** but you also bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

As prophesied, they hated Him without cause. He reminded them (and us), He would send them the Helper that would bear witness of Him; as we too would bear witness of Him.

## Hebrews 12

The author in Hebrews 12 encourages the audience NOT to grow weary; be strengthened and do what is right and loving. Receive His discipline gladly because He disciplines those He loves for good and not for evil. He is the Perfecter of our faith. 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.

### Yahusha, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith

**Heb 12:1** We too, then, having so great a cloud of witnesses all around us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us,

**Heb 12:2** looking to the Prince and Perfecter of our belief, **יהושע**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the stake, having despised the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim.

### Do Not Grow Weary

**Heb 12:3** For consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and faint in your lives.

**Heb 12:4** You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

**Heb 12:5** And you have forgotten the appeal which speaks to you as to sons, **“My son, do not despise the discipline of יהוה, nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him,**

**Heb 12:6 for whom יהוה loves, He disciplines, and flogs every son whom He receives.”**  
Pro 3:11-12.

**Heb 12:7** If you endure discipline, Elohim is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom a father does not discipline?

**Heb 12:8** But if you are without discipline, of which all have become sharers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

**Heb 12:9** Moreover, we indeed had fathers of our flesh disciplining us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

**Heb 12:10** For they indeed disciplined us for a few days as seemed best to them, but He does it for our profit, so that we might share His apartness.

**Heb 12:11** And indeed, no discipline seems pleasant at the time, but grievous, but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.<sup>a</sup> Footnote:

<sup>a</sup>See also Deu 8:2.

**Heb 12:12** So, **strengthen the hands which hang down and the weak knees,** Isa 35:3.

**Heb 12:13** and make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned aside, but instead, to be healed.



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,

Heb 12:16 lest there be anyone who whores, or profane one, like Ėsaw, *who for a single meal sold his birthright.*<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Gen 25:32-33](#).

Heb 12:17 For you know that afterward, when he wished to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it with tears.

### A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

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,*<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See [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<sup>d</sup>** of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling which speaks better than *the blood of Hebel*. Footnote: <sup>d</sup>See [Heb 8:6](#).

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,

Heb 12:26 whose voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, **“Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.”** [Hag 2:6](#).

Heb 12:27 And this, **“Yet once more,”** makes clear the removal of what is shaken – as having been made – so that the unshaken *matters* might remain.

Heb 12:28 **Therefore, receiving an unshakeable reign,** let us hold the favour, through which we serve Elohim pleasingly with reverence and awe,

Heb 12:29 for indeed, our **Elohim is a consuming fire.** [Deu 4:24](#).

Hebrews 12:29 also makes us study more closely Joel 2:3:

Joe 2:3 **Ahead of them a fire has consumed,** and behind them a flame burns. Before them the land is like the Garden of Ėden, and behind them a desert waste. And from them there is no escape.

Other Torah Portion Readings:

Luke 4:1-13

Romans 8:31-39

James 5:7-11

*Shabbat Shalom, Libby*