

Week 54: Vezot ha'Bracha 'And this is the blessing': Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12; Joshua 1:1-18; Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36; 22:44-53; 24:1-53; 2 Peter 3; Jude 1; Revelation 22:1-5

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Deuteronomy 33

In [Genesis 49](#) we saw Jacob give final words and blessings over the Patriarchal tribes. Here in [Deuteronomy 33](#) we see Moses' speak over the tribes as well. We will do a side by side comparison.

The first 5 verses proclaim the sovereignty of YHWH. Moses recounts several memorable destinations from their exodus out of Egypt; and their wilderness wanderings, where YHWH shone brightly. YHWH had chosen Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and we recall how Jacob wrestled with YHWH until He blessed him.

Israel is birth through Jacob and his descendants, the twelve patriarchs. YHWH, the one true living Elohim, [sees Israel as His first born](#). Never had there been a nation that was claimed by YHWH. He greatly loves Israel to this day, though we are scattered throughout the world. We are the [apple of His eye](#) and He will gather us once again. He loves His [set-apart ones](#) and [we are in His hand](#).

We love to sit at His feet and be fed by Him. We know Him today as our Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep; His beloved. We have grown and matured over the years and are about to be gathered as the 'one new man' with Yahusha as the head.

Moses' Final Blessing on Israel

Deu 33:1 [And this is the blessing with which Mosheh the man of Elohim blessed the children of Yisra'el before his death.](#)

Deu 33:2 And he said, "יהוה came from Sinai, and rose from Sē'ir for them. He shone forth from Mount Paran, and came with ten thousands of set-apart ones – at His right hand a law of fire for them.

Deu 33:3 Indeed, **[He loves the peoples, all His set-apart ones are in Your hand](#)**. And they,

they sat down at Your feet, receiving Your Words.

Deu 33:4 **Mosheh commanded us a Torah, an inheritance of the assembly of Ya'aqob.**

Deu 33:5 And He was **Sovereign in Yeshurun**, when the heads of the people were gathered, the tribes of Yisra'el.

BDB Definition: Jeshurun = “upright one” 1) a symbolic name for Israel describing her ideal character

Deu 33:6 **Let Re'ubēn** live, and not die, and let his men be numbered.”

Gen 49:3 “Re'ubēn, you are my first-born, my power and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of exaltation and the excellency of power.

Gen 49:4 “Boiling like water, you do not excel, because you went up to your father's bed, then you defiled it – he went up to my couch.

Deu 33:7 And this of **Yehudah**, and he said, “Hear, יהוה, the voice of Yehudāh, and bring him to his people. His hands shall fight for him, and You be a help against his enemies.”

Gen 49:8 “You, Yehudāh, your brothers praise you; your hand is on the neck of your enemies; your father's children bow down before you.

Gen 49:9 “Yehudāh is a lion's cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him?

Gen 49:10 “The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudāh, nor an Insciber from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.

Gen 49:11 “Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.

Gen 49:12 “His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

Deu 33:8 And of **Lēwi** he said, “Your Tummim and your Urim belong to your lovingly-committed One, whom You tried at Massah, with Whom You contended at the waters of Meribah,

Deu 33:9 who said of his father and mother, ‘I have not seen them.’ And he did not acknowledge his brothers, or know his own children, for they have guarded Your Word and watched over Your covenant.

Deu 33:10 “They teach Your right-rulings to Ya'aqob, and Your Torah to Yisra'el. They put incense before You, and a complete ascending offering on Your slaughter-place.

Deu 33:11 “O יהוה, bless his strength, and accept the work of his hands. Smite the loins of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they rise no more.”

Gen 49:5 “Shim'on and Lēwi are brothers, their weapons are implements of violence.

Gen 49:6 “Let my being not enter their council, let my esteem not be united to their assembly; because they killed a man in their displeasure, and they lamed an ox in pleasure.

Gen 49:7 “Cursed be their displeasure for it is fierce, and their wrath for it is cruel! I divide them in Ya'aqob and scatter them in Yisra'el.

We notice that the tribe of Simeon is not listed in Moses' blessings. Some reasons for this may be as follow:

- Levi was given the priesthood and Moses' blessing, and lived in different towns in Israel. Simeon was given land that been apportioned to Judah, but without a blessing from Moses.
- Jos 19:1 And the second lot came out for Shim'on, for the tribe of the children of Shim'on for their clans. And their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Yehudah.
- Jos 19:9 The inheritance of the children of Shim'on was out of the portion of the children of Yehudah, for the portion of the children of Yehudah was too much for them. So the children of Shim'on had their inheritance within their inheritance.
- Though Simeon doesn't receive a separate blessing in Deut. 33, we still see this tribe in Revelation. Rev 7:7 of the tribe of Shim'on twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Lēwi twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Yissasḵar twelve thousand were sealed,
- Rev 21:12 and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and names written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'el:^c Footnote: ^cSee [Eze 47:22-23](#), [Eze 48:31-34](#).

Deu 33:12 Of **Binyamin** he said, "Let the beloved of יהוה dwell in safety by Him, shielding him all the day, as he dwells between His shoulders."

Gen 49:27 "Binyamin is a wolf that tears, in the morning he eats prey, and at night he divides the spoil."

Deu 33:13 And of **Yosēph** he said, "Blessed of יהוה is his land, with the choicest from the heavens, with the dew, and the deep lying beneath,

Deu 33:14 with the choice fruits of the sun, with the choice yield of the months,

Deu 33:15 with the finest of the ancient mountains, with the choicest of the everlasting hills,

Deu 33:16 with the choicest of the earth and all that fills it, and the good pleasure of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let it come on the head of Yosēph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

Deu 33:17 "His splendor is like a first-born bull, and his horns are like the horns of the wild ox. With them he pushes the peoples to the ends of the earth. And they are the ten thousands of **Ephrayim**, and they are the thousands of **Menashsheh**."

Gen 49:22 "Yosēph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree, an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.

Gen 49:23 "And the archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him.

Gen 49:24 "But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya'aqob – from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yisra'el –

Gen 49:25 from the Ĕl of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of the heavens from above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

Gen 49:26 "The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the limit of the everlasting hills. They are on the head of Yosēph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.

Deu 33:18 And of **Zebulun** he said, “Rejoice, O Zebulun, in your going out, and **Yissaskar** in your tents!

Deu 33:19 “They call peoples to the mountain, there they slaughter slaughterings of righteousness, for they draw from the riches of the seas, and treasures hidden in the sand.”

Gen 49:13 “Zebulun dwells at the seashore, he is for a haven for ships, and his border is unto Tsidon.

Gen 49:14 “Yissaskar is a strong donkey lying down between two burdens,

Gen 49:15 and he saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, and he inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, and became a subject to slave labour.

Deu 33:20 And of **Gad** he said, “Blessed is he who enlarges Gad. He dwells as a lion, and shall tear off the arm, also the crown.

Deu 33:21 “And he chose the best for himself, for there the portion of the inscriber was hidden. And he came with the heads of the people. The righteousness of יהוה he did, and His right-rulings with Yisra'el.”

Gen 49:19 “Gad, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.

Deu 33:22 And of **Dan** he said, “Dan is a lion’s cub, that leaps from Bashan.”

Gen 49:16 “Dan rightly rules his people as one of the tribes of Yisra'el.

Gen 49:17 “Dan is a serpent by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider falls backward.

Gen 49:18 “I have waited for your deliverance, O יהוה!

Deu 33:23 And of **Naphtali** he said, “O Naphtali, satisfied with pleasure, and filled with the blessing of יהוה, possess the west and the south.”

Gen 49:21 “Naphtali is a deer let loose, he gives words of elegance.

Deu 33:24 And of **Ashër** he said, “Ashër is most blessed of sons. Let him be accepted by his brothers, and dip his foot in oil.

Gen 49:20 “Bread from Ashër is rich, and he gives delicacies of a sovereign.

Deu 33:25 “Your sandals are iron and bronze, and your strength as your days.

We may not fully comprehend all that is said concerning these tribes, but we will keep these lists close at hand (These lists of blessings & words from [Jacob](#) & [Moses](#)). As we study His Word, more revelation will be unveiled.

The last four verses also exalt YHWH. No one is like El. He is our refuge and He upholds us with His righteous right hand. His arm is not too short. Nothing is too great or too gigantic that YHWH cannot handle.

WE are blessed; for we are Israel. We are saved by YHWH. He is our shield. He is our help! He is the sword of our excellency! Our enemies are subdued for us through Him and the enemy's high places are brought low!

Blessed be the Name of YHWH! All esteem is His! He is our Elohim! We rejoice!

Deu 33:26 “O Yeshurun, there is no one like Ėl, riding the heavens to help you, and on the clouds, in His excellency.

Deu 33:27 “The Elohim of old is a refuge, and beneath are everlasting arms. And He drives out the enemy from before you and says, ‘Destroy!’

Deu 33:28 “Thus Yisra'ěl dwells in safety, the fountain of Ya'aqoḇ alone, in a land of grain and new wine. His heavens also drop down dew.

Deu 33:29 “Blessed are you, O Yisra'ěl! Who is like you, a people saved by יהוה, the shield of your help, and He who is the sword of your excellency! And your enemies are subdued for you, and you tread down their high places.”

Deuteronomy 34

Though Moses does not get to enter the Promised Land, YHWH personally shows him the land from Mt. Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which was opposite Jericho.

The promise given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is repeated in Deut. 34:4. Moses then dies at age 120 and is buried in the valley in the land of Moab. He is mourned for 30 days by the children of Israel.

After the mourning for Moses is complete. Joshua being filled with the spirit of wisdom by the laying on of Moses' hands; now will lead the people as YHWH had commanded.

The Death of Moses

Deu 34:1 And Mosheh went up from the desert plains of Mo'ab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Yeriho. And יהוה showed him all the land of Gil'ad as far as Dan,

Deu 34:2 and all Naphtali and the land of Ephrayim and Menashsheh, all the land of Yehudah as far as the Western Sea,

Deu 34:3 and the Negeb, and the plain of the Valley of Yeriho, the city of palm trees, as far as Tso'ar.

Deu 34:4 And יהוה said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, saying, 'To your seed I give it.' I have let you look at it with your eyes, but you do not pass over there."

Deu 34:5 And **Mosheh the servant of יהוה died there in the land of Mo'ab, according to the mouth of יהוה.**

Deu 34:6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Mo'ab, opposite Bēyth Pe'or, and no one knows his burial-place to this day.

Deu 34:7 And Mosheh was **one hundred and twenty years old** when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his freshness gone.

Deu 34:8 And the children of Yisra'el wept for Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo'ab thirty days. And the days of weeping and mourning for Mosheh were completed.

Deu 34:9 And **Yehoshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Mosheh had laid his hands on him. And the children of Yisra'el listened to him, and did as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.**

Deu 34:10 **And since then no prophet has arisen in Yisra'el like Mosheh, whom יהוה knew face to face.**

Deu 34:11 for all the signs and wonders which יהוה sent him to do in the land of Mitsrayim, before Pharaoh, and before all his servants, and in all his land,

Deu 34:12 and for all that strong hand and all the great fearsome deeds which Mosheh did before the eyes of all Yisra'el.

Joshua Introduction

F. B. Myer gives us an excellent outline and introduction to the **Book of Joshua** which follows. He shares that the Book of Joshua is to the Old Testament what the Book of Acts is to the New Testament. I believe that is an interesting insight we should keep in mind as we begin the **Book of Joshua**.

Joshua

OUTLINE OF JOSHUA

Possessing the Promised Land

I. ENTRANCE TO CANAAN, Joshua 1-5

1. God's Charge to Joshua; Spies Sent to Jericho, [Jos 1:1-18](#); [Jos 2:1-24](#)

2. *The Jordan Crossed; Memorial Stones; Circumcision and the Passover*, [Jos 3:1-17](#); [Jos 4:1-24](#); [Jos 5:1-15](#)

II. THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN, Joshua 6-12

1. *The Fall of Jericho*, [Jos 6:1-27](#)

2. *Achan and Ai*, [Jos 7:1-26](#); [Jos 8:1-29](#)

3. *Confirmation of the Covenant at Ebal and Gerizim*, [Jos 8:30-35](#); [Jos 9:1-27](#)

4. *The Southern and Northern Campaigns*, [Jos 10:1-43](#); [Jos 11:1-23](#)

5. *Summary of the Conquest*, [Jos 12:1-24](#)

III. THE DISTRIBUTION AND PARTITION OF CANAAN, Joshua 13-21

1. *The Borders of the Tribes beyond the Jordan*, [Jos 13:1-33](#)

2. *The Land Allotted to the Other Tribes*, Joshua 14-19

3. *The Cities of Refuge*, [Jos 20:1-9](#)

4. *Cities for the Levites*, [Jos 21:1-45](#)

IV. SETTLEMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT, Joshua 22-24

1. *The Two and a Half Tribes' Return beyond Jordan; the Altar of Witness*, [Jos 22:1-34](#)

2. *Joshua's Farewell Address*, [Jos 23:1-16](#); [Jos 24:1-15](#)

3. *The Covenant Renewed at Shechem; Joshua's Death*, [Jos 24:16-33](#)

INTRODUCTION

Though there are evident traces of the hand of an editing scribe, probably Ezra, there are many indications that the substance of this book was written while the events were still recent. There is therefore no good reason for doubting that the book in its original form was written by Joshua, as Jewish tradition alleges.

This book is to the Old Testament what the Acts of the Apostles is to the New. The name "Joshua" is equivalent to Jesus, and means "he shall save," [Heb 4:8](#). The Jericho of the early Church was Jerusalem, which they compassed through ten days of prayer as Israel compassed Jericho in seven days of marching. At Pentecost the walls of prejudice fell flat. Ananias and Sapphira were the Achan of the first days. The victories of the Church at Samaria, Antioch and elsewhere recall the conquests of Joshua. And the failure of the Church to go forward to the conquest of the nations finds a bitter parallel in the story of Israel's apathy toward driving out the Canaanites.

Joshua 1 Yahusha Commissions Joshua

Jos 1:1 And it came to be, after the death of Mosheh the servant of יהוה, that יהוה spoke to Yehoshua son of Nun, the assistant of Mosheh, saying,

Jos 1:2 "Mosheh My servant is dead, so now, arise, **pass over this Yardēn**, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Yisra'ēl.

Jos 1:3 "**Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have given you, as I spoke to Mosheh.**

Jos 1:4 “From the wilderness and this Lebanon even as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, is your border.

Jos 1:5 “No man is going to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Mosheh, so I am with you. I do not fail you nor forsake you.

The long-awaited day had come to ‘pass over’ the Jordan into the Promised Land. With the death of Moses, YHWH now commissions and speaks directly to Joshua. Not only will the children of Israel pass over into the promised land; the first feast they will celebrate in the Promised Land will be **Passover!** The timing and the patterns of His moedim are very telling.

We should by now see, that He functions and moves according to all His moedim. Therefore, it is so very important to know His rehearsals for this is when He acts; and this is how He readies us and keeps us watching! His moedim, His ‘calendar’, are ever before Him.

Jos 1:6 “**Be strong and courageous**, for you are to let this people inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Jos 1:7 “Only **be strong and very courageous, to guard to do according to all the Torah which Mosheh My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it right or left, so that you act wisely wherever you go.**

Jos 1:8 “Do not let this **Book of the Torah** [Note: clearly stated here as the Book of the Law] depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you guard to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and act wisely.

Jos 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, nor be discouraged**, for יהוה your Elohim is with you wherever you go.”

Within the first opening verses, we see YHWH say to Joshua to ‘be strong and courageous’ three times and adds, do not be afraid nor discourage.

Why did YHWH say be strong and courageous to Joshua? Could it be because Joshua was coming to the full realization that it would be himself taking the lead? Is it possible that he felt the tremendous weight of what Moses’ had experienced? Joshua had been extremely close to Moses; they were essentially a team, and one cannot help but feel afraid and discourage when losing such an important person in one’s life.

YHWH assures and encourages Joshua. YHWH speaks words of strength and vitality into Joshua after the loss of Moses. Joshua would replace any fear he may have felt with faith. YHWH always sends us the right word at the right time. He knows us better than we know ourselves. Most importantly we know He is the one that goes before us and gives us victory. However, we still must step out in faith.

Joshua Assumes Command

Jos 1:10 And **Yehoshua commanded the officers of the people**, saying,

Jos 1:11 “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare food for yourselves, for within three days you are passing over this Yardēn, to go in to possess the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to possess.’”

- Prepare food for yourselves
- Within 3 days we are passing over the Jordan
- We will possess the land which YHWH your Elohim has given us

Jos 1:12 And Yehoshua spoke to the **Re’ubēnites** and to the **Gadites** and to **half the tribe of Menashsheh**, saying,

Jos 1:13 “Remember the word which Mosheh, servant of יהוה, commanded you, saying, ‘יהוה your Elohim is giving you rest, and He shall give you this land.’”

Jos 1:14 “Let your wives, your little ones, and your livestock stay in the land which Mosheh gave you beyond the Yardēn. But you shall pass before your brothers in fives, all your brave fighters, and shall help them,

Jos 1:15 until יהוה has given your brothers rest, as unto you. So shall they also take possession of the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession, and shall possess that which Mosheh the servant of יהוה gave you beyond the Yardēn toward the rising of the sun.”

Jos 1:16 **And they answered Yehoshua, saying**, “All that you have commanded us we do, and wherever you send us we go.”

Jos 1:17 “According to all that we obeyed Mosheh, so we obey you. Only, let יהוה your Elohim be with you, as He was with Mosheh.”

Jos 1:18 “Whoever rebels against your mouth and does not obey your words, in all that you command him, is put to death. **Only be strong and courageous.**”

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and ½ the tribe of Manasseh affirm the agreement made with Moses, that they would go with the rest of the tribes to possess the Promised Land until all had received their portion. If we all recall, these 2 ½ tribes had chosen the lands east of the Jordan. In Joshua 1:18, they speak encouraging words to Joshua of support; and also state to Joshua to be strong and courageous.

Leaders don't always feel strong and courageous; but externally, when the occasion arises, they never show anything but strength and courage. To do otherwise, would create a domino effect of fear and retreat. That is not an option for victory.

Matthew 17

The Transfiguration

Mat 17:1 And after six days יְהוֹשֻׁעַ took Kěpha, and Ya'aqob, and Yoḥanan his brother, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves,

Mat 17:2 and He was transformed before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.

After six days is significant. One possible way to view these six days or the account of the six jars of water to wine; is to compare this number to the 6th millennium in which we live. For to YHWH, a day is like 1000 years and 1000 years is like a day. We are at the turn of the 6th millennium approaching our wedding supper with the Lamb in the 7th millennium. This is when we will tabernacle with Him and consummate our marriage vows. This is reflective of the Feast of Tabernacles, with the 8th day (8th millennium) that follows meaning a day of new beginnings!

Mat 17:3 And see, Mosheh and Ēliyahu appeared to them, talking with Him.

We know Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind, the 'chariot of Israel', but Moses is clearly recorded as dying and being 'gathered' to his people. Both men manifested in a recognizable fashion and they were also able to speak to Yahusha.

2Ki 2:11 And it came to be, as they continued on and spoke, that see, a chariot of fire with horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Ēliyahu went up by a whirlwind into the heavens.

2Ki 2:12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Yisra'ēl and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garments and tore them into two pieces.

Deu 32:49 "Go up this mountain of the Aḅarim, Mount Neḅo, which is in the land of Mo'aḅ, which is opposite Yeriḥo, and look at the land of Kena'an, which I give to the children of Yisra'ēl as a possession,

Deu 32:50 and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aharon your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,

Gathered: H622 גָּאַסַף **BDB Definition:**

- 1) to gather, receive, remove, gather in
 - 1a) (Qal)
 - 1a1) to gather, collect
 - 1a2) to gather (an individual into company of others)
 - 1a3) to bring up the rear
 - 1a4) to gather and take away, remove, withdraw
 - 1b) (Niphal)
 - 1b1) to assemble, be gathered
 - 1b2) (passive of Qal 1a2)
 - 1b2a) to be gathered to one's fathers
 - 1b2b) to be brought in or into (association with others)
 - 1b3) (passive of Qal 1a4)
 - 1b3a) to be taken away, removed, perish
 - 1c) (Piel)
 - 1c1) to gather (harvest)
 - 1c2) to take in, receive into
 - 1c3) rearguard, rearward (substantive)
 - 1d) (Pual) to be gathered
 - 1e) (Hithpael) to gather oneself or themselves

After death of Moses, just like the accounts of Samuel's death or Lazarus and the rich man; we see that after death there is:

1. A persistence of personality.
2. Recognition of persons. – Moses, Samuel, Lazarus, the rich man retained their identity.
3. Recollection of life on the earth.
4. A consciousness of their present condition.
5. Complete separation between the righteous and the unrighteous.

Consider the possibility of the 'chariot of Israel' [2Kings 2:12] representing the gathering of the redeemed, the Israel from above; until Yahusha would open the door in Revelation 4:1. This is my understanding of His Scriptures. I do not see in Scriptures where redeemed souls mixed or 'sleep' with their dead defiled rotting corpse in the grave; if there even is a corpse. Our Elohim is an Elohim of the living; not the dead. Redeemed souls that died before Yahusha, went to Abraham's bosom; and redeemed souls that die after Yahusha now join the encampment around His dwelling place, as in the pattern of the wilderness encampments. All redeemed souls are now together awaiting their glorified bodily resurrection on the last day. Only the body is in the grave. Yahusha opened the door in Rev. 4:1, removing the partition of separation, and He set the captives free. He led captivity captive unto Himself. We are one body and He is the head. Wherever he goes and travels in the heavenlies, redeemed souls are with Him. He is in the Father and the Father is in Him and He is in us ~ the one new man.

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.

Joh 17:23 "I in them, and You in Me, so that they might be perfected into one, so that the world knows that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Joh 17:24 "Father, I desire that those whom You have given Me, might be with Me where I am, so that they see My esteem which You have given Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Mat 17:4 And Kēpha answering, said to יהושע, "Master, it is good for us to be here. If You wish, let us make here three booths: one for You, one for Mosheh, and one for Ĕliyahu."^a Footnote: ^aSee footnote [Mar 9:4](#).

Mat 17:5 While he was still speaking, see, a bright cloud overshadowed them. And see, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **"This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I did delight. Hear Him!"**

If the mount of transfiguration wasn't amazing enough; Peter, James, and John then hear the voice of YHWH coming out of the cloud.

Mat 17:6 And when the taught ones heard, they fell on their faces and were much afraid.

Mat 17:7 But יהושע came near and touched them and said, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Mat 17:8 And having lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but יהושע only.

Mat 17:9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, יהושע commanded them, saying, **“Do not mention the vision to anyone until the Son of Adam is raised from the dead.”**

The transfiguration took place before the eyes of Peter, James, and John; and fulfilled the scripture spoken in Matthew 16:28.

Mat 16:28 “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death at all until they see the **Son of Adam coming in His reign**:^e Footnote: ^eSee [Mat 17:2-5](#).

Adam and Eve were clothed in light before they sinned; afterwards, they and were clothed in bodies of corruptible flesh. Peter, James, and John were given the open vision of seeing Yahusha in His glory; and hearing the witnessing voice of the Father, YHWH. Yahusha’s face shone like the sun and His garments became as white as light. This was a glimpse of Yahusha in His High Priestly / Kingly reign.

Mat 17:10 And His taught ones asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Ēliyahu has to come first?”

Mat 17:11 And יהושע answering, said to them, **“Ēliyahu is indeed coming first, and shall restore all.”**^b Footnote: ^bSee [Mar 9:12](#) and [Act 3:21](#) in particular.

Mat 17:12 “But I say to you that **Ēliyahu has already come**, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they wished. In this way the Son of Adam is also about to suffer by them.”

Mat 17:13 Then the taught ones understood that He had spoken to them about **Yohanan the Immerser**.

We know prophesy usually has 2-3 cycles of fulfillment. We have read about Elijah, and we have seen the ‘spirit of Elijah’ work mightily through Elisha. We also saw John the Immerser functioning in the ‘spirit of Elijah’ preparing the way for Yahusha. Yet, the ‘spirit of Elijah’, is to manifest once more.

We will see the ‘spirit of Elijah’ manifest with the two witnesses written about in Revelation 11. The two witnesses are the two olive trees and the two lampstands. The two olive trees are Judah and Israel possibly represented by Moses and Elijah. The two lampstands are possibly represented by Smyrna and Philadelphia; the set-apart remnant of His witnesses. This is my understanding to date.

Mark 9

Mar 9:1 And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you that there are some standing here who shall not taste of death at all **until they see the reign of Elohim having come in power:**”

Yahusha was speaking of the ‘mount of transfiguration’ experience that would soon take place and be witnessed by Peter, James, and John. They were about to see Yahusha [YHWH in Son] in His glory!

The Transfiguration

Mar 9:2 And after six days יהושע took Kěpha, and Ya'aqob, and Yoħanan, and led them up on a high mountain alone by themselves. And **He was transformed before them.**

Mar 9:3 And **His garments became glittering, exceedingly white, like snow**, such as no launderer on earth is able to whiten.

Mar 9:4 And there appeared to them **Ĕliyahu with Mosheh,^a** and they were talking with יהושע. **Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 17:2-9](#), [Luk 9:28-35](#), [Luk 16:31](#), [Joh 5:47](#), [Mal 4:4-5](#).**

It is my understanding that the phrase, after six days, is very significant and points to the Feast of Sukkot. Seven comes after six. Seven is perfection and these ‘days’ could be relating to millenniums. If this is the case, Yahusha will be returning in the 7th millennium to rule and reign for 1000 years in all His glory. After this, the 8th millennium will usher in a new beginning when YHWH will create a new heaven and new earth.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved ones, let not this one *matter* be hidden from you: that with יהוה one day is as a thousand years, and **a thousand years as one day.** [Psa 90:4](#).

There is another major revelation in this account. It says that Elijah and Moses were also present. We know Moses lived and died on earth; therefore, his spirit and soul must have been manifested. It is my understanding that we all receive our resurrected bodies in the end of days upon His return.

Those that died prior to Yahusha’s resurrection, such as Moses and Elijah/John the Immerser, would have resided in the comfort side of Sheol or in the bosom of Abraham. No one would ascend to the presence of YHWH until **Yahusha first ascended**. We know Yahusha first descended before He ascended.

Eph 4:8 That is why it says, **“When He went up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave**

gifts to men.” [Psa 68:18](#).

Eph 4:9 But what does “He went up” mean, except that He also first went down into the lower parts of the earth?

Presently, since Yahusha has ascended, when someone dies our soul and spirit go to be in His presence. Yahusha, having ascended, opened the ‘Door’ in Revelation 4:1. There, ‘redeemed souls’ await their ‘resurrected bodies’ from the grave. Yahusha is the resurrection AND the life.

In Revelation 5, we see the 4 living creatures representing the redeemed souls. This is based on the pattern of the 4 encampments surrounding the Tabernacle Dwelling Place in the wilderness. His kingdom of priests function in closer proximity; the 24 elders and so forth are nearby and these redeemed souls await their resurrected bodies. John even spoke directly to one of the elders. The 4 living creatures and the 24 elders are singing the ‘song of the redeemed’ and are identified as being His kingdom of priests from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation! The six wings per living creature represents 3 tribes per quadrant. The eyes covering their wings represent the redeemed souls awaiting their resurrected bodies. This is my understanding from Scripture to date.

Mar 9:5 And Kěpha responding, said to יהושע, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. **And let us make three booths, one for You, and one for Mosheh, and one for Ĕliyahu,”**

Mar 9:6 because he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid.

Mar 9:7 And there came a cloud overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!”

By the offer to set up booths, we deduce that this took place during **the Feast of Ingathering** or the Feast of Tabernacles. **Not only was it the Feast of Ingathering, it appears it was the beginning of the 7th day of the feast!** This moedim prepares us as his bride to one day be ready to tabernacle with Him; and consummate our marriage! The day following this 7-day feasts is called the 8th great day. The number of days in this account, mirror the 7 millenniums followed by the new beginning of the 8th Great Millennium.

Mar 9:8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them, but only יהושע.

Mar 9:9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, He ordered them not to relate to anyone what they saw, **till the Son of Adam had risen from the dead.**

Mar 9:10 And they kept this matter to themselves, debating what the rising from the dead meant.

Mar 9:11 And they asked Him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Ėliyahu has to come first?”

Mar 9:12 And He said to them, “Ėliyahu indeed, having come first, restores all matters.^b And how has it been written concerning the Son of Adam, that He is to suffer much and be despised? **Footnote: ^bSee [Mat 17:11](#) and [Act 3:21](#).**

Mar 9:13 **“But I say to you that even Ėliyahu has come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it has been written of him.”**

John the Immerser had the spirit of Elijah. Though Elijah was caught up to the heavens in the Tanakh; John the Immerser lived and died. Once again, both Moses and Elijah were identified as being with Yahusha. Our soul [mind, will, and emotions] identifies who we are but His spirit in us give us life! We do not lose our personal identity in His presence. YHWH is Elohim of the living not the dead! Praise Yah!

Luke 9:28-33

The Transfiguration

Luk 9:28 **And it came to be, about eight days after these words, taking with Him Kěpha and Yohanan and Ya'aqob, He went up to the mountain to pray.**

Luk 9:29 And it came to be, as He prayed,

- ✦ the appearance of His face changed,
- ✦ and His garment dazzling white.
- ✦ **Luk 9:30** And see, two men were talking with Him, who were Mosheh and Ėliyahu,^a **Footnote: ^a [Mar 9:4](#)**
- ✦ **Luk 9:31** **who having appeared in esteem, spoke of His death which He was about to complete at Yerushalayim.**

Luk 9:32 **But Kěpha and those with him were heavy with sleep. And having awakened, they saw His esteem and the two men standing with Him.**

Luk 9:33 And it came to be, as they were parting from Him, Kěpha said to יהושע',

- ✦ “Master, it is good for us to be here. And let us make three booths: one for You, and one for Mosheh, and one for Ėliyahu,” not knowing what he said.
- ✦ **Luk 9:34** And as he was saying this, **a cloud came and overshadowed them.** And they were afraid as they entered the cloud.
- ✦ **Luk 9:35** And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **“This is My Son, the**

Beloved. Hear Him!”

✚ Luk 9:36 And when the voice had spoken, **יהושע** was found alone. And they were silent, and reported to no one in those days any of what they had seen.

Luke 22:44-53

Luk 22:44 **And being in agony, He was praying more earnestly. And His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

Luk 22:45 And rising up from prayer, and coming to His taught ones, He found them sleeping from grief.

Luk 22:46 And He said to them, **“Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into trial.”**

Betrayal and Arrest of Yahusha

Judas Iscariot betrays Yahusha with a kiss. Evil deeds most often take place cloaked in darkness. Peter responds by sword. Yahusha tells Peter to stand down; and heals the ear of the servant of the High Priest.

Peter had listened to Yahusha’s previous ‘prepping’ instructions. We too, should make provisions in preparation for the end of days. At the same time, balance those preparations knowing that YHWH is still our ultimate provider.

Luk 22:47 And while He was still speaking, see: a crowd! And he who was called Yehudah, one of the twelve, was going before them and came near to **יהושע** to kiss Him.

Luk 22:48 And **יהושע** said to him, **“Yehudah, do you deliver up the Son of Adam with a kiss?”**

That question posed to Judas by Yahusha had to have just ‘hung in the air’; and at the same time pierced Judas’ heart.

Luk 22:49 And those around Him, seeing what was about to take place, said to Him, “Master, shall we strike with the sword?”

Luk 22:50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

Luk 22:51 But **יהושע** answering, said, “Allow it this far.” **And touching his ear He healed**

him.

All those present, were eyewitnesses to Yahusha healing the servant of the 'high priest's' ear. Their thoughts had to have reconsidered who Yahusha was; though probably all were silent. Word of this miracle had to have made its way all the way back to the temple 'high priest.'

Luk 22:52 And יהושע said to those who had come against Him, the chief priests and captains of the Set-apart Place and the elders, **"Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?"**

Luk 22:53 **"While I was with you daily in the Set-apart Place,** you did not lay hands on Me. But **this is your hour** and the authority of darkness."

The antichrist spirit was in full force, using the flesh of men.

Luke 24

The Resurrection takes place on the Sabbath at **early dawn** that was breaking into the first day of the week, that we call Sunday. Therefore, Yahusha was resurrected on the Sabbath; but ascended as the First Fruits offering on the first day of the week when He makes full atonement on the heavenly altar as our Melchizedek Priest. [See clarification under Luke 24:1 below – this is how I understand it to date]

When the women arrive at the tomb, they find the stone rolled away; linen wrappings were seen where He had laid; and Yahusha's body was not there. Luke later defines who 'they' were in the following verse. They had gone to the tomb to anoint Yahusha's body with spices.

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

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

The Resurrection

Luk 24:1 But on *day* one of the **week^a**, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing

the spices which they had prepared, Footnote: ^aLit. Sabbath.

Note: “Day” is italicized so it was not in the original text plus we have the foot note referring to the Sabbath. The following translations record this viewpoint.

(Darby) But on the morrow of the sabbath, very early indeed in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the aromatic spices which they had prepared.

(JUB) Now upon the first of the sabbaths, very early in the morning they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

Luk 24:2 and they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

Luk 24:3 And having entered, they did not find the body of the Master יהושע.

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

Luk 24:5 And becoming frightened and bowing their faces to the earth, these said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

Luk 24:6 “He is not here, but has been raised up! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galil,

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

Luk 24:8 And they remembered His words.

Luk 24:9 And having returned from the tomb they reported all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

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

Luk 24:11 And their words appeared to them to be nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Luk 24:12 But Kēpha arose and ran to the tomb. And stooping down, he saw the linen wrappings lying by themselves. And he went away home, marvelling at what took place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On the Road to Emmaus

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

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

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

Yahusha, still being concealed from their eyes, replies.

On the Road to Emmaus

Luk 24:13 And see, two of them were going that same day to a village called Amma'us, which was sixty stadia^b from Yerushalayim. Footnote: ^bApprox. 11 km or 6.8 miles.

Luk 24:14 And they were talking to each other of all this which had taken place.

Luk 24:15 And it came to be, as they were talking and reasoning, that יהושע Himself drew near and went with them.

Luk 24:16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

Luk 24:17 And He said to them, "What are these words you are exchanging with each other as you are walking – and you are sad?"

Luk 24:18 And the one whose name was Cleopas answering, said to Him, "Are You the lone

visitor in Yerushalayim who does not know what took place in it these days?"

Luk 24:19 And He said to them, "What?" And they said to Him, "Concerning יהושע of Natsareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before Elohim and all the people,

Luk 24:20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and impaled Him.

Luk 24:21 "We, however, were expecting that it was He who was going to redeem Yisra'el. **But besides all this, today is the third day since these matters took place.**

Luk 24:22 "But certain women of ours, who arrived at the tomb early, also astonished us,

Luk 24:23 when they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of messengers who said He was alive.

Luk 24:24 "And some of those with us went to the tomb and found it, as also the women had said, but they did not see Him."

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

Luk 24:26 "Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these and to enter into His esteem?"

Luk 24:27 **And beginning at Mosheh and all the Prophets, He was explaining to them in all the Scriptures the matters concerning Himself.**

Yahusha shows us all much patience; and daily He shows us his loving commitment.

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

Then that same hour, they start the approximately 7-mile journey back to tell the 11 disciples and those gathered with them all that had happened! Note: If they went to tell the 11 disciples, that means that the other person traveling with Cleopas was not one of the eleven disciples. But then we read an interesting verse in Luke 24:34.

Luk 24:28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He seemed to be going on.

Luk 24:29 But they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening, and the day has declined." And He went in to stay with them.

Luk 24:30 And it came to be, when He sat at the table with them, having taken the bread, He blessed, and having broken, He was giving it to them.

Luk 24:31 **And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.** And He disappeared from their sight.

Luk 24:32 And they said to each other, **"Was not our heart burning within us as He was speaking to us on the way, and as He was opening the Scriptures to us?"**

Luk 24:33 And rising up that same hour they returned to Yerushalayim, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

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

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

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

Yahusha Appears to His Disciples

Luk 24:36 And as they were saying this, יהושע Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

Luk 24:37 And being startled and frightened, they thought they had seen a spirit.

Luk 24:38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Luk 24:39 "**See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself.** Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

Prior to ascending, Yahusha could not be touched for He was still needing to make His atonement for our sins on the heavenly altar; after this, Yahusha appeared in His resurrected body that now could be touched. He had made full atonement for our sins that He had taken upon Himself. He paid our sin debt in full.

Luk 24:40 And saying this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

Luk 24:41 And while they were still not believing for joy, and marvelling, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

Luk 24:42 And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

Luk 24:43 And taking it He ate in their presence.

Luk 24:44 And He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, **that all have to be filled that were written in the Torah of Mosheh and the Prophets and the Tehillim concerning Me.**"

Luk 24:45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Luk 24:46 and said to them, "Thus it has been written, and so it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and **to rise again from the dead the third day,**

Luk 24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning at Yerushalayim.

Luk 24:48 "And you are witnesses of these *matters*.

Luk 24:49 "And see, **I am sending the Promise of My Father upon you, but you are to remain in the city of Yerushalayim until you are clothed with power from on high.**"^C

Footnote: ^C [Act 1:4-8](#).

The Ascension

Luk 24:50 And He led them out as far as Běyth Anyah, and lifting up His hands He blessed them.

Luk 24:51 And it came to be, while He was blessing them, that He was parted from them and was taken up into the heaven.

Luk 24:52 And they, having bowed down to Him, returned to Yerushalayim with great joy,

Luk 24:53 and were continually in the Set-apart Place praising and blessing Elohim. Aměn.

Yahusha Appears to His Disciples

Now, as the two from Emmaus were sharing all that had happened, Yahusha appears and stands in their very midst. All eyes gaze on His nailed scarred hands and feet; He said handle Me for a spirit does not have flesh and bone; He then asks for food and He eats in

their presence; He tells them this is what I had taught you; He then opens their minds to understanding the Scriptures; He explains that His prophesied death, burial, and resurrection on the third day had to take place; He tells them they are to be witnesses and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His Name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem; and they were to tarry in Jerusalem for the Promise that would cloth them with power from on high.

The Ascension – Yahusha departs with them as far as Bethany. He lifts His hands and blesses them then ascends into heaven. Yahusha conducted His Melchizedek High Priestly duties over his own sacrifice. Many things had to be completed between and through His death, burial, and resurrection on the 3rd day (Shabbat). He was the First Fruits offering on the 1st day of the week making full atonement on the heavenly altar with His precious blood. We later see Him making several witnessed appearances before ascending in view of His disciples on the 40th day in Acts 1:9.

2Peter 3

Peter shares his last written words to remove all doubt that Yahusha HaMashiach will return. He then warns in the end days, there will be mockers and naysayers. They will be boastful and proud and living arrogantly as if He will never return.

YHWH is 'outside' of time, so 1000 years is like a day to Him. What we may perceive as 'slowness' in our 3-dimensional reality, is only His desire that none would perish and that all would come to repentance.

The Day of YHWH Will Come

2Pe 3:1 This is now, beloved ones, the second letter I write to you, in which I stir up your sincere mind, to remember

2Pe 3:2 the words previously spoken by the set-apart prophets, and of the command of the Master and Saviour, *spoken* by your emissaries,

2Pe 3:3 **knowing this first: that mockers shall come in the last days with mocking, walking according to their own lusts,**

2Pe 3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all continues as from the beginning of creation."

2Pe 3:5 For they choose to have this hidden from them: that the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by the [Word of Elohim](#),^a Footnote: ^a [Heb 11:3](#).

2Pe 3:6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

2Pe 3:7 And the present heavens and the earth are treasured up by the same Word, being kept for fire, to a day of judgment and destruction of wicked men.

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved ones, let not this one *matter* be hidden from you: **that with יהוה one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** [Psa 90:4](#).

2Pe 3:9 יהוה is not slow in regard to the promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward us, **not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**^b Footnote: ^b [1Ti 2:4](#).

2Pe 3:10 **But the day of יהוה shall come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with intense heat, and the earth and the works that are in it shall be burned up.**

2Pe 3:11 Seeing all these are to be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be in set-apart behavior and reverence,

2Pe 3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of Elohim, through which the heavens shall be destroyed, being set on fire, and the elements melt with intense heat!

2Pe 3:13 But according to His promise we wait for a **renewed heavens and a renewed earth** [Isa 65:17](#), [Isa 66:22](#) in which righteousness dwells.

The day of YHWH will come as a thief in the night for most; but not for those waiting and watching for His return through His appointed times. YHWH created heaven and earth; the earth was once destroyed by the flood; yet, in the day of YHWH, the earth and the heavens will be destroyed by fire. All the elements will melt from intense heat. Most cannot even fathom this happening, so they choose not to even contemplate it as truth.

For many, it is just 'more fun' to live as if there are no consequences to sin. To exist under the delusion that all that is required is to think 'Jesus died for my sins.' I'm under grace and I can just live life'; well, yes and no. Yahusha did redeem man, creation, and the land. He does offer forgiveness and grace when we fall short; but not when we 'intentionally' fall short, and do not repent, and continue to live in sin. Therefore, many will be told, 'depart from Me, I never knew you.'

Final Words

2Pe 3:14 So then, beloved ones, looking forward to this, do your utmost to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

2Pe 3:15 and reckon the patience of our Master as deliverance, as also our beloved brother Sha'ul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him,

2Pe 3:16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them concerning these *matters*, in which some are hard to understand,^c which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the other Scriptures. Footnote: ^cSee [2Co 11:6](#).

2Pe 3:17 **You, then, beloved ones, being forewarned, watch, lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the delusion of the lawless,**

2Pe 3:18 but grow in the favor and knowledge of our Master and Savior יהושע Messiah. To Him be the esteem both now and to a day that abides. Aměn.

Jude 1

Jude begins with a greeting identifying himself as the servant of Yahusha Messiah and brother of James. He is writing to those set-apart to Elohim the Father; and preserved in Yahusha HaMashiach.

Though we may not always ponder very long at these various greetings; we must understand they all hold significance and teach us a great deal. For instance:

- It is important for us to confess who we are as servants of Yahusha Messiah to one another; especially when addressing a new group of believers.
- By the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony in Yahusha, a true believer also has the Father. For one cannot have the Father without the Son.
- Jude's audience are those that are set-apart by YHWH the Father and preserved in the Yahusha HaMashiach.
- Jude follows with a blessing: compassion, peace, and love be increased to you.

Jude then wastes no time in getting to his point.

Greeting

Jud 1:1 Yehudah, a servant of יהושע Messiah, and brother of Ya'aqob, to those who are called, set-apart by Elohim the Father, and preserved in יהושע Messiah:

Jud 1:2 Compassion, and peace, and love be increased to you.

Judgment on False Teachers

Jud 1:3 Beloved ones, making all haste to write to you concerning our common deliverance, I felt the necessity to write to you urging you to earnestly contend for the belief which was once for all delivered to the set-apart ones.

Jud 1:4 For certain men have slipped in, whose judgment was written about long ago, wicked ones^a perverting the favour of our Elohim for indecency, and denying the only Master יהוה and our Master יהושע Messiah. Footnote: ^aSee also [Mat 13:1-58](#) and [2Th 2:1-17](#).

Though we read of people that lived 2,000 years ago, they all seem familiar to us. They are all in the faith and Word of Yahusha HaMashiach. We become like-minded by having the mind of Yahusha and following the will of the Father. The mind of Yahusha is the Word. If our lives are guided by His Word; we naturally think alike and walk in agreement. Shalom, peace, is present.

Jude has an urgent message just as John did in 2John 1. **Our belief in Him is of great value!** Jude is encouraging true believers to earnestly contend and be zealous for the belief delivered to the set-apart ones. He then goes on to caution about wicked men that have slipped in perverting YHWH's favor for indecency; and DENYING the only Master YHWH and our Master Yahusha Messiah.

Pay attention how Jude is helping them know **their present situation by the past**. As we discussed in Deuteronomy, YHWH teaches His people in a cyclical manner; a repetitious fashion. Our present day and our future are more clearly revealed by knowing past biblical accounts. Jude begins by reminding them of such.

- YHWH had saved His people out of Egypt and had destroyed those of unbelief.
- The rebellious fallen angels would be judged in the great day.
- Learn what not to do from the debased minds of Sodom and Gomorrah and the like.
- Michael, the chief messenger, functioned in his parameters, when he told the devil that 'YHWH rebukes you!'
- Blasphemers had gone the way of Cain.
- Blasphemers had gone the way of Bilam.
- Rebellious ones follow the ways of Korah.
- Enoch, the 7th from Adam, prophesied that YHWH comes with myriads of His set-apart ones.

Jud 1:5 But I intend to remind you, though you once knew this, that יהוה, having saved a people out of the land of Mitsrayim, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Jud 1:6 And the messengers who did not keep their own principality, but left their own dwelling, He has kept in everlasting shackles under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

Jud 1:7 Even as Sedom and Amorah and the cities around them in a similar way to these, having given themselves over to whoring and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, undergoing judicial punishment of everlasting fire.

Jud 1:8 In the same way, indeed, these dreamers defile the flesh, and reject authority, and speak evil of esteemed ones.

Jud 1:9 But Miḵa'el the chief messenger, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Mosheh, presumed not to bring against him a blasphemous accusation, but said, “יהוה rebuke you!” Zec 3:2.

Jud 1:10 But these blaspheme that which they do not know. And that which they know naturally, like unreasoning beasts, in these they corrupt themselves.

Jud 1:11 **Woe to them!** Because they have gone in the way of Qayin, and gave themselves to the delusion of Bil'am for a reward, and perished in the rebellion of Qorah.^b Footnote: ^b [Jud_1:7-11](#); compare with [2Pe_2:6-15](#).

Those that had slipped in were described as:

- ✚ Jud 1:12 These are rocky reefs in your love feasts, feasting with you,
- ✚ feeding themselves without fear,
- ✚ waterless clouds borne about by the winds,
- ✚ late autumn trees without fruit,
- ✚ twice dead,
- ✚ pulled up by the roots,
- ✚ Jud 1:13 wild waves of the sea foaming up their own shame,
- ✚ straying stars for whom blackness of darkness is kept forever.

Jud 1:14 And Hanok, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied of these, saying, **“See, הַהוֹה' comes with His myriads of set-apart ones,**

- ✚ Jud 1:15 to execute judgment on all,
- ✚ to punish all who are wicked among them concerning all their wicked works which they have committed in a wicked way,
- ✚ and concerning all the harsh words which wicked sinners have spoken against Him.”
- ✚ Jud 1:16 These are grumblers, complainers, who walk according to their own lusts, and their mouth speaks proudly, admiring faces of others for the sake of gain.

Persevere and know we have been told mockers would come; those walking in wicked lusts; those causing divisions and not walking in the Spirit.

A Call to Persevere

Jud 1:17 But you, beloved ones, remember the words spoken before by the emissaries of our Master יהושע Messiah,

Jud 1:18 because they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own wicked lusts.

Jud 1:19 These are the ones who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

Jud 1:20 But you, beloved ones, building yourselves up on your most set-apart belief, praying in the Set-apart Spirit,

Jude closes with these words:

- ✚ **Jud 1:21** keep yourselves in the love of Elohim, looking for the compassion of our Master **יהושע** Messiah unto everlasting life.
- ✚ **Jud 1:22** And show compassion toward some who are doubting,
- ✚ **Jud 1:23** but others save with fear, snatching them out of the fire, hating, even the garment defiled by the flesh.^c Footnote: ^cSee also [Rom 8:5-10](#) and [Gal 5:19-21](#).

Doxology

Jud 1:24 And to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you blameless before the presence of His esteem with exceeding joy,

Jud 1:25 to the only wise Elohim, our Savior, be esteem and greatness and might and authority, both now and forever. Amēn.

Revelation 22

The River of Life

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb.

[Gen 2:10](#) And a river went out of Ĕden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four heads.

[Psa 46:4](#) A river whose streams Make glad the city of Elohim, The set-apart dwelling of the Most High.

Rev 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

[1Pe 2:24](#) who Himself **bore our sins** [Isa 53:4](#) in His body on the timber, so that we, having died to sins, might live unto righteousness^k – by whose stripes you were healed. [Isa 53:5](#) Footnote: ^k[Rom 6:2](#), [1Pe 4:1-2](#).

Wow! Isn't it amazing how you can read a verse many times and then later see so MUCH more! Rev. 22:2 is one of those verses. I used to always see this as ONE tree bearing and yielding its 12 fruits every month. But no! There are three trees!

1. In the middle of its street'
2. Another on one side of the river
3. And another on the other side of the river

TSK Cross-reference notes: the tree of life: Rather, the definite article not being in the original, "a tree of life;" for there were three trees; one in the street, and one on each side of the river.
[Rev 22:14](#), [Rev 2:7](#); [Gen 2:9](#), [Gen 3:22-24](#); [Pro 3:18](#)

[Rev 2:7](#) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes^a I shall give to eat from the **tree of life**, which is **in the midst of the paradise^b of Elohim.**" ^c[Gen 2:9](#), [Gen 3:22](#), [Gen 3:24](#) Footnotes: ^aThis word (and its noun) is used 17 times in the Book of Revelation. The name Yisra'el means to *overcome with Ėl*. ^bLit. garden. ^cSee [Rev 22:2](#) and [Rev 22:14](#).

[Rev 22:14](#) "Blessed are those doing^b His commands,^c so **that the authority shall be theirs unto the tree of life, and to enter through the gates into the city.** Footnotes: ^bSee [Mat 19:17](#). ^cLong before the books were compiled to form "The New Testament," [Rev 22:14](#) was quoted, as it is here given, by Tertullian (CE 208), and by Cyprian (CE 251) – see the well-known *Antenicene Fathers*.

[Pro 3:18](#) She [Wisdom] is **a tree of life** to those taking hold of her, And blessed are all who retain her.

Yahusha is our Tree of Life.

[Rev 22:3](#) And no longer shall there be any curse, and the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

[Rev 22:4](#) And they shall see His face, and His Name *shall be* upon their foreheads.

[Rev 22:5](#) And night shall be no more, and they shall have no need of a lamp or the light of the sun, because יהוה Elohim shall give them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

1. No longer will there be any curse
2. We shall see His face!
3. His Name shall be on our foreheads!
4. The throne of Elohim and the Lamb will be in it
5. No more night! Therefore, no need of a lamp or the light of the sun, for YHWH shall give them light; and they shall reign forever and ever! Note: YHWH WAS Light before there was a sun.

Shabbat Shalom! Blessings, Libby