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Leviticus 9

And so, the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood commences. Aaron follows the instructions for his atonement and makes the offerings, first for himself and then for the people. This would be the beginning of a very long journey. If one considers that there were about 2.5 million men, women, and children in the wilderness; then, contemplate all the

situations that would require adults to make an offering or have a need for cleansing, it is overwhelming. All communications would be funneled through the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, a nation with a priest. This would be a hardship, like standing in any long line waiting for 'your turn'. Back in that day, they didn't have 'call ahead' seating.

For Aaron to be able to **enter the Tent of Appointment** with Moses, and for **the esteem of YHWH to appear**; all of YHWH's instructions had to be followed. Everything was completed successfully as we read in the last three verses of Leviticus 9.

YHWH Accepts Aaron's Offering

Lev 9:1 And on the eighth day it came to be that Mosheh called Aharon and his sons and the elders of Yisra'el.

Lev 9:2 And he said to Aharon, "Take for yourself a young bull as a sin offering and a ram as an ascending offering, a perfect one, and bring them before יהוה'.

Lev 9:3 "And speak to the children of Yisra'el, saying, 'Take a male goat as a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, perfect ones, as an ascending offering,

Lev 9:4 and a bull and a ram as peace offerings, to slaughter before יהוה', and a grain offering mixed with oil. For today יהוה' shall appear to you.' "

Lev 9:5 And they took what Mosheh commanded before the Tent of Appointment, and all the congregation drew near and stood before יהוה'.

Lev 9:6 And Mosheh said, "This is the word which יהוה' commanded you to do, so that the esteem of יהוה' appears to you."

Lev 9:7 And Mosheh said to **Aharon**, "Go to the slaughter-place, and prepare your sin offering and your ascending offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. And make the offering of the people, and make atonement for them, as יהוה' has commanded."

Heb 7:26 For it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest – kind, innocent, undefiled, having been separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens,

Heb 7:27 who does not need, as those high priests, to offer up slaughter offerings day by day, first for His own sins and then for those of the people, **for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.**

Lev 9:8 So Aharon came near to the slaughter-place and slew the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

Lev 9:9 And the sons of Aharon brought the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it on the horns of the slaughter-place, and poured the blood at the base of the slaughter-place.

Lev 9:10 And the fat, and the kidneys, and the appendage on the liver of the sin offering he burned on the slaughter-place, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Lev 9:11 And the flesh and the skin he burned with fire **outside the camp**.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the Set-apart Place by the high priest for sin, **are burned outside the camp**.

Heb 13:12 **And so יהושע also suffered outside the gate**, to set apart the people with His own blood.

Heb 13:13 **Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.**

Lev 9:12 And he slew the ascending offering, and the sons of Aharon presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled on the slaughter-place all around.

Lev 9:13 And they presented the ascending offering to him, with its pieces and head, and he burned them on the slaughter-place.

Lev 9:14 And he washed the entrails and the legs, and burned them with the ascending offering on the slaughter-place.

Lev 9:15 And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and slew it and made it a sin offering, like the first one.

Heb 5:3 And on account of this he has to offer for sins – as **for the people, so also for himself**.

Lev 9:16 And he brought the ascending offering and made it, according to the right-ruling.

Lev 9:17 He also brought the grain offering, and filled his hand with it, and burned it on the slaughter-place, besides the ascending offering of the morning.

Lev 9:18 And he slew the bull and the ram as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*, which were for the people. And Aharon's sons presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled on the slaughter-place all around,

Lev 9:19 and the fat from the bull and the ram, the fat tail, and the covering, and the kidneys, and the appendage on the liver,

Lev 9:20 and they placed the fat on the breasts, and he burned the fat on the slaughter-place.

Lev 9:21 But the breasts and the right thigh Aharon waved as a wave offering before יהוה, as Mosheh had commanded.

In contrast, see how the cross-reference Scriptures point to **Yahusha fulfilling the requirements of the Book of the Law, once and for all!** Praise Yah! We are no longer a nation with a priest; we are a kingdom of priests **of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation!** Yes, there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled but we are well on our way!

Yahusha's Sacrifice Once for All

Heb 10:1 For the Torah, having a shadow of the good *matters* to come, and not the image itself of the matters, **was never able to make perfect those who draw near with the same slaughter offerings which they offer continually year by year.**

Heb 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered? Because those who served, once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

Heb 10:3 **But in those offerings is a reminder of sins year by year.**

Heb 10:4 **For it is impossible for blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

Heb 10:5 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, **"Slaughtering and meal offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.**

Heb 10:6 **"In ascending offerings and offerings for sin You did not delight.**

Heb 10:7 **"Then I said, 'See, I come – in the roll of the book it has been written concerning Me – to do Your desire, O Elohim.'**" Psa 40:6-8.

Heb 10:8 Saying above, **"Slaughter and meal offering, and ascending offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor delighted in,"** Psa 40:6 which are offered according to the Torah,

Heb 10:9 then He said, **"See, I come to do Your desire, O Elohim."** Psa 40:8 He takes away the first to establish the second.

Heb 10:10 **By that desire we have been set apart through the offering of the body of יהושע Messiah once for all.**

Heb 10:11 And indeed every priest stands day by day doing service, and repeatedly offering the same slaughter offerings which are never able to take away sins.

Heb 10:12 But He, having offered **one slaughter offering for sins for all time**, sat down at the right hand of Elohim,

Heb 10:13 waiting from that time onward **until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet.** Psa 110:1.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are being set apart.

Heb 10:15 And the Set-apart Spirit also witnesses to us, for after having said before,

Heb 10:16 **"This is the covenant that I shall make with them after those days, says יהוה, giving My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I shall write them,"**^a Jer 31:33. Footnote: ^aSee also Heb 8:8-12.

Heb 10:17 and, **"Their sins and their lawlessnesses I shall remember no more."** Jer 31:34.

Heb 10:18 Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer a slaughter offering for sin.

Heb 10:19 So, brothers, having boldness to enter into the Set-apart Place by the blood of יהושע,

Heb 10:20 **by a new and living way which He instituted for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,**

Heb 10:21 and *having* a High Priest over the House of Elohim,

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in completeness of belief, having our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies washed with clean water.^b Footnote: ^b Eze 36:25.

Lev 9:22 Aharon then lifted up his hand toward the people and blessed them, and came down from making the sin offering, and the ascending offering, and the peace offerings.

Lev 9:23 And Mosheh and Aharon went into the Tent of Appointment, and came out and blessed the people. And the esteem of יהוה appeared to all the people,

Lev 9:24 and fire came out from before יהוה and consumed the ascending offering and the fat on the slaughter-place. And all the people saw and cried aloud and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 10

Tragedy strikes. Aaron and the Levitical Priesthood will soon find out the seriousness behind YHWH's Tabernacle processes. Two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, bring 'strange fire' before YHWH that He had not commanded. They are instantly consumed!

Moses reminds Aaron what YHWH had said the process should be; and Aaron was silent. What could be said? Nadab and Abihu disregarded YHWH's commands and they paid the ultimate price. Then Misha'el and Eltsaphan, the sons of Uzzi'el the uncle of Aharon, are requested to remove their bodies outside the camp.

The processes of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood must go on despite this tragedy. That is how life sadly works. There are broken hearts all around us, but this fallen world doesn't allow much time for grief. Families still need provisions and care; workplaces run 24/7; deadlines still await to be met; and so forth. **This is when one sadly feels strangely disconnected because their world has just suddenly come to a screeching halt. That was Aaron.** That is when the 'whys' and the 'what if's' start swirling. For Aaron, there would be questions like, "Why did I not stand my ground against the people's request to make them a 'god' they could worship?" "What if I had set a better example for my sons?" "Why did I choose to sin against YHWH?" Though Aaron's mouth remained silent after the death of Nadab and Abihu, his mind, heart, and soul did not.

Moses then addresses Aaron and his other two sons, Ithamar and El'azar. He tells Ithamar and El'azar exactly what to do. Specifically, he tells them not to unbind their heads or tear their garments. Why? Because that was a cultural form of displayed grief; yet under these circumstances, such a powerful display of grief would bring into question the right-ruling of YHWH. They too were deeply grieved and now would need to enter the set-apart place of which their brothers had been consumed. Moses also instructs them not to go outside the door of the Tent of Appointment since they had the anointing oil on them; lest they die. It was an emotional and intense day.

Then YHWH speaks directly to Aaron. Yes, YHWH not only speaks to Moses, but now He speaks to Aaron. He first instructs him and his sons not to drink wine or strong drink when entering the set-apart place; to make a distinction between the set-apart and profane, and clean and unclean. Secondly, He instructs Aaron to teach the children of Israel all the laws that He had spoken by the hand of Moses; or that were written by the hand of Moses.

Moses then reviews with Aaron, Ithamar, and El'azar the procedures for the grain offering; the wave offering; the sin offering; and the ascending offering. He makes clear that what he speaks is what YHWH commands. This is important because Nadab and Abihu did NOT do what YHWH had commanded. Moses says in Lev. 10:13 ...for so I have been commanded or in Lev. 10:15 ...as YHWH has commanded.

But then, there is a break in protocol, the goat of the sin offering had been completely burned up and not eaten in the set-apart place. These two sons were the sons of Aaron that were left; they were Moses' nephews; there were 'high emotions' after seeing what happened to Nadab and Abihu. Moses berates Ithamar and El'azar and said, '...You should have eaten it without fail in a set-apart place, as I have commanded.' Notice Moses says, 'as I have commanded.' Then Aaron steps in.

Lev 10:19 And Aharon said to Mosheh, "See, today they have brought their sin offering and their ascending offering before יהוה, and matters like these have come to me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been right in the eyes of יהוה?"

Lev 10:20 And when Mosheh heard that, it was good in his eyes.

Aaron is now also in communication with YHWH. Aaron had been consecrated and ordained as the Aaronic High Priest. There apparently had been a change in the sin offering process; but apparently the broken spirits and contrite hearts of Aaron, his sons, and the people usurped this one aspect. We too, now have a reigning High Priest, Yahusha HaMashiach, that can relate to our human frailties and grief; and not eating at such a time as this, was understandable; and apparently acceptable and allowed by YHWH Himself.

The Death of Nadab and Abihu

Lev 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aharon, each took his fire holder and put fire in it, and put incense on it, and brought strange fire before יהוה, which He had not commanded them.

Lev 10:2 And fire came out from יהוה and consumed them, and they died before יהוה.

Lev 10:3 Then Mosheh said to Aharon, “This is what יהוה spoke, saying, ‘By those who come near Me let Me be set-apart! And before all the people let Me be esteemed!’ ” And Aharon was silent.

Lev 10:4 And Mosheh called to Misha’el and to Eltsaphan, the sons of Uzzi’el the uncle of Aharon, and said to them, “Come near, take your brothers from before the set-apart place out of the camp.”

Lev 10:5 So they came near and took them by their long shirts out of the camp, as Mosheh had said.

Lev 10:6 And Mosheh said to Aharon, and to El’azar and to Ithamar, his sons, “Do not unbind your heads nor tear your garments, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the people. But let your brothers, all the house of Yisra’el, bewail the burning which יהוה has kindled.

Lev 10:7 “And do not go out from the door of the Tent of Appointment, lest you die, for the anointing oil of יהוה is upon you.” And they did according to the word of Mosheh.

Lev 10:8 And יהוה spoke to Aharon, saying,

Lev 10:9 “Do not drink wine or strong drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the Tent of Appointment, lest you die – a law forever throughout your generations,

Lev 10:10 so as to make a distinction between the set-apart and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean,

Lev 10:11 and to teach the children of Yisra’el all the laws which יהוה has spoken to them by the hand of Mosheh.”

Lev 10:12 And Mosheh spoke to Aharon, and to El’azar and Ithamar, his sons who were left, “Take the grain offering that is left over from the offerings made by fire to יהוה, and eat it without leaven beside the slaughter-place, for it is most set-apart.

Lev 10:13 “And you shall eat it in a set-apart place, because it is yours by law and your sons’ by law, of the offerings made by fire to יהוה, for so I have been commanded.

Lev 10:14 “And the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the contribution you eat in a clean place, you, and your sons, and your daughters with you. For they are yours by law and your sons’ by law, which are given from the slaughterings of peace offerings of the children of Yisra’el.

Lev 10:15 “The thigh of the contribution and the breast of the wave offering they bring with the offerings of fat made by fire, to bring as a wave offering before יהוה. And it shall be yours and your sons’ with you, by a law forever, as יהוה has commanded.”

Lev 10:16 And Mosheh diligently looked for the goat of the sin offering and saw it was burned up. And he was wroth with El’azar and Ithamar, the sons of Aharon who were left, saying,

Lev 10:17 “Why have you not eaten the sin offering in a set-apart place, since it is most set-apart, and Elohim has given it to you to bear the crookedness of the congregation, to make atonement for them before יהוה?”

Lev 10:18 “See, its blood was not brought inside the set-apart place. You should have eaten it without fail in a set-apart place, as I have commanded.”

Lev 10:19 And Aharon said to Mosheh, “See, today they have brought their sin offering and their ascending offering before יהוה, and *matters* like these have come to me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been right in the eyes of יהוה?”

Lev 10:20 And when Mosheh heard that, it was good in his eyes.

Leviticus 11

The distinction between clean and unclean animals existed under Covenant Torah in Genesis 7. YHWH is not an Elohim to mix clean and unclean. He is all about set-apartness. He said be holy for I am holy. So, let’s be perfectly clear, when some of the new testament scriptures are misinterpreted by not considering the full context; do not be deceived. We are to eat clean foods and not the scavengers and filters of the sea. His people perish because of ‘lack of knowledge.’

Clean and Unclean Animals

Lev 11:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying to them,

Lev 11:2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’ēl, saying, ‘These are the living creatures which you do eat among all the beasts that are on the earth:

Lev 11:3 ‘Whatever has a split hoof completely divided, chewing the cud, among the beasts, that you do eat.

Lev 11:4 ‘Only, these you do not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have a split hoof: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, it is unclean to you;

Lev 11:5 and the rabbit, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, it is unclean to you;

Lev 11:6 and the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, it is unclean to you;

Lev 11:7 and the pig, though it has a split hoof, completely divided, yet does not chew the cud, it is unclean to you.

Lev 11:8 ‘Their flesh you do not eat, and their carcasses you do not touch. They are unclean to you.

Lev 11:9 ‘These you do eat of all that are in the waters: any one that has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas or in the rivers, that you do eat.

Lev 11:10 ‘But all that have not fins and scales in the seas and in the rivers, all that move in the waters or any living being which is in the waters, they are an abomination to you.

Lev 11:11 ‘They are an abomination to you – of their flesh you do not eat, and their carcasses you abominate.

Lev 11:12 ‘All that have not fins or scales in the waters are an abomination to you.

Lev 11:13 ‘And these you do abominate among the birds, they are not eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the vulture, and the black vulture,

Lev 11:14 and the hawk, and the falcon after its kind,

Lev 11:15 every raven after its kind,

Lev 11:16 and the ostrich, and the nighthawk, and the seagull, and the hawk after its kind,

Lev 11:17 and the little owl, and the fisher owl, and the great owl,

Lev 11:18 and the white owl, and the pelican, and the carrion vulture,

Lev 11:19 and the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

Lev 11:20 ‘All flying insects that creep on all fours is an abomination to you.

Lev 11:21 ‘Only, these you do eat of every flying insect that creeps on all fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth.

Lev 11:22 ‘These of them you do eat: the *arbeh-locust* after its kind, and the *solam-locust* after its kind, and the *hargol-locust* after its kind, and the *hagab-locust* after its kind.

Lev 11:23 ‘But all other flying insects which have four feet are an abomination to you.

Lev 11:24 'And by these you are made unclean, anyone touching the carcass of any of them is unclean until evening,

Lev 11:25 and anyone picking up part of the carcass of any of them has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening.

Lev 11:26 'Every beast that has a split hoof not completely divided, or does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Anyone who touches their carcass is unclean.

Lev 11:27 'And whatever goes on its paws, among all the creatures that go on all fours, those are unclean to you. Anyone who touches their carcass is unclean until evening,

Lev 11:28 and he who picks up their carcass has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening. They are unclean to you.

Lev 11:29 'And these are unclean to you among the creeping creatures that creep on the earth: the mole, and the mouse, and the tortoise after its kind,

Lev 11:30 and the gecko, and the land crocodile, and the sand reptile, and the sand lizard, and the chameleon.

Lev 11:31 'These are unclean to you among all that creep. Anyone who touches them when they are dead becomes unclean until evening.

Lev 11:32 'And whatever any of them in its dead state falls upon, becomes unclean, whether it is any wooden object or garment or skin or sack, any object in which work is done, it is put in water. And it shall be unclean until evening, then it shall be clean.

Lev 11:33 'Any earthen vessel into which any of them falls, whatever is in it becomes unclean, and you break it.

Lev 11:34 'Any of the food which might be eaten, on which water comes, becomes unclean, and any drink which might be drunk from it becomes unclean.

Lev 11:35 'And on whatever *any* of their carcass falls becomes unclean – an oven or cooking range – it is broken down. They are unclean, and are unclean to you.

Lev 11:36 'But a fountain or a well, a collection of water, is clean, but whatever touches their carcass is unclean.

Lev 11:37 'And when *any* of their carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it is clean.

Lev 11:38 'But when any water is put on the seed and any part of any such carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

Lev 11:39 'And when any of the beasts which are yours for food dies, he who touches its carcass becomes unclean until evening.

Lev 11:40 'And he who eats of its carcass has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening. And he who picks up its carcass has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening.

Lev 11:41 'And every swarming *creature* – the one that swarms on the earth is an abomination, it is not eaten.

Lev 11:42 'Whatever crawls on its stomach, and whatever goes on *all* fours, and

whatever has many feet among all swarming *creatures* – the ones swarming on the earth, these you do not eat, for they are an abomination.

Lev 11:43 'Do not make yourselves abominable with any swarming *creature* – the one swarming, and do not make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them.

The enemy has done quite a number on YHWH's people by twisting His Scriptures to conform to the appetites of the 'flesh pots of Egypt'. Like with Eve, he whispers in the ear, 'Did YHWH really say that?' Because of this, many are sick among us.

Lev 11:44 'For I am יהוה your Elohim, and you shall set yourselves apart. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart. And do not defile yourselves with any swarming *creature* – the one creeping on the earth.

Lev 11:45 'For I am יהוה who is bringing you up out of the land of Mitsrayim, to be your Elohim. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart.

Lev 11:46 'This is the Torah of the beasts and the birds and every living being – the creeping creature in the waters, and of every being that swarms on the earth,

Lev 11:47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living *creature* that is eaten and the living *creature* that is not eaten.' "

Let's look at a few excerpts "*What the Bible Says About Healthy Living*" by Rex MD Russell and author Jordan Rubin.

"One reason for God's rule forbidding pork is that the digestive system of a pig is completely different from that of a cow. It is similar to ours, in that the stomach is very acidic. Pigs are gluttonous, never knowing when to stop eating. Their stomach acids become diluted because of the volume of food, allowing all kinds of vermin to pass through this protective barrier. Parasites, bacteria, viruses and toxins can pass into the pig's flesh because of overeating. These toxins and infectious agents can be passed on to humans when they eat a pig's flesh."

"Swine are also good incubators of toxic parasites and viruses—although the animal doesn't usually appear to be ill while carrying these diseases. A scientist at the University of Giessen's Institute for Virology in Germany showed in a study of worldwide influenza epidemics that pigs are the one animal that can serve as a mixing vessel for new influenza viruses that may seriously threaten world health.

If a pig is exposed to a human's DNA virus and then a bird's virus, the pig mixes the two viruses—developing a new DNA virus that is often extremely lethal for humans. These viruses have already caused worldwide epidemics and destruction. Virologists have concluded that if we do not find a way to separate humans from pigs, the whole earth's population may be at risk. "

"It has long been recognized that the meat of shellfish—shrimp, crabs, lobsters, etc.—is especially dangerous. Many illnesses, including instant paralysis, devastate some people every day as a result of eating shellfish. 25 The largest cholera outbreak in the United States occurred in Louisiana from August through October 1986. (The symptoms of cholera are explosive diarrhea, leading to rapid dehydration, unconsciousness, hypotension and death.) What did the stricken people eat? The incriminating meals were found to include rice noodles with shrimp, pork, vegetables, mussel soup, pig blood coagulated with vinegar, and salty brine shrimp with mixed vegetables. Shellfish can be placed in a body of water that is

contaminated with cholera bacteria, and they will purify the water. Shrimp, oysters, crab, scallops and mussels are particularly efficient at this. They filter large volumes of water every day. Sewage laden with chemicals, toxins and harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses become concentrated in those shellfish. The cause of cholera outbreaks in several areas has been traced to contaminated shrimp, crab, oysters and clams. A recent outbreak of cholera in Central America was related to shellfish ingestion. All this led one researcher to say, "By far the single greatest danger posed by seafood is from raw shellfish." 26 The flesh of shellfish is where the disease-causing organisms are found. Although crabs are the most important vehicle for one strand of cholera infection in the United States, shrimp and oysters from the Gulf Coast are also vehicles of transmission for these diseases."

"Why were scavengers created if not to eat? For one thing, they serve a useful role just cleaning up the place. Many unclean animals, however, notably pigs and shellfish, are unhealthy because their diet consists of society's disease-laden refuse. As is well known, pigs will eat anything and everything. They were designed to clean up decaying flesh and pollution. Pigs have eaten Philadelphia's garbage and sewage for more than 100 years, saving the city \$ 3 million a year in landfill costs. This is a wise use of hogs. They are designed to clean our environment."

Some may say, well if you cook it, it is okay. Absolutely not.

Job 14:4 Who brings the clean out of the unclean? No one!

"Among commonly eaten fish, catfish—**unclean because they do not have scales**—always show the highest levels of contamination in chemically polluted water. After chemical spills, local fishermen are warned not to eat catfish. A local peach farmer sprayed his crop; then an immediate rain followed. The rainwater containing the recently applied insecticide ran into his pond. The catfish did their job, cleaning the water by sucking up the pesticide; but because of their efficiency, most of them floated to the top of the pond dead. None of the fish that had fins and scales died."

The old cliché, 'you are what you eat', carries much truth.

1Cor. 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the Dwelling Place of the Set-apart Spirit who is in you, which you have from Elohim, and you are not your own?

2Sam. 6:1-15

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2Sa 6:1 Now Dawid again gathered all the chosen men of Yisra'ël, thirty thousand.

2Sa 6:2 And Dawid rose up and went with all the people who were with him from Ba'alē Yehudāh, to bring up from there the ark of Elohim, that is called by the Name, the Name יהוה of Hosts, who dwells between the kerubim.

We recall in 1Samuel 6 that the Philistines return the ark of YHWH.

1Sa 6:15 And **the Lēwites took down the ark of יהוה and the chest that was with it**, in which were the objects of gold, and put them on the great stone. And **the men of Bēyth Shemesh** offered ascending offerings and slaughtered slaughterings the same day to יהוה.

1Sa 6:16 And when the five princes of the Philistines saw it, they returned to Eqron the same day.

1Sa 6:19 And **He struck among the men of Bēyth Shemesh**, for they had looked into the ark of יהוה. He struck among the people seventy men, and the people mourned because יהוה struck among the people, a great smiting.

1Sa 6:20 And the men of Bēyth Shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before this set-apart יהוה Elohim? And to whom shall He go from us?"

1Sa 6:21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Qiryath Ye'arim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of יהוה. Come down, take it up to you."

1Sa 7:1 **And the men of Qiryath Ye'arim** came and took the ark of יהוה, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and set apart El'azar his son to guard the ark of יהוה.

1Sa 7:2 And it came to be, from the day that the ark remained in Qiryath Ye'arim, that the time increased, **it came to be twenty years**. And all the house of Yisra'el lamented after יהוה.

Now, we are at least 20 years later, and the decision is made by David to bring up the ark of YHWH from the house of Abinadab. We have already seen how the improper handling of the ark of YHWH brought sudden death; and we will see this repeat itself with Uzzah.

YHWH had instructed the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood on how the Levites were to carry the ark.

Exo 25:13 "And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold,

Exo 25:14 and shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to lift up the ark by them.

Exo 25:15 "The poles are in the rings of the ark, they are not taken from it.

2Sa 6:3 **And they placed the ark of Elohim on a new wagon**, and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahyo, sons of Abinadab, were leading the new wagon.

2Sa 6:4 And they brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, with the ark of Elohim. And Ahyo was walking before the ark.

The celebration turns into mourning.

Uzzah and the Ark

2Sa 6:5 And Dawid and all the house of Yisra'el were dancing before יהוה, with all *instruments of fir wood*, and with lyres, and with harps, and with tambourines, and with sistrums, and with cymbals.

2Sa 6:6 And when they came to the threshing-floor of Naḵon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of Elohim and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

2Sa 6:7 And **the wrath of יהוה burned against Uzzah**, and Elohim struck him there for the fault. And he died there by the ark of Elohim.

The proper way to transport the ark of the Covenant was not followed and resulted in the death of Uzzah. The proper way to transport the ark of Elohim had been recorded within the Book of the Law. This was how the Book of the Law functioned; obedience brought blessings; disobedience brought curses and/or death. YHWH was not to blame; poor adherence to His Word was the culprit.

2Sa 6:8 And Dawid was displeased because יהוה had broken out against Uzzah. And he called the name of the place Perets Uzzah, until this day.

Perez-uzza = “breach of Uzza”

1) the place where Uzzah was slain by God for touching the Ark; located close to Jerusalem

2Sa 6:9 And Dawid was afraid of יהוה on that day, and said, “How shall the ark of יהוה come to me?”

2Sa 6:10 And Dawid would not move the ark of יהוה with him into the City of Dawid, but **Dawid turned it aside to the house of Obēd-Edom the Gittite.**

2Sa 6:11 And the ark of יהוה remained in the house of Obēd-Edom the Gittite **three new moons**, and יהוה blessed Obēd-Edom and all his house.

2Sa 6:12 And it was reported to Sovereign Dawid, saying, “יהוה has blessed the house of Obēd-Edom and all that he has, because of the ark of Elohim.” Dawid then went and brought up the ark of Elohim from the house of Obēd-Edom to the City of Dawid with rejoicing.

After the ark remains 3 months at the house of Obed-Edom, David decides to bring the ark of YHWH up to the City of David. Again, there is rejoicing but this time with reverence to YHWH.

2Sa 6:13 And it came to be, when those bearing the ark of יהוה had gone six steps, that he slaughtered bulls and fatted sheep.

2Sa 6:14 And Dawid danced before יהוה with all his might. And Dawid was wearing a linen shoulder garment.

Notice that David wore priestly attire and did priestly functions. He was of the righteous lineage of the Melchizedek order; both kingly and priestly.

2Sa 6:15 Thus Dawid and all the house of Yisra'el brought up the ark of יהוה with shouting and with a voice of a shophar.

What a wonderful and memorable day! Can you imagine the joy among all the people! Things were turning up. David was king over all Israel and the ark was among the people.

Isaiah 65:1-8 'Smoke in My nostrils'

There is a time that YHWH says enough. When the cup of iniquity is full and the compassion of the lovingly commitment One is rejected for the last time.

He knows despicable deeds. He knows their unrepentant heart. He calls such 'smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all day.' Sickening disgusting smells.

He doesn't remain silent; but shall repay – directly into their bosom.

YHWH has 'a greater plan.' He brings forth the seed from Jacob and from Judah an heir of His mountains. And His chosen ones shall inherit it and His servants' dwell there.

Judgment and Salvation

Isa 65:1 "I have let Myself be inquired of, not by those who asked; I was found, not by those who sought Me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation not calling on My Name.

Isa 65:2 "I have held out My hands all day long to a stubborn people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts;

Isa 65:3 the people who provoke Me continually to My face, who slaughter in gardens, and burn incense on slaughter-places of brick;

Isa 65:4 who sit among the burial-sites, and spend the night in secret places, who eat flesh of pigs,^a and the broth of unclean meat is in their pots, Footnote: ^aSee Isa 66:17.

Isa 65:5 who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am set-apart to you!' **These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all day.**

Isa 65:6 "See, it is written before Me: I am not silent, **but shall repay, and I shall repay into their bosom.**

Isa 65:7 your crookednesses and the crookednesses of your fathers together," said יהוה, "who burned incense on the mountains and reproached Me on the hills. And I shall measure their former work into their bosom."

Isa 65:8 Thus said יהוה, "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one shall say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is blessing in it,' so I do for My servants' sake, not to destroy them all.

Isaiah 66:15-18

Final Judgment and Glory of YHWH – The Lion of the tribe of Judah!

YHWH travels with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind. This is how He exists and travels among the heavens outside of time of our three-dimensional realm. [Isaiah 66:15]

Final Judgment and Glory of YHWH

Isa 66:15 "For look, יהוה comes with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His displeasure with burning, and His rebuke with flames of fire.

Isa 66:16 "For by fire and by His sword יהוה shall judge all flesh, and the slain of יהוה shall be many –

Isa 66:17 those who set themselves apart and cleanse themselves at the gardens after 'one' in the midst, eating flesh of pigs^a and the abomination and the mouse, are snatched away, together," declares יהוה. **Footnote: ^aSee Isa 65:4.**

Isa 66:18 "And I, because of their works and their imaginations, am coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My esteem.

Jeremiah 7:21 – 8:3

Jer 7:21 Thus said יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra'el, "Add your ascending offerings to your slaughterings and eat meat.

Jer 7:22 "For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, about matters of ascending offerings or slaughterings.

Jer 7:23 **"But this word I did command them, saying, 'Obey My voice,^a** and I shall be your Elohim, and you be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it be well with you.' **Footnote: ^aSee also Gen 26:5, Exo 19:5, Joh 3:36, Rom 6:16, Heb 4:11,**

Heb 5:9 and Rev 22:14.

- Jer 7:24 “But they did not obey or incline their ear, but
- walked in the counsels, in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and
- went backward and not forward.

Jer 7:25 “**From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Mitsrayim until this day,** I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them.

- Jer 7:26 “But they did not obey Me or incline their ear,
- but stiffened their neck.
- They did evil, more than their fathers.

Jer 7:27 “And you shall speak all these words to them, though they do not listen to you. And you shall also call to them, though they do not answer you.

Jer 7:28 “But you shall say to them,

- ‘This is a nation that did not obey the voice of יהוה their Elohim,
- nor did they accept instruction.
- Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

His wrath is coming:

Jer 7:29 Cut off your hair and throw it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights, for יהוה has rejected and forsaken the generation **of His wrath.**

Jer 7:30 “For the children of Yehudah have done what is evil in My eyes,” declares יהוה.

- “They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My Name, to defile it.
- Jer 7:31 “And they have built the **high places** of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, **to burn their sons and their daughters** in the fire, **which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.**

The Valley of Slaughter!

Jer 7:32 “Therefore see, the days are coming,” declares יהוה, “when it shall no longer be called Topheth, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the **Valley of Slaughter**, for they shall bury in Topheth until no room is left.

Jer 7:33 “And the corpses of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth, with none to frighten them away.

Jer 7:34 “And in the cities of Yehudah and in the streets of Yerushalayim I shall make to cease the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. For the land shall become a waste!

Rev 19:17 And I saw one messenger standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, **“Come and gather together for the supper of the great Elohim,**

Rev 19:18 **to eat the flesh of sovereigns, and the flesh of commanders, and the flesh of strong ones, and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.”**

Jeremiah 8:1-3

Jer 8:1 “At that time,” declares יהוה, “they shall bring the bones of the sovereigns of Yehudah, and the bones of its heads, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, out of their burial-sites,

Jer 8:2 and shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought, and to which they have bowed themselves. **They shall not be gathered nor buried, they shall be for dung on the face of the earth.**

Jer 8:3 “And **death shall be preferred to life** by all the rest of those who remain of this evil people, who remain in all the places where I have driven them,” declares יהוה of hosts.

Jeremiah 9:22-24

Jer 9:22 **Speak, “Thus declares יהוה,** ‘The corpses of men shall fall as dung on the face of the field, like cuttings after the reaper, with none to gather them.’ ”

Jer 9:23 **Thus said יהוה,**

- “Let not the wise boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty boast in his might, nor let the rich boast in his riches,
- **Jer 9:24** but let him who boasts boast of this,
 - that he understands and knows Me, that I am יהוה, doing loving-commitment, right-ruling, and righteousness in the earth.
 - For in these I delight,” declares יהוה.

Mark 7:1-23

Traditions and Commandments

Mar 7:1 And the **Pharisees and some of the scribes** assembled to Him, having come from Yerushalayim.

Mar 7:2 And seeing some of His taught ones eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.

Mar 7:3 For the Pharisees, and all the Yehudim, do not eat unless they wash their

hands thoroughly, holding fast the tradition of the elders,

Mar 7:4 and coming from the market-place, they do not eat unless they wash. **And there are many other traditions which they have received and hold fast – the washing of cups and utensils and copper vessels and couches.**

Mar 7:5 **Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him,** “Why do Your taught ones not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”

Yahusha gives the Pharisees, the scribes, and all those that were listening a very thorough answer.

Mar 7:6 And He answering, said to them, “Well did Yeshayahu prophesy concerning you hypocrites, as it has been written, **‘This people respect Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.**

Mar 7:7 **And in vain do they worship Me, teaching as teachings the commands of men.**^a [Isa 29:13](#). Footnote: ^aAlso see [2Ki 17:19](#) and [Mat 15:3-9](#).

Mar 7:8 **“Forsaking the command of Elohim, you hold fast the tradition of men.”**

Mar 7:9 And He said to them, “Well do you set aside the command of Elohim, in order to guard your tradition.”

Mar 7:10 “For Mosheh said, **‘Respect your father and your mother,’** [Exo 20:12](#), [Deu 5:16](#) and, **‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’** [Exo 21:17](#), [Lev 20:9](#).

Mar 7:11 **“But you say,** ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me, is Qorban (that is, a gift),” ’

Mar 7:12 **you no longer let him do any matter at all for his father or his mother,**

Mar 7:13 **nullifying the Word of Elohim through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such traditions you do.”**

What Defiles a Person

Mar 7:14 **And calling the crowd to Him, He said to them,** “Hear Me, everyone, and understand:

Mar 7:15 **“There is no matter that enters a man from outside** which is able to defile him, but it is what comes out of him that defiles the man.

Mar 7:16 “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Mar 7:17 And when He went from the crowd into a house, His taught ones asked Him concerning the parable.

Mar 7:18 And He said to them, “Are you also without understanding? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside is unable to defile him,

Mar 7:19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purging all the foods?^b Footnote: ^bSee footnote Mat 15:20.

Mar 7:20 And He said, **“What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.”**

Mar 7:21 **“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed**

- evil reasonings,
- adulteries,
- whorings,
- murders,
- Mar 7:22 thefts,
- greedy desires,
- wickednesses,
- deceit,
- indecency,
- an evil eye,
- blasphemy,
- pride,
- foolishness.

Mar 7:23 “All these wicked *matters* come from within and defile a man.”

Mark 9:2-13

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 Kēpha, and Ya'aqob, and Yoḥanan, 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 Ēliyahu 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 millennia. 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 priest's 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 Ėliyahu,**"

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 Ađam 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 Ađam, 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!

Acts 5:1-11

Ananias and Sapphira

Act 5:1 But a certain man named Hānanyah, with Shappirah his wife, sold a possession.

Act 5:2 And he kept back from the price, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the feet of the emissaries.

Act 5:3 But Kēpha said, “Hānanyah, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Set-apart Spirit and keep back from the price of the land for yourself?

Act 5:4 “While it remained, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your authority? **Why have you conceived this deed in your heart?** **You have not lied to men but to Elohim.**”

Act 5:5 Then Hānanyah, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all those who heard of this.

Act 5:6 But the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out and buried him.

Act 5:7 And it came to be, about three hours later, that his wife came in, not knowing what had taken place.

Act 5:8 And Kēpha responded to her, “Say to me whether you sold the land for so much?” And she said, “Yes, for so much.”

Act 5:9 So Kēpha said to her, “Why have you agreed to try the Spirit of יהוה? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out.”

Act 5:10 And immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.

Act 5:11 And great fear came upon all the assembly and upon all who heard of this.

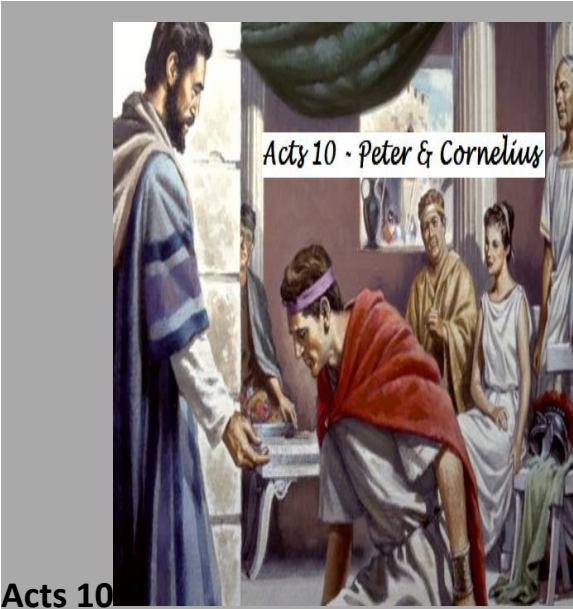
The Spirit filled assembly had received a prophetic word by Yahusha in **Acts 1:8**. The assembly of believers that were being 'born anew' was growing. These were the 1st century believers that had begun their walk as His kingdom of priests, a set-apart people, after the order of Melchizedek. Believers were receiving the Comforter, the Ruach HaKodesh, and powerful transformations were occurring.

Their witness was taking hold in Jerusalem, but still ahead was Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. There was much to be done and we see sin raise its head very quickly.

The sin of lying, deceit, and hypocrisy was quickly confronted. Resources were being contributed and were needed; yet, we know the 'love' of money is the root of all evil.

Most had now devoted their lives to the ministry. Were Ananias and Sapphira wolves in sheep's clothing? Had a Jezebel spirit crept into the assembly? Ananias and Sapphira wanted to appear righteous as they proclaimed a lie.

Acts 10 – The below timeline is approximate only.



Where are we at on the linear timeline?	
34 A.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul arrives in Jerusalem - Stephen debates Jews coming from Cyrene, Cilicia (ie. Saul), Alexandria (Ac. 6:9) - Stephen arrested by Sandhedrin (Ac. 6:12) - Stephen stoned (Ac. 7:59) - Saul persecutes the church in Jerusalem - Philip goes to Samaria (Ac. 8:4) - Philip meets Ethiopian Treasurer (Ac. 8:26)
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul converted on road to Damascus (Ac. 9) - Saul is in Damascus - Saul leaves for Arabia (Gal. 1:17)
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul is in Arabia
38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul returns to preach in Damascus - Saul's life is threatened (Ac. 9:23) - Saul escapes to Jerusalem - Barnabus introduces Saul to disciples - Saul stays with Peter 15 days (Gal. 1:18-19) - Saul debates Grecian Jews (Ac. 9:29) - Saul flees to Tarsus in Cilicia (Ac. 9:29,30)
39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul preaches in Cilicia and Syria for five years (Gal. 1:21) - Persecution has ceased in Jerusalem - Jerusalem church continues to grow (Ac. 9:31) - Peter travels Judean Countryside (Ac. 9:32) - Peter heals Aeneas in Lydda (Ac. 9:33) - Peter raises Tabitha in Joppa (Ac. 9:36) - Peter called to Caesarea by Cornelius (A. 10)
40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter has to defend having preached in a Gentile house to the church leaders in Jerusalem. (Ac. 11) - Missionaries from Cyrene in North Africa come to Antioch in Syria and preach to the Gentiles (Ac. 11:20) - Saul is preaching in Cilicia and Syria

Peter and Cornelius

Cornelius was a captain (or Centurion) serving in what was called the Italian Regiment of the Roman Army. He apparently grew to love the Elohim of the Hebrew people and was devoted to Him and to good deeds.

The Book of Acts focuses mainly on the acts of Peter and Paul. We know YHWH sends Peter to the circumcised and Paul to the nations; however, this doesn't mean that is a 'hard-fast line.' Both, Peter and Paul, share the Good News as directed by the Ruach HaKodesh. The Good News was presented to the Jews/Hebrews first, but many rejected the message. This doesn't mean that they are forgotten; no, to this day the Good News is shared with everyone. By belief in Yahusha, His kingdom of priests is multi-tribal, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, multi-national from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

Gal 2:6 But from those who were esteemed to be whatever – what they were, it makes no difference to me, Elohim shows no partiality – for those who were esteemed contributed naught to me. 7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the Good News to the uncircumcised had been entrusted to me, even as Kěpha to the circumcised – 8 for He who worked in Kěpha to make him an emissary to the circumcised also worked in me [Paul] for the nations.

Act 10:1 Now there was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a captain of what was called the Italian Regiment,

Act 10:2 dedicated, and fearing Elohim with all his household, doing many kind deeds to the people, and praying to Elohim always.

Act 10:3 He clearly saw in a vision, about the ninth hour of the day, a messenger of Elohim coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

Act 10:4 And looking intently at him, and becoming afraid, he said, "What is it, master?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your kind deeds have come up for a remembrance before Elohim."

Instructions given by the messenger:

Act 10:5 "And now

- send men to Yapho, and
- send for Shim'on who is also called Kěpha.
- **Act 10:6** "He is staying with Shim'on, a leather-tanner, whose house is by the sea."

Act 10:7 And when the messenger who spoke to him went away, Cornelius called two of his household servants, and a dedicated soldier from among those who waited on him continually.

Act 10:8 And having explained to them all, he sent them to Yapho.

At the ninth hour (3 p.m.) is the same 'time of day' that Yahusha had died. I call these 'time markers' that show us patterns and possible connections to pivotal events. **At 3 p.m.** a messenger angel appears to Cornelius in a vision; which was all possible because of the finished work of Yahusha on the tree. The Good News was for all!

Galatians 3:28 There is not Yehudite nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah. יהושע

What made Cornelius stand out?

Acts 10:4b and he said to him, "Your prayers and your kind deeds have **come up** for a remembrance before Elohim.

Cornelius Calls his Dedicated 'Devout' Soldier

Cornelius was a leader. He not only ruled his cohort regimen well; he ruled his household servants, and family well. We see him call two household servants and a dedicated soldier who waited on Cornelius continually.

Cornelius did not keep his faith a secret. His household, servants, and his dedicated soldier, would have known the character and the belief of Cornelius.

Peter's Vision

Act 10:9 And on the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Kěpha went up on the house-top to pray, about the sixth hour.

At the sixth hour (12:00 p.m.) is the same 'time of day' that the three hours of darkness occurred during Yahusha HaMashiach's crucifixion on the tree. We can only imagine what work Yahusha was combating in the spiritual realm during the 3 hours of darkness; noon to 3 p.m. What we do know, was His finished work of laying down His life and taking it back up again; ushered in His proposal of the New Covenant Confirming Gospel message for all people. Now, here in the account of Peter and Cornelius, we see the Gospel message starting to go out to the nations. The 'time markers' in this account directly link us to Yahusha's finished work on the crucifixion tree!

Mat 27:45 And from **the sixth hour** there was darkness over all the land, **until the ninth hour**

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour יהושע cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Ĕli, Ĕli, lemah shebaqtani?" that is, "My Ĕl, My Ĕl, why have You forsaken Me?" Psa 22:1.

'Three hours of darkness' let's ponder this. we know YHWH can make anything happen. We also know He usually incorporates nature in His miracles; the parting of the Sea of Reeds; the storm on the sea of Galilee; the water from the rock; the meteor shower of Sodom & Gomorrah etc. Is the possibility of a 3rd planetary body coming into our solar system between the sun and the earth feasible to cause a double eclipse of the sun and moon resulting in 3 hours of darkness? Yes, it is possible.

Three hours of darkness is biblical astronomy language. A planetary body approaching between the sun and the earth would cause great geological disturbances. Such a planetary body passing through our solar system has been documented in times past; the Chinese Guest Star of 1054 C.E.

Act 10:10 And he became hungry and wished to eat. But while they were preparing, he fell into a trance,

Act 10:11 and he saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth,

Act 10:12 in which were all kinds of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping *creatures*, and the birds of the heaven.

Act 10:13 And a voice came to him, "Rise up, Kěpha, slay and eat."

Act 10:14 But Kěpha said, "Not at all, Master! Because I have never eaten whatever is common or unclean."

Act 10:15 And a voice *came* to him again the second time, "What Elohim has cleansed you do not consider common."

Act 10:16 And this took place **three times**, and the vessel was taken back to the heaven.

Act 10:17 And while Kěpha was doubting within himself about what the vision might mean, look, **the men who had been sent from Cornelius**, having asked for the house of Shim'on, stood at the gate,

Here we have what I call a connecting 'numerical marker.' In the trance, Peter sees this sheet of unclean creatures 3 times. We know there are 3 nation people approaching Shimon's home [2 household servants and a dedicated soldier]. The meaning of Peter's vision follows immediately by the 3 men arriving. The interpretation being, the Gospel Message of Yahusha is offered to all people. As mentioned before, in Him, there is neither Jew nor Greek; slave or free; male or female for all are one in Messiah Yahusha.

Act 10:18 and calling out, they enquired whether Shim'on, also known as Kěpha, was staying there.

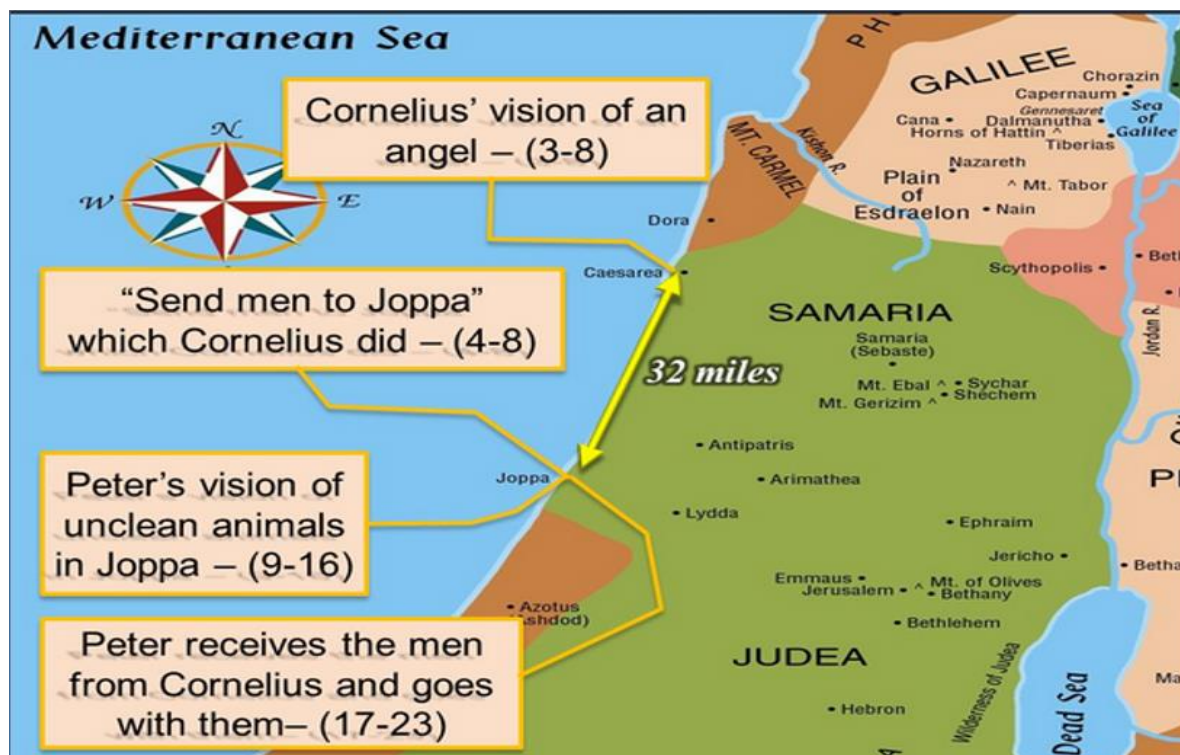
Act 10:19 And as Kěpha was thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, **"See, three men** seek you.

Act 10:20 **"But rise up, go down and go with them, not doubting at all, for I have sent them."**

Act 10:21 So Kěpha went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Look, I am the one you seek. Why have you come?"

Act 10:22 **And they said, "Cornelius the captain, a righteous man and one who fears Elohim and well spoken of by the entire nation of the Yehudim, was instructed by a set-apart messenger to send for you to his house, and to hear words from you."**

Act 10:23 So inviting them in, he housed them. And on the next day Kěpha went away with them, and some brothers from Yapho went with him.



Act 10:24 And the following day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and close friends.

Act 10:25 And it came to be, that when Kěpha entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and bowed before him.

Act 10:26 **But Kěpha raised him up, saying, “Stand up, I myself am also a man.”**

Act 10:27 And talking with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

Act 10:28 And he said to them, “You know that a Yehudi man is not allowed^a to associate with, or go to one of another race. But Elohim has shown me that I should not call any man^b common or unclean. Footnotes: ^aThis was a man-made law. See Mat 15:3, Mat 15:9, Mar 7:7-8, Col 2:14, Col 2:20 and Col 2:22. ^bNot animal - See also Act 10:35.

Act 10:29 “**That is why I came without hesitation** when I was sent for. So I ask, why have you sent for me?”

Act 10:30 And Cornelius said, “**Four days** ago I was fasting until this hour. And at **the ninth hour** I prayed in my house, and see, a man stood before me in shining garments,

Act 10:31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your kind deeds were remembered before Elohim.’

Act 10:32 Now send to Yapho and call Shim'on here, who is also called Kěpha. He is staying in the house of Shim'on, a leather-tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he shall speak to you.’

Act 10:33 “**So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. And now, we are all present before Elohim, to hear all that you have been commanded by Elohim.**”

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Act 10:34 And opening his mouth, Kěpha said, “Truly I see that Elohim shows no partiality,

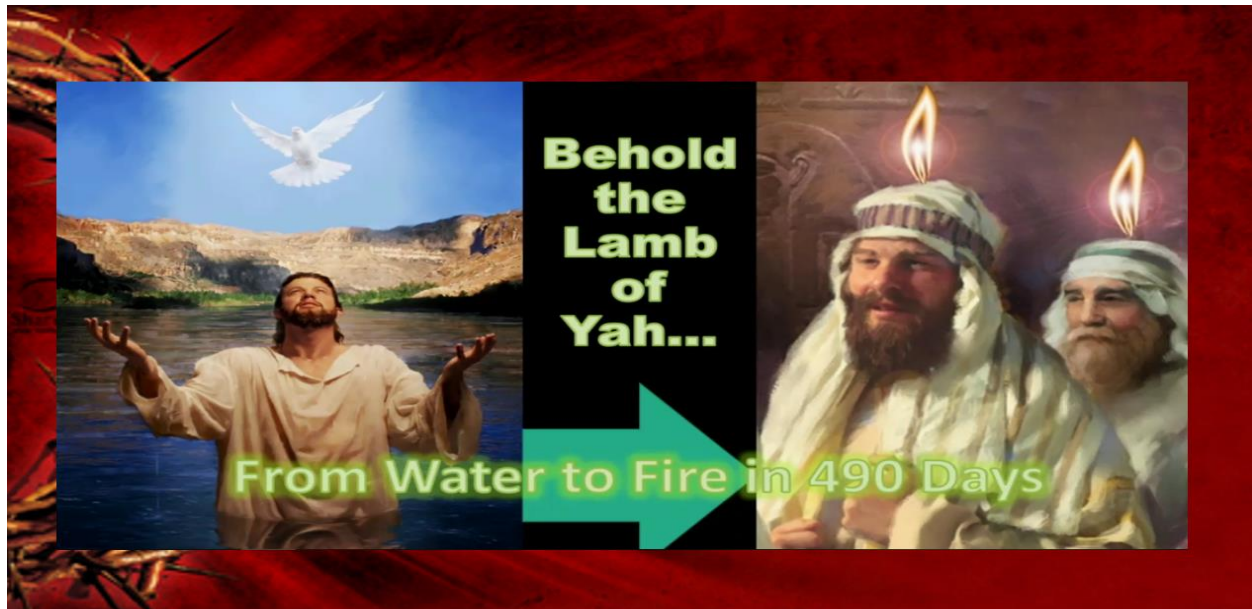
Act 10:35 but in **every nation**, he who **fears Him** and **works righteousness** is accepted by Him.

Act 10:36 “He sent the word to the children of Yisra'el, bringing the Good News: peace through יהושע Messiah! He is Master of all.

Act 10:37 “You know what word came to be throughout all Yehudah, **beginning from Galil after the immersion which Yohanan proclaimed:**

Act 10:38 how **Elohim did anoint יהושע of Natsareth with the Set-apart Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for Elohim was with Him.**

Timing is important. At Yahusha's immersion by John the Baptist, Yahusha is identified as the Lamb of Elohim. From that point to the time of Pentecost was 490 days; meaning, Yahusha met the requirements of the Passover Lamb by being without spot or blemish and one year of age or under two.



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Act 10:39 “And **we are witnesses** of all He did, both in the country of the Yehudim and in Yerushalayim, whom they even killed by hanging on a timber. Deu 21:22-23.

Act 10:40 “Elohim raised up this One on **the third day**, and let Him be seen,
 Act 10:41 not to all the people, but to witnesses, those having been chosen before by Elohim – to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
 Act 10:42 “**And He commanded us to proclaim to the people, and to witness that it is He who was appointed by Elohim to be Judge of the living and the dead.**”^c Footnote:
^cSee [Act 17:31](#), [Joh 5:29](#), [Psa 96:13](#), [Psa 98:9](#), [Rev 19:11](#).
 Act 10:43 “**To this One all the prophets bear witness, that through His Name, everyone believing in Him does receive forgiveness of sins.**”

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

Act 10:44 While Kěpha was still speaking these words, the **Set-apart Spirit fell** upon all those hearing the word.
 Act 10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kěpha, **because the gift of the Set-apart Spirit had been poured out on the nations also,**
 Act 10:46 for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. Then Kěpha answered,
 Act 10:47 “Is anyone able to forbid water, that these should not be immersed who have received the Set-apart Spirit – even as also we?”
 Act 10:48 And he **commanded them to be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah.** Then they asked him to remain a few days.

That is worth repeating! And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kěpha, because the gift of the Set-apart Spirit **had been poured out on the nations also,** for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. HalleluYAH!

Acts 11-1-18

Peter Reports to the Assembly

Act 11:1 **And the emissaries and brothers who were in Yehudāh heard that the nations also received the word of Elohim.**
 Act 11:2 **And when Kěpha went up to Yerushalayim,** those of the circumcision were contending with him,
 Act 11:3 saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!”

Peter recounts what had taken place with Cornelius to the brethren in Judah. At first, they question his conduct; but then realize that YHWH has also given the Set-apart Spirit to the nations and they praise Elohim.

Act 11:4 But Kěpha began and set it forth in order, saying:

Act 11:5 “I was in the city of Yapho praying. And in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending like a great sheet, let down from the heaven by four corners, and it came to me.

Act 11:6 “Having looked into it, I perceived and I saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping *creatures*, and the birds of heaven.

Act 11:7 “And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise up, Kěpha, slay and eat.’

Act 11:8 “But I said, ‘Not at all, Master! Because whatever is common or unclean has never entered into my mouth.’

Act 11:9 “And the voice answered me again from the heaven, ‘What Elohim has cleansed you do not consider common.’

Act 11:10 “And this took place three times, and all were drawn up again into the heaven.

Act 11:11 “And see, immediately three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

Act 11:12 “And the Spirit said to me to go with them, not doubting at all. And these six brothers also went with me, and we went into the man’s house.

Act 11:13 “And he told us how he had seen a messenger standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Yapho, and call for Shim'on who is also called Kěpha,

Act 11:14 who shall speak to you words, by which you shall be saved, you and all your house.’

Act 11:15 “And as I began to speak, the Set-apart Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

Act 11:16 “And I remembered the word of the Master, how He said, ‘Yohanan indeed immersed in water, but you shall be immersed in the Set-apart Spirit.’

Act 11:17 “So if Elohim gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Master יהושע Messiah, how was I able to withstand Elohim?”

Act 11:18 And having heard this, they were silent, and praised Elohim, saying, “Then Elohim has indeed also given to the nations repentance to life.”^a Footnote: ^aSee Act 10:35.

Act 15:19 “Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the nations who are turning to Elohim,

Act 15:20 but that we write to them to

1. abstain from the defilements of idols,^a
2. and from whoring,^b
3. and from what is strangled,^c
4. and from blood.^d Footnotes: ^a [Exo 22:20](#), [Lev 17:7](#), [Deu 32:17](#), [Deu 32:21](#), [1Co 10:14](#), [1Co 10:20-21](#). ^b [Num 25:1-3](#), [Lev 17:7](#). ^c [Gen 9:4](#), [Eze 33:25](#) (Strangled - One way of eating meat with blood) [Pro 21:25](#). ^d [Lev 17:10-14](#).

Act 15:21 “For from ancient generations Mosheh has, in every city, those proclaiming him – being read in the congregations every Sabbath.”

James reasons with the council based on what had been shared by Peter and what was supported by the Scriptures in Amos. He sets down four guidelines for the nation people to follow and the rest they would learn as they gathered and heard the Scriptures read every Sabbath.

Ephesians 2

¹ And you were dead in trespasses and sins,^a

² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,^a

³ among whom also we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, as also the rest.

⁴ But Elohim, who is rich in compassion, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah – by favour you have been saved –

⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavnlies in Messiah יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, *Where do we sit?*


⁷ in order to show in the coming ages the exceeding riches of His favour in kindness toward us in Messiah יְהוֹשֻׁעַ.

⁸ For by favour you have been saved, through belief, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Elohim,

⁹ it is not by works, so that no one should boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah יְהוֹשֻׁעַ unto good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

*Who are we?
Where do we sit?*



Romans 11:17-24

17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, have been grafted in among them, and came to share the root and fatness of the olive tree,

18 do not boast against the branches. And if you boast, remember: you do not bear the root, but the root bears you!

19 You shall say then, "The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."

20 Good! By unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by belief. Do not be arrogant, but fear.

21 For if Elohim did not spare the natural branches, He might not spare you either.

22 See then the kindness and sharpness of Elohim: on those who fell sharpness, but toward you kindness, if you continue in His kindness, otherwise you also shall be cut off.

23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, shall be grafted in, for Elohim is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Ephesians 2 - continued - Who are we?

11 Therefore remember that you, once gentiles in the flesh, who are called 'the uncircumcision' by what is called 'the circumcision' made in the flesh by hands,

12 that at that time you were without Messiah, excluded from the citizenship of Yisra'el and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no expectation and without Elohim in the world.

13 But now in Messiah יהושע you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah.

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

15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity – the Torah of the commands in dogma – so as to create in Himself one renewed man from the two, thus making peace,

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

17 And having come, He brought as Good News peace to you who were far off, and peace to those near.

18 Because through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,^a

20 having been built upon the foundation of the emissaries and prophets, יהושע Messiah Himself being chief corner-stone,

21 in whom all the building, being joined together, grows into a set-apart Dwelling Place in יהוה,

22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of Elohim in the Spirit.

Isaiah 14:1

1 Because יהוה has compassion on Ya'aqov□, and shall again choose Yisra'el,^a and give them rest in their own land. And the strangers shall join them, and they shall cling to the house of Ya'aqov□.^b Footnotes: ^aSee [Isa 45:17](#), [Jer 30:11](#), [Jer 46:28](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Amo 9:8](#), [Zec 1:16-17](#), [Zec 2:10-12](#), [Joe 3:16](#). ^bSee [Isa 56:6-8](#) and [Isa 60:3](#), [Amo 9:12](#), [Zec 2:11](#), [Zec 8:23](#), [Rom 11:17-24](#), [Rev 21:24](#).

Gal 6:13 For those who are circumcised do not even watch over the Torah, but they wish to have you circumcised so that they might boast in your flesh.

Gal 6:14 And for me, let it not be that I should boast except in the stake of our Master יהושע Messiah, through whom the world has been impaled to me, and I to the world.

Gal 6:15 For in Messiah יהושע neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but a **renewed [new] creature.**^a Footnote: ^aSee [1Co 7:19](#), [Rom 2:26-29](#), and [2Co 5:17](#).

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Other Torah Portion Readings:

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Galatians 2:11-16

Hebrews 7:1-8:6

1 Peter 1:14-16