

**Week 50: 'When you enter' Ki Tavo** Deut. 26:1-29:9 ~ Isaiah 60 ~ Matthew 13:1-23 ~ Matt. 25 ~ Luke 2:1-4 ~ Acts 28:17-31 ~ Romans 11 ~ Ephesians 1:3-6 ~ James 1 ~ James 2



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## Deuteronomy 26

**Deu 26:1** “And it shall be, when you come into the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance, and you **possess it** and **dwell in it**,

Today, we too must **enter the promise land** YHWH has given us as our inheritance. We too must **possess it** and **dwell in it**. Because of what Yahusha did for us through the New Melchizedek Covenant Confirming Gospel message, we have entered His kingdom. He has made us a kingdom of priests of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

Jer 3:14 “Return, O backsliding children,” declares יהוה, “for I shall rule over you, and shall take you, **one from a city** and **two from a clan**,<sup>a</sup> and shall bring you to Tsiyon. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Isa 27:12.

Isa 27:12 And in that day it shall be that יהוה threshes, from the channel of the River to the wadi of Mitsrayim. **And you shall be gathered one by one,<sup>a</sup> O children of Yisra’ël**. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Jer 3:14-15.

Isa 27:13 And in that day it shall be that **a great shophar is blown**, and those who were perishing in the land of Ashshur and the outcasts in the land of Mitsrayim shall come, and shall worship יהוה on the set-apart mountain, in Yerushalayim.

We too have been gathered out of our own metaphorical ‘Egyptian slavery’ and now being awake, we have become part of His holy nation. One by one we have been gathered into Israel, his mixed multitude which makes up the **one new man** in Yahusha.

We don't want to just 'enter', we too must **possess His promises**. We too must learn to  **dwell in** His holy nation and live righteously. We too must take off our sandals (showing submission to His authority) for we are now standing on holy ground. He has given us garments of white; without spot or blemish. To **possess and dwell**, we stay in Him; stay in His Word; and keep our covenant vows to Him, our Groom.

The following verses say it all. This is how we will carry out Deut. 26 today:

Isa 61:6 But you shall be called, 'Priests of יהוה,' 'Servants of our Elohim' shall be said of you. You shall consume the strength of the nations, and boast in their esteem.

Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame and reproach, they rejoice a second time in their portion. Therefore they **take possession a second time in their land, everlasting joy is theirs.**

Isa 61:8 "For I, יהוה, love right-ruling; I hate robbery for ascending offering. And I shall give their reward in truth, and make **an everlasting covenant with them.**

Isa 61:9 "And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples. All who see them shall acknowledge them, that **they are the seed יהוה has blessed."**

Isa 61:10 I greatly rejoice in יהוה, my being exults in my Elohim. For He has put garments of deliverance on me, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isa 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the seed to shoot up, so the Master יהוה causes righteousness and praise to shoot up before all the nations!

We bring to Him our first fruit offerings. We perform our priestly duties of spiritual offerings of praise and prayers. We are doers of His word and not hearers only. We are constantly in His Word so that we will have the mind of Yahusha and carry out the will of YHWH.

Daily we never forget the One that made it possible to partake of the promise given to Abraham. Daily we never forget the One that provides for us and watches over us. There is no better place to be than in Him.

We are making up the one new man. One from a city, two from a clan; worldwide we are being gathered. When the last one is gathered, we will be complete as Israel ~ His first born. Just as Israel is birthed in Rev. 12.

Exo 4:22 "And you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus said יהוה, **Yisra'el is My son, My first-born.**

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Hos 11:1 "When Yisra'el was a child, I loved him, and out of Mitsrayim I called My son.

Gal 3:26 For **you are all sons of Elohim through belief in Messiah יהושע**.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

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

**Gal 3:29** And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.

HalleluYah! Praise Him! Now as you read the rest of Deut. 26; you can envision what this chapter means to us in our day!

**Deu 26:2** that you shall take some of the **first of all the fruits** of the soil which you bring from your land that יהוה your Elohim is giving you, and shall put it in a basket and go to the place where יהוה your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell there.

**Deu 26:3** “And you shall come to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I shall declare today to יהוה your Elohim that I have come to the land which יהוה swore to our fathers to give us.’

**Deu 26:4** “And the priest shall take the basket from your hand and place it before the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim.

**Deu 26:5** “And you shall answer and say before יהוה your Elohim, ‘My father was a perishing Aramean, and he went down to Mitsrayim and sojourned there with few men. And there he became a nation, great, mighty, and numerous.

**Deu 26:6** But the Mitsrites [Egyptians] did evil to us, and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us.

**Deu 26:7** Then we cried out to יהוה Elohim of our fathers, and יהוה heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression.

**Deu 26:8** And יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim [Egypt] with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, with great fear and with signs and wonders.

**Deu 26:9** And He brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey.”

**Deu 26:10** And now, see, I have brought the first-fruits of the land which You, O יהוה, have given me.’ Then you shall place it before יהוה your Elohim, and bow down before יהוה your Elohim,

**Deu 26:11** and shall **rejoice in all the good which יהוה your Elohim has given to you** and your house, you and the Lēwite and the stranger who is among you.

**Deu 26:12** “When you have completed tithing all the tithe of your increase in the third year, which is **the year of tithing**, and have given it to the Lēwite, to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, and they have eaten within your gates and have been satisfied,

Adam Clarke Commentary: **The third year, which is the year of tithing** - This is supposed to mean the third year of the seventh or Sabbatical year, in which the tenths were to be given to the poor. See the law, Deu 14:28. But from the letter in both these places it would appear that the tithe was for the Levites, and that this tithe was drawn only once in three years.

**Deu 26:13** then you shall say before יהוה your Elohim, ‘I have put away the set-apart portion from my house, and also have given it to the Lēwite, and to the stranger, and to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your command which You have commanded me. I have not transgressed Your commands, nor have I forgotten.

**Deu 26:14** I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for any unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. **I have obeyed the voice of יהוה my Elohim, I have done according to all that You have commanded me.**

Deu 26:15 Look from Your set-apart dwelling place, from the heavens, and bless Your people Yisra'el and the land which You have given us, as You swore to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey."

Deu 26:16 **"Today יהוה your Elohim is commanding you to do these laws and right-rulings. And you shall guard and do them with all your heart and with all your being.**

Deu 26:17 "You have today caused יהוה to proclaim to be your Elohim, and to walk in His ways and guard His laws, and His commands, and His right-rulings, and to obey His voice.

Deu 26:18 "And יהוה has caused you to proclaim today to be His people, a treasured possession, as He has spoken to you, and to guard all His commands,

Deu 26:19 so **as to set you high above all nations which He has made, for a praise, and for a name, and for esteem, and for you to be a set-apart people to יהוה your Elohim, as He has spoken.**

## Deuteronomy 27

Before we discuss Deuteronomy 27, let us get our bearings on the location of where the people would be arriving after crossing the Jordan into the promise land. To do so we will be going back to the days of Abraham.

Gen 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the beings whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for **the land of Kena'an**. And they came to the land of Kena'an.

Gen 12:6 And Abram passed through the land to the **place of Shekem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh**. At that time the Kena'anites were in the land.

Gen 12:7 And יהוה appeared to Abram and said, "To your seed I give this land." And he built there a slaughter-place to יהוה, who had appeared to him.

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Gen 15:13 And He said to Abram, "Know for certain that your seed are to be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them, and they shall afflict them four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 "But the nation whom they serve I am going to judge, and afterward let them come out with great possessions.

Gen 15:15 "Now as for you, you are to go to your fathers in peace, you are to be buried at a good old age.

Gen 15:16 "**Then, in the fourth generation they shall return here**, for the crookedness of the Amorites is not yet complete."

Where would they return? **They would return to the land of Shekem [Shechem], the land of the Canaanites, by the oaks of Moreh.**

Shechem laid between the two mountains of Ebal and Gerizim. It formed a natural amphitheater. This was in the land of Canaan across the Jordan that the people would be crossing to enter the promise land. **This was the same place Abram had also built a slaughter place to YHWH.** Now over 400 years later Israel would be entering the land YHWH promised to Abraham.

There had been a 4 generational (or 400 years) waiting period for the iniquity of the Amorites to be complete or full. YHWH keeps His eye on the iniquity of each nation. When iniquity reaches the tipping point, He acts. Today, nations should be mindful of this! He is the ‘avenger of blood.’ (Deut. 19:6; Num. 35:19)



Mts. Gerizim and Ebal

Located between Mt. Gerizim (left) and Mt. Ebal (right) Shechem is preeminent in the biblical record, beginning with God's promise of the land to Abraham.

Later Jacob would return here with his family and settle shortly. During the Conquest, the twelve tribes gathered on these two hills to recite God's Law and the blessings and curses that accompanied obedience and disobedience.

In Deuteronomy 27, Moses is instructing the people what they were to do when they crossed over the Jordan and entered the land of Canaan. They were to set up large stones covered in plaster with the Words of this Torah [Law] written on them. The words were to be written clearly and plainly. This was to be done so they would enter the promise land flowing with milk and honey.

They were to set up the stones on Mt. Ebal and build a slaughter place to YHWH, but they were not to use any iron tool on them. The altar was to be made with unhewn stone. They were then to offer to YHWH an ascending offering and slaughtered peace offerings.

Six tribes were to stand on Mt. Gerizim to bless the people and six tribes were to stand on Mt. Ebal to curse. The blessing and curses are recorded below. The Book of the Law brought curses if disobeyed; and blessings if obeyed.

Today, walking in covenant we are blessed. Does that mean we never mess up? No, but when we do, we repent and turn from that sin, and we are forgiven. We are saved by grace through faith.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of YHWH*: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Deu 27:1** And Mosheh, with the elders of Yisra'ël, commanded the people, saying, "Guard all the commands which I am commanding you today.

**Deu 27:2** "And it shall be, on the day when you pass over the Yardĕn to the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and plaster them with plaster,

**Deu 27:3** and write on them all the Words of this Torah, when you have passed over, so that you go into the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' as יהוה Elohim of your fathers has spoken to you.

**Deu 27:4** "And it shall be, when you have passed over the Yardĕn, that on Mount Ĕybal you set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall plaster them with plaster,

**Deu 27:5** and build a slaughter-place to יהוה your Elohim there, a slaughter-place of stones – do not use an iron *tool* on them.

**Deu 27:6** "Build the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim with complete stones, and you shall offer ascending offerings on it to יהוה your Elohim,

**Deu 27:7** and shall slaughter peace *offerings*, and eat there, and rejoice before יהוה your Elohim.

**Deu 27:8** "And you shall write all the Words of this Torah on the stones – plainly and well."

### **Curses from Mount Ebal**

**Deu 27:9** And Mosheh and the priests, the Lĕwites, spoke to all Yisra'ël, saying, "Be silent and hear, O Yisra'ël: This day you have become the people of יהוה your Elohim,

**Deu 27:10** and you shall obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, and do His commands and His laws which I command you today."

**Deu 27:11** And Mosheh commanded the people on that day, saying,

**Deu 27:12** "These are to stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have passed over the Yardĕn: Shim'on, and Lĕwi, and Yehuḏah, and Yissasḵar, and Yosĕph, and Binyamin.

**Deu 27:13** "And these are to stand on Mount Ĕybal to curse: Re'ubĕn, Gaḏ, and Ashĕr, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

**Deu 27:14** "And the Lĕwites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Yisra'ël:

**Deu 27:15** Cursed is the man who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to יהוה, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amĕn!'

**Deu 27:16** Cursed is he who makes light of his father or his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amĕn!'

**Deu 27:17** Cursed is he who moves his neighbor's boundary.' And all the people shall say, 'Amĕn!'

**Deu 27:18** Cursed is he who misleads the blind in the way.' And all the people shall say, 'Amĕn!'

**Deu 27:19** Cursed is he who twists the right-ruling of the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

**Deu 27:20** Cursed is he who lies with his father’s wife, because he has uncovered his father’s bed.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

**Deu 27:21** Cursed is he who lies with any beast.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

**Deu 27:22** Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

**Deu 27:23** Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

**Deu 27:24** Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor secretly.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

**Deu 27:25** Cursed is he who takes a bribe to strike an innocent being.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

**Deu 27:26** Cursed is he who does not establish the Words of this Torah.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Aměn!’

### **Deuteronomy 28:1-19**

**Deu 28:1** “And it shall be, if you diligently obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to guard to do all His commands which I command you today, that יהוה your Elohim shall set you high above all nations of the earth.

**Deu 28:2** “And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim:

**Deu 28:3** “Blessed are you in the city, and blessed are you in the field.

**Deu 28:4** “Blessed is the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your livestock – the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

**Deu 28:5** “Blessed is your basket and your kneading bowl.

**Deu 28:6** “Blessed are you when you come in, and blessed are you when you go out.

**Deu 28:7** “יהוה causes your enemies who rise against you to be smitten before your face – they come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

**Deu 28:8** “יהוה commands the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and shall bless you in the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.

**Deu 28:9** “יהוה does establish you as a set-apart people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim and walk in His ways.

**Deu 28:10** “And all peoples of the earth shall see that the Name of יהוה is called upon you, and they shall be afraid of you.

**Deu 28:11** “And יהוה shall make you to have plenty of what is good, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land of which יהוה swore to your fathers to give you.

**Deu 28:12** “יהוה opens to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall lend to many nations, but you do not borrow.

**Deu 28:13** “And יהוה shall make you the head and not the tail. And you shall be only on top, and not be beneath, if you obey the commands of יהוה your Elohim, which I command you today, to guard and do.

**Deu 28:14** “And do not turn aside from any of the Words which I am commanding you today, right or left, to go after other mighty ones to serve them.

## Curses for Disobedience

**Deu 28:15** “And it shall be, if you do not obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to guard to do all His commands and His laws which I command you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you:

**Deu 28:16** "Cursed are you in the city, and cursed are you in the field.

**Deu 28:17** "Cursed is your basket and your kneading bowl.

**Deu 28:18** "Cursed is the fruit of your body and the fruit of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

**Deu 28:19** "Cursed are you when you come in, and cursed are you when you go out.

## Deuteronomy 29

Life is all about finding a relationship with the One true living Elohim; and Satan knows this. Throughout Biblical history, YHWH has proven to mankind, without a doubt, that He is the great I Am. Multiple eyewitness accounts attest to His mighty hand in setting the captives free then, and now.

YHWH was faithful in fulfilling every prophecy concerning Yahusha’s coming the first time; and He will be faithful to fulfill every prophecy of Yahusha’s second coming.

We must see that we too may cycle through the same challenges and/or hard-hearted moments that we have read about with the wilderness generation. As long as we sojourn on this earth, we will be surrounded by a wilderness of paganistic nations. This also provides us with abundant opportunities to witness for Him.

As in the days of Lot, there was much paganistic flaunting and alluring of YHWH’s people to ‘turn their hearts’ toward the lust of the eyes; the lust of the flesh; and the pride of life. The enemy in Lot’s region of Sodom and Gomorrah was so successful that there were not even ten righteous people among them!

Only when YHWH leads us, do our garments and sandals never wear out. When we are born anew in His Spirit, we become His new creation. Our very DNA make-up is then geared toward knowing Him more and more.

2Co 5:17 **Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a renewed creature – the old matters have passed away, see, all matters have become renewed!**<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup> Rom 6:2-22, Gal 2:20, Eph 4:22-24, Col 3:10, 1Jn 3:9-10.

2Co 5:18 **And all matters are from Elohim, who has restored us to favour with Himself through יהושע Messiah, and has given us the service of restoration to favour,**



2Co 5:19 that is, that Elohim was in Messiah restoring the world to favour unto Himself, not reckoning their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of restoration to favour.

2Co 5:20 Therefore we are envoys on behalf of Messiah, as though Elohim were pleading through us. We beg, on behalf of Messiah: Be restored to favour with Elohim.

Moses was instructing the next generation to be faithful; to be obedient; to stay with their first love; the One who led them out of captivity in Egypt.

**We too must heed this advice when entering His promised land!** Believers should see themselves as part of His holy nation. As stated in 2Co. 5:20, we are envoys, or ambassadors, here on earth on behalf of Messiah. Though we dwell on earth, it is no longer our home. We are His ambassadors on earth knowing that Yahusha HaMashiach lives in us through the power of the Holy Spirit!

In Revelation 2 & 3, YHWH gives us 7 possible conditions we may identify with in our walk of sanctification. We find these within the 7 messages He sent to the 7 assemblies. The goal is to follow the two patterns provided by the assemblies in Smyrna and Philadelphia and take heed to the warnings given to the other five assemblies. Believers make up the assemblies. Though we gather in homes or buildings, believers are the congregations; we are the assemblies. We are the living stones making up the New Jerusalem.

Below are my personal paraphrased take-aways for our day, that correlate to the messages given to the assemblies.

### 5 Warnings to Believers:

1. *Do not leave your first love in Yahusha HaMashiach. Be faithful and walk in the new Covenant Confirming Gospel message.*
2. *Come out of teachings that blend paganism with the profound teaching of YHWH's Word. Such teachings that disregard YHWH's feast days for pagan feast days; such as, but not limited to, eating pig at Ishtar[Easter] and the celebration of 'Tammuz' at 'Christmas'. Eating unclean foods play a large role in bringing upon YHWH's people the diseases and tumors of 'Egyptian' captivity.*

*The enemy promotes and advocates the eating of 'garbage' flesh. These unclean creatures were made to be scavengers and filters to clean bodies*

*of water and our environment; examples are pigs, clams, catfish, lobsters, crawfish, and other refuse eaters!*

*If we have the mind of Yahusha and follow His Word; we would know not to eat such; and not to participate in festivals that promote such! You are what you eat, and bad behavior corrupts good behavior.*

*Nicolaitan 'churches' that promote such 'potluck' unclean foods are not to be listened to or should repent. YHWH's Word should not be mixed with the added leaven of man-made traditions and beliefs. Come out of such a system!*

3. *Do not let the 'spirit of Jezebel' seduce you into the 'herd mentality' that gives ear to the whispers of the adulteress, saying it is okay to commit whoring and to eat food offered to idols. The 'spirit of Jezebel' is a seductress and can manifest in a man or a woman. These individuals are very charismatic in speech; but are very deadly or unhealthy to be yoked with.*
4. *Don't be captivated by the 'lights, show, and action' being hyped up and promoted in 'emerging churches.' They bask in the glory of men and do not esteem YHWH. They may have started out with good intentions, but their approach falls short before Elohim. YHWH encourages these assemblies to strengthen what remains and is about to die. They should return to their foundation in Him and get back on His path and not theirs.*
5. *Avoid being lukewarm when it comes to YHWH. This portrays the assembly that has pretty much turned into a 'social club' and views YHWH as an after-thought or sees Him as just 'one of the gang.' They think they have it all together. They think they are 'rich', but they are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.*

*Strengths or Commendations of Smyrna and Philadelphia that we should imitate in our walk follows:*

1. He should know and see our works produced by faith in Him, and also see the pressure and poverty we experience from stepping out of the 'herd mentality' of various man-made religions and worldly traditions. Pressure comes upon individuals from past memberships and associations with various 'churches and beliefs'; as well as from friends and family members that are critical of the change in our walk.

When we become zealous for His Word and for Him, we trigger the radar of the enemy and may come under persecution; even from those that declare themselves to be 'Jews' and are not.

2. When YHWH sees us walk in obedience to His Word; he sets before us an open door that no one can shut. The person may feel weakened due to the many rejections and hateful things said toward them in their walk of obedience; but these are the ones that will stand and not denied His Name.

The synagogue of Satan persecutes true believer that discover who they are in Yahusha; when they come to understand that they are the temple and that they are Israel. The enemy may demean true believers or disregard them as 'animals' or label them with classifications such as 'sheeple' or 'goyim.' These very ones will one day come and worship at the feet of YHWH's people.

No one should become laxed in their walk with YHWH. We must constantly guard His Word, lest we too stumble into disobedience. We should walk in patient endurance knowing His return draws nigh.

Let Deuteronomy speak to your heart as we today we walk in Covenant Torah. We now are saved by grace through faith.

**Deu 29:1** These are the words of the covenant which יהוה commanded Mosheh to make with the children of Yisra'el in the land of Mo'ab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.

**Deu 29:2** And Mosheh called all Yisra'el and said to them, "You yourselves saw all that יהוה did before your eyes in the land of Mitsrayim, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land.

**Deu 29:3** Your eyes saw the great trials, the signs, and those great wonders.

**Deu 29:4** "But יהוה has not given you a heart to know and eyes to see and ears to hear, till this day.

Deu 29:5 “And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. **Your garments** have not worn out on you, and **your sandals** have not worn out on your feet.

Deu 29:6 “You ate no bread and drank no wine nor strong drink, so that you might know that I am יהוה your Elohim.

Deu 29:7 “And when you came to this place, **Sihon sovereign of Heshbon** and **Og sovereign of Bashan** came out against us to battle, and we struck them,

Deu 29:8 and took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Re’uḇēnites, and to the Gaḏites, and to half the tribe of Menashsheh.

Deu 29:9 “**Therefore you shall guard the words of this covenant, and do them, so that you prosper in all that you do.**

Deu 29:10 “All of you are standing today before יהוה your Elohim: your leaders, your tribes, your elders and your officers, all the men of Yisra’ēl,

Deu 29:11 your little ones, your wives, and your sojourner who is in the midst of your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water,

Deu 29:12 so that you should enter into covenant with יהוה your Elohim, and into His oath, which יהוה your Elohim makes with you today,

Deu 29:13 **in order to establish you today as a people for Himself, and He Himself be your Elohim**, as He has spoken to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya’aqob.

Deu 29:14 “And not with you alone I am making this covenant and this oath,

Deu 29:15 but with him who stands here with us today before יהוה our Elohim, as well as with him who is not here with us today.

Deu 29:16 “For you know how we dwelt in the land of Mitsrayim and how we passed through the nations which you passed through,

Deu 29:17 and you saw their abominations and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were with them,

Deu 29:18 lest there should be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe, whose heart turns away today from יהוה our Elohim, to go and serve the mighty ones of these nations, lest there should be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood.

Deu 29:19 “And it shall be, when he hears the words of this curse, that he should bless himself in his heart, saying, ‘I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart,’ in order to add drunkenness to thirst.

Deu 29:20 “יהוה would not forgive him, but rather, the displeasure of יהוה and His jealousy shall burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book shall settle on him, and יהוה **shall blot out his name from under the heavens.**

Deu 29:21 “And יהוה shall separate him for evil, out of all the tribes of Yisra’ēl, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Torah.

Deu 29:22 “And the generation to come of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, shall say when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which יהוה has sent into it:

Deu 29:23 All its land is sulphur, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sedom and Amarah, Admah and Tseḇoyim, which יהוה overthrew in His displeasure and His wrath.’

Deu 29:24 “And all nations shall say, ‘Why has יהוה done so to this land? What does the heat of this great displeasure mean?’

Deu 29:25 “And it shall be said, ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of יהוה Elohim of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim.

Deu 29:26 And they went and served other mighty ones and bowed themselves to them, mighty ones that they did not know and that He had not given to them,

Deu 29:27 therefore the displeasure of יהוה burned against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book.

Deu 29:28 And יהוה uprooted them from their land in displeasure, and in wrath, and in great rage, and cast them into another land, as it is today.’

Deu 29:29 “The secret *matters* belong to יהוה our Elohim, but what is revealed belongs to us and to our children forever, to do all the Words of this Torah.

**Isaiah 60** The future glory of Israel is beautifully recorded in Isaiah 60. Israel will be victorious with Him. He has conquered death and darkness; in Him is light and there is no shadow.

1Co 2:9 But as it has been written, “**Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man what Elohim has prepared for those who love Him.**”  
Isa 64:4.

**Isa 60:1** “Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the esteem of יהוה has risen upon you.

Isa 60:2 “For look, **darkness covers the earth**, and **thick darkness the peoples**. But יהוה arises over you, and His esteem is seen upon you.

Isa 60:3 “**And the nations shall come to your light,<sup>a</sup> and sovereigns to the brightness of your rising. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Isa 60:19-20, Rev 21:23-24.**

Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it, for the esteem of Elohim lightened it, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Rev 21:24 And the nations, of those who are saved, **shall walk in its light,<sup>f</sup>** and the sovereigns of the earth bring their esteem into it. Footnote: <sup>f</sup>See Isa 60:3.

Isa 60:4 “Lift up your eyes all around and see: **all of them have gathered**, they have come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are supported on the side.

Isa 60:5 “Then **you shall see and be bright**, and **your heart shall throb and swell**, for the **wealth of the sea is turned to you**, the **riches of the nations come to you**.

Isa 60:6 “A stream of camels cover your land, the dromedaries of Midyan and Ēpah; all those from Sheḇa come, **bearing gold and incense, and proclaiming the praises of יהוה**.

Isa 60:7 “**All the flocks of Qēdar** are gathered to you, **the rams of Nebayoth serve you**; they come up for acceptance on My slaughter-place, and I embellish My esteemed House.

Rom 15:16 to be a servant of יהושע Messiah to the nations, with **the priestly duty of bringing the Good News of Elohim**, so that the offering of the nations becomes acceptable, set apart by the Set-apart Spirit.

Isa 60:8 “Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?”

Rev 7:9 After this I looked and saw a great crowd which no one was able to count, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and palm branches in their hands,

Rev 7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Deliverance belongs to our Elohim who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Isa 60:9 “Because the coastlands wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the Name of יהוה your Elohim, and to the Set-apart One of Yisra’ël, because He has adorned you.

Gen 10:2 The sons of Yapheth: Gomer, and Maḡoḡ, and Maḡai, and Yawan, and Tuḇal, and Mesheḡ, and Tiras.

Gen 10:3 And the sons of **Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Toḡarmah.**

Gen 10:4 And the sons of Yawan: Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Doḡanim.

Gen 10:5 **From these the coastland peoples** of the nations were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their clans, into their nations.

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Zep 2:11 יהוה shall be awesome to them, for He shall make all the mighty ones of the earth to shrivel, while all the coastlands of the nations bow down to Him, each one from his place.

Isa 60:10 “And the **sons of foreigners shall build your walls, and their sovereigns serve you.** For in My wrath I have stricken you, but in My delight I shall have compassion on you.

Isa 60:11 “And **your gates shall be open continually, they are not shut day or night, to bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their sovereigns in procession.**

Rev 21:25 And its gates shall not be shut at all by day, for night shall not be there.

Isa 60:12 “For the nation and the reign **that do not serve you shall perish,** and those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

Isa 60:13 “The esteem of Lebanon shall come to you, cypress, pine, and the box tree together, to embellish the place of My set-apart place. And I shall make the place of My feet esteemed.

Isa 60:14 “And **the sons of those who afflicted you come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall bow themselves at the soles of your feet. And they shall call you: City of יהוה, Tsiyon of the Set-apart One of Yisra’ël.**

Rev 3:9 “See, I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yehudim and are not, but lie. See, I am making them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Rev 3:12 “He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and My renewed Name.

Isa 60:15 “Instead of you being forsaken and hated, so that no one passes through you, **I shall make you an everlasting excellence, a joy of many generations.**

Isa 60:16 “And you shall suck the milk of the nations, and shall suckle the breast of sovereigns. And you shall know that I, יהוה, your Savior and your Redeemer, am the Mighty One of Ya'aqob.

Isa 60:17 “**Instead of bronze I bring gold, and instead of iron I bring silver, and bronze instead of wood, and iron instead of stones.** And I shall make your officers peace, and your magistrates righteousness.

Isa 60:18 “**Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor ruin within your borders.** And **you shall call your walls Deliverance, and your gates Praise.**

Isa 60:19 “No longer is the sun your light by day, nor does the moon give light to you for brightness, but יהוה shall be to you an everlasting light, and your Elohim your comeliness.

Isa 60:20 “No longer does your sun go down, nor your moon withdraw itself, for יהוה shall be your everlasting light, and **the days of your mourning shall be ended.**

Isa 60:21 “And your people, all of them righteous, shall inherit the earth forever – a branch of My planting, a work of My hands, to be adorned.

Isa 60:22 “The little shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation.<sup>b</sup> I, יהוה, shall hasten it in its time.” Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Isa 41:14](#), [Dan 2:34-44](#).

## Matthew 13:1-23

### The Parable of the Sower

**Mat 13:1** And on that day יהושע went out of the house and sat by the sea.

**Mat 13:2** And large crowds were gathered together to Him, so that He went into a boat and sat down. And all the crowd stood on the beach.

**Mat 13:3** And He spoke to them much in parables, saying, “See, the sower went out to sow.

**Mat 13:4** “And as he sowed, some indeed fell by the wayside, and the birds came and devoured them.

**Mat 13:5** “And others fell on rocky places, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

**Mat 13:6** “But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered.

**Mat 13:7** “And others fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them.

**Mat 13:8** “And others fell on good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some

sixty, some thirty.

**Mat 13:9** “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

The seed is the Word. The Word is cast among the people and like seed for agricultural crops; some yields are high, moderate, low, and then others yield nothing. It has everything to do with the condition and preparation of the soil; the heart. Yahusha explains this parable in verses 18-23 below.

### The Purpose of the Parables

**Mat 13:10** And the taught ones came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

**Mat 13:11** And He answering, said to them, **“Because it has been given to you to know the secrets of the reign of the heavens,<sup>a</sup> but to them it has not been given.<sup>b</sup>**

Footnotes: <sup>a</sup>Mattithyahu uses the word “heaven(s)” as an euphemism for the Name or designation of the Father, while [Mar 4:11](#) and [Luk 8:10](#) use the Father’s Name/designation. <sup>b</sup>See also [Mar 4:33-34](#).

**Question:** Why do you speak in parables?

**Answer:** Because it has been given to you to KNOW the secrets of the reign of the heavens [or Elohim], but to them it has not been given.

**Mat 13:12** **“For whoever possesses, to him more shall be given,** and he shall have overflowing; but whoever does not possess, **even what he possesses shall be taken away from him.<sup>c</sup>** Footnote: <sup>c</sup>Compare footnote at [Luk 8:18](#).

This reminds us to not only ‘ dwell ’ in the promised land but to ‘possess.’ To dwell is to profess belief in Yahusha HaMashiach yet remain on the ‘milk’ of the Word; but to possess is to daily grow in reading His Word; developing His way of thinking; and become doers of the Word which is pleasing to Him.

**Mat 13:13** “Because of this I speak to them in parables, because **seeing they do not see,** and **hearing they do not hear,** nor do they understand.

**Mat 13:14** “And in them the prophecy of Yeshayahu is completely filled, which says, **‘Hearing you shall hear and by no means understand, and seeing you shall see and by no means perceive,**

**Mat 13:15** **for the heart of this people has become thickened, and their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed,** lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their heart, and



**turn back, and I heal them.’ [Isa 6:9-10](#).**

**Mat 13:16** “And **blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear,**

**Mat 13:17** for truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous ones longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Believers in Yahusha are [immeasurably blessed](#) to have eyes to see and ears to hear!

### The Parable of the Sower Explained

**Mat 13:18** “You, then, hear the parable of the sower:

**Mat 13:19** “When anyone hears the word of the reign, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is that sown by the wayside.

**Mat 13:20** “And that sown on rocky places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

**Mat 13:21** yet he has no root in himself, but is short-lived, and when pressure or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

**Mat 13:22** “And that sown among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the worry of this age and the deceit of riches choke the word, **and it becomes fruitless.**<sup>d</sup> **Footnote: [d Luk 21:34, 2Ti 3:4](#).**

**Mat 13:23** “**And that sown on the good soil is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields – some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”**

## Matthew 25

### The Parable of the Ten Virgins

**Mat 25:1** “Then the **reign of the heavens** shall be **compared to ten maidens** who took their lamps and **went out to meet the bridegroom.**

**Mat 25:2** “And **five of them were wise, and five foolish.**

**Mat 25:3** “Those who were foolish, having taken their lamps, **took no oil with them,**

**Mat 25:4** but the **wise** took oil in their containers with their lamps.

**Mat 25:5** “**Now while the bridegroom took time, they all slumbered and slept.**

**Mat 25:6** “And at midnight **a cry was heard, ‘See, the bridegroom is coming, go out to meet him!’**

Our common day term of ‘midnight’ was not used in historic biblical times. A phrase that may have been used would have been phrased ‘mid of night.’

Mat 25:7 “Then all those maidens rose up and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 “**And the foolish said to the wise**, ‘Give us of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’

Mat 25:9 “**But the wise answered, saying**, ‘No, indeed, there would not be enough for us and you. Instead, go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

Mat 25:10 “And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.**

Mat 25:11 “And later the other maidens also came, saying, ‘Master, Master, open up for us!’

Mat 25:12 “But he answering, said, **‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’**

Mat 25:13 “Watch therefore, because you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Adam is coming,

Five of the maidens thought they were ‘ready enough’; but they were not. They were not prepared for His return; they had a ‘head’ knowledge of Him but not a heart set-apart to Him. Abiding in Him means a person will not run out of oil. Abiding in Him means that person’s life will grow brighter and brighter through the Ruach HaKodesh.

The more we stay in obedience to His Covenant Word; the more we will have the mind of Yahusha and do the will of the Father; therefore, His light in us burns bigger and brighter. Our goal is to have our Spirit man, the Ruach HaKodesh, grow so big and bright within us that there is very little space for our fleshly soul realm.

The Door leading to the Bridegroom is presently open. Now, is the time to be set-apart to Him and to Him only. Now, is the time to receive a fresh anointing of freshly pressed pure oil. When the bridegroom shuts the door; then it is too late.

### The Parable of the Talents

Mat 25:14 for it is like a man going from home, who called his own servants and delivered his possessions to them.

Mat 25:15 “And to **one he gave five talents**, and to **another two**, and **to another one**, to each according to his own ability, and went from home.

Mat 25:16 “And he who had received the five talents went and worked with them, and made another five talents.

Mat 25:17 “In the same way, he with the two also, he gained two more.

Mat 25:18 “But he who had received the one went away and dug in the ground, and hid the silver of his master.

Mat 25:19 “And **after a long time** the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Mat 25:20 “And he who had received **five talents came and brought five other talents**, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents. See, I have gained five more talents besides them.’

Mat 25:21 “And his master said to him, ‘**Well done, good and trustworthy servant.** You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Mat 25:22 “Then he who had received **two talents came and said, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents. See, I have gained two more talents besides them.’**

Mat 25:23 “His master said to him, ‘**Well done, good and trustworthy servant.** You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Mat 25:24 “And the one who had received the one talent also came and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed,

Mat 25:25 and being afraid, I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’

Mat 25:26 “And his master answering, said to him, ‘**You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.**

**Mat 25:27 Then you should have put my silver with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.**

**Mat 25:28 Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to him who possesses ten talents.**

Mat 25:29 ‘For to everyone **who possesses**, more shall be given, and he shall have overflowing; but from **him who does not possess**, even what he possesses shall be taken away.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Luk 8:18](#).

Mat 25:30 **And throw the worthless servant out into the outer darkness – there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’**

There is a difference between dwelling in the promise land and possessing the promise land. The 12 tribes that entered the Promised Land were not only to dwell there but to possess the land. We too must possess what YHWH has given us. He has given us His priceless gift on His altar outside the camp, not to keep it to ourselves or hide it from others; but to share the Good News of the Covenant Confirming Gospel Message of LIFE!

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.

Heb 13:14 For we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one coming.

### The Final Judgment

Mat 25:31 “And when the Son of Adam comes in His esteem, and all the set-apart messengers with Him, then He shall sit on the throne of His esteem.

Mat 25:32 “And all the nations shall be gathered before Him, and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 “And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 “Then the Sovereign shall say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the reign prepared for you from the foundation of the world

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Who does it say will speak to His sheep, the set-apart ones, on His right hand? The Sovereign. Yes, Yahusha returns as King of kings, and Master of master to gather His sheep.

Mat 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food,

- I was thirsty and you gave Me drink,
- I was a stranger and you took Me in,
- Mat 25:36 was naked and you clothed Me,
- I was sick and you visited Me,
- I was in prison and you came to Me.’

Mat 25:37 “Then the righteous shall answer Him, saying, ‘Master, when did we see You hungry and we fed *You*, or thirsty and gave *You* to drink?’

Mat 25:38 And when did we see You a stranger and took *You* in, or naked and clothed *You*?

Mat 25:39 And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and we came to You?’

Mat 25:40 “And the Sovereign shall answer and say to them,

- ‘Truly, I say to you, in so far as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’

**Mat 25:41** “He shall then also say to those on the left hand,

- ‘Go away from Me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his messengers –
- **Mat 25:42** for I was hungry and you gave Me no food,
- I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink,
- **Mat 25:43** I was a stranger and you did not take Me in,
- was naked and you did not clothe Me,
- sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

**Mat 25:44** “Then they also shall answer Him, saying, ‘Master, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not serve You?’

**Mat 25:45** “Then He shall answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, in so far as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’

**Mat 25:46** “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but **the righteous into everlasting life.**”

His kingdom of priests is to be about His kingdom work; to seek and to save that which is lost through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh; to reach out to the downtrodden; to help widows and orphans; to care for the sick; visit those in prison etc. We should be ever ready to share the Good News and give our personal testimony. We are His witnesses.

## **Luke 2:1-4**

### **The Widow's Offering**

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

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

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

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

**The Widow's Offering** – the widow’s offering showed great faith, hope, and love in YHWH. He knows everything about each person.

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

**Acts 28:17-31 Paul in Rome** – Paul continued to reach out to the Yehudim.

**Act 28:17** And it came to be **after three days** that Sha'ul called the leaders of the Yehudim together. And when they had come together, he said to them, “Men, brothers, though I have done none at all against our people or the practices of our fathers, I was delivered as a prisoner from Yerushalayim into the hands of the Romans,

**Act 28:18** who, when they had examined me, intended to let me go, because there was **no cause for putting me to death.**

**Act 28:19** “But the Yehudim spoke against it, and I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation against my nation.

**Act 28:20** “This therefore is the reason I called for you, to see you and speak with you. It is because of the expectation of Yisra'el that I am bound with this chain.”

**Act 28:21** And they said to him, “We neither received letters from Yehudah concerning you, nor have any of the brothers who came reported or spoken whatever wicked about you.

**Act 28:22** **“And we think it right to hear from you what you think, for indeed, concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere.”**

**Act 28:23** **And having appointed him a day, many came to him where he was staying, to whom he was explaining, earnestly witnessing about the reign of Elohim, and persuading them concerning יהושע from both the Torah of Mosheh and the Prophets, from morning until evening.**

**Act 28:24** And some indeed were persuaded by what was said, but some believed not.

**Act 28:25** And disagreeing with one another, **they began to leave, after Sha'ul had spoken one word,** “The Set-apart Spirit rightly spoke through Yeshayahu the prophet to our fathers,

The words of the prophet Isaiah were still ringing true and it was hard for them to swallow. Their people had turned away from YHWH and the nation people were turning to YHWH. We still pray for the Yehudim to have eyes to see and ears to hear. We still pray that they will soon say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the Name of YHWH.’

**Act 28:26** saying, **‘Go to this people and say, “Hearing you shall hear but by no means understand, and seeing you shall see but by no means perceive,**

**Act 28:27** **for the heart of this people has become thickened, and with their ears they heard heavily, and they have closed their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn back, and I should heal them.” ’** [Isa 6:9-10](#).

**Act 28:28** “Therefore let it be known to you that the deliverance of Elohim has been sent to the nations, and they shall hear!”

**Act 28:29** And when he had said these words, the Yehudim went away and had a great dispute among themselves.

**Act 28:30** And Sha’ul stayed two entire years

- in his own rented house, and
- was receiving all who came to him,
- **Act 28:31** proclaiming the reign of Elohim and
- teaching about the Master יהושע Messiah with all boldness, unhindered.

While in his first Roman imprisonment, ‘house arrest’, he writes the four ‘prison epistles.’ The dates are estimated.

YEAR AD	CHURCH EVENT	N.T. BOOK WRITTEN	WORLD EVENT
59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul in prison in Caesarea</li> <li>- Paul appears before Festus and King Herod Agrippa II (Acts 25,26)</li> <li>- Paul appeals to Caesar in Rome (25:11) so Paul is sent to Rome by Festus (25:12) and Agrippa (26:32)</li> <li>- In an attempt to beat the coming winter a ship of prisoners leaves for Rome (Acts 27)</li> <li>- Paul advised the commanding centurion, Julius, to harbor at Fair Havens on Crete but they decided to go onto Phoenix. The ship was blown off course out into the Mediterranean Sea and crashed near Malta. (Acts 27:9-28:10)</li> </ul>		
60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul arrives in Rome and is allowed to live by himself with a Roman soldier to guard him (Acts 28:16)</li> </ul>	Paul writes <b>Ephesians</b> from Roman imprisonment	
61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul continues in Rome under house arrest.</li> </ul>	Paul writes <b>Philippians</b> from Roman imprisonment	
62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul continues in Rome under house arrest</li> <li>- Peter comes to Rome and writes <i>First Peter</i></li> <li>- Paul is released from Roman imprisonment.</li> <li>- Paul either leaves for Spain or first visits Philippi and Corinth along with other churches in Achaia and Macedonia.</li> <li>- Paul writes Timothy a letter. Timothy is in Ephesus and Paul may have written it from Macedonia.</li> <li>- Paul leaves for Spain</li> </ul>	Paul writes <b>Colossians</b> and <b>Philemon</b> from Roman imprisonment Peter writes <b>First Peter</b> from Rome Paul writes <b>First Timothy</b> from Macedonia	

5 years in prison this go around

## Romans 11 Teaching Commentary on Romans 11 by Matthew Nolan

Who are the people of Yah? Shaul/Paul understood that there was a seamless priestly garment that was a covering for all of Israel. One Messiah, One Covenant, One People. Yahuwah will prune and graft in, but will always be focused on the branches of Israel, rooted in Yahusha.

### The Remnant of Israel

**Rom 11:1** I say then, has Elohim rejected His people? Let it not be! For I also am of Yisra’el, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Binyamin.

Chapter 11. details Israel’s current rebellious status and brings to light a related “gentile problem” that was rearing its ugly head in the congregation after the Edict of Claudius had

ended, and Jews were returning to Rome to find the synagogue landscape transformed into a gentile/say believing ‘10 Israel’ one; no longer an unregenerate Jewish one.

Some gentiles/Ephraimites were tempted to believe that because most of the Jews had rejected the Gospel, יהוה had rejected them and replaced them with a new people, and a faith not patterned after the Torah.

Paul condemns this thought and in turn brings forth the revelation that was hidden from the Prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 4).

**Rom 11:2 Elohim has not rejected His people** [Psa 94:14](#) whom He knew beforehand. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Ĕliyahu, how he pleads with Elohim against Yisra’el, saying,

**Rom 11:3 “יהוה, they have killed Your prophets and overthrown Your slaughter-places, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”?** [1Ki 19:10](#), [1Ki 19:14](#).

The majority of theologians draw the faulty conclusion that יהוה has abandoned Israel for a new gentile church, abandoned the OT for the NT and abandoned law for grace.

**1 Samuel 12:22 For יהוה will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because יהוה has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.**

**Psalms 94.14 For יהוה will not abandon His people, nor nor will He forsake His inheritance** (Israel YHWH’s inheritance – Psalms 78.71, Isaiah 19.25, Jeremiah 10.16).

**Amos 3.2 You (Israel) only have I chosen among all the families of the earth, therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.**

Punishment by pruning the tree almost bare; devoid of branches – branches are often time symbolic of people in scripture.

**Rom 11:4** But what does the answer of *Elohim* say to him? **“I have left for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Ba’al.”** [1Ki 19:18](#).

**Rom 11:5** So therefore also, at this present time a remnant according to the choice of favor has come to be.

**Rom 11:6** And if by favor, it is no longer of works, otherwise favor is no longer favor. And if it is of works, it is no longer favor, otherwise work is no longer work.

V. 6 the adverb ‘ouketi’ ‘no more’ and the TNIV! (Today’s NIV)

TNIV V. 6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works, if it were, grace would no longer be grace. (i.e. “there was once a time when YHWH’s grace could be earned by human action!”)



Redemption could never be acquired by human action in the Tanakh. This verse isn't setting up a dichotomy of works and grace, law and grace as is falsely taught. Once there was works but NOW there's grace. 'Ouketi' exposes this false construct immediately.

'Ouketi' 'no more' doesn't mean 'no more' as in it once used to be and now it's 'no more' as in temporarily.

'Ouketi' is a marker of inference in a logical process, like 'NOT'. Paul's communicating that even the remnant in the time of Elijah were the remnant based upon grace 'NOT' works. **Works never made a person inclusive of the redeemed, ever!**

Logical force/Not Vs. temporal force/no more/used to be!

Now the words 'proginosko' 'foreknowledge' and 'eklogē' 'election' can push some of you into wanting to debate Calvinism and Arminianism, the choosing of some individuals for salvation and some for damnation.....

..... the context is the corporate election of Israel – the people as a whole.

Foreknowledge is talking about the nation NOT the foreordination of individuals to salvation – a 16th Century construct.

**Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Master how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Yahusha saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**

7000 is representative of forgiving one's offender (here יהוה is the offended party and Israel the offender about to be pruned off the tree) but יהוה is willing to forgive Israel up to seventy times seven.

Forgiveness is given to the self-multiplying seed of Jacob/Israel – YHWH's never-ending mercy toward His people seeking repentance and restoration with him.

**Rom 11:7** What then? Yisra'el has not obtained what it seeks, but the chosen did obtain it, and the rest were hardened.

**Rom 11:8** As it has been written, **"יהוה has given them a spirit of deep sleep, eyes not to see and ears not to hear, unto this day."** [Deu 29:4](#), [Isa 29:10](#).

**Rom 11:9** Dawid also says, **"Let their table become for a snare, and for a trap, and for a stumbling-block and a recompense to them,**

**Rom 11:10** **let their eyes be darkened, not to see, and bow down their back always."** [Psa 69:22-23](#).

The remnant isn't Judah: Amos 5:15 it's Joseph alluding to Genesis 45:7 and יהוה is willing to prune the tree bare and burn the branches (Amos 5:6) if it means the restoration and return of all Israel.

Remnant and election theology can't be divorced from the nation and fought out amongst individuals (Calvinism Arminianism).

If Israel exists solely because of YHWH's mercy and kindness to them, then even the remnant can expect to receive that same mercy and kindness in return for repentance.

**Ezekiel 16:1 and say, thus says יהוה to Jerusalem: 'Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite; your father was an Amorite, your mother was a Hittite. As for your birth, on the day you were born your umbilical cord was not cut nor were you washed in water for cleansing. You were never rubbed with salt nor were you swaddled at all. No eye pitied you enough to do any of these things to you out of compassion. Instead you were cast out in the open field, for you were detested on the day you were born.'**

Hardening isn't an obstacle to Israel, but judgement on Israel.

### Gentiles Grafted In

[Rom 11:11](#) I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Let it not be! But by their fall deliverance has come to the nations, to **provoke them to jealousy.**

[Deu 32:21](#).

**Matthew 10:5** These twelve did Yahusha send forth, having given command to them, saying, 'To the way of the nations go not away, and into a city of the Samaritans go not in, and be going rather unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

**Matthew 15:22** and lo, a woman, a Canaanitess, from those borders having come forth, did call to him, saying, 'Deal kindly with me, Sir—Son of David; my daughter is miserably demonized.' And he did not answer her a word; and his disciples having come to him, were asking him, saying—'Let her away, because she crieth after us;' (Judah sends Ephraim away) and he answering said, 'I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' And having come, she was bowing to him, saying, 'Sir, help me;' and he answering said, 'It is not good to take the children's bread, and to cast to the little dogs.(It's not to take the children of Israel's bread – the Torah and cast it before the gentiles; they'll stigmatize it) 'And she said, 'Yes, sir, for even the little dogs do eat of the crumbs that are falling from their Masters' table;' then answering, Yahusha said to her, 'O woman, great is thy faith, let it be to thee as thou wilt;' and her daughter was healed from that hour.

The teachings from the Torah may often be wasted on those at home in the nations, it's not good to take it away from the children of Israel unless it's requested by one from the nations by faith and hearing...isn't that the truth!

Ultimately deliverance was meant for Israel, the nation, but they failed to receive it. Individuals did accept it but the majority, including the establishment didn't.

Judaism, Messianic Judaism, Christianity are all part of a theological establishment!

**It's the individuals from their midst the Spirit is drawing into the remnant priesthood.**

**Rom 11:12** And if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the nations, how much more their completeness!

V. 12 'Pleroma' 'fullness', 'completion.'

Are we talking?

1. Qualitative? ... or
2. Quantitative?

Quantitative – a full number, a full quota which is the answer to Israel's rebellion and defeat – her full restoration.

'Pleroma' isn't supporting predestination of individuals to salvation. It's not used to describe a set number of the elect, rather a full, large number or the Great Multitude that are numbered from all 12 tribes of Israel fully grafted in from the nations, peoples, tribes and tongues Revelation 7 – the planting of Israel!

**Rom 11:13** For I speak to you, the nations, inasmuch as I am an emissary to the nations, I esteem my service,

**Rom 11:14** if somehow I might **provoke to jealousy** [Deu 32:21](#) *those who are my flesh and save some of them.*

**Rom 11:15** For if their casting away is the restoration to favor of the world, what is their acceptance but life from the dead?

**Rom 11:16** Now if the first-fruit is set-apart, the lump is also. And if the root is set-apart, so are the branches.

The lump is the Numbers 15:18 heave offering.

The root is Yahusha Revelation 22.16.

**Link to Romans 11 Part 1** - <https://www.torahtothetribes.com/teaching/romans-from-a-torah-covenant-perspective-chapter-11-part-1/>

## **Ephesians 1:3-6**

### **Spiritual Blessings in Messiah**

**Eph 1:3** Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master יהושע Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Messiah,

**Eph 1:4** even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that **we should be set-apart and blameless before Him, in love,**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [2Th 2:13](#).

**Eph 1:5** having previously ordained us to adoption as sons through יהושע Messiah to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His desire,

**Eph 1:6** to the praise of the esteem of His favour with which He favoured us in the Beloved,

## James 1

**“TSK Cross-reference Book of James Commentary:** James, the son of Alphaeus, the brother of Jacob, and the **near relation of our Lord**, called also James the Less, probably because he was of lower stature, or younger, than the other James, the son of Zebedee, is generally allowed to be the writer of this Epistle; and the few that have doubted this have assigned very slight reasons for their dissent, and advanced very weak arguments on the other side. It is recorded in ecclesiastical history, and the book of the Acts of the Apostles confirms the fact, that he generally resided at Jerusalem, superintending the churches in that city, and in the neighboring places, to the end of his life, which was terminated by martyrdom about A.D. 62. This epistle appears to have been written but a short time before his death; and it is probable that the sharp rebukes and awful warnings given in it to his countrymen excited that persecuting rage which terminated his life.”... (excerpt)

Though there are differences of opinions on who wrote the Book of James, the scales seem to tip **more in the favor of James the brother of Yahusha**, also called ‘James the Less’. Verse one makes it clear that whichever James it was, he was a servant of Yahusha HaMashiach, and he was **writing to the twelve tribes that had been dispersed**. This means, that his words are **a direct message to us**; for we as believers in Yahusha HaMashiach are **the remnant** that make up the twelve tribes that have been dispersed throughout the ages around the world; and those grafted in.

He wastes no time in getting to the point about dealing with persecution for one’s faith.

### Greeting

**Jas 1:1** **Ya'aqob, a servant of Elohim and of the Master יהושע Messiah, to the twelve tribes who are in the dispersion: Greetings.**

### Testing of Your Faith

**Jas 1:2** My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

**Jas 1:3** knowing that the proving of your belief works endurance.

**Jas 1:4** And let endurance have a perfect work, so that you be perfect and complete, lacking in naught.

**Jas 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of Elohim, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it shall be given to him.

Jas 1:6 But he should ask in belief, not doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

Jas 1:7 For that man should not think that he shall receive whatever from the Master –

Jas 1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Jas 1:9 And let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

Jas 1:10 but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he shall pass away.

Jas 1:11 For the sun rose with burning heat, and withered the grass, and its flower fell, and its pretty appearance perished. So also the rich man shall fade away in his ways.

Jas 1:12 **Blessed is the man who does endure trial, for when he has been proved, he shall receive the crown of life which the Master has promised to those who love Him.**

Jas 1:13 Let no one say when he is enticed, “I am enticed by Elohim,” for Elohim is not enticed by evil *matters*, and He entices no one.

Jas 1:14 But each one is enticed when he is drawn away by his own desires and trapped.

Jas 1:15 Then,

✚ when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin.

✚ And sin, when it has been accomplished, brings forth death.

Jas 1:16 Do not go astray, my beloved brothers.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, *with whom there is no change, nor shadow of turning.*<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Mal 3:6](#).

Jas 1:18 Having purposed it, He brought us forth by the **Word of truth**, for us to be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures.

### Hearing and Doing the Word

Jas 1:19 So then, my beloved brothers, let every man be

✚ swift to hear,

✚ slow to speak,

✚ slow to wrath,

Jas 1:20 **for the wrath of man does not work the righteousness of Elohim.**

Jas 1:21 Therefore **put away all filthiness and overflow of evil, and receive with meekness the implanted Word,**<sup>b</sup> which is able to save your lives. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Mat 13:4-23](#).

Jas 1:22 And **become doers of the Word, and not hearers only,**<sup>c</sup> deceiving yourselves.

Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See [Mat 7:24-27](#), [Luk 6:46-49](#), [Luk 8:21](#), [Rom 2:13](#), [Heb 4:11](#),

Rev 22:14.

**Jas 1:23** Because if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror,

**Jas 1:24** for he looks at himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what he was like.

**Jas 1:25** But he that looked into the **perfect Torah, that of freedom,<sup>d</sup>** and continues in it, not becoming a hearer that forgets, but a doer of work, this one shall be blessed in his doing of the Torah. Footnote: <sup>d</sup>See [Jas 2:12](#).

**Jas 1:26** If anyone among you **thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is worthless.**

**Jas 1:27** Clean and undefiled religion before the Elohim and Father is this:

- ✚ to visit orphans and widows in their affliction,
- ✚ *and* to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Thinking – Believing – Becoming – the battle begins in the mind; our thoughts. We should take every thought captive to see if it is from YHWH; from the enemy; or from our own fleshly desire. We should have the mind of Yahusha; do the will of YHWH; and be doers of His Word and not fulfill the lust of the flesh; the lust of the eyes; and the pride of life.

- ✚ He shares if anyone lacks wisdom, let Him ask YHWH for it; but not to ask in doubt but in belief.
- ✚ He shares that we should boast in Him and not the things of this world that are fading away along with the riches therein.
- ✚ Do not go astray. Stand fast.
- ✚ Be swift to hear; slow to speak; and slow to wrath; for wrath does not work the righteousness of Elohim.
- ✚ Put away all filthiness and the overflow of evil; receive His Word that gives life!
  
- ✚ Become doers of the Word and not hearers only. Doing His Word is much more challenging. He says not to deceive ourselves into thinking just by hearing the Word; we have 'arrived'. No, by doing His Word; we show the world we truly are a new creation and we remember it is no longer we that live but Yahusha HaMashiach that lives in us.

- ✚ When one achieves ‘doing’ Covenant Torah, one is blessed.
- ✚ Work diligently to think before speaking! Bridling the tongue is a lesson we will always try to achieve and improve on.
- ✚ Then James defines clean and undefiled religion before Elohim:
  - Jas 1:27 Clean and undefiled religion before the Elohim and Father is this: **to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.**

## James 2

James addresses a very important topic that is NOT to be found among the brethren: Partiality.

### The Sin of Partiality

**Jas 2:1 My brothers, do not hold the belief of our Master יהושע Messiah, the Master of esteem, with partiality.**

- ✚ Jas 2:2 For if there should come into your meeting place a man with gold rings, in a splendid robe, and there should also come in a poor one dressed in rags,
- ✚ Jas 2:3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the splendid robe and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor one, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here by my feet,”
- ✚ Jas 2:4 have you not discriminated among yourselves, and become judges with wicked thoughts?

**Jas 2:5 Listen, my beloved brothers:**

- ✚ Has Elohim not chosen the poor of this world, rich in belief and heirs of the reign which He promised to those who love Him?

Jas 2:6 But you have shown disrespect towards the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

Jas 2:7 Do they not blaspheme that good Name by which you are called?

**Jas 2:8 If you truly accomplish the sovereign law according to the Scripture,**

- ✚ “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself,**” [Lev 19:18](#) you do well,
- ✚ Jas 2:9 but **if you show partiality**, you commit sin, being found guilty by the Torah as transgressors.
- ✚ Jas 2:10 For whoever shall guard all the Torah, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

Jas 2:11 For He who said, “**Do not commit adultery,**” [Exo 20:14](#) also said, “**Do not murder.**” [Exo 20:13](#) Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of Torah.

Jas 2:12 *So speak and so do as those who are to be judged by a Torah of freedom.<sup>a</sup>*

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Jas 1:25](#) and [Joh 8:32-36](#).

**Jas 2:13 For the judgment is without compassion to the one who has shown no compassion.** And compassion boasts over judgment.

Here we see the dichotomy between the Book of the Law and the ‘Torah of freedom’ [the Book of the Covenant or Covenant Torah]. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> generation of believers partaking in the [restored reign](#) of the Melchizedek Priesthood. They, like us, were having to ‘unlearn’ the doctrines of man and the twisting of the true Scriptures. Awakening to truth and unlearning the lies is a process. This is what is meant ‘by getting the leaven out.’ Leaven is the false or inaccurately taught doctrine, that should be cleansed out of our lives; the Ruach HaKodesh dwells in us; we are the ‘priests’ of our temple. We are responsible for keeping our temple clean and in order with His Word.

### Faith Without Works Is Dead

**Jas 2:14 My brothers, what use is it for anyone to say he has belief but does not have works? This belief is unable to save him.**

We know other believers by their fruit, their works. If they have no fruit, then they must not have true belief. A believer produces fruit. [Belief and works](#) go hand in hand; but belief comes first thereby producing the fruit unto righteousness. It is by grace through faith (belief) that we are saved.

**Jas 2:15** And if a brother or sister is naked and in need of daily food,

**Jas 2:16** but one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” but you do not give them the bodily needs, what use is it?

**Jas 2:17** **So also belief, if it does not have works, is in itself dead.**

**Jas 2:18** But someone might say, “You have belief, and I have works.” Show me your belief without your works, and I shall show you my belief by my works.

**Jas 2:19** You believe that **Elohim is one.** [Deu 6:4](#) You do well. The demons also believe – and shudder!

**Jas 2:20** But do you wish to know, O foolish man, that the belief without the works is dead?

**Jas 2:21** Was not Abraham our father declared right by works when he offered Yitshaq his son on the slaughter-place?

**Jas 2:22** **Do you see that the belief was working with his works, and by the works the belief was perfected?**

**Jas 2:23** And the Scripture was filled which says, “**Abraham believed Elohim, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness.**” [Gen 15:6](#) And He called him, “**he who**



loves Elohim.” [Isa 41:8](#), [2Ch 20:7](#).

[Jas 2:24](#) You see, then, that **a man is declared right** by works, and not by belief alone.

[Jas 2:25](#) In the same way, was not **Rahab the whore also declared right by works** when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

[Jas 2:26](#) **For as the body without the spirit is dead, so also the belief is dead without the works.**

*Shabbat Shalom, Libby*