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Summaries and Insights by Libby Lingenfelter

We all know the saying, 'Ignorance is bliss.' We have all been there <u>prior to receiving Yahusha and learning His Word</u>. Sadly, this state of 'ignorant bliss' is the condition that most people exist. Most travel on the 'broad road' that leads to destruction [Matt. 7:13]. If a person has been raised only knowing what this world has to offer; then worldly ways become natural to them. They don't even understand that 'friendship with the world' is enmity with YHWH.

Jas 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that <u>friendship with the world is enmity with Elohim</u>?^a Whoever therefore intends to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of Elohim. Footnote: ^a Mat_13:22, Luk_4:5-6, Luk_14:33, Rom_12:2, 1Jn_2:15-17.

Jas 4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose? Does the Spirit which dwells in us intensely crave unto envy?

Jas 4:6 But He gives greater favour. Because of this He says, "Elohim resists the proud, but gives favour to the humble." Pro_3:34.

Jas 4:7 So then subject yourselves to Elohim. Resist the devil^b and he shall flee from you. Footnote: ^bOr adversary.

Jas 4:8 Draw near to Elohim and He shall draw near to you. Cleanse hands, sinners. And cleanse the hearts, you double-minded!

Others have been shared the Truth of His Word as explained through the 'Parable of the Sower' [Luke 11]; the 'seed' of His Word either fell on the wayside; or among the rocks; or among the thorns; and some on good soil. In Exodus, YHWH is working through Moses to cultivate 'good soil' within the hearts of His people so that His Word will be accepted and planted in their lives. His Word would become their lifeline. YHWH's desire is to remove the worldly weeds in their lives and our lives; and replace them with the fruitful seed of His Word.

First, there must be a sense of urgency and an awakening take place in each person. You would have thought the 'exodus experience' would have accomplished that feat. If a person had no food in their house and no access to a grocery store; they would have a 'sense of urgency' and be motivated to plant their own food. If their house was on fire, they would be motivated to flee. If a mighty storm was coming, they would be motivated to take shelter.

Well my friend, YHWH has known a mighty storm was coming ever since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden. This storm was different than the worst storm anyone could imagine! It was full of wickedness, evil, death, destruction, and perversion. YHWH saw creation go from 'bad to worse' in Genesis six when the 'sons of Elohim' mated with the women on earth and bore Nephilim. He regretted making man on earth and His heart was grieved.

Gen 6:6 And יהוה was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Let me show you a picture of this coming storm and know that there is only one refuge to escape its demise. Envision being alone and facing this beastly storm and <u>tell me who do</u> you think would win?

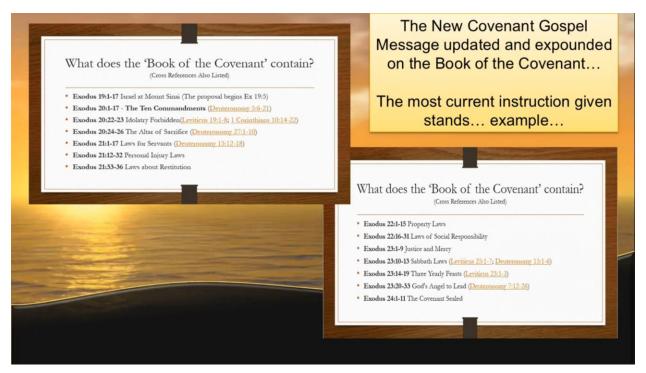




The only One who could defeat the storm surge of the dragon and beastly systems was YHWH, and He immediately activated His long strategic military campaign that would require Yahusha to lay down His life and take it back up again. Scarcely would one lay down their life for a friend; yet, He laid down His life for us while we were yet sinners existing in our 'ignorant worldly bliss.' Only by the washing of the Word can we free ourselves of worldly slavery and know 'who we are' and 'to whom we belong.' We are Israel, we are His firstborn; we are the living stones making up the temple; we are the 'one new man'; we are the New Jerusalem; we are Mt. Zion. We are one body with Yahusha HaMashiach as the head [Col 1:18]. The redeemed souls are the 'living creatures' encamped around the Dwelling place. The remnant seed of the woman on this earth; will be those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of Yahusha Hamashiach.

Exodus 21

In Exodus 21 Moses continues to receive the <u>right rulings within</u> the Book of the Covenant [Ex. 19:4-Ex. 24:11] for 'right living.' As His 'kingdom of priests', we obey and follow the Book of the Covenant, our marriage covenant. By doing so, His people are not only blessed in their relationship with YHWH but also in their relationships with one another. His right rulings cover occurrences that are prone to happen among mankind in this fallen world and YHWH gives instructions for resolution. The following graphic shows the content covered in the Book of the Covenant.



As in our day, laws are known to be amended or updated. The last 'update' or New Testament entries show us current application of Covenant Torah. The New Covenant also connects us back to the Book of the Covenant and the Promise given to Abraham by YHWH. Covenant Torah is His guide to us for being obedient to Him and knowing how we are to survive and thrive on earth. In the Gospels we read how Yahusha updated many previous right rulings. Some reveal even higher standards, and some have been fulfilled once and for all. In addition, YHWH's covenant laws, trump man's laws; when man's laws go against what His covenant laws require. By grace we are saved through faith so that whenever we fall short, our advocate, Yahusha will intercede on our behalf.

Therefore, His Word must be viewed in its entirety and in context to specific time periods in history. We should ask questions such as: what priesthood was reigning; and therefore, what law was ruling. Covenant Confirming Torah including the Royal Torah [Gen. 1:1-Ex. 24:11], Book of the Covenant [Ex. 19:4-Ex. 24:11], and the New Covenant, teach His bride how-to walk-in covenant with Him; yet does NOT diminish the importance of the rest of His Word! Even the Book of the Law foretold of Yahusha! Yes, it was a tutor and a schoolmaster but also it was a living 3-dimensional parable to show all that Yahusha would fulfill!

Heb 9:7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for sins of ignorance of the people, a Footnote: a Num_15:15-28.

Heb 9:8 the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest while the first Tent has a standing,

Heb 9:9 which was a parable for the present time in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

Heb 9:10 only as to foods and drinks, and different washings, and fleshly regulations imposed until a time of setting *matters* straight.

Redemption Through the Blood of Yahusha

Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

Heb 9:12 entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?

The Book of the Covenant and the Book of the Law are NOT synonymous. The Book of the Law [Ex. 24:12 – extending into Joshua] was placed beside the Ark of the Covenant as Moses completed the writing [Deut. 31:26]. The Book of the Law was added due to the transgression with the sin of the golden calf. It served as a tutor, UNTIL Yahusha, as our Melchizedek High Priest, would usher in the New Covenant and restore the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position. All Scripture is profitable, none is left out, but all His Word must be rightly divided and rightly applied.

The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was established to implement the Book of the Law **after the sin of the golden calf.** Yet, we see in Exodus 24, that **Aaron and two of his sons**, **Nadab and Abihu**, were <u>very much present at the covenant confirming meal of the Book</u> of the Covenant under the Melchizedek Priesthood in Ex. 24:9-11.

Therefore, it is very important to rightly divide His Word in truth contextually and on the historic timeline of what priesthood was reigning and what law were they under.

The Great Commission

Mat 28:16 And the eleven taught ones went away into Galil, to the mountain which יהושע had appointed for them.

Mat 28:17 And when they saw Him, they bowed to Him, but some doubted.

Mat 28:18 And יהושע came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 "Therefore, go and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name^C of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit, d Footnotes: CNote: The singular. dNot found in the Hebrew Shem Tob text, "...and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit."

Mat 28:20 teaching them to guard all that I have commanded you. And see, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Aměn.

Laws About Slaves

Exo 21:1 "These are the right-rulings which you are to set before them:

Exo 21:2 "When you buy a Hebrew servant, he serves six years, and in the seventh he goes out free, for naught.

Exodus 21:2 speaks volumes. We know Yahusha was slain before the foundation of the earth. Presently we are in the 6th millennium entering the 7th millennium which is another type and shadow of mankind being set free from sin and death forever by our Savior. We are also on the precipice of the 3rd 'day' from Yahusha's death, burial, and resurrection. Now we, His bond servants, choose to stay with our Master, our first love forever and ever. We choose to obey His covenant and enlarge His family. He receives us and marks us as His by our priestly 'blood tip' ear! Now He calls us His friend! HalleluYAH!

Exo 21:3 "If he comes in by himself, he goes out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him.

Exo 21:4 "If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children are her master's, and he goes out by himself.

Exo 21:5 "And if the servant truly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children, let me not go out free,'

Exo 21:6 then his master shall bring him before Elohim, and shall bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl. And he shall serve him forever.

Exo 21:7 "And when a man sells his daughter to be a female servant, she does not go out as the male servants do.

- Exo 21:8 "If she is displeasing in the eyes of her master who has engaged her to himself, then he shall let her be ransomed. He shall have no authority to sell her to a foreign people, because of him deceiving her.
- Exo 21:9 "And if he has engaged her to his son, he is to do to her as is the right of daughters.
- Exo 21:10 "If he takes another *wife*, her food, her covering, and her marriage rights are not to be diminished.
- Exo 21:11 "And if he does not do these three for her, then she shall go out for naught, without silver.
- Exo 21:12 "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall certainly be put to death.
- Exo 21:13 "But if he did not lie in wait, but Elohim delivered him into his hand, then I shall appoint for you a place where he is to flee.
- Exo 21:14 "But when a man acts presumptuously against his neighbour, to kill him by treachery, you are to take him *even* from My slaughter-place to die.
- Exo 21:15 "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall certainly be put to death.
- Exo 21:16 "And he who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall certainly be put to death.
- Exo 21:17 "And he who curses his father or his mother shall certainly be put to death.
 - Mat 15:3 But He answering, said to them, "Why do you also transgress the command of Elohim^a because of your tradition? Footnote: ^aSee footnote Mat_5:20.
 - Mat 15:4 "For Elohim has commanded, saying, 'Respect your father and your mother,' $Exo_20:12$, $Deu_5:16$, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' $Exo_21:17$, $Lev_20:9$.
 - Mat 15:5 "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me has been dedicated,"
 - Mat 15:6 is certainly released from respecting his father or mother.' So you have nullified the command of Elohim by your tradition.
- Exo 21:18 "And when men strive together, and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but is confined to his bed.
- Exo 21:19 if he rises again and walks about outside with his staff, then he who struck him shall be innocent. He only pays for lost time and sees to it that he is completely healed.
- Exo 21:20 "And when a man strikes his male or female servant with a rod, so that he dies under his hand, he shall certainly be punished.
- Exo 21:21 "But if he remains alive a day or two, he is not punished; for he is his property.
- Exo 21:22 "And when men strive and they shall smite a pregnant woman, and her children come out, yet there is no injury, he shall certainly be punished accordingly as the woman's husband lays upon him. And he shall give through the judges.
- Exo 21:23 "But if there is injury, then you shall give life for life,

- Exo 21:24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
- Exo 21:25 burn for burn, wound for wound, lash for lash.
- Exo 21:26 "And when a man strikes the eye of his male or female servant, and destroys it, he is to let him go free for the sake of his eye.
- Exo 21:27 "And if he knocks out the tooth of his male or female servant, he is to let him go free for the sake of his tooth.
- Exo 21:28 "And when an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall certainly be stoned, and its flesh is not eaten, and the owner of the ox is innocent.

Gen 9:5 "But only your blood for your lives I require, from the hand of every beast I require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I require the life of man.

Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood is shed, for in the image of Elohim has He made man.

Exo 21:29 "However, if the ox was previously in the habit of goring, and its owner has been warned, and he has not kept it confined, so that it has killed a man or a woman, the ox is stoned and its owner also is put to death.

Exo 21:30 "If a sin-covering is laid upon him, then he shall give the ransom of his life, whatever is laid on him.

Exo 21:31 "Whether it has gored a son or gored a daughter, according to this right-ruling it is done to him.

Exo 21:32 "If the ox gores a male or female servant, he is to give to their master thirty sheqels of silver, and the ox is stoned.

YHWH had corporately proposed to the children of Israel at Mt. Sinai.

Exo 19:5 'And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine – Exo 19:6 'and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and a set-apart nation.' Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra'ěl."

In order for the people to be His treasured possession above all the peoples on the earth; in order for the people to be to Him a reign of priests and a set-apart nation; they would each need to be instructed to diligently obey His voice and guard His covenant. Each household would teach the upcoming generation how to walk in His ways and not the ways of the world for each would be reigning as His priests according to His Covenant.

No longer would the burden of right-rulings only rest on the Melchizedek 'preachers of righteousness' and elders; for all would have been instructed on YHWH's right-rulings; His Mishpatim.

Laws About Restitution

Exo 21:33 "And when a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls in it,

Exo 21:34 the owner of the pit is to repay, he is to give silver to their owner, and the dead *beast* is his.

Exo 21:35 "And when the ox of a man smites the ox of his neighbour and it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide the silver from it, and also divide the dead ox.

Exo 21:36 "Or if it was known that the ox was previously in the habit of goring, and its owner has not kept it confined, he shall certainly repay ox for ox, while the dead *beast* is his.

Exodus 22

In Exodus 22, we continue with covenant right rulings for 'restitution' among YHWH's people. These 'right rulings,' within the Book of the Covenant, were given to the people so they could live in an orderly fashion. The Book of the Covenant promoted what was 'right' before the eyes of YHWH and among the brethren.

Also, within the Book of the Covenant, 'social laws' were given; not to be burdensome, but to again ensure that the people would do what was 'right'. The people would subsequently be blessed and live full lives by heeding YHWH's voice and following His Covenant.

Treating one another 'justly' promotes harmony. Taking advantage of others through stealing, killing, and destroying comes from the enemy.

Exo 22:1 "When a man steals an ox or a sheep, and shall slaughter it or sell it, he repays five cattle for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.

Luk 19:8 But Zakkai stood up and said to the Master, "Look, Master, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have taken whatever from anyone by false accusation, I repay fourfold."

Luk 19:9 And יהושע said to him, "Today deliverance has come to this house – since he also is a son of Abraham.

Luk 19:10 "For the Son of Adam has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Exo 22:2 "If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there is no guilt for his bloodshed.

Exo 22:3 "If the sun has risen on him, there is guilt for his bloodshed, he shall certainly repay. If he has not the means, then he shall be sold for his theft.

Exo 22:4 "If the theft is indeed found alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or sheep, he repays double.

Those not washed by the blood of the Lamb, have no part with Yahusha. They have no advocate to intercede their case in the righteous throne room of YHWH. Their acts will be judged strictly by the law of His Word for they are not in Covenant.

Rev 18:6 "Render to her as she indeed did render, and repay her double according to her works. In the cup which she has mixed, mix for her double.

Exo 22:5 "When a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed *bare*, and lets loose his livestock, and it feeds in another man's field, he repays from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

Exo 22:6 "When fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain, or standing grain, or the field is consumed, he who kindled the fire shall certainly repay.

Exo 22:7 "When a man gives silver or goods to his neighbour to guard, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, he repays double.

Exo 22:8 "If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought before Elohim to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbour's goods.

Exo 22:9 "For every matter of transgression, for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for garment, or for whatever is lost which another claims to be his, let the matter of them both come before Elohim. And whomever Elohim declares wrong repays double to his neighbour.

Exo 22:10 "When a man gives to his neighbour a donkey, or ox, or sheep, or any beast to watch over, and it dies, or is injured, or is driven away while no one is looking,

Exo 22:11 let an oath of יהוה be between them both, that he has not put his hand into his neighbour's goods. And the owner of it shall accept that, and he does not repay.

Exo 22:12 "But if it is indeed stolen from him, he repays to its owner.

Exo 22:13 "If it is torn to pieces, then let him bring it for evidence, he does not repay what was torn.

Exo 22:14 "And when a man borrows from his neighbour, and it is injured or dies while the owner of it is not present, he shall certainly repay.

Exo 22:15 "But if its owner was with it, he does not repay. If it was hired, he is entitled to the hire.

Luk 12:48 "But he who did not know, yet did what deserved flogging, shall be beaten with few. And everyone to whom much is given, from him much shall be demanded. And to whom much has been entrusted, from him much more shall be asked.

Laws About Social Justice

Exo 22:16 "And when a man entices a maiden who is not engaged, and lies with her, he shall certainly pay the bride-price for her to be his wife.

Exo 22:17 "If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he pays according to the bride-price of maidens.

Exo 22:18 "Do not allow a practiser of witchcraft to live.

Act 19:19 And many of those who had practised magic brought their books together, burning them before all. And they reckoned up the value of them, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Act 19:20 So the word of the Master was growing mightily and prevailing.

- Exo 22:19 "Anyone lying with a beast shall certainly be put to death.
- Exo 22:20 "He who slaughters to an elohim, except to יהוה only, is put under the ban.
- Exo 22:21 "Do not tread down a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 22:22 "Do not afflict any widow or fatherless child.

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.

Exo 22:23 "If you do afflict them at all – if they cry out to Me at all, I shall certainly hear their cry,

Exo 22:24 and My wrath shall burn and I shall kill you with the sword, your wives shall be widows and your children fatherless.

Exo 22:25 "If you do lend silver to any of My people, the poor among you, you are not to be like one that lends on interest to him. Do not lay interest on him.

Exo 22:26 "If you take your neighbour's garment as a pledge at all, you are to return it to him before the sun goes down.

Exo 22:27 "For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What does he sleep in? And it shall be that when he cries to Me, I shall hear, for I show favour.

Exo 22:28 "Do not revile an elohim, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Exo 22:29 "Do not delay *giving* your harvest and your vintage. Give Me the first-born of your sons.

Rom 8:23 And not only so, but even we ourselves who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, we ourselves also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Note in Romans 8:23 that we are the first fruits of the Spirit, yet moan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our body. Our souls have already been redeemed.

Exo 22:30 "Likewise you are to do with your oxen, with your sheep. It is to be with its mother seven days. On the eighth day you give it to Me.

Exo 22:31 "And you are set-apart men to Me, and you do not eat any meat which is torn to pieces in the field, you throw it to the dogs.

The process of sanctification is a daily process. Each day we should become wiser from reading His Word and thereby more set-apart in obedience to Him. In Acts 15:20, new believers among the nations were first given the basics to follow; knowing that each Sabbath they would move from the milk of His Word to the meat of His Word.

Act 15:20 but that we write to them to abstain from the defilements of idols,^a and from whoring,^b and from what is strangled,^c 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."

Exodus 23

The details in the Book of the Covenant continue with social laws for rightly ruling and instructions about the Sabbaths and Festivals.

As we complete the reading of the social laws, one can see how far most of the people in Yahusha's day (as well as in our day) had drifted away from doing what was right in the eyes of YHWH and toward the brethren. Yahusha was born under the law, the Book of the Law; yet, he was simultaneously ushering in understanding of the impending New Covenant Confirming Gospel. The four Gospels and the Book of Acts reflect the onset of this MAJOR transference between priesthoods and between laws: and the fulfillment of associated prophesies.

Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lěwitical priesthood – for under it the people were given the Torah – why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Malkitsedeq, and not be called according to the order of Aharon?

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, b of necessity there takes place a change of law also. Footnote: b From Malkitsedeq to Aharon.

As Yahusha would meet with the people, he would challenge them to love YHWH with all their heart, mind, soul, and spirit and love their neighbor as themselves. Often the rulers, scribes, and Pharisees would show up and He would point them to the errors in their ways. These rulers had <u>done violence to His Word</u> by distorting what was written and adding more laws that were so burdensome that they themselves didn't follow. Yahusha lifted the veil of their hypocrisy. Most importantly, Yahusha lifted the veil revealing their unbelief.

The instructions then shift to the Sabbaths (weekly and yearly) and the three groupings of Festivals to Him: Matzot (Unleavened Bread); Harvest (Shavuot or Pentecost); and Ingathering (Sukkot). Keep in mind, all the festivals are our bridge rehearsals to prepare us to meet our Groom. He states that three times a year all males are to appear before Him. He is coming for a mature bridge and men are directly accountable to YHWH in setting His example; and being the covering over their wives and their families in YHWH. Men are attacked first because they possess the most strength. Sa_tan focuses on taking down YHWH's men so as to kill, steal, and destroy the family. Sadly, sa_tan has been successful.

A mature bride searches His Word to find out what is pleasing to the Groom. Keeping Shabbats and His Rehearsals, our appointed times (moedim) with Him, is what a mature bride does. Remember in His Kingdom, there is neither Greek nor Jew; male nor female; slave nor free. He views us as living stones, His bride from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation.

Also make note that today, we are the temple. We are Israel born from above, the one new man. Through His Ruach HaKodesh living in us and through us, we can now come before Him and observe His Festivals from any location. Yet, one day, He will gather us all together, from all around the world; and one day we will all be together and observe His Festivals in His very presence on Mt. Zion.

YHWH's Feasts are also part of His military campaign to rescue His people in the greater exodus [Isaiah 11:11-16] with perfect timing and precision. Timing is everything in defeating the enemy and rescuing those in prison or in Egypt. His feasts teach His people to be ever ready and watching for His imminent return and exodus out of this world.

YHWH then speaks of the Promise Land. He tells the children of Israel that He is sending His Messenger to guard their way and they are warned NOT TO REBEL against Him. YHWH says His Name is in Him so listen to His voice and do all that YHWH speaks so things will go well. All the lands were full of 'mighty ones' and other 'gods' that the people in the lands worshiped. He spoke against any involvement or utterances of these gods. If they would obey YHWH, and Him only; all would go well, and they would be blessed. YHWH would drive the people out of the land little by little over one year, lest the land become a waste land and the beast of the land too numerous.

YHWH's intent is to guide us through the minefields of this world. Everyday, we are surrounded by paganism and those that worship little 'g' gods. Abominations are practiced in every nation; altars of human sacrifices to sa_tan exists; idols and obelisks exist on every corner. Yahusha told us that if this world hated Him; it would hate us also. The entire Bible exhibits His great love for us by rescuing us from the very jaws of the dragon! He is our refuge and our shelter; He is our very present help in time of trouble. He teaches us military strategies by us staying very close to our Commander in Chief!

Exo 23:1 "Do not bring a false report. Do not put your hand with the wrong to be a malicious witness.

Mat 26:59 And the chief priests, and the elders, and all the council were seeking false witness against יהושע to put Him to death,

Mat 26:60 but found none. Although many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward,

Mat 26:61 and said, "This one said, 'I am able to destroy the Dwelling Place of Elohim and to build it in three days.' "

Exo 23:2 "Do not follow a crowd to do evil, nor bear witness in a strife so as to turn aside after many, to turn aside *what is right*.

Act 25:9 But Festus, wishing to do the Yehudim a favour, answering Sha'ul, said, "Do you wish to go up to Yerushalayim and be judged before me there concerning these *matters*?"

Exo 23:3 "And do not favour a poor man in his strife.

Jas 3:16 For where jealousy and self-seeking are, there is confusion and every foul deed.

Jas 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first clean, then peaceable, gentle, ready to obey, filled with compassion and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Exo 23:4 "When you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall certainly return it to him.

Exo 23:5 "When you see the donkey of him who hates you lying under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall certainly help him.

Exo 23:6 "Do not turn aside the right-ruling of your poor in his strife.

Exo 23:7 "Keep yourself far from a false matter, and do not kill the innocent and the righteous, for I do not declare the wrong right.

Exo 23:8 "And do not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the seeing one and twists the words of the righteous.

Exo 23:9 "And do not oppress a sojourner, as you yourselves know the heart of a sojourner, because you were sojourners in the land of Mitsrayim.

Let YHWH's peace, His shalom, be your compass.

Mat 10:12 "And as you enter into a house, greet it.

Mat 10:13 "And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Mat 10:14 "And whoever does not receive you nor hear your words, when you leave that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

Mat 10:15 "Truly, I say to you, it shall be more bearable for the land of Sedom and Amorah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Laws About the Sabbath and Festivals

Exo 23:10 "And for six years you are to sow your land, and shall gather its increase,

Exo 23:11 but the seventh year you are to let it rest, and shall leave it, and the poor of your people shall eat. And what they leave, the beasts of the field eat. Do the same with your vineyard and your oliveyard.

Exo 23:12 "Six days you are to do your work, and on the seventh day you rest, in order that your ox and your donkey might rest, and the son of your female servant and the sojourner be refreshed.

Again, we have six and seven; six and seven; which is a pattern well developed in His Word; therefore, we should see and know the days we live in. We live in the days of six and seven. His Feasts point us to the principles of six and seven of days, years, and millennials; as well as to the 8th great day or millennium of New Beginnings!

Exo 23:13 "And in all that I have said to you take heed. And make no mention of the name of other mighty ones, let it not be heard from your mouth.

Exo 23:14 "Three^a times in the year you are to celebrate a festival to Me: Footnote: ^aThe Festivals of יהוה are grouped in three, for three different times of the year.

Exo 23:15 "Guard the Festival of Matzot.^b Seven days you eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the new *moon* of Abib – for in it you came out of Mitsrayim – and do not appear before Me empty-handed; Footnote: bUnleavened Bread.

Exo 23:16 and the Festival of the Harvest,^C the first-fruits of your labours which you have sown in the field; and the Festival of the Ingathering^d at the outgoing of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labours from the field. Footnotes:

^cShabu'oth (Festival of Weeks). ^dSukkot (Festival of Booths).

Exo 23:17 "Three times in the year all your males are to appear before the Master יהוה.

Exo 23:18 "Do not slaughter the blood of My slaughtering with leavened bread, and the fat of My festival shall not remain until morning.

Exo 23:19 "Bring the first of the first-fruits of your land into the House of יהוה your Elohim. Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk.

Conquest of Canaan Promised

Exo 23:20 "See, I am sending a Messenger before you to guard you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

Exo 23:21 "Be on guard before Him and obey His voice. Do not rebel against Him, for He is not going to pardon your transgression, for My Name is in Him.

Exo 23:22 "But if you diligently obey His voice and shall do all that I speak, then I shall be an enemy to your enemies and a distresser to those who distress you.

Exo 23:23 "For My Messenger shall go before you and shall bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Kena'anites and the Hiwwites and the Yebusites, and I shall cut them off.

Exo 23:24 "Do not bow down to their mighty ones, nor serve them, nor do according to their works, but without fail overthrow them and without fail break down their pillars.

Exo 23:25 "And you shall serve יהוה your Elohim, and He shall bless your bread and your water. And I shall remove sickness from your midst.

Reinforcement of the 10 Commandments in Exodus 20.

Exo 23:26 "None shall miscarry or be barren in your land. I shall fill the number of your days.

Exo 23:27 "I shall send My fear before you, and cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

Exo 23:28 "And I shall send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Ḥiwwite, the Kena'anite, and the Ḥittite from before you.

Exo 23:29 "I shall not drive them out from before you in <u>one year</u>, lest the land become a waste and the beast of the field become too numerous for you.

Exo 23:30 "Little by little I shall drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.

Exo 23:31 "And I shall set your border from the Sea of Reeds to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River, for I shall give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

Exo 23:32 "Do not make a covenant with them nor with their mighty ones.

Exo 23:33 "Let them not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me when you serve their mighty ones, when it becomes a snare to you."

Exodus 24

The Book of the Covenant Confirmed

The Book of the Covenant, the marriage covenant, covers Ex. 19:4 – Ex. 24:11. Moses recorded the initial Book of the Covenant on a parchment scroll.

A Blood Ratified Covenant has 4 Components. The Book of the Covenant was blood ratified.

1. Proposal – located in Ex. 19:4-6

Exo 19:4 'You have seen what I did to the Mitsrites, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

Exo 19:5 'And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine –

Exo 19:6 'and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and a set-apart nation.' Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra'ěl."

2. Acceptance – located in Ex. 19:8

Exo 19:8 And all the people answered together and said, "All that יהוה has spoken we shall do." So Mosheh brought back the words of the people to יהוה.

[Moses relayed all the Words of YHWH and the right-rulings and again the people accept in Ex. 24:3 and Ex. 24:7. In Exodus 19:4-6, they first accept His proposal before they even know the details of the Covenant; now they hear all the details and still willingly accept.]

Exo 24:3 [& Ex:24:7] And Mosheh came and related to the people all the Words of יהוה and all the right-rulings. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the Words which יהוה has spoken we shall do."

3. Blood Ratification – Ex. 24:4 – Ex. 24:8

- a. Moses wrote down all the Words of YHWH (Ex. 24:4)
- b. Moses built a slaughter place at the foot of the mountain and set-up 12 columns symbolic of the 12 tribes of Israel. (Laws of Altars Ex. 20:22-26)
- c. The young men of the children of Israel offer:
 - i. Ascending offerings
 - ii. Peace offerings (slaughter offerings of bulls)
- d. **Moses performs the blood ratification** sprinkling and again the people voice acceptance. Also see Heb. 9:19.

Heb 9:19 For when, according to Torah, every command had been spoken by Mosheh to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

Exo 24:6 And Mosheh took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the slaughter-place.

Exo 24:7 And he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that יהוה has spoken we shall do, and obey." Exo 24:8 And Mosheh took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "See, the blood of the covenant which יהוה has made with you concerning all these Words."

 Covenant Confirming Meal with YHWH – this is Moses' 7th Ascent up the Mount

Exo 24:9 And Mosheh went up, also Aharon, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Yisra'el,

Exo 24:10 and **they saw the Elohim of Yisra'ěl**, and under His feet like a paved work of sapphire stone, and like the heavens for brightness. Exo 24:11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the chiefs of the children

of Yisra'ěl! And they saw Elohim, and they ate and drank.

After the covenant confirming meal, the Book of the Covenant was binding. No one could add to or take away from this blood ratified covenant. However, if this covenant was broken, someone would have to die. The death penalty arm in (Gen. 15) change the unconditional Promise of YHWH in (Gen. 12:1-3) to one with a condition. This was done when Abraham asked for assurance (Gen. 15:8-9). Now the added death penalty 'condition' would have to be fulfilled if the Book of the Covenant was broken in order to connect us back to the original unconditional Promise given to Abraham by YHWH (Gen. 12).

In Exodus 24:12, we see Moses called up the mount to receive the tablets of stone, the Torah, and the command which YHWH had written to teach them. This would be the 8th ascent we have come across in our readings.

Exo 24:12 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there, while I give you tablets of stone, and the Torah and the command which I have written, to teach them."

Exo 24:13 And Mosheh arose with his assistant Yehoshua, and Mosheh went up to the mountain of Elohim.

Exo 24:14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. And see, Aharon and Ḥur are with you. Whoever has matters, let him go to them."

From, my studies, it appears Exodus 24:12 is the 1st set of stone tablets. The reason being is that in Exodus 34:1-3 scripture records that YHWH instructs Moses to bring no one with him when he goes up the mount to receive the 2nd set of stone tablets.

Exo 34:1 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I shall write on these tablets the Words that were on the first tablets which you broke.

Exo 34:2 "And be ready in the morning. Then you shall come up in the morning to Mount Sinai,

and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain.

Exo 34:3 "And let no man come up with you, and let no man be seen in all the mountain, and let not even the flock or the herd feed in front of that mountain."

For a time, everything comes to a 'vertical' standstill as the people continue to camp at the foot of Mount Sinai. Moses [and Joshua going with Moses to receive the 1st set of stone tablets] is consistently going 'vertically' up and down the mountain; the rest of the people were in a holding pattern.

- 1. Moses goes up with Joshua to receive the 1st set of stone tablets. (Ex. 24:12)
- 2. As they return after 40 days/nights, the people have <u>sinned with the worship of the golden calf</u>. (Ex. 32)
- 3. Moses comes down the mount and <u>breaks the 1st set of stone tablets</u> symbolic of the Book of the Covenant being broken by the people. (Ex. 32:19)
- 4. Moses goes back up the mountain to intercede for the people to spare their very lives. (Ex. 32:31)
- 5. Moses is instructed to go up the mount by himself to receive the 2nd set of stone tablets. (Ex. 34)
- 6. With the breaking of the 1st set of stone tablets, Scripture immediately goes into describing the Tabernacle system that would be implemented by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood (Ex. 25). Remember, not all scripture is chronological!
- 7. The Book of the Covenant has been broken. Now the Tabernacle system will be imposed along with the Book of the Law, which would become their tutor, to spare their very lives UNTIL Yahusha would restore the Melchizedek Priesthood to the reigning position through His atoning sacrifice.
- 8. The Melchizedek Priesthood predated the implementation of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Recall that Aaron and his sons Nadab and Abihu were present and partook in the **Book of the Covenant confirming meal and were part of the**Melchizedek Priesthood BEFORE serving in the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

 (Ex. 24:1; Ex. 24:9)

The Covenant Confirmed

Exo 24:1 And to Mosheh He said, "Come up to יהוה, you and Aharon, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Yisra'ěl, and you shall bow yourselves from a distance.

Exo 24:2 "But Mosheh shall draw near to יהוה by himself, and let them not draw near, nor let the people go up with him."

Exo 24:3 And Mosheh came and related to the people all the Words of יהוה and all the right-rulings. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the Words which יהוה has spoken we shall do." [This was the people's second acceptance; the first acceptance was Ex. 19:8]

Exo 24:4 And Mosheh wrote down all the Words of יהוה, and rose up early in the

morning, and <u>built a slaughter-place at the foot of the mountain</u>, and <u>twelve standing</u> columns for the twelve tribes of Yisra'ěl.

Exo 24:5 And he sent <u>young men of the children of Yisra'ěl</u>, and they offered <u>ascending offerings</u> and slaughtered slaughterings of <u>peace offerings</u> to יהוה of bulls.

Prior to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, the slaughter offerings made to YHWH served as a reverent covering in His presence, for communion, and for blood ratification. They were ascending offering and peace offerings. This changes after the sin of the golden calf and the offerings become much more elaborate under the Tabernacle system.

The first mention of 'sin offering' is in: Exo 29:14 "But the flesh of the bull, and its skin and its dung, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.

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Exo 24:14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. And see, Aharon and Ḥur are with you. Whoever has matters, let him go to them."

Exo 24:15 And Mosheh went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Exo 24:16 And the esteem of יהוה dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. And on the seventh day He called to Mosheh out of the midst of the cloud.

Exo 24:17 And the appearance of the esteem of יהוה was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain, before the eyes of the children of Yisra'ěl.

Exo 24:18 And Mosheh went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And it came to be that Mosheh was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

2Kings 11-12

Athaliah - This woman was the daughter of Ahab, and grand-daughter of Omri, and wife of Joram king of Judah, and mother of Ahaziah. [Adam Clarke]

Athaliah Reigns in Judah

2Ki 11:1 And Athalyah was the mother of Ahazyahu. And when she saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the offspring of the reign.

<u>Ellicott's Commentary:</u> ATHALIAH USURPS THE THRONE OF JUDAH, BUT IS DEPOSED AND SLAIN, AND HER GRANDSON JOASH CROWNED, THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE HIGH PRIEST JEHOIADA. (Comp. <u>2Chronicles 22:10</u>; <u>2Chronicles 23:21</u>.)

(1) And when Athaliah . . . saw.—Rather, Now Athaliah . . . had seen. (The and, which the common Hebrew text inserts before the verb, is merely a mistaken repetition of the last letter of Ahaziah. Many MSS. omit it.)

As to Athaliah and her evil influence on her husband Jehoram, see 2Kings 8:26-27. By her ambition and her cruelty she now shows herself a worthy daughter of Jezebel.

Her son.—Ahaziah (2Kings 9:27). The history of the Judæan monarchy is resumed from that point.

Destroyed all the seed royal.—"The seed of the kingdom" (see margin) means all who might set up claims to the succession. Ahaziah's brothers had been slain by the Arabs (2Chronicles 21:17); and his "kinsmen" by Jehu (2Kings 10:14). Those whom Athaliah slew would be for the most part Ahaziah's own sons, though other relatives are not excluded by the term.

F.B. Meyer Commentary: 2 Kings 11:1-12

Athaliah well deserves the title given her in 2Ch_24:7.

2Ch 24:7 For the sons of Athalyahu, that wrong woman, had broken into the House of Elohim, and had also prepared all the set-apart *vessels* of the House of יהוה to the Ba'als.

She usurped the throne, and played in Judah the part of her mother Jezebel. Joram was a wicked man and a bad king, but he recognized the value of piety, and chose the good priest Jehoiada as the husband of his daughter. The husband neutralized the evil influences of his wife's upbringing and led her into a noble and useful career, the chief episode of which was the rescue of the youngest son of Ahaziah. His nurse and he were hidden in a room where the mattresses were kept in case of a sudden influx of priests at festal times. Is not this hidden king a type of the hiding of the true Prince in the recesses of our hearts, while some Athaliah occupies too large a share of government? There is no alternative but that the evil self-life, our Athaliah, should be stoned.

It was a glad moment when the hidden prince was produced. Many loyal hearts had renounced all hope of again seeing a scion of David's line. But God kept His promise. The Word of God was a befitting gift to place in the hands of the young prince, 2Ki_11:12. Compare Deu_17:18-19. But what a revelation will it be when Jesus assumes the government of the earth, and its kingdoms become the kingdom of God and His Christ! He is now hidden, but He shall be manifested, Col_3:4.

The royal and righteous seed line preserved.

2Ki 11:2 But Yehosheba, the daughter of Sovereign Yoram, sister of Aḥazyahu, took Yo'ash son of Aḥazyah, and stole him away from among the sons of the sovereign's sons who were put to death. So they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athalyahu, and he was not put to death.

2Ki 11:3 And he remained with her in hiding in the House of יהוה for six years, while Athalyah was reigning over the land.

Yehosheba, Yo'ash's aunt, hides him for six years from Athaliah. That is a miracle in itself!

Joash Anointed King in Judah

2Ki 11:4 And in <u>the seventh year</u> Yehoyada sent and brought the commanders of hundreds, with the Karites and the runners, and brought them into the House of him. And he made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the House of , and showed them the son of the sovereign.

<u>Ellicotts' Commentary Excerpt:</u> <u>Jehoiada.—The high priest (2Kings 11:9)</u>. The curious fact that his rank is not specified hero upon the first mention of his name, suggests the inference that in the original authority of this narrative he had been mentioned as high priest, and husband of Jehosheba, at the outset of the story, as in 2Chronicles 22:11.

The rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard.—Rather, the centurions of the Carians and the Couriers—i.e., the officers commanding the royal guard.

2Ki 11:5 And he commanded them, saving,

- "This is what you are to do: One-third of you who come in on the Sabbath to be on quard in the sovereign's house.
- 2Ki 11:6 and one-third at the gate of Sur,
- and one-third at the gate behind the runners. And you shall be on guard in the house, lest it be broken down.
- ♣ 2Ki 11:7 "And the two detachments of you who are going out on the Sabbath shall be on guard in the House of יהוה for the sovereign.
- ♣ 2Ki 11:8 "And you shall surround the sovereign on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand.
- And whoever comes within the ranks, let him be put to death. And be with the sovereign as he goes out and as he comes in."

2Ki 11:9 So the commanders of the hundreds did according to all that Yehoyada the priest commanded. And each of them took his men who were going in on the Sabbath, with those who were going out on the Sabbath, and came to Yehoyada the priest.

2Ki 11:10 And the priest gave the commanders of hundreds the spears and shields

which had belonged to Sovereign Dawig, that were in the House of יהוה.

2Ki 11:11 And the runners stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, all around the sovereign, from the right side of the House to the left side of the House, by the slaughter-place and the House.

2Ki 11:12 And he brought out the son of the sovereign and put on him the diadem and the Witness. And they set him up to reign and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "Let the sovereign live!" Footnote: aLit. struck.

The Demise of Athalyah

2Ki 11:13 And Athalyah heard the noise of the runners, the people, and she came to the people, into the House of יהוה,

2Ki 11:14 and looked and saw the sovereign standing by a column, according to the ruling, and the chiefs and the trumpeters were beside the sovereign, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets. And Athalyah tore her garments and cried out, "Treason! Treason!"

2Ki 11:15 And Yehoyada the priest commanded the commanders of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them,

- "Take her outside the ranks, and slay with the sword whoever follows her."
- ♣ For the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the House of יהוה."
- ♣ 2Ki 11:16 So they took hold of her, and she went by way of the horses' entrance to the sovereign's house, and was put to death there.

2Ki 11:17 And Yehoyada made a covenant between יהוה and the sovereign and the people, to be the people of יהוה – also between the sovereign and the people.

2Ki 11:18 And all the people of the land went to the house of Ba'al, and broke it down. They completely broke up its slaughter-places and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Ba'al before the slaughter-places. And the priest appointed inspectors over the House of הוה,

2Ki 11:19 and took the commanders of hundreds, and the Karites, and the runners, and all the people of the land. And they brought the sovereign down from the House of יהוה, and went by way of the gate of the runners to the sovereign's house. And he sat on the throne of the sovereigns.

2Ki 11:20 And all the people of the land rejoiced. And the city had rest, for they had slain Athalyahu with the sword in the sovereign's house.

Jehoash Reigns in Judah

2Ki 11:21 Yeho'ash was seven years old when he began to reign.

2Kings 12

2Ki 12:1 Yeho'ash began to reign in the seventh year of Yěhu, and he reigned forty years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Tsibyah of Be'ěrsheba.

2Ki 12:2 And Yeho'ash did what was right in the eyes of יהוה all the days in which Yehoyada the priest instructed him.

2Ki 12:3 However, the high places were not taken away; the people still slaughtered and burned incense on the high places.

Jehoash Repairs the Temple

2Ki 12:4 And Yeho'ash said to the priests,

- "All the silver of the set-apart gifts that are brought into the House of יהוה, the silver coming over, each man's assessment silver, all the silver that a man purposes in his heart to bring into the House of יהוה,
 - o 2Ki 12:5 let the priests take for themselves, each from his friend.
- ♣ And let them strengthen the breaches of the House, wherever there is a breach."
- 2Ki 12:6 And it came to be, by the twenty-third year of Sovereign Yeho'ash, that the priests had not strengthened the breaches of the House,
- 2Ki 12:7 and Sovereign Yeho'ash called Yehoyada the priest and the other priests, and said to them,
 - o "Why have you not strengthened the breaches of the House?
 - And now, do not take any more silver from your friends, but give it for the breaches of the House."

The funds to strengthen the breaches of the House were not going toward the reenforcement project; but were being misappropriated. Imagine that! Nothing new under the sun!

2Ki 12:8 And the priests agreed that they would neither receive any more silver from the people, nor strengthen the breaches of the House.

2Ki 12:9 And Yehoyada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the slaughter-place, on the right side as one comes into the House of הוה. And the priests who guarded the door put there all the silver that was brought into the House of הוה.

- 2Ki 12:10 And it came to be,
 - o whenever they saw that there was much silver in the chest,
 - o that the sovereign's scribe and the high priest came up and put it in bags,
 - o and counted the silver that was found in the House of יהוה.
 - o 2Ki 12:11 and gave the silver, weighed out, into the hands of those who

<u>did the work, who had the oversight of the House of יהוה.</u>

- And they paid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked on the House of יהוה,
 - 2Ki 12:12 and to stonemasons and stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone to strengthen the breach of the House of מול, and for all that was paid out to strengthen the House.
- 2Ki 12:13 However there were not made for the House of יהוה basins of silver, snuffers, sprinkling-bowls, trumpets, any objects of gold, or objects of silver, from the silver that was brought into the House of יהוה,
- 2Ki 12:14 for they gave that to the workmen, and they strengthened the House of יהוה with it.
- 2Ki 12:15 And they did not reckon with the men into whose hand they gave the silver to be paid to workmen, for they acted trustworthily.
- 2Ki 12:16 The silver from the trespass offerings and the silver from the sin offerings was not brought into the House of יהוה. It belonged to the priests.
- 2Ki 12:17 And Ḥaza'ěl sovereign of Aram went up and fought against Gath, and captured it. **And Haza'ěl set his face to go up to Yerushalayim**.
- 2Ki 12:18 And Yeho'ash sovereign of Yehudah took all the set-apart gifts that his fathers, Yehoshaphat and Yehoram and Aḥazyahu, sovereigns of Yehudah, had set apart, and his own set-apart gifts, and all the gold found in the treasuries of the House of יהוה and in the sovereign's house, and sent them to Ḥaza'ĕl sovereign of Aram. Then he went away from Yerushalayim.

The Death of Joash

- 2Ki 12:19 And the rest of the acts of Yo'ash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehudah?
- 2Ki 12:20 And his servants rose up and made a conspiracy, and smote Yo'ash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla.
- 2Ki 12:21 For Yozakar son of Shim'ath and Yehozabad son of Shomer, his servants, struck him. So he died, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of Dawid. And Amatsyah his son reigned in his place.

Hebrews 9

The author in Hebrews 9 compares the earthly tabernacle/temple to the 'Tent' made without hands. The <u>earthly tabernacle</u> in the wilderness was a parable to teach of the coming Messiah, our Redeemer [Heb. 9:9]. It also showed us a pattern of heavenly things.

The Earthly Holy Place

Heb 9:1 Now the first *covenant* indeed had regulations of worship and the earthly setapart place. ['covenant' is in italics meaning it wasn't in the original text]

Heb 9:2 For a Tent was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, and the table, and the showbread, which is called the Set-apart Place.

Heb 9:3 And after the second veil, the part of the Tent which is called Most Set-apart,

Heb 9:4 to which belonged the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that held the manna, and the rod of Aharon that budded, and the tablets of the covenant,

Heb 9:5 and above it the kerubim of esteem were overshadowing the place of atonement – about which we do not now speak in detail.

The earthly tabernacle/temple:

Heb 9:6 And these having been prepared like this, the priests always went into the <u>first</u> part of the Tent, accomplishing the services.

Heb 9:7 But <u>into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not</u> <u>without blood,</u> which he <u>offered for himself</u> and <u>for sins of ignorance of the people</u>,^a Footnote: ^a Num_15:15-28.

Heb 9:8 the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest while the first Tent has a standing,

Heb 9:9 which was a parable for the present time in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

Heb 9:10 only as to foods and drinks, and different washings, and fleshly regulations imposed until a time of setting *matters* straight.

The Tent made without hands, Messiah:

Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good matters, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

Heb 9:12 **entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all**, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the

defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?

Yahusha laid down His life to establish and activate the new covenant. He ratified the covenant with His own blood. He not only redeemed us; but He redeemed creation and the land!

Heb 9:15 And because of this He is the Mediator of a renewed covenant, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance.

Heb 9:16 For where a covenant is, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted one to be established.

Heb 9:17 For a covenant over those dead is firm, since it is never valid while the covenanted one is living.

Heb 9:18 Therefore not even the first *covenant* was instituted without blood.

Heb 9:19 For when, according to Torah, every command had been spoken by Mosheh to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

Heb 9:20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim commanded vou." Exo_24:8.

Heb 9:21 And in the same way he sprinkled with blood both the Tent and all the vessels of the service.

Heb 9:22 And, according to the Torah, <u>almost all is cleansed with blood, and</u> without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Heb 9:23 It was necessary, then, that the copies of the heavenly ones should be cleansed with these, but the heavenly ones themselves with better slaughter *offerings* than these.

Heb 9:24 For Messiah has not entered into a Set-apart Place made by hand – figures of the true – but into the heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Elohim on our behalf.

Heb 9:25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Setapart Place year by year with blood not his own.

Heb 9:26 For if so, He would have had to suffer often, since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the offering of Himself.

After He laid down His life for our redemption; He arose the 3rd day; He made full atonement for our sins on the heavenly altar; and He is now seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven! Praise Yah!

Heb 9:27 And as it awaits men to die once, and after this the judgment,

Heb 9:28 so also the Messiah, having been offered <u>once</u> to bear the sins of many, <u>lsa 53:12</u> shall appear <u>a second time</u>, apart from sin, <u>to those waiting for Him, unto deliverance</u>.

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Hebrews 10

The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood implementing the Book of the Law, along with the Tabernacle/Temple system, was a parable (Heb. 9:9) or a tutor. They were to learn that the 'earthly' processes of annual sacrifices on Yom Kippur could only 'cover' their sins from year to year but were never able to fully atone and remove their sins as far as the east is from the west.

This intermediary priestly system, YHWH's permissive will not His perfect will, was implemented, UNTIL Yahusha, the Tent (His Body), made without hands would come and shed His precious blood once and for all. Yahusha is The Melchizedek from the tribe of Judah and elevated the Melchizedek priesthood back to its reigning position.

This was the understanding and meaning to the '3-D living' parable behind the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and Tabernacle/Temple system; that many, even to this day, sadly do not understand nor see. All the processes pointed to the coming Messiah. Yahusha is our High Priest of the Melchizedek order and those that have entered the New Covenant ratified by His blood; are made into His kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation.

Yahusha's Sacrifice Once for All

Heb 10:1 For the **Torah [Book of the Law]**, 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 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 <u>Jer_31:33</u>. 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.

Now we, <u>as His treasured possession</u>, <u>His kingdom of priests</u>; are to do our Melchizedek priestly duties. We offer up praise, tithes, thanksgiving, and intercessory prayers. We have 'died' to our fleshly self-desires and we 'live' for Him.

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

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 <u>a true heart</u> in completeness of belief, having <u>our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies washed with clean water. b Footnote: b <u>Eze_36:25</u>.</u>

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our expectation without yielding, for He who promised is trustworthy.

Heb 10:24 And let us be concerned for one another in order to stir up love and good works, C Footnote C Mat 16:27.

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the habit of some, **but encouraging**, and so much more as you see the day coming near.

Heb 10:26 For if we sin purposely after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a slaughter *offering* for sins, d Footnote: dSee also Heb_6:6.

This type of sinning is in contrast with sinning ignorantly — Heb_9:7, Num_15:15-28.

Heb 10:27 but some fearsome anticipation of judgment, and a fierce fire which is about to consume the opponents. <u>Isa_26:11</u>.

Yahusha said:

Mat 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst."

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has disregarded the Torah of Mosheh [Law of Moses] dies without compassion on the witness of two or three witnesses.

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

Heb 10:30 For we know Him who has said, "Vengeance is Mine, I shall repay, says יהוה"." And again, "הוה" shall judge His people." Deu 32:35-36.

Heb 10:31 It is fearsome to fall into the hands of the living Elohim.

Yahusha laid down His life <u>once and for all</u>! We have been washed by His precious blood. Anyone desiring to go back to the Aaronic Levitical animal sacrifices for covering sins; would be trampling on the blood of Yahusha's covenant as common. Yahusha removed our sins as far as the east is from the west.

Heb 10:32 But remember the former days, when, after you were enlightened, you

endured a great struggle with sufferings.

Heb 10:33 On the one hand you were exposed to reproaches and pressures, and on the other hand you became sharers with those who were so treated,

Heb 10:34 for you sympathized with me in my chains, and you accepted with joy the seizure of your possessions, knowing that you have a better and a lasting possession for yourselves in the heavens.

Heb 10:35 Do not, then, lose your boldness, which has great reward.

Heb 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the desire of Elohim, you receive the promise:

Heb 10:37 "For yet a little while – He who is coming shall come and shall not delay."

Heb 10:38 "But the righteous shall live by belief, but if anyone draws back, my being has no pleasure in him." Hab 2:3-4.

Heb 10:39 <u>But we are not of those who draw back to destruction, but of belief to the preservation of life.</u>

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Other Shabbat Reading Suggestions:
Jeremiah 33:20-26; 34:8-22;
Ezekiel 1:26-28; 8:1,2;
Daniel 7:9,10; 10:5,6;
Amos 2:9;
Zechariah 11:10-14

NEW TESTAMENT:
Matthew 5:38-42; 12:1-21; 17:1-11; 26:14-16;
Mark 7:6-9;
Luke 9:51-56; 10:30-37;
Acts 23:1-11;
James 1:27;
Revelation 1:13-15; 21:1-14
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