

Week 21: 'When you take' Ki Tissa Exodus 30:11 – 34:35 ~ 1Kings 18 ~ Hebrews 9

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Exodus 30 - Ki Tissa begins with verse 11

As we read Exodus 30, don't lose sight of **the greatest love story ever told!** We are His beloved. His love for us was written in red. By His Blood He has redeemed His bride; redeemed creation; and has redeemed the land.

This chapter instructs about the Altar of Incense, the Census Shekel, Anointing Oil, Incense, and the Bronze Basin. But please 'see Him', in these furnishings. See His love for His bride.

Ezekiel 16: **9**“And I washed you in water, and I washed off your blood, **and I anointed you with oil.** **10**“And I dressed you in embroidered work and gave you sandals of leather. **And I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk.**

Think of those you love. You know their voice. You know their scent, scents of perfumes, colognes, or lotions. Some of our loved ones we know by scents from their kitchens or the musky earthy scents from the outdoors. And you know their voice.

Enjoy the inserted cross-referenced verses; and see His love for you.

The Altar of Incense

Exo 30:1 “And you shall make a slaughter-place to burn incense on, make it of acacia wood,

Exo 30:2 a cubit long and a cubit wide – it is a square – and two cubits high, its horns of the same.

Exo 30:3 “And you shall overlay its top, and its sides all around, and its horns with clean gold. And you shall make for it a moulding of gold all around.

Exo 30:4 “And make two gold rings for it, under the moulding on both its sides. Make them on its two sides, and they shall be holders for the poles to lift it with.

Exo 30:5 “And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

Rev 8:1 And when He opened the seventh seal, there came to be silence in the heaven for about half an hour.

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven messengers who stand before Elohim, and to them were given seven trumpets.

Rev 8:3 And another messenger came and stood at the slaughter-place, holding a golden censer, and much incense was given to him, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the set-apart ones upon the golden slaughter-place which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the set-apart ones, went up before Elohim from the hand of the messenger.

Rev 8:5 And the messenger took the censer, and filled it with fire from the slaughter-place, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Exo 30:6 “And you shall put it before the veil that is before the ark of the Witness, before the lid of atonement that is over the Witness, where I am to meet with you.

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.

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

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.

Exo 30:7 “And Aharon **shall burn on it sweet incense**, morning by morning. As he tends the **lamps**, he shall **burn incense** on it.

As I understand, hot burnt offerings from the bronze altar, morning and evening, would be placed in a firepan or holder and brought to the altar of incense. The hot coals would be added to the incense thus burning the incense and making the sweet-smelling aroma.

Some say there was a bowl on the altar of incense where the hot coals were added and then the incense placed on top. The golden censer held the incense made up of about eleven spices.

Luk 1:9 according to the institute of the priesthood, he was **chosen by lot to burn incense** when he went into the Dwelling Place of יהוה.

Act 6:4 but we shall give ourselves **continually to prayer and to serving the Word.**

Give Ear to My Voice

Psa 141:1 יהוה, I have cried out to You; Hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.

Psa 141:2 Let my prayer be prepared before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

Exo 30:8 “**And when Aharon lights the lamps between the evenings**, he shall burn incense on it – a **continual incense** before יהוה throughout your generations.

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 Set-apart 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.**

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 once to bear the sins of many, Isa 53:12 shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to those waiting for Him, unto deliverance.

Exo 30:9 “**Do not offer strange incense on it**, or an ascending offering, or a grain offering, and do not pour a drink offering on it.

Lev 10:1 **And Nadab and Abihu**, the sons of Aharon, **each took his fire holder and put fire in it, and put incense on it, and brought strange fire before יהוה**, which He had not commanded them. **Lev 10:2 And fire came out from יהוה and consumed them, and they died before יהוה.**

Exo 30:10 “And Aharon shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement – once a year he makes atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is **most set-apart to יהוה**.”

Heb 1:3 who being the brightness of the esteem and the exact representation of His substance, and sustaining all by the word of His power, having made a cleansing of our sins through Himself, sat down at the right hand Psa 110:1 of the Greatness on high,

The Census Shekel

The video teaching reviewed three reasons that nations take a census: to determine military strength in numbers; economically for taxation; and demographically to determine growth. As believers, being part of His holy nation, rely totally on One. YHWH is militarily all-powerful; He owns everything; and He knew each being before they were born.

Exo 30:11 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 30:12 “When you take the census of the children of Yisra’ël, to register them, then each one shall give an atonement for his life to יהוה, when you register them, so that there is no plague among them when you register them.”

Believers are redeemed or atoned by the blood of the Lamb.

1Pe 1:18 knowing that you were redeemed from your futile behaviour inherited from your fathers, **not with what is corruptible, silver or gold**,

1Pe 1:19 **but with the precious blood of Messiah**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless,

Exo 30:13 “Everyone among those who are registered is to give this: half a sheqel according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, twenty gĕrahs being a sheqel. The half-sheqel is the contribution to יהוה.”

Exo 30:14 “Everyone passing over to be registered, from twenty years old and above, gives a contribution to יהוה.”

Exo 30:15 “The rich does not give more and the poor does not give less than half a sheqel, when you give a contribution to יהוה, to make atonement for yourselves.”

Exo 30:16 “And you shall take the silver for the atonement from the children of Yisra’ël, and give it for the service of the Tent of Appointment. And it shall be to the children of Yisra’ël for a remembrance before יהוה, to make atonement for yourselves.”

Luk 22:19 And taking bread, giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “**This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me.**”

Luk 22:20 Likewise the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the **renewed covenant in My blood which is shed for you.**”

The Bronze Basin

Exo 30:17 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 30:18 “And you shall make a basin of bronze, with its stand also of bronze, for washing. And you shall put it between the Tent of Appointment and the slaughter-place, and shall put water in it.

Exo 30:19 “And Aharon and his sons shall wash from it their hands and their feet.

Tit 3:5 He saved us, not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His compassion, through the washing of rebirth, and renewal by the Set-apart Spirit,

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

 Rev 1:5 and from יהושע Messiah, the trustworthy witness, the first-born from the dead, and the ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. **To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,**

Exo 30:20 “When they go into the Tent of Appointment, or when they come near the slaughter-place to attend, to burn an offering made by fire to יהוה, they wash with water, lest they die.

Exo 30:21 “And they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a law forever to them, to him and his seed throughout their generations.”

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

 Heb 12:28 Therefore, **receiving an unshakeable reign,** let us hold the favour, through which we serve Elohim pleasingly with reverence and awe, Heb 12:29 for indeed, our **Elohim is a consuming fire.** Deu 4:24.

The Anointing Oil and Incense

Exo 30:22 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 30:23 “And take for yourself choice spices, five hundred *sheqels* of liquid myrrh, and half as much – two hundred and fifty – of sweet-smelling cinnamon, and two hundred and fifty of sweet-smelling cane,

Son 1:13 My beloved is a bundle of myrrh to me, Lying between my breasts.

Exo 30:24 and five hundred of cassia, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, and a hin of olive oil.

Psa 45:8 **All Your garments are myrrh and aloes, cassia**; Out of the palaces of ivory, Stringed instruments have made You glad.

Exo 30:25 **“And you shall make from these a set-apart anointing oil,** a compound, blended, the work of a perfumer. It is a set-apart anointing oil.

Heb 1:9 **“You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. Because of this, Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”**
Psa 45:6-7.

Exo 30:26 **“And with it you shall anoint the Tent of Appointment and the ark of the Witness,**

Exo 30:27 and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the slaughter-place of incense,

Exo 30:28 and the slaughter-place of ascending offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand.

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

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

2Co 1:21 But He who establishes us with you in Messiah and **has anointed us is Elohim,**

2Co 1:22 who also **sealed us,** and **gave the Spirit in our hearts** as a pledge.

1Jn 2:20 And **you have an anointing from the Set-apart One,** and you know all.

1Jn 2:21 I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no falsehood is of the truth.

1Jn 2:27 But **the anointing which you have received** from Him stays in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as **the same anointing does teach you** concerning all, and is true, and is no falsehood, and even as it has taught you, you stay in Him.

Exo 30:29 “And you shall set them apart, and they shall be most set-apart. Whatever

touches them is to be set-apart.

Exo 30:30 “And you shall anoint Aharon and his sons, and set them apart, to serve as priests to Me.

Mat 23:17 “Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the Dwelling Place that sets the gold apart?

Mat 23:18 “And, ‘Whoever swears by the slaughter-place, it does not matter, but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, is bound by oath.’

Mat 23:19 “Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the slaughter-place that sets the gift apart?

F.B. Meyer comments: Hypocrisy is hiding under a cloak of religion the sins which the ordinary moralist and worldling would condemn. It is very injurious, because it hinders men from entering the Kingdom, Mat 23:13. It is punctilious in its exactions, because while it strains out gnats, it swallows camels, Mat 23:23-24. It expends itself on outward ritual-the Pharisees would not enter Pilate’s hall on the day before the Passover, but they murdered the holy Savior. Above all things, let us be true, professing to be no more than we are!

Exo 30:31 “And speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘This is a set-apart anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

Exo 30:32 ‘It shall not be poured on the flesh of a man, and make no other like it, according to its composition. It is set-apart, it is set-apart to you.

Exo 30:33 ‘Whoever compounds *any* like it, or whoever puts any of it on a stranger, shall be cut off from his people.’ ”

Exo 30:34 And יהוה¹ said to Mosheh, “Take sweet spices, fragrant gum and cinnamon and galbanam, and clear frankincense with these sweet spices, all in equal amounts.

Psa 89:20 “I have found My servant Dawid; With My set-apart oil I anointed him,

Exo 30:35 “Then you shall make of these an incense, a compound, work of a perfumer, salted, clean, **set-apart**.

Exo 30:36 “And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put some of it before the Witness in the Tent of Appointment where I meet with you, it is most set-apart to you.

Exo 30:37 “And the incense which you make, do not make any for yourselves, according to its composition, it is set-apart to you for יהוה¹.

Exo 30:38 “Whoever makes *any* like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people.”

Son 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, For your *carnal*-love are better than wine. Son 1:3 For fragrance your oils are good. Your name is oil poured forth,^a Therefore the young women^b love you.

Son 3:6 Who is this coming out of the wilderness Like columns of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, From all the merchant's fragrant powders?

Exodus 31

Bezaleel and Oholiab are called. The definitions of their names are as follows:

BDB Definition: Bezaleel betsal'el "in the shadow (i.e. protection) of God" 1) son of Uri and grandson of Hur; a skilled Judahite artisan in all works of metal, wood, and stone and one of the architects of the tabernacle.....

BDB Definition: Aholiab 'ohöly'âb "Father's tent" 1) chief assistant of Bezaleel in construction of the tabernacle

Bezaleel and Oholiab, his assistant, were called and gifted by the Spirit of YHWH to create and oversee wise-hearted helpers in the making of the all that YHWH had shown Moses.

Exo 25:9 "According to all that I show you – the pattern of the Dwelling Place and the pattern of all its furnishings – make it exactly so.

Oholiab and Bezaleel

Exo 31:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 31:2 "See, I have called by name Betsal'el son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Yehudah,

Exo 31:3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of Elohim in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all work,

Exo 31:4 to make designs for work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,

Exo 31:5 and in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, and to work in all work.

There was quite a list of items to be made:

Exo 31:6 "And I, look I have appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamaq, of the tribe of Dan And I have put wisdom in the hearts of everyone who is wise-hearted, and they shall make all that I have commanded you:

Exo 31:7 the Tent of Appointment, and the ark of the Witness and the lid of atonement that is on it, and all the utensils of the Tent,

Exo 31:8 and the table and its utensils, and the clean gold lampstand with all its utensils, and the slaughter-place of incense,

Exo 31:9 and the slaughter-place of ascending offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand,

Exo 31:10 and the woven garments, and the set-apart garments for Aharon the priest and the garments of his sons, for serving as priests,

Exo 31:11 and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the Set-apart Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they are to do.”

Moses is then given specific instructions for the children of Israel about keeping the Sabbath. It was a sign between YHWH that they had been ‘set apart’ to Him. Keeping the Sabbath was part of the Book of the Covenant; but the instructions here, are also in the Book of the Law. They read a little different than when first given in Ex. 20:12; 20:20. Now, they are warned that anyone profaning the Sabbath would be put to death Ex. 31:14-15.

TS2009 Notes: Sabbath (Seventh Day of the Week)

This day was blessed and set apart by Elohim at creation (Ber 2:2-3 / Gen 2:2-3). Later on it was instituted as the sign of the everlasting covenant between Elohim and His people, a sign that He sets them apart, an everlasting sign (Shem 31:13-17 / Exo 31:13-17, Yehez 20:12-20 / Eze 20:12-20). Sabbath-keeping is one of the Ten Words of the Covenant, standing forever, settled forever in heaven, founded forever (Teh 89:34 / Psa 89:34, Teh 111:8-9 / Psa 111:8-9, Teh 119:89 / Psa 119:89). We would like to point out the following:

(1) **יהושע kept the Sabbath** (Luk 4:16, Yn 15:10 / Joh 15:10), and the women who were taught by Him still kept it at the time of Messiah's burial (Lq 23:56 / Luk 23:56).

(2) **Sha'ul kept it** (Ma 13:14 / Act 13:14, Ma 13:42-44 / Act 13:42-44, Ma 17:2 / Act 17:2, Ma 18:4 / Act 18:4 and Ma 18:11 / Act 18:11).

(3) **Ludia and the women kept it** (Ma 16:13 / Act 16:13).

(4) In Heb 4:9 we are again reminded of the necessity of keeping the Sabbath!

(5) Finally: At the end of the age (Yesh 66), we read in verse 23 Isa 66:23 that the Sabbath shall still be kept.

For further reading see *From Sabbath to Sunday* by Saele Bacchiocchi and ***Come out of her My people***, by C.J. Koster.

Chapter 31 closes with Moses being given two stone tablets **written by the finger of Eloah**. At this point, this would have been the 2nd set of tablets as best can be determined. All the ‘added’ Book of the Law **would be written by Moses on parchment** and upon completion, placed beside the Ark of the Covenant in Deut. 31:26. The Book of the Law would stand as a witness against them. The Book of the Law was ‘added’ since the Book of the Covenant had already been blood-ratified; meaning no one could add to or take away from the covenant since it had been blood-ratified and confirmed.

Deu 31:24 And it came to be, when Mosheh had completed writing the Words of this Torah in a book, until their completion, Deu 31:25 that Mosheh commanded the Lēwites, who bore the ark

of the covenant of יהוה, saying,

Deu 31:26 “**Take this Book of the Torah [Law]**, and you shall **place it beside** the ark of the **covenant** of יהוה your Elohim, and it shall be there as **a witness against you**, Deu 31:27 for I myself know your rebellion and your stiff neck. See, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against יהוה, then how much more after my death?

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of **works of Torah [Law]** are **under the curse**, for it has been written, **“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah [Law], to do them.”** Deu 27:26.

Gal 3:11 And that **no one is declared right by Torah [Law]** before Elohim is clear, for **“The righteous shall live by belief.”** Hab 2:4.

Now, by FAITH, we are made righteous through Yahusha HaMashiach. We are no longer ‘under the curse’ but now live in Covenant Torah.

The Sabbath

Exo 31:12 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 31:13 “And you, speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, **‘My Sabbaths you are to guard, by all means, for it is a sign^a between Me and you throughout your generations, to know that I, יהוה, am setting you apart. Footnote: ^aAlso see Eze 20:12 and Eze 20:20.**

Exo 31:14 ‘And **you shall guard the Sabbath, for it is set-apart to you**. Everyone who profanes it shall certainly be put to death, for anyone who does work on it, that being shall be cut off from among his people.

Exo 31:15 ‘**Six days work is done, and on the seventh is a Sabbath of rest, set-apart to יהוה**. Everyone doing work on the Sabbath day shall certainly be put to death.

Exo 31:16 ‘And the children of Yisra’el shall guard the Sabbath, to perform the Sabbath throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant.

Exo 31:17 ‘**Between Me and the children of Yisra’el it is a sign forever**. For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’ ”

Exo 31:18 And when He had ended speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Mosheh two tablets of the Witness, tablets of stone, written with the finger of Elohim.

Exodus 32

The sin of the golden calf is recorded in Exodus 32. This narrative could easily be picked up after reading Exodus 24. Moses is up on the mount receiving the 1st set of stone tablets; this was his 8th accent. The people murmur because Moses was gone so long; 40 days and 40 nights. They turn to Aaron because if you recall; Aaron and Hur were left in charge (Ex. 24:14).

It had not been long, since the people had come out of Egyptian paganism. Now they were longing to return to dead pagan idols and rituals. Looking back over this account, one wonders if Aaron had been exposed to these Egyptian rituals more than Moses; since Moses had escaped from Egypt to Midian 40 years prior to being called by YHWH.

Looking at Aarons prompt response to the people, it appears that Aaron may have been quite accustomed to forming idols by the melting of metals and use of engraving tools. He not only makes the golden calf that the people then proclaim to be the one that brought them out of Egypt; but Aaron goes on to build a slaughter place for it! Aaron saw the excitement of the crowd and one can't help but think 'pride' slipped into Aaron. He then declares to the people that, 'Tomorrow is a festival to YHWH'.

What? It was bad enough making the golden calf idol; **now Aaron is associating its worship with YHWH!** YHWH doesn't share His glory within anyone or anything! This is a monumental FAILURE! One would think today's society would have learned from this past lesson; but the majority have not. There is no difference in celebrating "GOD" with 'Christmas' trees and the worship of pagan Tammuz (born on Dec. 25th), Santa Claus (Satan Lucas – sigil magic), Easter rabbits ('Ishtar' fertility mother goddess worship – like Artemis in Ephesus), or other little 'g' gods around the world. We worship YHWH ONLY and follow His feast days, which are His rehearsals with His bride!

YHWH is very much aware of what was taking place at the foot of the mount. He instructs Moses that the people had quickly turned away from Him and instructs Moses to get down from the mount as YHWH contemplates consuming the people with His burning wrath.

Moses intercedes on behalf of the people; Moses asks that He remember the covenant to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; thus, YHWH relents.

Moses, descends the mount with the 1st set of tablets, picking up Joshua on the way down who had gone up with him. They find the people worshipping the golden calf; Moses rebukes the people; throws down and breaks the 1st set of stone tablets symbolizing the Book of the Covenant being broken; burns and grinds the golden calf, strews it on water, and makes the people drink; rebukes Aaron; Moses asks, ‘Who is for YHWH?’- the tribe of Levi steps forth; Moses tells the tribe of Levi to sword up and go through the crowd with 3,000 dying that day; Moses states the tribe of Levi are ordained ‘this’ day; Moses then tells the people he is going back up the mount to see if he could atone for their sin; Moses was willing to have his name blotted out of YHWH’s Book; YHWH does not permit this by Moses, but in so many words says He will deal with the situation and that the people will be plagued because of the sin of the golden calf. The ‘book’ Moses mentioned to have his name blotted out of, is thought to have been the ‘Book of Remembrance’ and not the ‘Book of Life.’

The Golden Calf

Exo 32:1 And when the people saw that Mosheh was so long in coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aharon, and said to him, “Arise, make us mighty ones who go before us. For this Mosheh, the man who brought us up out of the land of Mitsrayim, we do not know what has become of him.”

Exo 32:2 And Aharon said to them, “Take off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”

Exo 32:3 “And all the people took off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aharon.

Exo 32:4 And he took *this* from their hand, and he formed it with an engraving tool, and made a moulded calf. And they said, “This is your mighty one, O Yisra’ël, that brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim!”

Exo 32:5 And Aharon saw and built a slaughter-place before it. And Aharon called out and said, “Tomorrow is a festival to יהוה.”

Exo 32:6 And they rose early on the next day, and offered ascending offerings, and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Exo 32:7 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Mitsrayim have corrupted themselves.

Exo 32:8 “They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a moulded calf, and have bowed themselves to it and slaughtered to it, and said, ‘This is your mighty one, O Yisra’ël, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim!’ ”

Exo 32:9 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “I have seen this people, and see, it is a stiff-necked people!

Exo 32:10 “And now, let Me alone, that My wrath might burn against them and I consume them and I make of you a great nation.”

Exo 32:11 But Mosheh pleaded with יהוה his Elohim, and said, “יהוה, why does Your wrath burn against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Mitsrayim with great power and with a strong hand?

Exo 32:12 “Why should the Mitsrites speak, and say, ‘For evil He brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from the heat of Your wrath, and relent from this evil to Your people.

Exo 32:13 “**Remember Abraham, Yitsḥaq, and Yisra’el, Your servants, to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, ‘I increase your seed like the stars of the heavens. And all this land that I have spoken of I give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.’**”

Exo 32:14 And יהוה relented from the evil which He said He would do to His people.

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

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

Exo 32:17 And Yehoshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted and he said to Mosheh, “A noise of battle in the camp!”

Exo 32:18 But he said, “It is not the sound of those who shout of might, nor is it the sound of those who cry out in weakness, but the sound of singing that I hear.”

Exo 32:19 And it came to be, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. And Mosheh’s displeasure burned, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

Exo 32:20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burned it in the fire, and ground it into powder, and scattered it on the face of the water and made the children of Yisra’el drink it.

Exo 32:21 And Mosheh said to Aharon, “What did this people do to you that you have brought so great a sin upon them?”

Exo 32:22 And Aharon said, “Do not let the displeasure of my master burn. You know the people, that it is in evil.

Exo 32:23 “And they said to me, ‘Make us mighty ones who go before us. For this Mosheh, the man who brought us out of the land of Mitsrayim, we do not know what has become of him.’

Exo 32:24 “And I said to them, ‘Whoever has gold, let them take it off.’ And they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and this calf came out.”

Exo 32:25 And Mosheh saw that the people were let loose, for Aharon had let them loose, to their shame among their enemies.

Exo 32:26 And Mosheh stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, “Who is for יהוה? Come to me.” And all the sons of Lěwi gathered themselves to him.

Exo 32:27 And he said to them, “**Thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ěl: ‘Each one put his sword on his side, pass over to and fro from gate to gate in the camp, and each one kill his brother, and each one his friend, and each one his relative.’**”

Exo 32:28 And the sons of Lěwi did according to the word of Mosheh. **And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.**

Exo 32:29 And Mosheh said, “You are ordained for יהוה today – since each one has been against his son and his brother – so as to bring upon you a blessing today.”

Exo 32:30 And it came to be on the next day that Mosheh said to the people, “You, you have sinned a great sin. **And now I am going up to יהוה** – if I might atone for your sin.”

This is Moses’ 9th ascent up the mount. The timeframe of being up on the mount is not stated.

Exo 32:31 And Mosheh returned to יהוה and said, “Oh, these people have sinned a great sin, and have made for themselves a mighty one of gold!

Exo 32:32 “And now, if You would forgive their sin, but if not, please blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

Exo 32:33 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I blot him out of My book.

Exo 32:34 “And now, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. See, My Messenger goes before you. And in the day of My visitation I shall visit their sin upon them.”

Exo 32:35 And יהוה plagued the people because they made the calf, which Aharon made.

The people had broken several aspects of the Book of the Covenant and now the Book of the Law, their tutor, would enter the picture. They would no longer be His kingdom of priests; but a nation with a priest. The Book of the Law would stand as a witness against them.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of works of Torah [Book of the Law] are under the curse, for it has been written, **“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah [Law], to do them.”** [Deu 27:26](#).

Gal 3:11 And that no one is declared right by Torah before Elohim is clear, for **“The righteous shall live by belief.”** [Hab 2:4](#).

Gal 3:12 And the Torah [Book of the Law] is not of belief, but **“The man who does them shall live by them.”** [Lev 18:5](#).

Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah [Book of the Law], having become a curse for us – for it has been written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree.” – Deu 21:23.

Gal 3:14 in order that the **blessing of Abraham might come upon the nations in Messiah יהושע, to receive the promise of the Spirit through belief.**

Exodus 33

In Exodus 32, we saw Moses descend from the mountain with the 1st set of stone tablets he received on his 8th accent. We read how Moses smashed the tablets and rebuked Aaron and the people for **the sin of the golden calf**. He then tells the people; he would go back up to YHWH to see if he could atone for their sins [9th Accent – Ex. 32:30].

Stay with me because this is going to be important in understanding the two priesthoods: the Melchizedek and the Aaronic Priesthood, and the ‘shift’ between the two.

YHWH’s heart has been broken several times by His people throughout history. The first three verses in Ex. 33, give us insight into one of those times. One can sense the deflated disappointment and grief. Rejection by someone you love is very piercing and slow to heal.

YHWH tells Moses, I am keeping my promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; but you and the people will be led into the land flowing with milk and honey by My Messenger; for I do not go in your midst lest I consume you. After all that YHWH had done for His people; after His heartfelt proposal; the people break His Covenant. Upon hearing the words of YHWH from Moses, the **people mourn**. Their mourning at least shows there is hope for them yet. **Now what will happen?**

The Command to Leave Sinai

Exo 33:1 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Come, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Mitsrayim, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya’aqob, saying, ‘To your seed I give it.’

Exo 33:2 “And I shall send My Messenger before you, and I shall drive out the Kena’anite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Yebusite,

Exo 33:3 to a land flowing with milk and honey. **For I do not go up in your midst because you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you on the way.**”

Exo 33:4 And when the people heard this evil word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

Exo 33:5 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Say to the children of Yisra’ël, ‘You are a stiff-necked people. Should I go up in your midst for one moment I shall consume you. And now, take off your ornaments, and I shall know what to do to you.’ ”

Exo 33:6 So the children of Yisra’ël took off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.

The Tent of Meeting

Exo 33:7 And Mosheh took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the Tent of Appointment. And it came to be that everyone who sought יהוה went out to the Tent of Appointment which was outside the camp.

Exo 33:8 And it came to be, whenever Mosheh went out to the Tent, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Mosheh until he entered the Tent.

Exo 33:9 And it came to be, when Mosheh entered the Tent, that the column of cloud descended and stood at the door of the Tent, and He spoke with Mosheh.

Exo 33:10 And all the people saw the column of cloud standing at the Tent door, and all the people rose and bowed themselves, each one at the door of his tent.

Exo 33:11 Thus יהוה spoke to Mosheh face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Yehoshua son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the Tent.

Moses' Intercession

Exo 33:12 And Mosheh said to יהוה, “See, You are saying to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not made known to me whom You would send with me, though You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favour in My eyes.’

Exo 33:13 “And now, please, if I have found favour in Your eyes, please show me Your way, and let me know You, so that I find favour in Your eyes. And consider that this nation is Your people.”

Exo 33:14 And He said, **“My Presence does go, and I shall give you rest.”**

Exo 33:15 And he said to Him, **“If Your Presence is not going, do not lead us up from here.”**

Exo 33:16 “For how then shall it be known that I have found favour in Your eyes, I and Your people, except You go with us? Then we shall be distinguished, I and Your people, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”

Exo 33:17 And יהוה said to Mosheh, **“Even this word you have spoken I shall do, for you have found favour in My eyes, and I know you by name.”**

Exo 33:18 Then he said, **“Please, show me Your esteem.”**

Exo 33:19 And He said, “I shall cause all My goodness to pass before you, and I shall proclaim the Name of יהוה before you. And I shall favour him whom I favour, and shall have compassion on him whom I have compassion.”

Exo 33:20 But He said, “You are unable to see My face, for no man does see Me and

live.”

Exo 33:21 And יהוה said, “See, there is a place with Me! And you shall stand on the rock.

Exo 33:22 “And it shall be, while My esteem passes by, that I shall put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Exo 33:23 “Then I shall take away My hand and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”

We see Moses pitch his tent outside of the camp away from the people. He calls it the **Tent of Appointment**. This is **very significant!** There were only two individuals not present at the sin of the golden calf: **Moses and Joshua**. It is only these two individuals allowed into the **Tent of Appointment**.

When Moses went to the Tent of Appointment, YHWH would descend in a pillar of cloud and speak to Moses face to face as a man would speak to a friend. Moses would then return to the camp, but Joshua never left the Tent of Appointment.

Moses and Joshua were still set-apart to YHWH under the Melchizedek Priesthood. For this reason, they could enter the Tent of Appointment. **It will NOT be until Aaron and his sons** are formally consecrated and ordained by YHWH through Moses in Leviticus 8 and 9; **that they would be able to enter the Tent of Appointment and not die**. Leviticus 9:6 says their consecration was necessary for the esteem [glory] of YHWH to appear to Aaron and then to the people in Leviticus 9:23.

So, what is this all about? We are seeing the implementation of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Moses was key in order to consecrate and ordain Aaron and his sons according to YHWH’s instructions for their set-apart tasks. **The Melchizedek Priesthood would run parallel to the Aaronic Priesthood but in a denigrated position UNTIL Yahusha would come.**

Lev 8:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 8:2 “Take Aharon and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread,

Lev 8:3 and assemble all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Appointment.”

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

Lev 9:22 Aharon then lifted up his hand toward the people and blessed them, and came down

from making the sin offering, and the ascending offering, and the peace offerings.

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

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

Moses intercession for YHWH's Presence to go with them into the promise land is granted. Moses had found favor in the eyes of YHWH. Moses is instructed to stand on the rock and was granted to SEE His esteem; to SEE His glory. Not cloaked in a pillar of cloud, but for a moment to see His esteem pass by the cleft of the rock.

Psalm 27:5 For in the day of evil He hides me in His booth; In the covering of His Tent He hides me; On a rock He raises me up. **6** And now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me; And I offer in His Tent with shouts of joy; I sing, yea, I sing praises to יהוה.

Exodus 34 The time lapse between the 9th and 10th ascent is not stated.

YHWH instructs Moses to make another set of stone tablets and come up to meet Him on the top of Mount Sinai. This is Moses' **10th and final ascent**. He is given very specific instructions that no one was to come up with him nor be seen on the mount. Even the flock and herd were not to be feeding in front of the mount. Then the next morning Moses takes the tablets up [Ex. 34:4].

Then a very sobering, hallowed, and unique thing occurs. YHWH came down to Moses in a cloud and **makes a proclamation** [Ex. 34:5-7]!

Moses Makes New 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."

Exo 34:4 And he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Mosheh rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as יהוה had commanded him, and he took two tablets of stone in his hand.

Exo 34:5 **And יהוה came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name, יהוה.**

Exo 34:6 **And יהוה passed before him and proclaimed,** “יהוה, יהוה, an Ĕl compassionate and showing favour, patient, and great in loving-commitment and truth, **Exo 34:7** watching over loving-commitment for thousands, forgiving crookedness and transgression and sin, but by no means leaving unpunished,^a visiting the crookedness of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.” **Footnote:** ^aAlso see [Num 14:18](#) and [Jer 30:11](#).

Exo 34:8 And Mosheh hurried and bowed himself toward the earth, and did obeisance, **Exo 34:9** and said, “If, now, I have found favour in Your eyes, O יהוה, I pray, let יהוה go on in our midst, even though we are a stiff-necked people. And forgive our crookedness and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance.”

The Covenant Renewed

Exo 34:10 And He said, “See, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I am going to do wonders such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of יהוה. For what I am doing with you is awesome.

Exo 34:11 “Guard what I command you today. See, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Kena’anite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Yebusite.

Exo 34:12 “Guard yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.

Exo 34:13 “But break down their slaughter-places, and smash their pillars, and cut down their Ashĕrim –

Exo 34:14 for you do not bow yourselves to another mighty one, for יהוה, whose Name is jealous, is a jealous Ĕl –

Exo 34:15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they whore after their mighty ones, and slaughter to their mighty ones, and one of them invites you and you eat of his slaughterings,

Exo 34:16 and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters whore after their mighty ones, and make your sons whore after their mighty ones.

Exo 34:17 “Do not make a moulded mighty one for yourselves.

Exo 34:18 “Guard the Festival of [Matzot](#).^b For seven days you eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the new moon of Abib, because in the new moon of Abib you came out from Mitsrayim. **Footnote:** ^bUnleavened Bread.

Exo 34:19 “Everyone opening the womb is Mine, and every male first-born among your livestock, whether bull or sheep.

Exo 34:20 “But the first-born of a donkey you ransom with a lamb. And if you do not ransom, then you shall break his neck. Every first-born of your sons you shall ransom.

And they shall not appear before Me empty-handed.

Exo 34:21 “Six days you work, but on the seventh day you rest – in ploughing time and in harvest you rest.

Exo 34:22 “And perform the Festival of **Shabu’oth^c** for yourself, of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the Festival of **Ingathering^d** at the turn of the year. **Footnotes:**
^cWeeks. ^dFestival of Sukkot (Booths).

Exo 34:23 “Three times in the year all your men are to appear before the Master, יהוה, the Elohim of Yisra’ël,

Exo 34:24 for I dispossess nations before you, and shall enlarge your borders, and let no one covet your land when you go up to appear before יהוה your Elohim three times in the year.

Exo 34:25 “Do not slay the blood of My slaughtering with leaven, and do not let the slaughtering of the Festival of the **Pěsah^e** remain until morning. **Footnote:** ^ePassover.

Exo 34:26 “Bring the first of the first-fruits of your land to the House of יהוה your Elohim. Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.”

Exo 34:27 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Write these Words, for according to the mouth of these Words I have made a covenant with you and with Yisra’ël.”

Exo 34:28 And he was there with יהוה forty days and forty nights. He did not eat bread and he did not drink water. And He wrote on the tablets the Words of the covenant, the Ten Words.

The Shining Face of Moses

Exo 34:29 And it came to be, when Mosheh came down from Mount Sinai, while the two tablets of the Witness were in Mosheh’s hand when he came down from the mountain, that Mosheh did not know that the skin of his face shone since he had spoken with Him.

Exo 34:30 And Aharon and all the children of Yisra’ël looked at Mosheh and saw the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exo 34:31 But Mosheh called out to them, and Aharon and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him, and Mosheh spoke to them.

Exo 34:32 And afterward all the children of Yisra’ël came near, and he commanded them all that יהוה had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

Exo 34:33 And when Mosheh ended speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

Exo 34:34 But whenever Mosheh went in before יהוה to speak with Him, he would remove the veil until he came out. And when he came out he spoke to the children of Yisra’ël what he had been commanded,

Exo 34:35 and the children of Yisra’ël would see the face of Mosheh, that the skin of Mosheh’s face shone, and Mosheh would put the veil on his face again, until he went in

to speak with Him.

YHWH then makes a covenant with Moses and the people. This is not a blood covenant and it is not a ‘renewed’ covenant; it is the Book of the Law imposed to spare their very lives and serve as a tutor for a much greater time to come. YHWH states that He will go with them and do mighty miracles in driving out **the Amorite and the Kena’anite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Yebusite** currently in the lands He has promised. Mighty miracles would definitely be needed to conquer the Promised Land.

Deu 20:16 “Only, of the cities of these peoples which יהוה your Elohim gives you as an inheritance, you do not keep alive any that breathe, Deu 20:17 but you shall certainly put them under the ban: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Kena’anite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Yebusite, as יהוה your Elohim has commanded you,

Giants [Excerpt]: <https://www.bible-history.com/eastons/G/Giants/>

(1.) Heb. nephilim, meaning "violent" or "causing to fall" (Gen. 6:4). These were the violent tyrants of those days, those who fell upon others. The word may also be derived from a root signifying "wonder," and hence "monsters" or "prodigies." In Num. 13:33 this name is given to a Canaanite tribe, a race of large stature, "the sons of Anak." The Revised Version, in these passages, simply transliterates the original, and reads "Nephilim." (2.) Heb. rephaim, a race of giants (Deut. 3:11) who lived on the east of Jordan, from whom Og was descended. They were probably the original inhabitants of the land before the immigration of the Canaanites.’.....

Maps and details of these inhabitants: <https://www.bible-history.com/maps/5-israel-ancient-inhabitants.html>

YHWH is about to give clear instructions and cautions Moses that these commands should be guarded.

YHWH continues and states to Moses that they are not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land lest it be a snare in their midst. Then, YHWH gives exact instructions regarding pagan altars and idols of ‘mighty ones.’ **Somewhere along the line, believers today think this does not apply to them!**

They were to break down their slaughter places; smash their pillars; and cut down their Asherim.

BDB Definition: 'āshêrâh / 'āshêyrâh Ashera(h) = “groves (for idol worship)” 1) a Babylonian (Astarte)-Canaanite goddess (of fortune and happiness), the supposed consort of Baal, her images 1a) the goddess, goddesses 1b) her images 1c) sacred trees or poles set up near an altar

Let us reason together. Today, His people should walk in Covenant Torah. As then, today, we too are clearly instructed to have no other gods before Him nor idols. Re-read YHWH's proclamation as if He is speaking only to you.

YHWH names one of their mighty ones in Ex. 34:13 – Asherim or groves. This was the **Phoenician goddess of love** or better known today as **'Easter', Ishtar**. Ring a bell? Today's pagan ceremonies consist of bunny rabbits; 'Ishtar eggs'; and **Sun-god worship** disguised as Easter **'Ishtar' SUNrise service**. Ishtar, Ashteroth, Astarte, Isis, are synonymous names to Asherim; and in general, refer to Queen of Heaven or 'Mother goddess worship'. This was considered a 'high deity' right up there with Baal.

Pillars were obelisks! Today our pagan world is full of obelisks in just about every city; the Washington monument; courtyard of 'St. Peter's' basilica; London; New York City; Paris; 'church' steeples; they are everywhere. At Ishtar 'Easter', people sit down to eat a big fat slaughtered 'unclean' pig. Who told people that 'pigs' were a food source? The same entity that said clams, oysters, shrimp, catfish, lobsters, crawfish, etc. were. The enemy! The enemy is mocking YHWH's people because they perish for 'lack of knowledge' and their health is dismal. They have not LISTENED to YHWH but have been grossly deceived and listened to the voice of the enemy and they eat from the 'flesh pots of Egypt'. Then, Scriptures are twisted to comply to their lifestyles; instead of their lifestyles complying with His Word.

YHWH then goes over the feasts that His People are to follow. Anyone can reject His instructions, but they will also reap what they sow. We are to keep His moedim; His appointed times that are taught in Scripture. The three main feasts are the **Feasts of Unleavened Bread; Shavuot [Pentecost]; and Sukkot [Feast of Tabernacles or booths]**. Associated spring feasts also include Passover; First Fruits; and associated fall feasts include Feast of Trumpets [Yom Teruah]; Day of Atonement [Yom Kippur]. Every **Sabbath**, not Sunday, is holy and set-apart to Him. Hanukkah and Purim are man-made feasts along with other man-made holidays such as Easter, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and other cultural pagan festivals all around the world. Now let's move on.

In the following verses we see Moses is instructed to write these Words down. He was on the mount 40 days and 40 nights like his 1st trip to receive the stone tablets. It also states **what YHWH wrote on the tablets; the Words of the covenant, the Ten Words**. Deuteronomy 9 and 10 below, give more detail as to what was written by YHWH. The same words of the 1st set of tablets were written on the 2nd set of tablets.

Exo 34:27 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Write these Words, for according to the mouth of these Words I have made a covenant with you and with Yisra’el.”

Exo 34:28 And he was there with יהוה forty days and forty nights. He did not eat bread and he did not drink water. And He wrote on the tablets the Words of the covenant, the Ten Words.

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

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

Deu 10:4 “And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Words, which יהוה had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. Then יהוה gave them to me,

Exodus 34 closes by stating how Moses’ face would glow from the Presence of YHWH. He would veil his face before the people; but remove the veil when returning to speak with YHWH.

Exo 34:30 And Aharon and all the children of Yisra’el looked at Mosheh and saw the skin of his face shone, and **they were afraid to come near him**.

May we too show signs to others that we have been in the Presence of YHWH daily.

1Kings 18

Elijah Confronts Ahab

1Ki 18:1 And after many days it came to be that the word of יהוה came to Ēliyahu, in the third year, saying, “Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I give rain on the earth.”

1Ki 18:2 Thereupon Ēliyahu went to present himself to Ahab. And the scarcity of food in Shomeron was severe.^a Footnote: ^aLit. strong.

The length of the drought is quantified in Luke 4:25 and James 5:17.

Luk 4:25 “But truly I say to you, many widows were in Yisra’el in the days of Ēliyahu, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a great scarcity of food in all the land,

Jas 5:17 Ēliyahu was a man with feelings like us, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain. And it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

1Ki 18:3 **And Aḥaḇ had called Oḇaḏyahu, who was over his house. Now Obadyahu feared יהוה exceedingly.**

1Ki 18:4 And it came to be, while Jezebel cut down the prophets of יהוה, that Obadyahu had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.

1Ki 18:5 And Aḥaḇ had said to Oḇaḏyahu, “Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the wadis, it could be that we find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, and not have any livestock cut off.

1Ki 18:6 And they divided the land between them to pass over it, **Aḥaḇ went one way by himself, and Oḇaḏyahu went another way by himself.**

Elijah meets Oḇaḏyahu on his journey. Oḇaḏyahu feared YHWH and did what he could by saving 100 prophets amid serving the evil Ahab and wicked Jezebel. YHWH has His people positioned to help other believers in times of persecution. Staying true and faithful to YHWH does not come without great risks and Oḇaḏyahu was well aware of the lethal repercussions from those he served.

1Ki 18:7 And as Oḇaḏyahu was on his way, then see, Ēliyahu met him. And he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, **“Is that you, my master Ēliyahu?”**

1Ki 18:8 And he answered him, **“It is I. Go, say to your master, ‘Ēliyahu is here.’”**

1Ki 18:9 And he said, “What have I sinned, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Aḥaḇ, to kill me?”

1Ki 18:10 “As יהוה your Elohim lives, there is no nation or reign where my master has not sent to look for you. And when they said, **‘He is not here,’ he made the reign or nation swear that they could not find you.**

YHWH had sustained Elijah ‘out of sight’ from being found by Ahab for over 3 years; but by no means had Ahab ‘forgotten’ about Elijah. Now Oḇaḏyahu feared going to Ahab with news that after all this time, now Elijah is found? Oḇaḏyahu knew how well YHWH had hid and protected Elijah and felt YHWH could very easily make him ‘disappear’ again.

1Ki 18:11 **“And now you say, ‘Go, say to your master, ‘Ēliyahu is here’”!**

1Ki 18:12 “And it shall be, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of יהוה takes you away to a place I do not know. And I shall come to report to Aḥaḇ, and when he does not find you, he shall kill me. But I your servant have feared יהוה from my youth.

1Ki 18:13 “Was it not reported to my master what I did when Izeḇel killed the prophets of יהוה, how I hid one hundred men of the prophets of יהוה, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water?”

1Ki 18:14 “**And now you say, ‘Go, say to your master, “Ēliyahu is here!”**” Then he shall kill me.”

Elijah reassures Oḇaḏyahu that he shall indeed show himself to Ahab that day.

1Ki 18:15 And Ēliyahu said, “As יהוה of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I shall indeed show myself to him today.”

1Ki 18:16 **Obadyahu then went to meet Ahab and informed him, and Ahab went to meet Ēliyahu.**

1Ki 18:17 And it came to be, when Aḥaḇ saw Ēliyahu, that Aḥaḇ said to him, **“Is that you, O disturber of Yisra’ēl?”**

1Ki 18:18 And he answered, **“I have not disturbed Yisra’ēl, but you and your father’s house, in that you have forsaken the commands of יהוה, and you have followed the Ba’als.**

1Ki 18:19 **“And now, send and gather all Yisra’ēl to me on Mount Karmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Ba’al, and the four hundred prophets of Ashērah, who eat at Izeḇel’s table.”**

The showdown revealing the one true Elohim is about to take place on Mount Karmel.

The Prophets of Baal Defeated

1Ki 18:20 Aḥaḇ then sent for all the children of Yisra’ēl, and gathered the prophets on Mount Karmel.

1Ki 18:21 And Ēliyahu came to all the people, and said, **“How long would you keep hopping between two opinions? If יהוה is Elohim, follow Him; and if Ba’al, follow him.”** But the people answered him not a word.

1Ki 18:22 And Ēliyahu said to the people, **“I alone am left a prophet of יהוה, but the prophets of Ba’al are four hundred and fifty men.**

- 1Ki 18:23 “Now let them give us two bulls.
- And let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but set no fire.
- And I, I prepare the other bull, and shall lay it on the wood, but set no fire.

- 1Ki 18:24 “And you shall call on the name of your mighty one,
- and I, I call on the Name of יהוה.
- **And the Elohim who answers by fire, He is Elohim.”**
So all the people answered and said, “The word is good.”

1Ki 18:25 **And Ēliyahu said to the prophets of Ba'al,**

- “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many.
- And call on the name of your mighty one, but set no fire.”
 - 1Ki 18:26 So they took the bull which was given them, and prepared it, and called on the name of Ba'al from morning even until noon, saying, “O Ba'al, answer us!” But there was no voice and no one answered. And they leaped about the slaughter-place which they had made.

1Ki 18:27 **And it came to be at noon, that Ēliyahu taunted them and said,**

- “Cry aloud, for he is a mighty one;
- he is meditating,
- or he is busy,
- or he is on a journey,
- or it could be that he is asleep and has to be awakened!”
- 1Ki 18:28 And they cried aloud,
 - and cut themselves, according to their ruling, with knives and spears, until the blood gushed out on them.
- 1Ki 18:29 And it came to be when midday was past,
 - that they prophesied until the time of bringing the *evening* offering. But there was no voice and no one answered, and no one paying attention.

1Ki 18:30 **Then Ēliyahu said to all the people, “Come closer to me.”**

- ❖ And all the people came closer to him. And he repaired the slaughter-place of יהוה that was broken down.
- ❖ 1Ki 18:31 **And Ēliyahu took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Ya'aqob, to whom the word of יהוה had come, saying, “Yisra'el is your name.”**
- ❖ 1Ki 18:32 And with the stones he built a slaughter-place in the Name of יהוה.
- ❖ And he made a trench around the slaughter-place large enough to hold two seahs of seed.
- ❖ 1Ki 18:33 And he arranged the wood,
 - and cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said,
 - “Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the ascending offering and on the wood.”
 - 1Ki 18:34 **Then he said, “Do it a second time,”** and they did it a second time.
 - And he said, **“Do it a third time,”** and they did it a third time.
- ❖ 1Ki 18:35 And the water flowed around the slaughter-place, and he filled the trench with water too.

- ❖ 1Ki 18:36 And it came to be, at the time of bringing the *evening* offering, that Ēliyahu the prophet came near and said, “יהוה Elohim of Abraham, Yitshaq, and Yisra’el, let it be known today: You are Elohim in Yisra’el, and I Your servant, have done all these matters by Your word.”

We see how Elijah is careful with his wording of the Elohim He addressed. He called Him by name, YHWH Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This is extremely important since many false religions proclaim Abraham as their father; but YHWH established the covenant with Isaac through the union of Abraham and Sarah.

Gen 17:19 And Elohim said, “No, Sarah your wife is truly bearing a son to you, and you shall call his name Yitshaq. And I shall establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Gen 17:20 “And as for Yishma’el, I have heard you. See, I shall bless him, and shall make him fruitful, and greatly increase him. He is to bring forth twelve princes, and I shall make him a great nation.

Gen 17:21 **“But My covenant I establish with Yitshaq, whom Sarah is to bear to you at this appointed time next year.”**

1Ki 18:37 **“Answer me, O יהוה, answer me, and let this people know that You are יהוה Elohim, and You shall turn their hearts back to You again.”**

- ✚ 1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of יהוה fell and consumed the ascending offering, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.
- ✚ 1Ki 18:39 And all the people saw, and fell on their faces, and said, **“יהוה, He is the Elohim! יהוה, He is the Elohim!”**
 - 1Ki 18:40 And Ēliyahu said to them,
 - “Seize the prophets of Ba’al!
 - Do not let one of them escape!”
 - So **they seized them, and Ēliyahu brought them down to the wadi Qishon and slew them there.**

YHWH Sends Rain

1Ki 18:41 **And Ēliyahu said to Aḥaḇ,**

- ✚ “Go up, eat and drink, because of the sound of the noise of rain.”
- ✚ 1Ki 18:42 And Aḥaḇ went up to eat and to drink.
- ✚ And Ēliyahu went up to the top of Karmel,
- ✚ and he bowed down on the ground,
- ✚ and put his face between his knees,
- ✚ 1Ki 18:43 and said to his servant, “Go up, please, look closely toward the sea.” So he went up and looked closely, and said, “Not a speck.”
- ✚ And **seven times he said, “Go again.”**

- 1Ki 18:44 And it came to be the seventh time, that he said,
 - “See, a little cloud as small as a man’s hand is coming out of the sea!” And he said, “Go up, say to Aḥaḇ, ‘Hitch up, and go down before the rain stops you.’ ”

1Ki 18:45 And in the meantime, it came to be that the heavens became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain, while Ahab rode and went to Yizre’ēl.

1Ki 18:46 And the hand of יהוה was on Ēliyahu. And he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Aḥaḇ to the entrance of Yizre’ēl.

Hebrews 9

The author in Hebrews 9 compares the earthly tabernacle/temple to the ‘Tent’ made without hands. The earthly tabernacle in the wilderness was a parable to teach of the coming Messiah, our Redeemer [Heb. 9:9].

The Earthly Holy Place

Heb 9:1 Now the first *covenant* indeed had regulations of worship and the earthly set-apart 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 **first part of the Tent, accomplishing the services.**

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.**

[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 you.”** [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, **almost all is cleansed with blood, and 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. 9:24 is cross referenced to Revelation 8:3. So, one must contemplate that the ‘messenger’ mentioned would have been Yahusha, our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. We connect this understanding by Heb. 9:24.

Rev 8:3 And another messenger came and stood at the slaughter-place, holding a golden censer, and much incense was given to him, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the set-apart ones upon the golden slaughter-place which was before the throne.

Heb 9:25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Set-apart 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 once to bear the sins of many, Isa 53:12 shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to those waiting for Him, unto deliverance.**

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