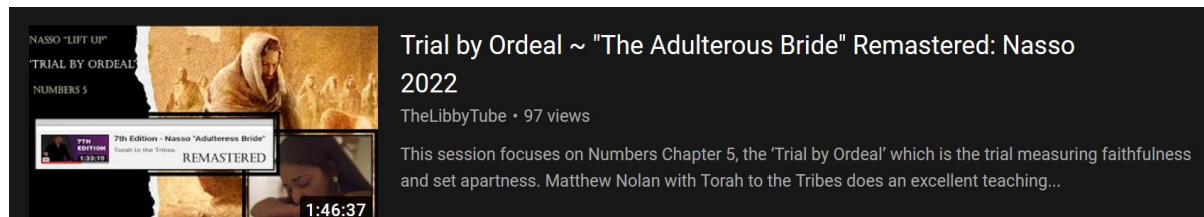
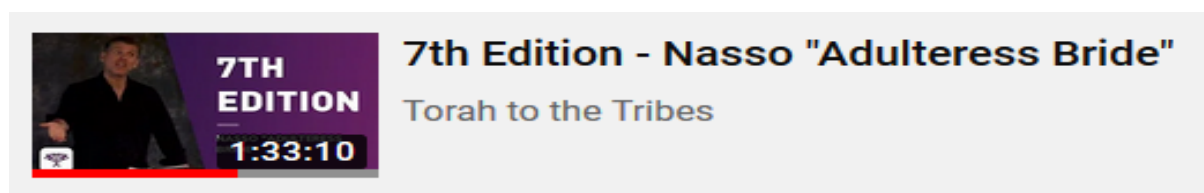


**Week 35: Nasso 'Lift up':** Numbers 4:21 - 7:89; Judges 13:2-25; Matthew 26:14-45; 27:34; John 7:37-8:11; Acts 21:17-40



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## Numbers 4

**Process for breaking camp:** YHWH speaks to both Moses and Aaron for there is more counting to be done for the designated tabernacle duties when breaking camp. It was a big undertaking and it would need to be very orderly.

### Duties of the Kohathites

**Num 4:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, and to Aharon, saying,

**Num 4:2** **“Take a census of the sons of Qehath** from among the children of Lēwi, by their clans, by their fathers’ house,

**Num 4:3** from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the Tent of Appointment.

**Num 4:4** “This is the service of the sons of Qehath in the Tent of Appointment, the most set-apart matters:

**Num 4:5** “At the breaking of camp, Aharon and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of the Witness with it,

**Num 4:6** and shall put on it a covering of fine leather, and spread over that an all-blue

wrapper, and shall insert its poles.

**Num 4:7** “And on the table of showbread they shall spread a blue wrapper, and shall put on it the dishes, and the ladles, and the bowls, and the jars for pouring, and the showbread on it.

**Num 4:8** “And they shall spread over them a scarlet wrapper, and cover the same with a covering of fine leather, and shall insert its poles,

**Num 4:9** and shall take a blue wrapper and cover the lampstand of the light, with its lamps, and its snuffers, and its trays, and all its oil vessels, by which they serve it.

**Num 4:10** “And they shall put it with all its utensils in a covering of fine leather, and put it on a bar.

**Num 4:11** “And over the golden slaughter-place they shall spread a blue wrapper, and cover it with a covering of fine leather, and shall insert its poles,

**Num 4:12** and shall take all the utensils of service with which they serve in the set-apart place, and shall put them in a blue wrapper, cover them with a covering of fine leather, and put them on a bar,

**Num 4:13** and shall remove the ashes from the slaughter-place, and spread a purple wrapper over it,

**Num 4:14** and shall put on it all its utensils by which they serve there: the fire holders, the forks, and the shovels, and the basins, and all the utensils of the slaughter-place, and shall spread on it a covering of fine leather, and insert its poles.

**Aaron and his sons:** Consecrated and ordained priests

**Duties:** Applied the very specific covering of the set-apart objects and all the furnishings of the Set-apart Place at the breaking of camp

**El'azar, son of Aharon the priest:** Consecrated and ordained priest

**Duties:** Oversight of the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily grain offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the Dwelling Place and all that is in it, with the set-apart place and its furnishings.”

**Num 4:15** “And when Aharon and his sons have finished covering the set-apart objects and all the furnishings of the Set-apart Place at the breaking of camp, then the sons of Qehath shall come to lift them, but let them not touch that which is set-apart, lest they die. These matters are the burden of the sons of Qehath in the Tent of Appointment.

**Num 4:16** “And the oversight of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, is the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily grain offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the Dwelling Place and all that is in it, with the set-apart place and its furnishings.”

**Census of the sons of Qehath:** Age range from 30 years old to 50 years of age.

Total: 2,750

**Duties:** Work related to the Tent of Appointment, the most set-apart matters. After Aaron and his sons applied the coverings to the set-apart objects and all the furnishings, then “the sons of Qehath shall come to lift them but let them not touch that which is set-apart, lest they die. These matters are the burden of the **sons of Qehath** in the Tent of Appointment.”

To prevent the death of those belonging to the Qehathites clan, Aaron and his sons would need to give them specifics; and work closely beside them. The ordained and consecrated priests would first need to do the proper coverings of all the set-apart items. We read:

Num 4:17 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, and to Aharon, saying,

Num 4:18 “Do not cut off the tribe of the clans of the Qehathites from among the Lēwites,

Num 4:19 but do this to them, and they shall live and not die when they approach the most set-apart *objects*: **Aharon and his sons shall go in and appoint each of them to his service and his burden.**

Num 4:20 **“They are not, however, to go in to watch while the set-apart *objects* are being covered, lest they die.”**

Num 4:21 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 4:22 **“Take a census also of the sons of Gērshon,** by their fathers’ house, by their clans.

Num 4:23 “Register them, from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter to perform the service, to do the service in the Tent of Appointment.

Num 4:24 “This is the service of the clans of the Gērshonites, in serving and in bearing burdens:

**Census of the sons of Gērshon:** Age range from 30 years old to 50 years of age.

Total: 2,630

**Duties:** (Service and bearing burdens)

Num 4:25 “And they shall bear the curtains of the Dwelling Place and the Tent of Appointment with its covering, the covering of fine leather that is on it, the covering for the door of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 4:26 and the screens of the courtyard and the covering for the door of the gate of

the courtyard, which is around the Dwelling Place and slaughter-place, and their cords, all the equipment for their service and all that is made for them – so shall they serve.

**Num 4:27** “At the mouth of Aharon and his sons is all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, all their burden and all their service. And you shall appoint to them all the duty of all their burden.

**Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest:** Consecrated and ordained priest.

Duties:

**Num 4:28** “This is the service of the clans of the **sons of Gershon** in the Tent of Appointment. And let their duties be under the hand of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.

**Num 4:29** “As for the **sons of Merari**, register them by their clans and by their fathers’ house.

**Num 4:30** “Register them, from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work of the Tent of Appointment.

**Census of the sons of Merari:** Age range from 30 years old to 50 years of age.

Total: 3,200

**Duties:**

**Num 4:31** “And this is the duty of their burden, according to all their service for the Tent of Appointment: the boards of the Dwelling Place, and its bars, and its columns, and its sockets,

**Num 4:32** and the columns around the courtyard with their sockets, and their pegs, and their cords, with all their equipment and all their service. And assign *to each* by name the equipment of the duty of their burden.

**Num 4:33** “This is the service of the clans of the **sons of Merari**, as all their service for the Tent of Appointment, under the hand of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.”

**Num 4:34** So Mosheh and Aharon and the leaders of the congregation registered the **sons of the Qehathites** by their clans and by their fathers’ house,

**Num 4:35** from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who entered the service for work in the Tent of Appointment.

**Num 4:36** And their registered ones, by their clans, were **two thousand seven hundred and fifty.**

**Num 4:37** These were the registered ones of the clans of the Qehathites, all those serving in the Tent of Appointment, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered according to the mouth of יהוה by the hand of Mosheh.

**Num 4:38** And those registered ones of the **sons of Gershon**, by their clans and by

their fathers' house,

**Num 4:39** from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who entered the service for work in the Tent of Appointment,

**Num 4:40** the registered ones, by their clans, by their fathers' house, were **two thousand six hundred and thirty**.

**Num 4:41** These were the registered ones of the clans of the sons of Gërshon, of all who serve in the Tent of Appointment, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered according to the mouth of יהוה'.

**Num 4:42** And those of the clans of the **sons of Merari** who were registered, by their clans, by their fathers' house,

**Num 4:43** from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who entered the service for work in the Tent of Appointment,

**Num 4:44** the registered ones, by their clans were **three thousand two hundred**.

**Num 4:45** These were the registered ones of the clans of the sons of Merari, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered according to the mouth of יהוה' by the hand of Mosheh.

**Num 4:46** All the registered ones of the Lěwites, whom Mosheh and Aharon and the leaders of Yisra'ěl registered, by their clans and by their fathers' houses,

Thus, were they registered as YHWH had commanded Moses

**Num 4:47** from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who came to do the work of **service and the work of bearing burdens in the Tent of Appointment**,

**Num 4:48** their registered ones were **eight thousand five hundred and eighty**.

Grand Total:  $2750 + 2,630 + 3200 = 8,580$

## Numbers 5

Numbers 5 addresses three processes.

1. Unclean individuals, either male or female, should be placed outside the camp and away from where YHWH dwelt among the people.
2. Process for confession and restitution.
3. Process of dealing with the 'spirit of jealousy' to determine if adultery by the woman had been committed or not. [Trial by Ordeal]

The first, had both physical and spiritual implications. We have just reviewed the close proximities of the encampments around the Dwelling place of YHWH. Men or women with conditions such as physical leprosy or a discharge, would need to be isolated outside the camp as to prevent the spread of disease among the people. Being spiritually unclean, had previously been addressed. Defilement, whether physical or spiritual, had to be addressed according to His Word.

Today, we have the advantage to know what is physically contagious and what is not. For health reasons, a physically contagious person should be isolated from others as to not spread disease or infection.

More importantly is a person's spiritual condition as Paul addresses in 1Cor. 5 below. We should come before Him with unleavened sincerity and truth. **We should feed on His pure unleavened Word!** We should clean out old leaven that served a purpose for a period in time, such as the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood system; we should also clean out leaven of man-made traditions involving evil and wickedness as added false doctrine.

Leaven can represent sins; but the more **profound meaning of leaven** is clinging to OLD DOCTRINE, FALSE DOCTRINE, or DOCTRINE OF MEN. These things should not be practiced among us nor found in our presence with Him.

1Co 5:7 Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Pěsaḥ was slaughtered for us.

1Co 5:8 So then let us celebrate the festival, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1Co 5:9 I wrote to you in my letter not to keep company with those who whore.

1Co 5:10 And I certainly did not mean with those of this world who whore, or with the greedy of gain, or swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1Co 5:11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone called 'a brother,' if he is one who whores, or greedy of gain, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are inside?

1Co 5:13 But Elohim judges those who are outside. And **put away the wicked one from among you!**<sup>a</sup> Deu 13:5. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Deu 17:7, Deu 17:12, Deu 19:19, Deu 21:21, Deu 22:21.

**Secondly** confession and restitution principles are given. Today, we have our High Priest and Mediator Yahusha HaMashiach, that we can come before and confess our sins. Sometimes it may involve making restitution with an individual; or with YHWH, by going and sinning no more. His desire is for us to not only be hearers of His Word but doers of His Word.

Psa 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my crookedness I did not hide. I have said, **“I confess my transgressions to יהוה,”** **And You forgave the crookedness of my sin.** Selah.

Pro 28:13 He who hides his transgressions does not prosper, But **he who confesses and forsakes them finds compassion.**

1Jn 1:8 If **we say that we have no sin, we are misleading ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

1Jn 1:9 **If we confess our sins,** He is trustworthy and righteous to forgive us the sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

**Thirdly**, Numbers 5 deals with the ‘spirit of jealousy’, to determine if adultery by a woman had been committed or not. Today, Yahusha has given us His armor for such spiritual warfare. In the days of the Tabernacle system, it was different. They didn’t possess individual authority through the Ruach HaKodesh for such spiritual warfare; but if they lived in obedience to His commandments; YHWH would protect them.

Today we see that the ‘spirit of jealousy’ is very much alive and at times even ‘promoted’ through soap operas and other media. The ‘spirit of Jezebel’ or the ‘spirit of Delilah’ are powerful seducing ‘strong man’ spirits incorporating spirits of lust, jealousy, and envy.

Sadly, though believers have been given His armor to spiritually combat such, many have never been taught how to use His armor; or they minimize its importance. Paul took spiritual warfare very seriously as stated in Ephesians 6. The battle first begins in the mind by what we think. If those thoughts are contrary to YHWH’s Word; and are not taken captive and brought into submission to His will; then, those thoughts will lead to physical actions, words, and deeds of sin.

Eph 6:11 **Put on the complete armor of Elohim,** for you to have power to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Eph 6:12 Because **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual matters of wickedness in the heavenlies.**

Eph 6:13 Because of this, **take up the complete armor of Elohim**, so that you have power to withstand in the wicked day, and having done all, to stand.

Under Covenant Torah, Yahusha raised the bar to higher standards as to what adultery meant. Why? Because through Yahusha HaMashiach, He has given us power and authority through the Ruach HaKodesh dwelling in us, to take such thoughts captive and resist the devil so that he will flee. **We are clothed in His full armor**. To whom much is given; much is required. (Paraphrase Luke 12:48)

We are the Temple. We are living stones being built together into the ‘one new man’. Yahusha HaMashiach is the head and we are the living stones making up the body.

We are made up of spirit, soul, and body. His Spirit now lives in us; our soul realm (mind, will and emotions) is what we bring into submission to His Word; so that our emotions carry out actions, words, and deeds in the body that are pleasing to Him. So, we have the mind of Messiah; we carry out the will of the Father; and bring our emotions (actions, words, and deeds) into submission to His Word.

We have Yahusha, our Advocate, that is also readily available to intercede for us; strengthen us; or help us if we fail. He has his guardian angels, warrior angels, ministering angels, and messaging angels always on stand-by and at His service.

**Psalm 34:7 The messenger of יהוה encamps all around those who fear Him, And rescues them.**

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 Mat 5:27 “You heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not commit adultery.**’  
**Exo 20:14, Deu 5:18.**

Mat 5:28 “But I say to you that everyone **looking at a woman to lust for her** has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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 Heb 13:4 Let marriage be respected by all, and the bed be undefiled. But Elohim shall judge those who whore, and adulterers.

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 Heb 4:12 For the Word of Elohim is living, and working, and sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all are naked and laid bare before the eyes of Him with whom is our account.



There is still much to be said about this chapter, but we will leave it here. His Word is living and sharper than any two-edged sword and His Word speaks to us any many ways; sometimes one verse can give us a whole different perspective on any one topic depending on our present need.

### Unclean People

**Num 5:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 5:2** "Command the children of Yisra'el to send out of the camp every leper, and everyone who has a discharge, and whoever becomes defiled for a being.

**Num 5:3** "Send out both male and female, send them outside the camp, so that they do not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell."

**Num 5:4** And the children of Yisra'el did so, to send them outside the camp. As יהוה had spoken to Mosheh, so the children of Yisra'el did.

### Confession and Restitution

**Num 5:5** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 5:6** "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, 'When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in trespass against יהוה, and that being is guilty,

**Num 5:7** then they shall confess their sin which they have done. And he shall restore his guilt in its principal, plus one-fifth of it, and give it to whom he has been guilty.

**Num 5:8** But if the man has no relative to restore the guilt to, the guilt which is restored goes to יהוה, for the priest, in addition to the ram of the atonement with which atonement is made for him.

**Num 5:9** And every contribution of all the set-apart *gifts* of the children of Yisra'el, which they bring to the priest, becomes his.

**Num 5:10** And every man's set-apart *gifts* becomes his, whatever any man gives the priest becomes his.' "

### A Test for Adultery

**Num 5:11** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 5:12** "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, and say to them, 'When any man's wife turns aside and has committed a trespass against him,

**Num 5:13** and a man has intercourse with her, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and it is concealed that she has defiled herself, and there was no witness against her, nor was she caught,

**Num 5:14** and a spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife who has defiled herself, or a spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife although she has not defiled herself,

**Num 5:15** then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. And he shall bring the offering for her, one-tenth of an ephah of barley flour. He is not to pour oil on it or put frankincense on it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy, an offering for

remembering, for bringing crookedness to remembrance.

**Num 5:16** And the priest shall bring her near, and shall make her stand before יהוה.

**Num 5:17** And the priest shall take set-apart water in an earthen vessel, and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the Dwelling Place and put it into the water.

**Num 5:18** And the priest shall make the woman stand before יהוה, and shall uncover the woman's head, and put the offering for remembering in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy, while the priest holds in his hand the bitter water that brings a curse.

**Num 5:19** And the priest shall make her swear, and say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you, and if you have not turned aside to uncleanness under your husband's *authority*, be free from this bitter water that brings a curse.

**Num 5:20** "But if you have turned aside under your husband's *authority*, and if you have defiled yourself and some man other than your husband has lain with you" –

**Num 5:21** then the priest shall make the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and he shall say to the woman – "יהוה make you a curse and an oath among your people, when יהוה makes your thigh waste away and your belly swell,

**Num 5:22** and this water that causes the curse shall go into your inward parts, and make your belly swell and your thigh waste away." And the woman shall say, "Aměn, aměn."

**Num 5:23** And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and shall wipe them off into the bitter water,

**Num 5:24** and shall make the woman drink the bitter water that brings the curse, and the water that brings the curse shall enter her to become bitter.

**Num 5:25** And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before יהוה, and bring it to the slaughter-place.

**Num 5:26** And the priest shall take a hand filled with the offering, as its remembrance offering, and burn it on the slaughter-place, and afterward make the woman drink the water.

**Num 5:27** And when he has made her drink the water, then it shall be, if she has defiled herself and has committed a trespass against her husband, that the water that brings the curse shall enter her and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall waste away, and the woman shall become a curse among her people.

**Num 5:28** But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then she shall be clear and shall conceive children.

**Num 5:29** This is the Torah of jealousy, when a wife turns aside under her husband's *authority* and defiles herself,

**Num 5:30** or when a spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes jealous of his wife. Then he shall make the woman stand before יהוה, and the priest shall do to her all this Torah.

**Num 5:31** And the man shall be clear from crookedness, but the woman bear her crookedness.' "

## Numbers 6

Today believers have entered Covenant with our Groom. We are set-apart to Him.

### The Nazirite Vow

**Num 6:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 6:2** “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and say to them, ‘When a man or woman does separate, by making a vow of a Nazirite, to be separate to יהוה,

**Num 6:3** he separates *himself* from wine and strong drink – he drinks neither vinegar of wine nor vinegar of strong drink, neither does he drink any grape juice, nor eat grapes or raisins.

**Num 6:4** All the days of his separation he does not eat whatever is made of the grapevine, from seed to skin.

Luk 1:13 But the messenger said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zeḱaryah, for your prayer is heard. And your wife Elisheḅa shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yohanan.

Luk 1:14 “And you shall have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Luk 1:15 “For he shall be great before יהוה, and shall drink no wine and strong drink at all. And he shall be filled with the Set-apart Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.

**Num 6:5** All the days of the vow of his separation a razor does not come upon his head. Until the days are completed for which he does separate himself to יהוה, he is set-apart. He shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

**Num 6:6** All the days of his separation to יהוה he does not go near a dead body.

1Sa 1:11 And she made a vow and said, “O יהוה of hosts, if You would indeed look on the affliction of your female servant and remember me, and not forget your female servant, but shall give your female servant a male child, then I shall give him to יהוה all the days of his life, and let no razor come upon his head.”

**Num 6:8** All the days of his separation he is set-apart to יהוה.

**Num 6:9** And when anyone dies beside him in an instant, suddenly, and he has defiled the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing – on the seventh day he shaves it.

2Co 6:14 Do not become unevenly yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness and lawlessness? And what fellowship has light with darkness?

2Co 6:15 And what agreement has Messiah with Beliya’al? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?

2Co 6:16 And what union has the Dwelling Place of Elohim with idols? For you are a Dwelling Place of the living Elohim, as Elohim has said, “I shall dwell in them and walk among them, and I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.”

2Co 6:17 Therefore, “Come out from among them and be separate, says יהוה, and do not

touch what is unclean, and I shall receive you. [Isa 52:11](#).

2Co 6:18 “**And I shall be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, says יהוה the Almighty.**” [Isa 43:6](#), [Hos 1:10](#).

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Php 3:8 What is more, I even count all to be loss because of the excellence of the knowledge of Messiah יהושע my Master, for whom I have suffered the loss of all, and count them as refuse, in order to gain Messiah,

Php 3:9 and be found in Him, **not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through belief in Messiah, the righteousness which is from Elohim on the basis of belief,**

**Num 6:10** And on the eighth day he brings two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Appointment,

**Num 6:11** and the priest shall prepare one as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering, and shall make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead body. And he shall set apart his head on that day,

[Rom 4:24](#) but also because of us, to whom it shall be reckoned, **to us who believe in Him who raised up יהושע our Master from the dead,**

[Rom 4:25](#) who was **delivered up because of our trespasses, and was raised for us to be declared right.**

**Num 6:12** and shall separate to יהוה the days of his separation, and shall bring a male lamb a year old, as a guilt offering. But the former days are not counted, because his separation was defiled.

[Eze 18:24](#) “But when a righteous one turns away from his righteousness and does unrighteousness, according to all the abominations that the wrong one has done, shall he live? All his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered. For his trespass which he has committed, and for his sin which he has committed, for them he shall die.

**Num 6:13** And this is the Torah of the Nazirite: When the days of his separation are completed, he is brought to the door of the Tent of Appointment,

**Num 6:14** and he shall bring his offering to יהוה: one male lamb a year old, a perfect one, as an ascending offering, and one ewe lamb a year old, a perfect one, as a sin offering, and one ram, a perfect one, as a peace offering,

[1Pe 1:18](#) knowing that **you were redeemed from your futile behavior 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,**

**Num 6:15** and **a basket of unleavened bread**, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, and unleavened thin cakes anointed with oil, and their **grain offering with their drink**

## offerings.

Joh 6:50 “This is the bread which comes down out of the heaven, so that anyone might eat of it, and not die.

Joh 6:51 “I am the living bread which came down out of the heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever. And indeed, the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

Joh 6:52 The Yehudim, therefore, were striving with one another, saying, “How is this One able to give us *His* flesh to eat?”

Joh 6:53 יהושע therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Adam and drink His blood, you possess no life in yourselves.

Joh 6:54 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood possesses everlasting life, and I shall raise him up in the last day.

Joh 6:55 “For My flesh is truly food, and My blood is truly drink.

Joh 6:56 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood stays in Me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me shall live because of Me.

Joh 6:58 “This is the bread which came down out of the heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever.”

Joh 6:59 He said this in a congregation, teaching in Kephrah Nahum.

**Num 6:16** And the priest shall bring them before יהוה and prepare his sin offering and his ascending offering.

**Num 6:17** And he shall prepare the ram as a slaughtering of peace *offerings* to יהוה, together with the basket of unleavened bread. And the priest shall prepare its grain offering and its drink offering.

**Num 6:18** And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the Tent of Appointment, and shall take the hair from the head of his separation and shall put it on the fire which is under the slaughtering of the peace *offerings*.

**Num 6:19** And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake from the basket, and one unleavened thin cake, and put them upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his *hair of* separation.

**Num 6:20** Then the priest shall wave them, a wave offering before יהוה. It is set-apart for the priest, besides the breast of the wave offering and besides the thigh of the contribution. And afterwards the Nazirite shall drink wine.’

Joh 19:30 So when יהושע took the sour wine He said, “It has been accomplished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

**Num 6:21** “This is the **Torah of the Nazirite** who vows to יהוה the offering for his separation, and besides that, whatever else his hand is able to provide. According to the vow which he takes, so he shall do according to the Torah of his separation.”

Numbers 6 closes with YHWH instructing how to bless the children of Israel:

### Aaron's Blessing

**Num 6:22** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 6:23** “Speak to Aharon and his sons, saying, ‘This is how you bless the children of Yisra’ël. Say to them:

**Num 6:24** “**יהוה bless you and guard you;**

**Num 6:25** **יהוה make His face shine upon you, and show favour to you;**

**Num 6:26** **יהוה lift up His face upon you, and give you peace.” ’**

**Num 6:27** “**Thus they shall put My Name on the children of Yisra’ël, and I Myself shall bless them.”**

## Numbers 7 The Dedication and the Voice of YHWH in the Dwelling Place

The Dwelling Place, the furnishings, and the slaughter place had all been set-up. The leaders of the heads of their father’s houses over the 12 tribes of Israel, bring dedication offerings. YHWH instructs Moses to receive their offerings and to give them to the Levites, each one according to their service.

### Offerings at the Tabernacle's Consecration

**Num 7:1** And it came to be, when Mosheh finished setting up the Dwelling Place, that he anointed it and set it apart and all its furnishings, as well as the slaughter-place and all its utensils. Thus he anointed them and set them apart.

**Num 7:2** And the leaders of Yisra’ël, heads of their fathers’ houses who were the leaders of the tribes and over the ones registered, drew near,

**Num 7:3** and they brought their offering before יהוה: six covered wagons and twelve cattle, a wagon for every two of the leaders, and for each one a bull. And they brought them near before the Dwelling Place.

**Num 7:4** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 7:5** “Accept *these* from them, and they shall be used in doing the service of the Tent of Appointment. And you shall give them to the Lëwites, each one according to his service.”

**Num 7:6** And Mosheh took the wagons and the cattle, and gave them to the Lëwites.

**Num 7:7** He gave two wagons and four cattle to the sons of Gërshon, according to their service.

**Num 7:8** And he gave four wagons and eight cattle to the sons of Merari, according to

their service, under the hand of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.

**Num 7:9** But to the sons of Qehath he gave none, because theirs was the service of the set-apart *objects*, which they bore on their shoulders.

Sons of Gěrshon - two wagons and four cattle

Sons of Merari (under the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron)- four wagons and eight cattle

Sons of Qehath – None - because theirs was the service of the set-apart *objects*, which they bore on their shoulders.

**Num 7:10** And the leaders brought the dedication offering of the slaughter-place in the day it was anointed. So the leaders brought their offering before the slaughter-place.

**Num 7:11** And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Let them bring their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the slaughter-place.”

On the first day was Naḥshon, son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Yehudah

On the second day Nethan’ěl, son of Tsu’ar, leader of Yissasḵar

On the third day Eliyab, son of Ḥělon, leader of the children of Zebulun

On the fourth day Elitsur, son of Sheḡěy’ur, leader of the children of Re’uběn

On the fifth day Shelumi’ěl, son of Tsurishaddai, leader of the children of Shim’on

On the sixth day Elyasaph, son of De’u’ěl, a leader of the children of Gaḡ

On the seventh day Elishama, son of Ammihud, leader of the children of Ephrayim

On the eighth day Gamli’ěl, son of Peḡahtsur, leader of the children of Menashsheh

On the ninth day Aḡidan, son of Giḡ’oni, leader of the children of Binyamin

On the tenth day Aḡi’ezer, son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan

On the eleventh day Paḡ’ěl, son of Oḡran, leader of the children of Ashěr

On the twelfth day Aḡira, son of Ĕnan, leader of the children of Naphtali

**Num 7:12** And the one who brought his offering on the first day was Naḥshon, son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Yehudah.

**Num 7:13** And his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy *sheqels*, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:14** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:15** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:16** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:17** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Naḥshon, son of Amminadab.

**Num 7:18** On the second day Nethan'ël, son of Tsu'ar, leader of Yissaskar, brought near.

**Num 7:19** He brought his offering, one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:20** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:21** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:22** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:23** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethan'ël, son of Tsu'ar.

**Num 7:24** On the third day Eliyab, son of Hëlon, leader of the children of Zebulun:

**Num 7:25** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:26** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:27** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:28** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:29** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliyab, son of Hëlon.

**Num 7:30** On the fourth day Elitsur, son of Shedëy'ur, leader of the children of Re'ubën:

**Num 7:31** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:32** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:33** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:34** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:35** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elitsur, son of Shedëy'ur.

**Num 7:36** On the fifth day Shelumi'ël, son of Tsurishaddai, leader of the children of Shim'on:

**Num 7:37** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and



thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:38** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:39** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:40** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:41** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Shelumi'ël, son of Tsurishaddai.

**Num 7:42** On the sixth day Elyasaph, son of De'u'ël, a leader of the children of Gaḏ:

**Num 7:43** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:44** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:45** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:46** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:47** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elyasaph, son of De'u'ël.<sup>a</sup>

**Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>See Explanatory notes: De'u'ël.

**Num 7:48** On the seventh day Elishama, son of Ammihud, leader of the children of Ephrayim:

**Num 7:49** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:50** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:51** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:52** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:53** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elishama, son of Ammihud.

**Num 7:54** On the eighth day Gamli'ël, son of Pedahsur, leader of the children of Menashsheh:

**Num 7:55** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:56** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:57** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:58** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:59** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Gamli'ël, son of Peḡahtsur.

**Num 7:60** On the ninth day Aḃiḃan, son of Giḃ'oni, leader of the children of Binyamin:

**Num 7:61** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy *sheqels*, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:62** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:63** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:64** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:65** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Aḃiḃan, son of Giḃ'oni.

**Num 7:66** On the tenth day Aḡi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai, leader of the children of Dan:

**Num 7:67** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy *sheqels*, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:68** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:69** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:70** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:71** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Aḡi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.

**Num 7:72** On the eleventh day Paḡ'i'ël, son of Oḃran, leader of the children of Ashër:

**Num 7:73** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy *sheqels*, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

**Num 7:74** one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

**Num 7:75** one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

**Num 7:76** one male goat as a sin offering;

**Num 7:77** and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Paḡ'i'ël, son of Oḃran.

**Num 7:78** On the twelfth day Aḡira, son of Ęnan, leader of the children of Naphtali:

**Num 7:79** his offering was one silver dish, the weight of which was one hundred and thirty *sheqels*, one silver bowl of seventy *sheqels*, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, both of them filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

Num 7:80 one gold ladle of ten *sheqels*, filled with incense;

Num 7:81 one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, as an ascending offering;

Num 7:82 one male goat as a sin offering;

Num 7:83 and as a slaughtering of peace *offerings*: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Aḥira, son of Ēnan.

The offerings brought from each of the twelve tribes were identical and totaled as follows:

Num 7:84 This was the dedication of the slaughter-place from the leaders of Yisra'ël, when it was anointed: twelve silver dishes, twelve silver bowls, twelve gold ladles.

Num 7:85 Each silver dish was one hundred and thirty *sheqels* and each bowl seventy *sheqels*. All the silver of the vessels was two thousand four hundred *sheqels*, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place.

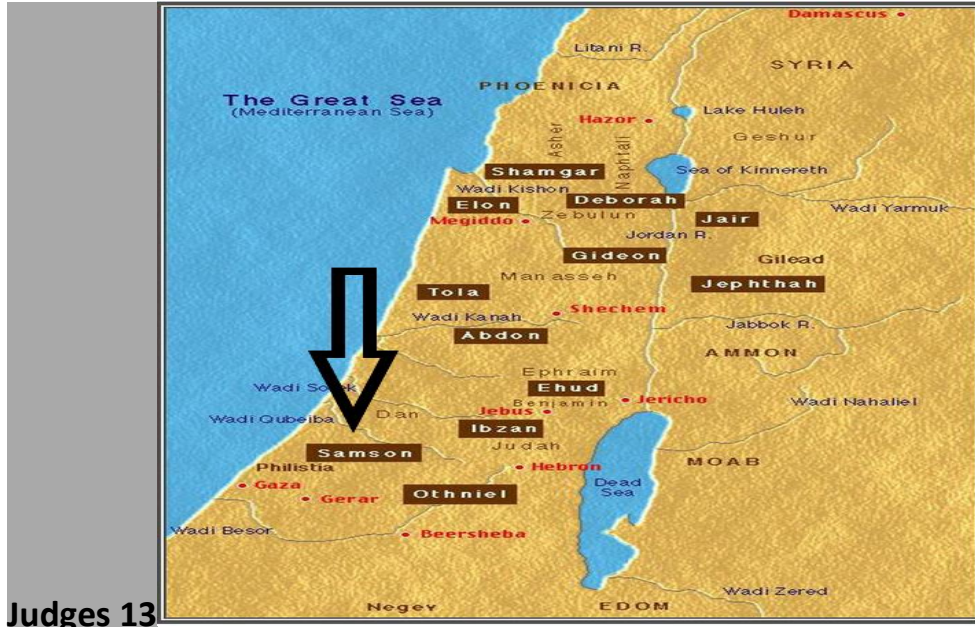
Num 7:86 The twelve gold ladles filled with incense was ten *sheqels* each, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place. All the gold of the ladles was one hundred and twenty *sheqels*.

Num 7:87 All the **cattle for the ascending offering were twelve young bulls**, the **rams twelve**, the **male lambs a year old twelve**, with their grain offering, and the **male goats as a sin offering twelve**.

Num 7:88 And all the **cattle for the slaughtering of peace offerings were twenty-four bulls**, the **rams sixty**, the **male goats sixty**, the lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication of the slaughter-place after it was anointed.

Then it happened:

Num 7:89 And when Mosheh went into the Tent of Appointment to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the lid of atonement that was on the ark of the Witness, from between the two kerubim. Thus He spoke to him.



**Judges 13**

Judges 13 covers: The parents of Samson; the appearance of the Messenger of YHWH; the Birth of Samson, being one set-apart for YHWH. The youth would be a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb to the day of his death.

**Jdg 13:1** And again the children of Yisra'el did evil in the eyes of יהוה, so יהוה gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

Jdg 13:2 And there was a certain man from Tsor'ah, of the clan of the **Danites**, whose name was **Manowah**. And his wife was barren and had not borne.

Jdg 13:3 And a Messenger of יהוה appeared to the woman and said to her,

**“See now, you are barren and have not borne, but you shall conceive, and you shall bear a son.**

Jdg 13:4 **“And now,**

- please guard, and
- do not drink wine or strong drink, and
- do not eat any unclean *food*.

Jdg 13:5 **“For look,**

- you are conceiving and
- bearing a son. And
- let no razor come upon his head,
- for the youth is a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb on.
- And he shall begin to save Yisra'el out of the hand of the Philistines.”

Jdg 13:6 And the woman came and spoke to her husband, saying, “A Man of Elohim came to me, and His appearance was like the appearance of a Messenger of Elohim, very awesome. But I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not declare to me His name.

Jdg 13:7 “And He said to me, ‘**See, you are conceiving and bearing a son.** And now, drink no wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean food, **for the youth is a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb to the day of his death.**’ ”

Jdg 13:8 And Manowah prayed to יהוה, and said, “O יהוה, please let the Man of Elohim whom You sent come to us again and teach us what to do for the youth who is to be born.”

Jdg 13:9 And Elohim listened to the voice of Manowah, and the Messenger of Elohim came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field, but Manowah her husband was not with her.

Jdg 13:10 And the woman ran hurriedly and informed her husband, and said to him, “See, He has appeared to me, the Man who came to me the other day!”

Jdg 13:11 And Manowah arose and went after his wife, and came to the Man, and he said to Him, “Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?” And He said, “I am.”

Jdg 13:12 And Manowah said, “Now let Your words come true! What is to be the rule for the youth’s life and his work?”

Jdg 13:13 And the Messenger of יהוה said to Manowah, “Let the woman guard all that I said to her.

Jdg 13:14 “Let her not eat any food that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean food. Let her guard all that which I have commanded her.”

Jdg 13:15 And Manowah said to the Messenger of יהוה, “Please let us detain You, and prepare a young goat for You.”

Jdg 13:16 And the Messenger of יהוה said to Manowah, “Though you detain Me, I do not eat your food. But if you offer an ascending offering, offer it to יהוה.” For Manowah did not know He was a Messenger of יהוה.

Jdg 13:17 Then Manowah said to the Messenger of יהוה, “What is Your name? When Your words come true, then we shall esteem You.”

Jdg 13:18 And the Messenger of יהוה said to him, “Why do you ask My name, since it is wondrous?”

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BDB Definition: Wondrous

1) wonderful, incomprehensible, extraordinary

**Part of Speech:** adjective

Jdg 13:19 And Manowah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to יהוה. And He did **wondrously** while Manowah and his wife looked on.

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**BDB Definition: Wondrously**

1) to be marvellous, be wonderful, be surpassing, be extraordinary, separate by distinguishing action

1a) (Niphal)

1a1) to be beyond one's power, be difficult to do

1a2) to be difficult to understand

1a3) to be wonderful, be extraordinary

1a3a) marvelous (participle)

1b) (Piel) to separate (an offering)

1c) (Hiphil)

1c1) to do extraordinary or hard or difficult thing

1c2) to make wonderful, do wondrously

1d) (Hithpael) to show oneself wonderful or marvelous

Jdg 13:20 And it came to be, as the flame went up toward the heavens from the slaughter-place, that **the Messenger of יהוה** went up in the flame of the slaughter-place. **And Manowah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.**

Jdg 13:21 And the **Messenger of יהוה did not appear any more to Manowah and his wife. Then Manowah knew that He was a Messenger of יהוה.**

Jdg 13:22 **And Manowah said to his wife, "We shall certainly die, because we have seen Elohim!"**

Jdg 13:23 **But his wife said to him, "If יהוה had been pleased to put us to death,**

- **He would not have accepted an ascending offering and a grain offering from our hands,**
- **nor would He have shown us all this,**
- **nor would He have let us hear the like of this!"**

The woman births Samson. And as he grew the Spirit of YHWH began to move in his life.

**Jdg 13:24** So the woman bore a son and called his name Shimshon. And the child grew, and יהוה blessed him.

**Jdg 13:25** And the Spirit of יהוה began to move him at Maḥaněh Dan, between Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol.

## Matthew 26

In Matthew 26, it goes from bad to worse; but everything unfolds within the divine plan of YHWH. It is difficult to comprehend how much evil can exist in mankind and at the same time see how much love exists in Him. Praise Yah that He is our beloved and we are His.

He demonstrated His love for us; in that while we were yet sinners, He died for us and arose the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Now we can rejoice and sing 'worthy is the Lamb' to open the scroll!

**Rev 5:8** And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

**Rev 5:9** And they sang a renewed song, saying, **“You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,**<sup>C</sup> Footnote:

<sup>C</sup>This fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.

**Rev 5:10** **and made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth.**<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup>[Dan 7:18-27](#).

One of my greatest personal revelations, occurred while reading Rev. 5:8-10 in the Book of Revelation. It is worth repeating right now.

**Who is singing this song?** The four living creatures and the 24 elders.

**Who are they?**

- They are the ones that Elohim has redeemed
- They have been redeemed by His blood of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
- They are the ones He has made sovereigns and priests to our Elohim
- They shall reign upon the earth!

My revelation and understand were that the **4 living creatures** represented the redeemed souls of all those that had died in Him; and now await their resurrected bodies. They are the redeemed and they are singing the ‘song of the redeemed.’ They are depicted by the lead banners of the four head tribes of the wilderness encampments: the lion, the ox; the man; and the eagle. They each have six wings meaning, each quadrant had three tribes! Their wings are covered with eyes depicting millions upon millions of souls. The 4 living creatures are believers that have died in Yahusha up until that time! This is my present understanding.

Please ponder these possibilities. Read those verses again and answer who is singing? We know the 24 elders are probably the 12 Patriarchs and the 12 Apostles. If that is the case, then John the Revelator possibly saw himself as one of the elders. Remember, he had been taken into the future; the day of YHWH, and into the heavenly throne room!

Mat 19:28 And יהושע said to them, “Truly I say to you, when the Son of Ađam sits on the throne of His esteem, you who have followed Me in the rebirth, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Yisra’ěl.

### The Plot to Kill Yahusha

**Mat 26:1** And it came to be, when יהושע ended all these words, He said to His taught ones,

**Mat 26:2** “You know that after two days the Pěsaḥ takes place, and the Son of Ađam is to be delivered up to be impaled.”

**Mat 26:3** Then the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people came together at the court of the high priest, who was called Qayapha,

**Mat 26:4** and plotted to seize יהושע by trickery and kill Him.

**Mat 26:5** But they said, “Not at the festival lest there be an uproar among the people.”

### Yahusha Anointed at Bethany

**Mat 26:6** And when יהושע was in Běyth Anyah at the house of Shim'on the leper,

**Mat 26:7** a woman came to Him, having an alabaster flask of costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

**Mat 26:8** And when His taught ones saw it, they were much displeased saying, “To what purpose is this waste?”

**Mat 26:9** “For this perfume could have been sold for much and given to the poor.”

**Mat 26:10** However, when יהושע noticed it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the



woman? For she has done a good work toward Me.

**Mat 26:11** “For you always have the poor with you, **but Me you do not have always.**

**Mat 26:12** “For in pouring this perfume on My body, **she did it for My burial.**

**Mat 26:13** “Truly, I say to you, **wherever this Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what this woman has done shall be spoken of also, to her remembrance.**”

The enemy has worked his way inside the camp and weaved himself closely to the sovereign, the King of kings, Yahusha HaMashiach. Judas gives his flesh over to sa\_tan and chooses to make the grave mistake of ‘selling the righteous’ for silver! To add insult to injury, Judas also **betrays him with a kiss**. Though there was a time that the disciples said they would never deny Yahusha; when the heat is turned up, they all flee.

### Judas to Betray Yahusha

**Mat 26:14** Then **one of the twelve**, called **Yehudah from Qerioth [Judas of Iscariot]**, went to the chief priests,

**Mat 26:15** and said, “What would you give me to deliver Him to you?” And **they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.** [Zec 11:12](#).

**Mat 26:16** And from then on he was seeking an occasion to deliver Him up.

### The Passover with the Disciples

**Mat 26:17** And on the first *day* of Unleavened Bread the taught ones came to יהושע, saying to Him, “**Where do You wish us to prepare for You to eat the Pěsah?**”

**Mat 26:18** And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘**The Teacher says, “My time is near. I am to perform the Pěsah at your house with My taught ones.”**’ ”

**Mat 26:19** And the taught ones did as יהושע had ordered them, and prepared the Pěsah.

**Mat 26:20** And when evening came, He sat down with the twelve.

**Mat 26:21** And while they were eating, He said, “**Truly, I say to you, one of you shall deliver Me up.**”

**Mat 26:22** And they **were deeply grieved**, and began to say to Him, each of them, “Master, is it I?”

**Mat 26:23** And He answering, said, “**He who has dipped his hand with Me in the dish, he shall deliver Me up.**”

**Mat 26:24** “Indeed, the Son of Ađam goes as it has been written concerning Him, **but woe to that man by whom the Son of Ađam is delivered up!** It would have been good for

that man if he had not been born.”

**Mat 26:25** And Yehudah – he who delivered Him up – answering, said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, **“You have said it.”**

**Institution of the YHWH's Supper** – This is the institution of the New Covenant confirming meal. It consisted of the bread, representing His body; the wine, representing the blood ratification of the new covenant; the acceptance and partaking by those that say ‘yes’ to His proposal; followed by the priestly foot washing of those set-apart to Him. The first mention of the elements of bread and wine in the Bible, is the meeting between Melchizedek, King of Salem and Priest to the Most High El and Abraham [Gen.14].

**Mat 26:26** And as they were eating, יהושע took bread, and having blessed, broke and gave it to the taught ones and said, “Take, eat, this is My body.”

**Mat 26:27** And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

**Mat 26:28** **“For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.”**

**Mat 26:29** **“But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father.”**

### Yahusha Foretells Peter's Denial

**Mat 26:30** And having sung a song, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Mat 26:31** Then יהושע said to them, **“All of you shall stumble in Me this night,”** for it has been written, **“I shall strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.”**<sup>a</sup> [Zec 13:7](#). Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Also see [Mar 14:27](#), [Joh 16:32](#).

**Mat 26:32** **“But after I have been raised, I shall go before you into Galil.”**

**Mat 26:33** And Kēpha answering, said to Him, “Even if all stumble in You, I shall never stumble.”

**Mat 26:34** יהושע said to him, **“Truly, I say to you that this night, before the cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.”**

**Mat 26:35** Kēpha said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I shall not deny You!” All the taught ones said the same too.

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. As Yahusha stated, they all would stumble in Him that night. They would grieve like never before; yet we know everything changes when Yahusha sends the Comforter! His disciples rise to the occasion and are shown faithful even unto death.

### Yahusha Prays in Gethsemane

**Mat 26:36** Then יהושע came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the taught ones, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

**Mat 26:37** And He took with **Him Kēpha and the two sons of Zabdai**, and **He began to be grieved and deeply distressed.**

**Mat 26:38** Then He said to them, "My being is exceedingly grieved, even to death. **Stay here and watch with Me.**"

**Mat 26:39** And going forward a little, He fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I desire, but as You *desire.*"

Yahusha was not asking His Father not to be crucified; He was asking His Father not to let him die prematurely in the garden. We know this to be the case because he had already rebuked sa\_tan working through the flesh of Peter in speaking against His impending death. He told Peter, for this reason, He had come. He was grieved exceedingly in the garden, even to death. Remember, he even sweated great drops of blood, a condition we know as Hematidrosis.

**Hematidrosis** is a condition in which capillary blood vessels that feed the sweat glands rupture, causing them to exude blood, occurring under conditions of extreme physical or emotional stress.<sup>[4]</sup> Severe mental anxiety activates the sympathetic nervous system to invoke the stress-Fight-or-flight response to such a degree as to cause hemorrhage of the vessels supplying the sweat glands.<sup>[5]</sup> It has been suggested that acute fear and extreme stress can cause hematidrosis.<sup>[6]</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hematidrosis>

**Mat 26:40** And He came to the taught ones and **found them asleep**, and said to Kēpha, "So, were you not able to watch with Me one hour?"

**Mat 26:41** **"Watch and pray, lest you enter into trial. The spirit indeed is eager, but the flesh is weak."**

**Mat 26:42** Again He went away, a second time, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is impossible for this to pass unless I drink it, let Your desire be done."

**Mat 26:43** And He came and **found them asleep again**, for their eyes were heavy.

**Mat 26:44** And He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Mat 26:45 Then He came to His taught ones and said to them, “Still sleeping and taking rest? **See, the hour has come near, and the Son of Adam is delivered up into the hands of sinners.**”

Mat 26:46 **“Rise, let us go. See, he who delivers Me up has come near.”**

We must not forget the season was Passover [not ‘Ishtar’ Easter]. We too are reminded to watch and pray during the Passover rehearsal. In Exodus 12, this feast is referred to as the **‘night of watches’** but it is also known as the **‘feast of fleeing’**; and fleeing they did. We are to be ready and watching for our Groom to arrive; for no one knows the day or hour except for YHWH. Therefore, we should vigilantly keep His rehearsals, His moedim and not the man-made traditions of men and cultures.

Exo 12:42 **It is a night of watches unto יהודה** for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This is that night of watches unto יהודה, for all the children of Yisra’el throughout their generations.

### Betrayal and Arrest of Yahusha

Mat 26:47 And while He was still speaking, see, Yehudah [Judas], one of the twelve, with a large crowd with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Mat 26:48 And he who was delivering Him up gave them a sign, saying, **“Whomever I kiss, it is He, seize Him.”**

Mat 26:49 And going straight up to יהושע he said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

Mat 26:50 And יהושע said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on יהושע and seized Him.

Mat 26:51 And look, one of those with יהושע put out his hand and drew his sword, and striking the servant of the high priest he cut off his ear.

Mat 26:52 Then יהושע said to him, “Return your sword to its place, for all who take the sword shall die by the sword.

Mat 26:53 “Or do you think that I am not able to pray to My Father now, and He shall provide Me with more than twelve legions of messengers?”

Mat 26:54 **“How then would the Scriptures be filled that it has to be this way?”**

Mat 26:55 In that hour יהושע said to the crowds, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to arrest Me? Daily I sat with you, teaching in the Set-apart Place, and you did not seize Me.”

Mat 26:56 **“But all this came to be, so that the Scriptures of the prophets might be filled.”** **Then all the taught ones left Him and fled.**

### Yahusha Before Caiaphas and the Council

**Mat 26:57** And those who had seized יהושע led Him away to Qayapha the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

**Mat 26:58** But Kēpha followed Him at a distance to the courtyard of the high priest, and he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

**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.’**”

**Mat 26:62** And the high priest stood up and said to Him, “Have You no answer to make? What do these witness against You?”

**Mat 26:63** But יהושע remained silent. So the high priest said to Him, **“I put You to oath, by the living Elohim that You say to us if You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim.”**

**Mat 26:64** יהושע said to him, “You have said it. Besides I say to you, from now on you shall see **the Son of Adam sitting at the right hand of the Power, Psa 110:1** and **coming on the clouds of the heaven.” Dan 7:13.**

When Caiaphas put Yahusha under oath, Yahusha had to answer or else break Leviticus 5:1 under the Book of the Law; which would have been a sin.

**Lev 5:1** ‘And when a being sins in that he has heard the voice of swearing, and is a witness, or has seen, or has known, but does not reveal it, he shall bear his crookedness.

Then Yahusha goes on to quote Psalm 110:1.

**Psa 110:1** יהוה said to my Master, “Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

**Psa 110:2** יהוה sends Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

**Psa 110:3** Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendours of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

**Psa 110:4** יהוה has sworn and does not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsēdeq.”

And then onto Daniel 7:13:

**Dan 7:13** “I was looking in the night visions and saw One like the **Son of Enosh,<sup>a</sup>** coming with the clouds of the heavens! And He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Son of Enosh - This Aramaic term is similar to the Hebrew ‘Ben Adam,’ (Son of Adam) but not the exact equivalent of it.**

**Mat 26:65** Then the **high priest tore his garments**, saying, “He has blasphemed! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, now you have heard His blasphemy!”

By Caiaphas tearing his priestly garment, he disqualified himself as High Priest and was worthy of death. It is for this reason, that Yahusha, already having been mikvah’d by the true High Priest, John the Immerser; is prepared to officiate as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek over His own crucifixion, the crucifixion of the spotless Lamb of Elohim.

**Mat 26:66** “What do you think?” And they answering, said, “He is liable to death.”

**Mat 26:67** Then they spat in His face and beat Him, and others slapped Him,

**Mat 26:68** saying, “Prophecy to us, Messiah! Who is the one who struck You?”

### **Peter Denies Yahusha**

**Mat 26:69** And Kěpha sat outside in the courtyard, and **a servant girl came to him**, saying, “And you were with יהושע of Galil.”

**Mat 26:70** But **he denied it** before them all, saying, “I do not know what you say.”

**Mat 26:71** And as he was going out into the porch, **another girl saw him** and said to those there, “And this one was with יהושע of Natsareth.”

**Mat 26:72** But again **he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”**

**Mat 26:73** And after a while **those who stood by came to him and said to Kěpha**, “Truly you are one of them too, for even your speech gives you away.”

**Mat 26:74** Then **he began to curse and to swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” And immediately a cock crowed.**

**Mat 26:75** And Kěpha remembered the word of יהושע who had said to him, “Before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.” **And going out, he wept bitterly.**

We can all relate to failures in our lives. This was one of Peter's epic failures; but even that failure was foreknown by Yahusha. Peter was broken hearted; but praise Yah, He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Peter's broken heart is later healed, and he becomes a mighty witness to Yahusha even unto death on a cross. It is said that Peter requested to be crucified upside down, for he didn't feel worthy to be crucified right side up as His Savior. His desire was to exalt Yahusha; and humbly lay down his life for Him. We know Peter finishes the race, and he finishes well! Praise Yah!

There is so much more that could be said, but we will close and keep all these things close to our hearts.

### **Matthew 27:34**

**Mat 27:34** they gave Him wine mixed with bile to drink. And after tasting, He would not drink it.

### **John 7:37 – 8:1-11**

#### **Rivers of Living Water**

**Joh 7:37** And on the last day, the great day of the festival, יהושע stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him who believes in Me drink.

**Joh 7:38** "As the Scripture said, out of His innermost shall flow rivers of living water."<sup>d</sup>

Footnote: <sup>d</sup> [Isa 44:3](#), [Jer 2:13](#), [Jer 17:13](#), [Zec 14:8](#), [Psa 36:8-9](#), [Pro 14:27](#), [Joh 4:10](#), [Joh 6:63](#), [1Co 10:4](#), [Rev 7:17](#), [Rev 21:6](#), [Rev 22:1](#) and [Rev 22:17](#).

**Joh 7:39** And this He said concerning the Spirit, which those believing in Him were about to receive, for the Set-apart Spirit was not yet given,<sup>e</sup> because יהושע was not yet esteemed. Footnote: <sup>e</sup> [Eze 36:26-27](#), [Joe 2:28-32](#), [Act 1:4-8](#), [Act 2:4](#), [Act 2:33](#), [Act 10:44-47](#), [Act 11:15-16](#), [Eph 5:18](#).

It would not be long before ‘His time’ would come. That time would be at **Passover**; and at **Pentecost** He would send the Comforter, the Ruach HaKodesh.

Do you see the shift being fully realized? The shift from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, a nation with a priest under the Book of the Law; **back to** the Melchizedek Priesthood, a kingdom of priests; a holy nation of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. Yahusha HaMashiach, our Melchizedek High Priest, **laid His life down at the appointed time** as the **Passover Lamb of Elohim**. He officiated over His own crucifixion as High Priest and offered His precious blood on the heavenly altar making full atonement for our sins. Caiaphas had disqualified himself by tearing his priestly garment. Yahusha returned the Melchizedek priesthood back to its reigning position. All praise and glory be His!

### Division Among the People

Joh 7:40 Many from the crowd, when they heard the word, then said, **“This truly is the Prophet.”**

Joh 7:41 Others said, **“This is the Messiah,”** but others said, **“Does the Messiah then come out of Galil?”**

Joh 7:42 **“Did not the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from the seed of Dawid<sup>f</sup> and from the village of Běyth Lehem,<sup>g</sup> where Dawid was?”** Footnotes: <sup>f</sup> 2Sa 7:12, Psa 89:4.<sup>g</sup> Mic 5:2.

Joh 7:43 **So a division came about among the people because of Him.**

Joh 7:44 And some of them wished to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

The chief priests and the Pharisees question the officers. Yahusha had not led anyone astray. He was the prophesied Messiah. The questions that caused confusion could have been easily answered if there was a true desire to know Him.

Joh 7:45 The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, **“Why did you not bring Him?”**

Joh 7:46 **The officers answered, “Never has any man spoken like this Man!”**

Joh 7:47 The Pharisees, therefore, answered them, “Have you also been led astray?”

Joh 7:48 “Has anyone of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in Him?”

Joh 7:49 “But this crowd that does not know the Torah is accursed.”

Joh 7:50 **Nakdimon – he who came to יהושע by night, being one of them – said to them,**

Joh 7:51 **“Does our Torah judge the man unless it hears first from him and knows**



**what he is doing?”**

Joh 7:52 They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galil? Search and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galil.”

Joh 7:53 And each one went to his own house.

Naḳdimon [Nikodemus] should have replied with Isaiah 9:1-2.

**Yahusha Begins His Ministry**

Mat 4:12 And יהושע, having heard that Yoḥanan had been put in prison, withdrew into Galil.

Mat 4:13 And leaving Natsareth, He came and dwelt in Keph̄ar Naḥum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,

Mat 4:14 to fill what was spoken by Yeshayahu the prophet, saying,

Mat 4:15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Yardēn, Galil of the nations –

Mat 4:16 the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and upon those who sat in the land and shadow of death, light arose to them.” [Isa 9:1-2](#).

Mat 4:17 From that time יהושע began to proclaim and to say, “Repent, for the reign of the heavens has drawn near.”

**John 8:1-11**

John 8 opens with the accusation of a ‘woman caught in the act of adultery.’ Yahusha uses this as a **‘transitional’** teachable moment. Yahusha was ushering in a change in priesthood and a change in law. A change from the Aaronic Levitical priesthood back to the Melchizedek Priesthood. A change from the blessings and curses under the Book of the Law; to the blessings, grace, and mercy under Covenant Torah. Under the Book of the Law, adultery came with a death penalty. Under Covenant Torah grace and forgiveness is offered.

Which priesthood are you under? Which law or Torah are you under: Book of the Law or Covenant Torah? All Torah is profitable, but we must rightly divide Torah based on the time period in history and the associated reigning priesthood in place.

Yahusha is YHWH in Son. He knows what those around Him are thinking and planning. He knew Nathaniel was under the fig tree; in John 7, He knew that the Yehudim were seeking to kill Him; He knew Judas Iscariot was going to betray him; He knew Peter would deny Him three times before the cock crowed; He knows the thoughts of man and He knows what is in them!

These seething slivering brood of vipers, who refuse to repent, crawl into an ever deepening and widening hole. However, Yahusha is on a mission and they play perfectly into His hand. He is ushering in the Kingdom of Elohim; He is ushering in the Melchizedek Priesthood; He is ushering in the New Blood Ratified Covenant; in which the command, 'Do Not Commit Adultery', is VERY MUCH a part of!

He even raises the standard of this command to include looking with lust at individuals. Today, adultery is promoted by viewing pornography; reading soft porn romance novels; watching soap operas; and much more. You see, in order to have adultery there must be the presence of an adulteress Jezebel spirit like spoken of in Proverbs 5; to lure the victim into its snare. Jezebel spirits work through both males and females.

The difference between committing adultery under the Book of the Law; and committing adultery under the Book of the Covenant; is death verses His grace and mercy, respectively. Yahusha is in the very process of ushering in His Kingdom and His forgiveness through His blood **for those that repent and receive.**

**But this transition between the priesthoods and laws hasn't fully happened yet, has it?** No, it has not. We are seeing it take place slowly but surely, day by day. Just as with night dawning into day or as the day fades into night, we are seeing **the twilight of the transition between priesthoods.**

So, they bring this woman caught in the very act of adultery forward; the other party isn't present. Where do they bring her? Into the Set-apart place where Yahusha is teaching! The enemy wants an audience, because this time; the enemy really thinks Yahusha is cornered. Adrenalin of evil is pulsating through their flesh. In their eyes, they have been successful so far by seeing the Jezebel spirit at work to ensnare the woman. The taste of blood is on their lips of these ravenous wolves.

**Joh 8:1** And יהושע went to the Mount of Olives.

**Joh 8:2** And at dawn He came again into the Set-apart Place, and all the people were coming to Him. And having sat down, He was teaching them.

**Joh 8:3** And the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And having set her in the midst,

The scribes and Pharisees pose a question in hopes to ensnare Yahusha.

**Joh 8:4** they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

**Joh 8:5** “And in the Torah Mosheh commanded us that such should be stoned. What then do You say?”

**Joh 8:6** And this they said, trying Him, so that they might accuse Him. But יהושע, bending down, wrote on the ground with the finger, as though He did not hear.

As they continue to question Him, Yahusha straightens up and makes one statement that stops them in their tracks.

**Joh 8:7** But as they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

**Joh 8:8** And bending down again, He wrote on the ground.

**Joh 8:9** And when they heard it, being reproved by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the older ones until the last. And יהושע was left alone, and the woman standing in the middle.

**Joh 8:10** And יהושע, straightening up and seeing no one but the woman, said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Did no one condemn you?”

**Joh 8:11** And she said, “No one, Master.” And יהושע said to her, “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Joh 5:14](#), [Rom 6:16-20](#), [1Co 15:34](#), [1Pe 2:24](#), [1Pe 4:1-2](#), [1Jn 3:4-10](#), [1Jn 5:18](#).

Yahusha allows time for His statement to sink in to ‘the accuser of the brethren.’ He bends down and writes on the ground. Much focus has been on trying to figure out what He wrote, **but the more important act we should see** is this; He was causing everyone to take pause; **taking pause allows inner reflection and controls and calms heated situations.** Quieting the surrounding noise; letting the adrenalin rush subside; lifts away acting impulsively. In the quietness is when YHWH divinely works on hearts. **In the silence of the pause**, His still small voice pierces their consciences and does a mighty work.

**Conscience** defined by Strong's G4893: *suneidēsis soon-i'-day-sis* From a prolonged form of G4894; *co-perception*, that is, moral *consciousness*: - conscience.

And the root G4894 means: *suneidō soon-i'-do* From G4862 and G1492; **to see completely**; used (like its primary) only in two past tenses, respectively meaning to *understand* or *become aware*, and to *be conscious* **or (clandestinely) informed of**: - consider, know, be privy, be ware of.

As Yahusha wrote on the hard ground in silence; **their hard hearts were reproved by their consciences** as Yahusha's challenge churned in their minds; their own sins surfaced that were **engraved in their memories**; like the ocean waves that reveal seashells in the sand.

**The accuser of the brethren**, departs; and Yahusha asks the woman where are her accusers? Did no one condemn you? She responds, "No one, Master." Yahusha tells her, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.'

From then on, the whole city would be reminded of this precedence by the woman's very presence. They had witness a **change of law** that did not put her to death; as was the punishment for adultery required under the Book of the Law. Yahusha was ushering in a 'change of priesthood' which would bring a 'change in law.'

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed,<sup>b</sup> of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

What started out as being the worse day of the woman's life; turned out to be the best day! She calls Yahusha Master and she is offered His grace and mercy!

## **Acts 21:17-40**

### **Paul Visits James**

Act 21:17 And **when we had arrived in Yerushalayim, the brothers received us gladly.**

Act 21:18 And **on the following day Sha'ul went in with us to Ya'aqob, and all the elders came.**

Act 21:19 And having greeted them, **he was relating one by one what Elohim had done among the nations through his service.**

Act 21:20 And when they heard it, they praised the Master. And they said to him, **"You see, brother, how many thousands of Yehudim there are who have believed, and all are ardent for the Torah,**

**Act 21:21** “But they have been informed about you that you teach all the Yehudim who are among the nations to forsake Mosheh, saying not to circumcise the children nor to walk according to the practices.

**Act 21:22** “What then is it? They shall certainly hear that you have come.

James and the elders knew the rising tension in Jerusalem and recommend that Paul take four men that had taken a vow; probably a Nazarite vow, and go with them to the temple; be cleansed; and pay expenses so that they shave their heads.

Making a vow to YHWH would be ‘common ground.’ Paul did follow Torah, only now he understood he walked in the new Covenant Confirming Gospel. He was now part of YHWH’s kingdom of priests following Covenant Torah and no longer under the administration of the Book of the Law; but he also knew ALL Scripture is profitable! We read in Hebrews 7:11-12:

Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lēwitical 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, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

**Act 21:23** “So do this, what we say to you: We have four men who have taken a vow.

Adam Clarke provides some history: **Acts 21:23 We have four men which have a vow** - From the shaving of the head, mentioned immediately after, it is evident that the four men in question were under the vow of Nazariteship; and that the days of their vow were nearly at an end, as they were about to shave their heads; for, during the time of the Nazariteship, the hair was permitted to grow, and only shaven off at the termination of the vow. Among the Jews, it was common to make vows to God on extraordinary occasions; and that of the Nazarite appears to have been one of the most common; and it was permitted by their law for any person to perform this vow by proxy. See the law produced in my note on Num. 6:21 (note). “It was also customary for the richer sort to bestow their charity on the poorer sort for this purpose; for Josephus, Ant. lib. xix. cap. 6, sec. 1, observes that Agrippa, on his being advanced from a prison to a throne, by the Emperor Claudius, came to Jerusalem; and there, among other instances of his religious thankfulness shown in the temple, Ναζαραιων ξυρασθαι διεταξε μαλα συχνους, he ordered very many Nazarites to be shaven, he furnishing them with money for the expenses of that, and of the sacrifices necessarily attending it.” See Bp. Pearce.

**Act 21:24** “Take them and be cleansed with them, and pay their expenses so that they shave their heads. And all shall know that what they have been informed about you is not so, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Torah.

**Act 21:25** “But concerning the nations who believe, we have written and decided that they should keep themselves from what is offered to idols, and blood, and what is

strangled, and whoring.”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Act 15:20](#).

James and the council affirm their decision concerning the nations [Acts 21:25] which had been decided in Acts 15:20.

**Act 21:26** Then Sha’ul took the men on the next day, and having been cleansed with them, went into the Set-apart Place to announce the completion of the days of separation – until the offering should be presented for each one of them.

Pools were located outside the Set-apart Place, where those entering the Set-apart place could be immersed or cleansed. This is referred to as being mikvah’d. The offering being brought by the four men accompanied by Paul, was not a ‘blood sacrifice’; it was a financial offering following their faithful keeping of their vow.

### Paul Arrested in the Temple

**Act 21:27** And when the seven days were almost ended, the Yehudim from Asia, seeing him in the Set-apart Place, were stirring up all the crowd, and they laid hands on him,

**Act 21:28** crying out, “Men of Yisra’ël, help! This is the man who is teaching all men everywhere against the people, and the Torah, and this place. And besides, he also brought Greeks into the Set-apart Place and has profaned this Set-apart Place.”

**Act 21:29** Because they had previously seen Trophimos the Ephesian with him in the city, **whom they thought** that Sha’ul had brought into the Set-apart Place.

Paul and those he had accompanied **had not even reached the completion of the ‘days of separation’**; when Yehudim from Asia stirred the crowd into a frenzy. These Yehudim from Asia Minor could have been some that had taunted Paul on his previous missionary journeys. These were those that Paul had warned the elders of in Ephesus to beware of and called them ‘ravenous wolves’; those full of hatred, jealous, and envy.

Mob mentality follows feelings and not facts. They are fueled by emotional adrenalin and false accusations. Paul had not even brought Trophimos into the Set-apart Place.

**Act 21:30** And **the entire city was moved**, and **the people rushed together**, **seized Sha’ul**, and **dragged him out of the Set-apart Place**. And immediately the doors were shut.

**Act 21:31** **And while they were seeking to kill him, a report came to the**

**commander of the company of soldiers that all Yerushalayim was in confusion.**

Their desire was to stop Paul's voice. Paul was YHWH's chosen vessel and so was his voice. Paul was divinely protected because he still had many more assignments left to be completed. Soldiers intervene before the mob kills Paul by beating him.

**Act 21:32 At once he took soldiers and captains, and ran down to them. And they, having seen the commander and the soldiers, stopped beating Sha'ul.**

**Act 21:33** Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains, and was asking who he was and what he had done.

**Act 21:34** And in the crowd some were shouting this and others that. And not being able to ascertain the truth because of the uproar, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks.

**Act 21:35** **And when he came to the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd.**

**Act 21:36** **For a large number of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him!"**



This had developed into a very violent unruly crowd. The soldiers were even struggling to get Paul to the barracks to be able to hear themselves speak and to ascertain who he was; and what he was being accused of.

An unruly mob is no respecter of life or law. Mobs become a frenzied brood of fiery serpents seeking blood and death. Many lacked knowledge and are used in a wicked way; such people act on emotions and believe the shouts of the loudest person.

### **Paul Speaks to the People**

**Act 21:37** **And as Sha'ul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the**

commander, “Am I allowed to say somewhat to you?” And he said, “Do you know Greek?”

Act 21:38 “Are you not the Mitsrian who some time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?”

The commander had Paul confused with someone else.

Act 21:39 But Sha’ul replied, “I am a Yehudi from Tarsos, in Kilikia, a citizen of no mean city. And I beg you, allow me to speak to the people.”

Act 21:40 And having given him permission, Sha’ul, standing on the stairs motioned with his hand to the people. **And when there was a great silence, he spoke in the Hebrew language,**<sup>b</sup> saying, **Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See Act 26:14.**

Paul chooses to turn the chaos into a platform for witnessing and sharing Truth. We will see what he shares tomorrow.

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