

Laying down the *Foundation*

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LAYING DOWN THE FOUNDATION

Part 1: The Foundation of Yashuah

FOREWORD

The Apostle Paul says he has much to say to us, although it is difficult to explain because we have become too dull and sluggish to understand. We should already have been “**professors instructing others**” and rabbis ourselves, but instead, we need to be taught the basics of God’s prophetic oracles! We are like children still needing milk and not yet ready to digest solid food (Hebrews 5:11-14).

Paul mentions the foundational Doctrine of Christ needed by the Body of Christ to reach maturity.

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works, and of **faith** toward God, ² Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and of **laying on of hands**, and of **resurrection** of the dead, and of eternal **judgment**. ³ And this will we do, if God **permit**. Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV*

This book focuses on laying down a solid foundation for the believer, so when the storm comes, the house will stand and not collapse.

They are like a person building a house, who dug a deep hole to lay the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the floodwaters pushed against that

house but couldn't shake it, because it had been founded on the rock.

Luke 6:48 ISV

The following scripture gives a clear indication of the necessity of such a solid foundation in our lives.

"Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you. 2 Timothy 3:17 TPT

The Lord is restoring His children to their original state as before the fall. He is raising an army for Himself, which will be fully mature in the image and likeness of Adonai, ready to fulfil any assignment on His command. It is like military training, where only the best-of-the-best are eventually chosen for the battle. Remember Gideon's army! Only 300 of the original 32 000 soldiers remained! Read Judges 7 to see how Adonai sent back those who did not belong in the battle.

BACKGROUND

In the year 2000, I committed myself to the Lord for full-time ministry. God spent 14 years preparing me and another seven years intensely training and educating me through the Holy Spirit for a healing ministry.

For many years, I had been searching for the Doctrine of Christ without success. Then, during those years of preparation, the Lord revealed it to me little by little, piece by piece, precept upon precept. What He revealed to me will be the content of this book.

Since the beginning of this year, 2021, I have been sensing that the time for a new season has arrived! I eagerly waited for God to reveal to me exactly what this new season would require of His children. Over months, this new approaching season has been confirmed by several international ministries, such as Paul Davis from White Dove Ministries, who released several announcements in this regard.

On the 13th of April 2021, a Word of God came to me through a friend.

“My **servant**, I will make you **My signet ring**; for I have **chosen** you to **lay the foundation of this house**; your hands shall also complete it.” (Haggai 2:23; Zechariah 4:9)

While I was meditating on this word, the Lord continued with the following verses.

*This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts. ⁷ **'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'** Zechariah 4:6–7 NKJV*

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Zechariah 4:9 KJV

What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? ¹² And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? ¹³ And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. ¹⁴ Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. Zechariah 4:11b-14 KJV

The message was clear that we must lay down the foundation to restore His temple. But we will not accomplish this by might, nor by power, but through His Holy Spirit. Therefore, the emphasis is on the two olive branches, which provide the oil (the Holy Spirit) through two golden pipes. It will be a constant flow of oil (Holy Spirit) that will level any great mountain standing in the way of accomplishing this assignment.

As a result of the above message from God, this book was written. It consists of two main parts, analysing the Doctrine of Christ.

Part 1 lays down the foundation of Yashuah, which is a personal foundation. We will focus on the only foundation to be laid down - Yashuah HaMashiach! There can be NO other foundation!

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11 KJV

Parts 2 and 3 will discuss the doctrinal foundation and will predominantly focus on the six basic elements as explained in Hebrews 6:1-3.

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works, and of **faith** toward God, ² Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and of **laying on of hands**, and of **resurrection** of the dead, and of eternal **judgment**. ³ And this will we do, if God **permit**.* Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV

Here we find seven important principles of the Doctrine of Christ which enable the believer to lay down the foundation.

- Repentance of dead works.
- Faith toward God.
- The doctrine of baptisms.
- Laying on of hands.
- The resurrection of the dead.
- Eternal Judgment.
- And last, but not least – “If God Permit!”

Any foundation must first be inspected and approved before the structure of the building can be erected. If the building inspector is satisfied, he approves of it using a stamp of authority. Similarly, Adonai first needs to **permit** (approve) the restoration of the foundation by using this signet ring as His stamp of approval! This is the doctrinal foundation which is deemed necessary to ensure that our houses will stand when the storm comes. We have confidence that this “**temple**” will stand and last because of Jesus’ promise.

He who comes to me and hears my words and does it (acts upon them) is like a person building a house, who digs a deep hole to lay the foundation on rock. When the storm comes, it pushes against that house but cannot shake it, because it has been founded on the rock. Luke 6:47-48

The opposite is therefore also true. He who does not **HEAR** and does not **DO** and does not **Dig Deep**, when the storm comes, his house will surely collapse.

MY PERSONAL STORY

On the 17th of June 2013, on our way back from Britstown to Bloemfontein, our trailer had a flat tire. My wife went to the nearest town to have it repaired, while I was sitting next to the road, reading from Deuteronomy 10.

At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, to stand in the LORD's presence, to serve, and to bless his name until this day. ⁹ That is why the descendants of Levi do not have a portion and an inheritance among their relatives. As for the LORD, he is their inheritance, just as the LORD your God told them. ¹⁰ When I stood on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights as I did the first time, the LORD listened to me once again. The LORD was not willing to destroy you. ¹¹ So the LORD told me, 'Get up and proceed to lead the people, so they may enter and take possession of the land that I promised to give their ancestors by an oath.' Deuteronomy 10:8-11 ISV

The Lord's word came to me clearly. "From this day on, I will provide for you. I appoint you now as my priest to bless the people wherever I send you. You will not own or be part of an earthly inheritance anymore, for I, the Lord, am your inheritance."

At that stage of my life, those words came as a surprise. The first aspect I had to deal with was the issue of an earthly inheritance. Owning land and looking for opportunities to extend earthly possessions were part of my life. I seriously had to decide, and said, "Ok, Lord, if this is the case, I will trust you and let go of my selfish and earthly desires." The next mind shift I had to make was that from that day on, I had to accept an alternative source of income. As an agricultural economist, it was difficult for me to let go of

earthly security and trust in the Lord as my Provider. Apart from the enormous mind shift I had to make, I could not even imagine how the Lord planned to use me to bless His people.

Now, eight years later, I can testify that there is NO one in my life like Yehôvâh Elohim - my Father in heaven, His son - Yashuah HaMashiach, and the Ruach HaKodesh! What an amazing journey the past eight years have been for me! It came with many trials, persecutions and tears, but today I am free in Christ Jesus! I have ceased from my own works and efforts and found rest in Him. I have seen many people receiving deliverance and I have expelled the forces of darkness violently out of this earth so His Kingdom can be established in the hearts of people. Today, Deuteronomy has a new meaning to me.

Circumcise Your Heart

*Now Israel, what does the LORD your God desire from you? Only this: fear him, walk in all his ways, love him, serve him with all your heart and in all your life¹³ and observe his commands and statutes that I'm commanding you today for your own good.¹⁴ You see, heaven—even the highest heavens—belongs to the LORD, along with the earth and all that is in it,¹⁵ yet the LORD committed himself to love your ancestors—and did so! **He chose you**—their descendants after them—from all the nations, as it is today.¹⁶ **Therefore, circumcise your heart and stop being stubborn.**¹⁷ For the LORD your God is the God of all gods, the LORD of all lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who does not show favoritism or take bribes.¹⁸ **He executes justice for the orphan and the widows, loves the foreigner, and gives them food and clothing.**"¹⁹ "You are to love the foreigner, because you were*

foreigners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You are to fear the LORD your God and serve him. Cling to him and swear by his name. ²¹ **He is the one you are to praise, because he is, your God who carried out those great and awesome things for you that you witnessed.** ²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt with seventy people, but the LORD your God has now made you as numerous as the stars in the sky. Deuteronomy 10:12-22 ISV

To tell my complete story in detail is outside the scope of this book. I do, however, want to share my victory and inspire you with my own Victor's Song that I wrote on 28 March 2017, attached at the end of this book. I also want to share with you a letter that Yashuah wrote to me.

During the night of 22 September 2016, the Lord constantly drew my attention to Colossians 1 and 3. The next morning, I read the words of my beloved, Yashuah HaMashiach, which came to me in Afrikaans. I encourage you to insert your name where the Lord addressed me in person, for this assignment is for YOU too, as we all need to grow into full maturity to be ready for any assignment (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Afrikaans:

“Aan El-Azar, my geheiligde van God, getroue en gelowige kind in Christus. Jy wat nou daar in Bainsvlei is, genade, geestelike guns en seën vir jou en VREDE van God ons Vader!

Noudat jy als van MY beleef en jou geloof al hoe sterker word in MY, leun dan nou met jou hele persoonlikheid op MY met absolute vertroue en selfvertroue in MY krag, wysheid en goedheid. EK wil hê dat jy nou veral baie liefde aan my geheiligdes sal betoon, omdat die hoop wat vir jou in die hemel gereserveerd is, op jou wag. Van hierdie hoop het jy mos al in die verlede gehoor - die boodskap van die waarheid van

die Evangelie. Dit het na jou toe gekom en is besig om vrug in jou lewe te dra en is ook besig om nog steeds te groei. Jy het nou die genade en die onverdiende guns van God leer ken - baie diep, duidelik en breedvoerig word jy intiem en akkuraat vertrou daarmee. Jy word al hoe meer verlief op die Heilige Gees. Daarom sal EK voor die VADER vir jou intree, sodat jy al hoe meer met die volle diepte en helder kennis van SY wil en in alle geestelike wysheid gevul sal word, sodat jy 'n breedvoerige insig in God se weë en doelgerigtheid van Hom sal hê en ook begrip en onderskeiding van alle geestelike dinge.

EK wil hê dat jy nou elke dag sò sal leef, en jou gedrag sò sal wees, dat dit altyd vir MY aanneemlik en waardig sal wees en dat jy vir GOD net gelukkig sal maak in wat jy doen en sê. Jy moet goeie vrug dra en steeds groei in jou kennis van God, en voller, dieper en suiwerder insig laat toeneem. Jy sal versterk word met al die glorie van MY krag, sodat jy ten alle tye en in alle omstandighede met blydschap en met groot uithouvermoë, verdraagsaamheid en geduld aan MY heilige mense sal aankondig en sal deel wat julle erfporsie in Jesus Christus is!

Onthou jy hoe EK jou uit die magte van die duisternis kom verlos het deur MY seun, Jesus - toe SY bloed al julle sondes kom afwas het aan die kruis en hoe EK jou nou getransformeer het om nader aan Jesus se liefde te kom en te leef? In MY en deur MY het als tot stand gekom en als het sy ontstaan in MY. Daarom is EK die HOOF van die kerk en van als wat sigbaar en onsigbaar is.

Dit behaag MY, die Vader, wanneer alles en almal permanent in MY kom woon. So sal EK dan baie bly wees as jy nou permanent in MY kan kom woon en EK in jou! Alhoewel jy vroeër deur jou dade gewys het dat jy eintlik ver van MY af geleef het, het Ek steeds vrede kom maak deur MY Seun, JESUS, ook vir jòu aan die dood af te staan. En dit sal ek doen, MITS jy dan in geloof in MY sal vasstaan, nie links of regs wegbeweeg van die hoop wat jy nou al gehoor het in die evangelie wat EK vir jou kom voorhou het nie.

*Die raaisel wat vir baie jare en generasies lank opgesluit was is nou bekend. Ook het EK dit nou aan jou bekend gemaak! EK het deur hierdie raaisel aan dié wat GLO kom bekend maak watter rykheid en glorie daar in my KRAG van HEILIGMAKING is; die pad na julle genesing van alle siektes. **Daarom moet jy almal wat EK oor jou pad bring in nederigheid onderrig in alle wysheid (breedvoerige insig in MY genesingsweë!), sodat almal tot volwassenheid kan kom (full-grown, complete and perfect) in Jesus Christus, die Gesalfde!***

Noudat jy geheilig en skoon gewas is en 'n nuwe lewe het (deel het aan MY opstanding uit die dood) soek en mik dan na die volle rykdom en ewige skat daar bo, waar Christus nou sit aan die regterhand van GOD die Vader. Rig jou gedagtes en hou dit op die dinge daarbo en NIE op die dinge hieronder op die aarde nie.

Sover dit die wêreld aangaan, is jy dood - jy bestaan nie meer hier op die aarde nie. Jou nuwe lewe is nou verberg vir die aarde in Jesus Christus!

- *Daarom moet jy nou alle bose begeertes (dit is nou alle aardse dinge wat nog tot sonde kan lei, soos seksuele losbandigheid en begeertes, onreinheid, wellus, slegte begeertes en gierigheid wat van geld 'n god maak) doodmaak wat nog by jou is en ook by my heiliges.*
- *All hierdie dinge is afgodery (verering van jouself, om jouself te verafgod en enige ander geskape dinge te aanbid, behalwe GOD).*
- *Vertel vir dié mense wat nog in sonde lewe dat MY woede sal kom op die kinders wat in ongehoorsaamheid lewe.*
- *Onthou jy, dat jy ook vroeër sò gelewe het, toe jou lewe ook nog verslaaf was aan sulke praktyke!*

Ek wil hê jy moet nou geheel en al van al hierdie dinge onttrek en ontslae raak van;

- *kwaad word,*
- *woede en woedebuie,*
- *slegte gevoelens teenoor ander,*

- vloek en vuil taal,
- gemene, skandelijke en oneerlike beledigings, misbruike, misleidings, skel,
- skandelijke uitsprake oor jou lippe,
- moenie teenoor mekaar lieg nie.

Want jy het nou die ou, onwedergebore self met die sondige praktyke geheel en al afgeskud. Trek nou die nuwe stel klere aan wat ek jou gegee het:

- *As die nuwe geestelike self wat van nou af vir altyd en vir ewig vernuwe en hervorm sal word - vernuwe, getransformeer en hervorm na nog meer volmaakte en perfekte kennis, na MY beeld, wie julle almal gemaak het!*
- *Beklee jou dan nou as MY uitverkorene, MY eie uitgesoekte verteenwoordiger. Jy wat nou gesuiwer en geheilig is en wat EK baie liefhet!*

Beklee jou met:

- *Ontferming, jammerte en genade vir ander.*
- *Sagte gevoelens / sagmoedigheid.*
- *'n Lae mening en opinie van jouself.*
- *Sagte en goeie maniere.*
- *Geduld, wat onvermoeid en lankmoedig is, wat swaarkry verduur en krag sal ontvang om enige iets wat nog mag kom met goeie gesindheid en humeur te verdra.*

Wees daarom sagmoedig en geduldig met mekaar en wanneer daar 'n verskil tussen jou en enige iemand anders is, wees vinnig om genade te betoon, net soos EK vinnig was, en nog steeds is, om jou elke keer te vergewe. Sò wil EK hê moet jy ook nou vergewe! Bo en behalwe alles wil EK nou hê dat jy die LIEFDE as 'n nuwe kledingstuk sal aantrek, wat alles mooi, volmaak, perfek en in harmonie afrond.

En laat MY VREDE wat van Jesus Christus af kom in jou hart as 'n skeidsregter voortdurend regeer. Prys MY Naam dan voortdurend!

- *Laat MY woorde wat EK spreek as Jesus Christus, die Verlosser, in jou hart en in jou gedagtes tuis word en laat dit binne-in jou in alle volheid en rykdom woon, soos jy dit ook oordra en ander leer, onderrig en vermaan in wysheid en hulle van die geestelike dinge vertel en hulle oplei.*
- *Wat jy ook al doen, doen dit in My Naam en in diepe afhanklikheid teenoor MY en gee altyd alle EER aan My.*

El-Azar, ek wil hê jy moet lief wees vir Hanlie (my vrou). Wees liefdevol en simpatiek teenoor haar!

Hanlie, ek wil hê jy moet aan El-Azar onderdanig wees, ondergeskik en pas jouself by El-Azar aan as jou regte en vanpaste plig en diens tot MY!

Elizna, Sune en Janko (my kinders), wees gehoorsaam aan El-Azar en Hanlie want dit maak My baie bly.

El-Azar, moenie jou kinders irriteer en die hele tyd net fout vind met hulle, sodat hulle later moedeloos word nie.

Liefde, Yashuah!"

These scriptures are from Colossians 1 and 3. Read them in various translations and personalise them for yourself!

After spending 40 years in the desert, I understand some things better and can now take up the authority given to me and move forward!

When I stood on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights as I did the first time, the LORD listened to me once again. The LORD was not willing to destroy you. ¹¹ So the LORD told me, 'Get up and proceed to lead the people, so they may enter and take possession of the land that I promised to give their ancestors by an oath. Deuteronomy 10:10-11 ISV

Satan kills, steals and destroys and is constantly trying to prevent us from entering our promised land, from fulfilling our calling and from ruling and reigning on earth. Thus, the Lord ordained me to **“Get up and proceed to lead the people so that you may enter and take possession of the land that your heavenly Father promised to give to you!”**

Extension of the Assignment

By grace and mercy, I handed over my flesh to our Lord and now walk in the Spirit. Since He wrote me that life-changing letter, I have learnt a lot. While ministering to people, I have seen Yashuah HaMashiach deliver many people while working through me. Since the beginning of this year (2021), I have sensed that the old season has come to an end and a new season is being birthed. During my search to discover what this new season would involve, the person who sent me the message on 13 April 2021 said, **“I dreamt that you and I were searching the scriptures and we found Haggai 2:23.”** At that time, I had never before read the book of Haggai.

*In that day, says the Lord of hosts, will I take you, O Zerubbabel, **My servant**, the son of Shealtiel, says the Lord, and will make you [through the Messiah, your descendant] My signet ring; for I have **chosen** you [as the one with whom to renew My covenant to David's line], says the Lord of hosts.*
Haggai 2:23 AMPC

*'When that day comes,' says Adonai-Tzva'ot, 'I will take you, Z'rubavel, my **Servant**, the son of Sh'alti'el,' says Adonai, 'and **wear you like a signet ring**; for I have **chosen** you,' says Adonai-Tzva'ot.* Haggai 2:23 CJB

The person sent me the meaning of the verse in Afrikaans.

“Die Here sê Hy sal Serubbabel 'n seëlring maak. Die Dawidiese konings is soms so genoem (Jeremia 22:24). Daarmee is bedoel dat die koning bekleed is met gesag as die gevolgmagtigde verteenwoordiger van die Here. Dit was die teken dat die Here self regeer deur die koning en die uitvoering van sy beloftes waarborg. Aan Serubbabel, 'n afstammeling van Dawid, word hierdie gesag nou toegesê. Hy word ook nou die dienaar van die Here genoem, vir wie Hy uitgekies het. Die twee uitdrukkings **dienaar** en **uitgekies**, is ook Dawidiese verbondsterme waarmee aangedui word dat die Here die koning afsonder as die een deur wie Hy werk. Op hierdie wyse word die volk getroos en verseker dat die Here weer in Juda regeer op die troon van Dawid, deur Serubbabel.”

Adonai called Serubbabel His **servant**. The Greek word for a servant is “**doulos**”. It signifies more than a mere servant. It is a person who has **chosen** to serve a master out of love, bound with cords so strong that it could only be severed by death. Adonai is the One who separated me as uniquely His, as opposed to a self-righteous superiority. It did not come overnight but over time, and was accompanied by many trials, persecutions, and tears. My commission is to lay down the foundation of Adonai’s Temple, which will not falter when the storm comes.

The Gospel is all about God’s Son. As a man, He descended from David’s royal lineage. Jesus was the “seed of the woman” in Genesis 3:15, the “seed of Abraham” in Galatians 3:16 and in Romans 1, the “seed of David”, but as the mighty Son of God, He was raised from the dead and miraculously set apart (“marked [appointed] as God’s Son, immersed in power”). The Greek word for “**set apart**” comes from “**horizo**”, meaning “the horizon”. It means “to mark out the boundaries,” “to decree,” or “to define”. We are moving

towards a horizon (Jesus!), with a display of triumphant power supplied by the Spirit of Holiness. Now Jesus is our Lord and our Messiah!

*Through him grace cascaded into us, empowering us with the gift of apostleship, so that we can **win people from every nation** into the obedience that comes from faith, to bring honor to his name. ⁶ And you are among the chosen ones who are called to belong to Jesus, the Anointed One.*

Romans 1:5-6 TPT

The Holy Spirit further revealed to me that Zerubbabel was a governor and king of Judah. He led the first group of Jews (42 360) that returned from the Babylonian captivity in the first year of Cyrus the Great. He was always associated with the high priest who returned with him, Joshua, son of Jozadak (Jehozadak). Together, these two men led the first wave of Jewish returnees from exile and began to rebuild the Temple! King Darius I of Persia appointed Zerubbabel as governor of the province. It was after this appointment that Zerubbabel rebuilt the Temple. Zerubbabel was of the main Davidic line through Solomon and Jeconiah.

My servant.

This describes Zerubbabel as God's servant. This term is often associated with King David.

I will wear you like a signet ring.

A signet ring is an authoritative symbol that is associated with power.

The king was a signet ring on God's hand. Zerubbabel was to be made either the representative of YHVH, the new King who would restore the

monarchy, or of the new world leader. Words like messianic, or Messiah, are sometimes used to describe Zerubbabel's role. Zerubbabel was **"a royal representative of God"**.

The term "signet ring" is a metaphor for Zerubbabel attaining God's authority on earth!

- From then on, since Zerubbabel had been chosen as a "signet", he would sit on the throne of David and again in Judah.
- Zerubbabel was not the ruler of a nation, but the governor of a province.
- In Haggai, we find the mutual destruction of political and military forces masterminded by God.

Then the Holy Spirit led me to Zechariah.

This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts. ⁷ 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!' Zechariah 4:6–7 NKJV

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Zechariah 4:9 KJV

Those seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth... the two olive trees... are the two sons of oil (anointed ones) who stand by the Lord of the whole earth. (Summary of Zechariah 4:10-14)

I once met with a small group of people on the hill behind my house. The first scripture I read that day was Zechariah 4:6-7. When we came down, someone asked me what I had heard from the Lord while on the hill. At first,

I could not tell, but afterwards I realised the Lord indisputably wanted me to know that I would not accomplish the future assignment by might or by power, but only by His Holy Spirit. (At that stage, I was not aware of the assignment as described to you so far. I thought it might have been my involvement in Africa in the Agricultural Sector, as I came from an Agricultural Economics background.)

The controversy regarding the prophecies about Zerubbabel relates to this quote about Zerubbabel laying the foundation of the temple and eventually completing it. At first, I was confused about the assignment of Zerubbabel versus that of Nehemiah. Then the Lord showed me Zerubbabel had restored the temple, and Nehemiah had restored the walls of Jerusalem. What an amazing discovery that after Nehemiah had restored the wall, they rededicated the wall of Jerusalem to the Lord and invited the descendants of Levi to come from wherever they lived to Jerusalem, so they could celebrate the dedication with joy, thanksgiving, and songs, accompanied by cymbals, lyres, and harps (Nehemiah 12:27). Also, they appointed men to gather the first fruits and tithes to benefit the priests.

Service at the Temple

Also at that time men were appointed over the storerooms for the contributions, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, so those portions required by the Law could be gathered from the fields adjacent to the towns to benefit the priests and descendants of Levi, for the people of Judah rejoiced over the priests and the descendants of Levi who were serving. Nehemiah 12:44 ISV

In the Book of Ezra, they required the support of the prophets in the construction of the Temple.

So Shealtiel's son Zerubbabel and Jozadak's son Jeshua restarted construction of the Temple of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were there supporting them. Ezra 5:2 ISV

The Mandate

Putting everything together, we can say the Word of the Lord requires the following from us. Personalise it by applying the instructions to your own life.

- I have chosen you, my son/daughter (add your name), as my servant to wear you like a signet on my right hand.
- I have appointed you as my royal representative with authority on earth to rebuild my temple.
- From now on, since you have been chosen as a "signet", you will sit on the throne of David and rule with Me.
- I, Adonai-Tzva'ot, will cause mutual destruction of political and military forces masterminded by Myself, not by might or by power, but by My Spirit.

'Who are you, O great mountain, before my son/daughter? For you shall become a plain! You shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'

- "Your hands have laid the foundation of MY house; your hands shall also complete it," says the Adonai Tzva'ot.

Another Confirmation

I received yet another word on the 28th of April 2021.

Now go ahead and do as I tell you, for I will help you... Exodus 4:12 TLB

When we realise that God is helping us, we can boldly go on. God gave Moses an impossible task to fulfil, but with His help, the impossible task became an inevitable success! With God's help, we can accomplish more than we could ever have imagined.

PRAYER

“Lord, please help me to do what You tell me to do. May I walk in obedience and enjoy the wonderful privilege of knowing that You are helping me to do what I could never achieve in my own strength.”

Amen.

A Vision

In a vision on the 27th of April 2021, the Lord led me to Titus. I will only shortly confirm what the Lord said to me.

“The reason I stationed you, El-Azar, in South Africa (*and not allowed you to go to the USA as you had previously desired to do*) was so you could set things in order and complete what was still left unfinished, and to raise up and appoint leaders in every city. Each of them must be above reproach, devoted solely to his wife, whose children are believers and not rebellious or out of control. There are many wayward people, smooth talkers, and deceivers – especially the converts from Judaism. (*Paul is pointing to three types of people who will refute and argue with church leaders - rebels, empty talkers, and deceivers. The leaders must be faithful to the Scriptures to correct these people and set them in order.*) They must

be silenced because they are disrupting entire families with their corrupt teachings, all for their dishonest greed.”

God continued from Titus 1 that *all is indeed* pure to those who have pure hearts, but to the corrupt unbelievers, nothing is pure. Their minds and consciences are defiled. They claim to know God, but by their actions deny Him. They are disgusting, disobedient, and disqualified from doing good.

There can be no deeper truth and no sounder doctrine than the ***Doctrine of Christ***, as Paul explains in Hebrews 6:1-3. This is also our base scripture for the laying down of the foundation of Adonai's Temple.

“Your duty, El-Azar, is to teach them to embrace a lifestyle consistent with **sound doctrine**. You must lead the leaders into disciplined lives full of dignity and self-control. Urge them to have solid faith, generous love, and patient endurance, free from gossip and drunkenness and to be teachers of beautiful things. They must teach the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, and to be self-controlled and pure, taking care of their household and being devoted to their husbands. Above all, my dearest son, El-Azar, set yourself apart as a model of a life nobly lived. With dignity, demonstrate integrity in all that you teach. Bring a clear, wholesome message that cannot be condemned, and then your critics will be embarrassed, with nothing bad to say about you. My servants are to be supportive of their Master and do what is pleasing in every way. They are not to be argumentative and should not steal but prove themselves completely loyal and trustworthy. By teaching them this lifestyle, you will

advertise, through your own lifestyle, all these beautiful teachings coming from Me.”

God’s marvellous grace has manifested in person, bringing salvation to everyone. This same grace teaches us how to live each day as we turn our backs on ungodliness and indulgent lifestyles. It equips us to live self-controlled, upright, godly lives in this present age. Yashuah sacrificed Himself for us so He could purchase our freedom from every lawless deed and purify for Himself people who are His very own, passionate to do what is beautiful in His eyes.

So preach these truths and exhort others to follow them. Be willing to expose sin in order to bring correction with full authority, without being intimidated by anyone. Titus 2:15 TPT

“Remind my people to never tear down anyone with their words or with quarrels but instead to be considerate, humble, and courteous to everyone. For it wasn’t that long ago that you also behaved foolishly in your stubborn disobedience. (We are easily led astray as slaves to worldly passions and pleasures. We wasted our lives by doing evil, and harbouring hateful jealousy towards each other.)”

“Remember that I saved you, and resurrected you through the washing of rebirth. You have been made completely new by the Holy Spirit, whom I had splashed over you richly by Yashuah HaMashiach, your Life-Giver. So, as a gift of My love, and since all believers are considered faultless and innocent before My face, you can now become heirs of all things, all because

of an overflowing hope of eternal life. I want you to especially emphasise these truths so that those who believe in God will be careful to devote themselves to doing good works. It is *always* beautiful and profitable *for believers* to do good works.”

But avoid useless controversies, genealogies, pointless quarrels, and arguments over the law, which will get you nowhere. ¹⁰ After a first and second warning, have nothing more to do with a divisive person who refuses to be corrected. ¹¹ For you know that such a one is entwined with his sin and stands self-condemned. Titus 3:9-11 TPT

To live a right-living life, we first need a right-believing system. It is this Gospel of the Good News and Grace that trains us to live right. As we turn our backs on ungodliness and indulgent lifestyles every day, it equips us to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. Therefore, I believe we need godly leaders of sound character and judgment to teach these Biblical truths. They are to set an example for the rest of the community of believers of how they should live the truth of the Gospel through godly living. They are also to grasp firmly the Gospel message taught to them to teach other believers the essential truths of faith and how to respond to false teachings. Right living will always accompany the right doctrine. Good words will flow from a solid understanding of God’s Word. Understanding the truth will bring a demonstration of purity through our lives. It is these right beliefs that should affect every area of our lives - family, relationships, work, and community.

For God in heaven unveils his holy anger breaking forth against every form of sin, both toward ungodliness that lives in hearts and evil actions. For the wickedness of humanity deliberately smothers the truth and keeps people from acknowledging the truth about God. ¹⁹ In reality, the truth of God is known instinctively, for God has embedded this knowledge inside every human heart. ²⁰ Opposition to truth cannot be excused on the basis of ignorance, because from the creation of the world, the invisible qualities of God's nature have been made visible, such as his eternal power and transcendence. He has made his wonderful attributes easily perceived, for seeing the visible makes us understand the invisible. So then, this leaves everyone without excuse. Romans 1:18-20 TPT

I believe you are convinced that the scriptures and instructions God gave me came from the heart of the Lord and not from my imagination or desires. The Lord has confirmed through various members of His Body that we need to move forward and lay down the foundation of His temple. I am walking in obedience, and, therefore, the main purpose of this book is indeed ***to lay down the foundation!***"

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THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

For quite a while now, the Lord has been teaching me from Hebrews 6. For many years, I have been pursuing the exact meaning of the “Doctrine of Christ”. The Holy Spirit has been revealing it to me daily, and I now better understand it, although I do not at all claim to know everything!

It is like building a house. When you do not lay down a good foundation, the building will be unstable and cracks will appear. I have seen buildings collapse because of poor foundations. Likewise, because of inappropriate and insignificant foundations laid down in the Body of Christ, the building, God’s Temple, is unstable and cannot effectively withstand the daily storms in our lives. Although there is some doubt about who the author of Hebrews was, I am convinced that it was Paul. He lists six basic elements that must be laid down before we can proceed to restore the temple.

Therefore, leaving behind the elementary teachings about the Messiah, let us continue to be carried along to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead actions, faith toward God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this we will do, if God permits. Hebrews 6:1-3 ISV

It is a pity that many members of the Body of Christ are still very immature and without a firm foundation.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV

We are the temple where God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit dwell.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV

The Temple of the Living God

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 KJV

We cannot accommodate darkness, unrighteousness, or any doctrine of demons in our lives and think the Holy Spirit will still abide in us.

*What harmony can there be between Christ and Satan? And also what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What friendship does God's temple have with demons? For indeed, we are the temple of the living God, just as God has said: I will make my home in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹⁷ For this reason, '**Come out from among them and be separate,**' says the Lord. 'Touch nothing that is unclean, and I will embrace you. ¹⁸ I will be a true Father to you, and you will be my beloved sons and daughters,' says the Lord Yahweh Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6:15-18 TPT.*

Yehôvâh Elohim wants sons and daughters for Himself. Elohim is the plural form of Eloah, referring to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are all born from a corruptible seed and need a born-again experience. This time, from an incorruptible seed. He adopted us and when the Holy Spirit

abides in us, we cry out, “ABBA FATHER!” That is “Daddy!” (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6)

To grow into full maturity, we need a strong, deep foundation. This can only be done when we preach Christ and bring every person into full understanding of the truth.

Christ is our message! We preach to awaken hearts and bring every person into the full understanding of truth. It has become my inspiration and passion in ministry to labor with a tireless intensity, with his power flowing through me, to present to every believer the revelation of being his perfect one in Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:28-29 TPT

Only then can the entire building be erected and continually grow until it rises to completion. What an amazing statement Paul makes when he says the Holy Spirit is transforming every one of us into the Holy of Holies – His dwelling place!

This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. ²² This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you! Ephesians 2:21-22 TPT

Before we can be transformed into the Holy of Holies, we need to lay down the foundation. Then, the building can be under construction until it reaches full completion – the Holy of Holies where Christ Jesus, the Anointed One, with the Holy Spirit and our Abba Father can dwell permanently.

I trust that you now understand the assignment each of us has to fulfil, and also the purpose of this book.

THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS

If there is a Doctrine of Christ, then surely there must also be a doctrine of demons! A doctrine of demons is a set of beliefs or teachings which demons try to propagate throughout the church to deceive the believers. Since demons are not visible, they must take a deceptive route to get their false message heard. They are just like their leader, Satan, the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Is this not what Paul is trying to tell us in 2 Corinthians 6:15 when he asks, "*What harmony can there be between Christ and Satan?*"

Paul says to Timothy that some will depart from the faith. Notice "**the faith**". This is not any faith, but THE faith in Christ Jesus.

Some Will Depart from the Faith

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ² Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; ³ Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. ⁴ For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: ⁵ For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 1 Timothy 4:1-5 KJV

The English Standard Version mentions “*seared consciences*”.

*Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose **consciences are seared**.* 1 Timothy 4:1 ESV

The word “sear” means to distress, grieve, sadden, make miserable/wretched, upset, trouble, harrow, cause anguish to, afflict, perturb, disturb; hurt, wound, pain, cut to the quick; affect, move, sting, mortify, torment, torture, gnaw at, vex, gall. So, how do the demons promote their message? They do it through false teachers, “through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.” Jesus warns us to “*Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves*” (Matthew 7:15).

We can explain this by using the following example. If you repeatedly touch a hot stove and burn your hand, that area on your hand becomes “seared”.

- Often, a hard bump forms on the skin and there is a lack of sensitivity in the nerves in that area.
- Having a seared conscience means it has been scorched or burned, indicating a lack of sensitivity or care.
- False teachers have a seared conscience. Instead of remaining sensitive to the Spirit, they live hypocritical lives.
- Whether knowingly or unknowingly, their spiritual gauge is “off”.
- They lack the discernment they need to keep in step with Christ and instead are susceptible to the doctrines of demons, both hearing it and teaching it to others.

- They do not know how to differentiate between the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of evil spirits.
- They may seem to be holy but are living in sin and are leading others to do the same.

Paul warns there are many kinds of voices in the world and none of them is without significance (1 Corinthians 14:10 KJV). That means, Saints, these voices have meaning in our lives.

I suppose that there are hundreds of different languages in the world, and all are excellent for those who understand them, ¹¹ but to me they mean nothing. A person talking to me in one of these languages will be a stranger to me and I will be a stranger to him. 1 Corinthians 14:10-11 TLB

When we listen to the wrong voices, we embrace the doctrine of demons! Paul said those voices meant nothing to him! Why do we, however, understand these voices? Why do they even have meaning to us?

Examples of such voices are:

- I am useless! I am ugly! Nobody loves me!
- I feel guilty about my past.
- I am rejected by everyone.
- I hate my spouse and my children.
- I hate the person who did me wrong.
- I hate myself.
- I reject myself.

Over time, we come into agreement with these voices, and they then have meaning in our lives. The hypothalamus gland in our brain senses the conflict between the soul and spirit, which causes the imbalances of hormones in our bodies. These imbalances create the perfect environment for sicknesses and diseases. They manifest in our bodies and keep us in bondage. Confusion enters and we start blaming God for allowing these bad things to happen. All because we gave ear to the wrong voices!

I am so glad that Paul gave us the weapon to overcome these voices. Meditate on the following scripture and apply it to your life.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 KJV

When these thoughts (voices) speak to you, you should immediately take hold of them by saying, “Lord, this is not from You, and this is not from me. Thus, it must be from the devil. I now bring this thought, this imagination, to You! I submit it to You.” I guarantee that every evil thought, imagination and voice will leave immediately.

You have 20 seconds to take such thoughts captive. By delaying to do so, that thought, or imagination, will take root after 20 minutes. When you do

not deal with it, it will sprout, grow, and bear fruit. By then, you will find yourself in a situation where works of the flesh manifest, which are:

Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19b-21 KJV

Deceitful spirits brought the doctrine of demons into this world. They deceived Eve and thus brought sin into the world. Satan is a master manipulator, which is why the doctrines of demons are so rampant. They have been his proven strategy since the beginning. In His Word, God gives us everything we need to resist the temptations of the enemy and discern true doctrine from false doctrine.

We should pay attention to any red flags when exposing ourselves to teachings and take them to the Lord. Search the Word and ask God for wisdom and discernment (see James 1:5; 1 John 4:1-3). When we know what the Bible says, we will recognise contrary teachings.

For a complete discussion on the Doctrine of Demons, please download the book, "Doctrine of Demons", from our website: www.berashithministry.co.za

Warning Against Apostasy

Before Paul even instructed to lay down the foundation, he warned about apostasy. The Greek word "***apostasias***" means a departure from "the faith".

*Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are **dull of hearing.***¹² *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*¹³ *For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*¹⁴ *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.* Hebrews 5:11-14 KJV

Remember Paul's warning in 1 Timothy 4:1 that some would depart from the faith. He uses the word "seared", meaning the mind has been scorched or burned, indicating a lack of sensitivity or care. This is what false teachers are doing. Satan is using many voices to come against our minds. Over time, our consciences become seared, instead of remaining sensitive to the Spirit. The result is that we become dull of hearing and are no longer sensitive to the Word of God. Paul continues that we are supposed to already be spiritual rabbis, but it seems we need to go back to the first oracles before we can move on to more profound truths. We come to wrong conclusions because we lack the right foundation and principles laid down in our lives, which will offer us effective tools and fundamental truths to come to the correct conclusions. Because of our seared consciences, we have a distorted image of Christ Jesus, the Anointed One. The moment we have a distorted image of Yashuah, we live in doubt and unbelief and flutter without direction, like a stray crow in the sky!

In the ancient Biblical scrolls, there were no capitals or chapters. So, directly after Hebrews 5, Paul continued with Hebrews 6:1-2.

Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation...

- *of repentance from dead works, and*
- *of faith toward God,*
- *of the doctrine of baptisms, and*
- *of laying on of hands, and*
- *of resurrection of the dead, and*
- *of eternal judgment.*

God never intends for us to stay in First Grade. We must move on and graduate. In the secular world, before we can write, we need to learn the letters of the alphabet. Only then will we be ready to write words, then sentences, and then formulate paragraphs and thoughts. We need to apply this same principle to our daily walk with Christ Jesus. We need the basics before we can move on.

Notice that Paul mentioned “**repentance**” as the very first aspect to deal with when laying down the foundation. It is impossible to be saved without repentance. Few understand the meaning of the word. A full discussion on repentance will be done in Part 2.

- Faith toward God (*not anything else*) is essential for salvation.
- Baptisms (plural - multiple baptisms) are foundational.
- Laying on of hands is a doctrine.

- The resurrection of the dead is the heart of our faith.
- Eternal judgment. Many wrongly believe that being in Christ means there is no judgment, but if we do not **meet Christ in repentance**, we will surely **meet Him in judgment!**

“And this will we do, if God permit” (Hebrews 6:3 KJV) is a very important verse. As already stated, when you erect a building, the inspector must first inspect the foundation and then permit you to build. Christ will not permit you to build your house before the correct foundation has been laid down. Many try to complete the building for the Holy Spirit to abide, but the building is unstable.

Not only are these basic principles fundamental to the laying down of the foundation but there is also a specific sequence of events needed to complete the structure. It is impossible to install the window frames before there are any walls. You cannot call the carpenter to install cabinets or the tiler to lay the tiles before the floor and the walls are completed. Likewise, is it impossible for your spiritual building to be erected and transformed into the Holy of Holies before your foundation has been inspected by the Anointed One. Only then will He permit you to start with the construction work.

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LAYING DOWN THE FOUNDATION

Jesus told a parable describing how we should build our houses.

Build Your House on the Rock

*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
47 Whosoever cometh to me, and **heareth my sayings, and doeth them**, I will
shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built a house, **and
dugged deep**, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose,
the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was
founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that
without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream
did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was
great. Luke 6:46-49 KJV*

Jesus guarantees that storms will come, regardless of the surface on which your house is built. Only those who “HEARETH and DOETH” God’s Word, who dig deep and lay down the foundation on the ROCK, will withstand and survive the storm. The houses of those who do not listen and do will surely collapse.

My dearly beloved, do not continue reading before you make a decision! Are you willing to HEAR **and** DO? If not, you are wasting your time seeking any further truths. The foundation of the Doctrine of Christ is based on HEARING and DOING!

Hearing and doing are the foundation that sets the limits for your building.

Paul gave further instructions for laying down the foundation.

For we are God's co-workers. You are God's farmland and God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9 ISV

*According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder (architect), **I have laid the foundation**, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. ¹¹ “**For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.***

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 KJV

Christ Our Cornerstone

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.*** Ephesians 2:19-20 NKJV

There can be no other way to lay down the foundation. The foundation of any believer's building is Christ Jesus, the Anointed One. If you desire to transform your building into the Holy of Holies, then you need the CORNERSTONE.

Didn't you ever read this in the Scriptures? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see. Matthew 21:42 NLT

Read again Ephesians 2:20, which says, “*Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.*”

The erection of a building starts in a corner.

That cornerstone is Christ Jesus.

Paul continues to explain the five-fold ministry, also referred to as “Ministry Gifts” or the “Grace Ministry”.

*And he has appointed some with grace to be **apostles**, and some with grace to be **prophets**, and some with grace to be **evangelists**, and some with grace to be **pastors**, and some with grace to be **teachers**.¹² And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers **to do their own works of ministry**, and as they do this they will **enlarge and build up the body of Christ**.*

*¹³ These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness into the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one into a **perfect man** with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed into the abundance of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:11-13 TPT

Adonai gave us apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists to equip the Body of Christ so each one can grow to full maturity and be ready for their own works of ministry. That means being ready for any assignment.

Then you will be God’s servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you. 2 Timothy 3:17 TPT

The Hebrew and Aramaic word for “**perfect**” is “**gamar**”. The word implies that perfection cannot come to the Body of Christ without the example and teaching of these five ministries - apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Ignoring these five ministry gifts of the ascended Christ is to despise the gifts that God gave the church. (A complete discussion on this topic is available in my book, “The Gift of Giving”, which can be downloaded from our website for free.)

THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

The ministry gifts serve to reveal the plan of God. They are characteristic of a full-time office or calling, rather than a gift that can function in and through any believer. The ministry gifts were once presented to me through a five-finger illustration that I will never forget.

- **Apostle** - An apostle establishes and builds churches. He is a church planter. An apostle may function in some or all the ministry gifts. He is the "**thumb**", the strongest of all of the fingers, able to touch every other finger.
- **Prophet** - Prophet in Greek means to "**forth tell**", in the sense of speaking for another. A prophet functions as God's mouthpiece, speaking forth God's Word. The prophet is the "**index finger**", or pointer finger. He points to the future and points out sin.
- **Evangelist** - An evangelist is called to be a witness for Jesus Christ. He works for the local church to bring people into the Body of Christ where they can be discipled. He may evangelise through music, drama, preaching, and other creative ways. He is the "**middle finger**", the tallest one who stands out in the crowd. Evangelists draw a lot of attention, but they are called to serve the local body.
- **Pastor** - The pastor is the shepherd of the people. A true shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The pastor is the "**ring finger**". He is married to the church, called to stay, oversee, nurture and guide.
- **Teacher** - The teacher and the pastor are often a shared office, but not always. The teacher lays the foundation and is concerned with

detail and accuracy. He delights in research to validate the truth. The teacher is the **"pinkie finger"**. Though seemingly small and insignificant, he is designed specifically for digging into tight, dark places, shining a light and picking apart the Word of truth.

It is clear from the above descriptions that the main reason so many buildings are collapsing is that apostles and prophets do not lay down the foundation. A teacher or a shepherd cannot lay down the foundation. What a pity that self-appointed pastors, shepherds and evangelists do not acknowledge the office of the apostle and the prophets anymore. By not acknowledging the five-fold ministry in the Body of Christ, we do not discern the Lord's Body and that is why so many are weak and sick. The five-fold ministry was ordained by Adonai for the perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, and the edification of the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV). There is no suggestion in scripture that an "institution" should appoint a pastor, gather "*congregation members*" and then keep them in spiritual immaturity. Throughout the Scriptures, it is Adonai who appoints. No one should be elected. God's word is clear that these ministry gifts are given by Adonai to nurture and prepare all the holy believers **to do their own works of ministry**, and as they do this, they **enlarge and build up the Body of Christ** (Ephesians 4:12 TPT). Congregations normally do not acknowledge these ministry gifts in the Body of Christ and do not allow those who have a calling on their lives to do their own works of ministry. This explains why the building is not being enlarged.

PERSONAL FOUNDATION - JESUS CHRIST

There is both a personal foundation and a doctrinal foundation. The personal foundation of Yashuah HaMashiach is to see Him throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

At first, the Old Testament may seem to be merely a historical book, but as you study the Written Word of God, Yashuah, His Living Word, will be revealed to you. What a wonderful experience to see the revealed Yashuah in Genesis as the “seed”, as the Passover Lamb in Exodus, the High Priest in Leviticus, His manifested presence in Numbers, etc.

Likewise, in the New Testament, we see Him as the King in Matthew, the Servant in Mark, the Son of Man in Luke, the Son of God in John, etc. We need to meet our First Love before we can erect our houses or the temple where He can abide and dwell permanently. Having a twisted perception of Him will easily mislead you and blind you to the truth. The result is that you will be kept in bondage in satan’s keep net.

Yashuah asked his disciples, “*But whom say ye that I am?*” (Matthew 16:15).

Today I am asking you the same question.

“Who do you say Yashuah is?”

Simon Peter answered that question divinely. “*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*”

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:17-18 KJV

We are familiar with this scripture, but few truly understand what Yashuah means here. The name “Peter” is “**Petros**” in Greek. It refers to a rock, a small stone (like the small stones used for stoning people to death), or a boulder. But when Yashuah used the term, “*upon this rock*”, He used a different Greek word, namely “**petra**”, which refers to a cliff, something on that scale, which is part of the bedrock. The bedrock is the recognition of who He is, as revealed by the Holy Spirit! It is, therefore, upon this “**petra**” that the Christian faith must be based. Not on the Carpenter's Son but on the Son of GOD.

A life-changing encounter with Yashuah HaMashiach is the only experience that can change your life. This encounter Peter had revealed to him who Yashuah was.

Jesus is the only way into the Kingdom. He said, “***I am the door***” (John 10:9). There was no other way to enter the Tabernacle but through the entrance. That was why the Jewish people wanted to crucify Him when He said He was the door. Their human brains could not grasp that He was the only way to enter the Kingdom of God.

This conversation between Yashuah and His disciples discloses an important lesson when laying down the foundation of the Christian faith.

- First, Peter experienced a **confrontation** with who Jesus was.
- Then there was a **revelation** through the Holy Spirit.
- Peter then responded to this revelation from the Holy Spirit by acknowledging who Jesus was.
- Lastly, Peter made this revelation a **public confession**.

The disciples knew Yashuah as the Carpenter's Son, but in Peter's confrontation with the very important question of who Yashuah was, the Holy Spirit revealed a much deeper truth to him, namely that He was indeed the **true Son of God**.

How about you? Have you had any confrontations in your life, after which the Holy Spirit revealed a deep truth to you? Did you ignore the revelation, or did you acknowledge and share it with others in a public confession? John was the beloved disciple, the only one who laid his head on Yashuah's chest, but during a confrontation with the Holy Spirit on the Island of Patmos, the realisation of who He was made him fall to the ground as if dead. As humans, we will never completely understand who the Messiah is! With our defective perceptions and inadequate understanding, we tend to limit Him in a box, but until eternity, there will always be something new to discover about our incomprehensible God. Even when we walk as closely with Him as John

did, we will fall to our knees when the Holy Spirit reveals another aspect of the Messiah because of the greatness of the revelation!

Jesus revealed to John a picture of four animals before the Throne of God, each with six wings. They were discovering the greatness and holiness of Yehôvâh Elohim day and night! Without any rest, they constantly fell down, crying out, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD ALMIGHTY!"

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Revelation 4:8 KJV

The beloved apostle, John, knew Yashuah as the Carpenter's Son (the Son of Man) and also had first-hand experience of Him as the Son of God. Yet, he had never before encountered Him with hair white as wool and glistening like snow, eyes like flames of fire, feet like bright metal and a voice like the roar of rushing waters! This encounter with the Messiah caused John to fall down like a dead man!

*I, John, am your brother and companion in tribulation, the kingdom, and the patience that are found in Jesus. I was exiled on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the spirit realm on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice sounding like a trumpet, ¹¹ saying to me: Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. ¹² When I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, I saw seven golden lampstands. ¹³ And walking among the lampstands, **I saw someone like a son of man, wearing a full-length robe with a golden sash over his chest.** ¹⁴ **His head and his hair were white***

like wool—white as glistening snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire! ¹⁵ His feet were gleaming like bright metal, as though they were glowing in a fire, and his voice was like the roar of many rushing waters.

¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. And his face was shining like the brightness of the blinding sun! ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell down at his feet as good as dead, but he laid his right hand on me and I heard his reassuring voice saying: Don't yield to fear. I am the Beginning and I am the End, ¹⁸ the Living One! I was dead, but now look—I am alive forever and ever. And I hold the keys that unlock death and the unseen world. Revelation 1:9-18 TPT

EAT THE WORD OF GOD

If we want to know Him and desire to have a similar encounter to John's, we must devour the Written Word, so the Living Word can be manifested in us as the Holy Spirit manifested through Peter, and through John on the Island of Patmos. We will realise then that the Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and for the ages.
Hebrews 13:8 JUB

During his trials and persecutions, the Prophet Jeremiah experienced that the one single thing that kept him going was the sweet Word of God when he ate it.

[Jeremiah said] O Lord, You know and understand; [earnestly] remember me and visit me and avenge me on my persecutors. Take me not away [from joy or from life itself] in Your long-suffering [to my enemies]; know that for Your sake I suffer and bear reproach. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them;

and Your words were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts. Jeremiah 15:15-16 AMPC

So also, did John on the Island of Patmos when the voice came from heaven again to instruct him to eat the little book.

Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke again to me, saying, Go and take the little book (scroll) which is open on the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.⁹ So I went up to the angel and asked him to give me the little book. And he said to me, Take it and eat it. It will embitter your stomach, though in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.¹⁰ So I took the little book from the angel's hand and ate and swallowed it; it was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but once I had swallowed it, my stomach was embittered.¹¹ Then they said to me, You are to make a fresh prophecy concerning many peoples and races and nations and languages and kings. Revelation 10:8-11 AMPC

Not only does the Word of God carry us through tribulations, sufferings and trials, but it also gives us fresh revelations to prophesy into the future (Revelation 10:8-11). Read Ezekiel, chapter 2. The Spirit entered Ezekiel and commanded him to go to the Nation of Israel and bring them the Word of the Lord, for they were rebellious.

*As for you, son of man, hear what I say to you; **be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.**⁹ And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me and behold, a scroll of a book was in it.¹⁰ And He spread it before me and it was written within and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe. Ezekiel 2:8-10 AMPC*

The Word of God will break the bondage of rebellion in your life, and you will receive boldness from the Holy Spirit to share this word with the nations.

*He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find [in this book]; **eat this scroll**; then go and speak to the house of Israel. ² So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat the scroll. ³ And He said to me, Son of man, **eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach** with it. Then I ate it, and it was as **sweet as honey** in my mouth. ⁴ And He said to me, Son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel and speak to them with My words. Ezekiel 3:1-4 AMPC*

**IN A BIBLICAL SENSE, “SWEET AS HONEY” REPRESENTS
REVELATION KNOWLEDGE!**

When we study the scriptures, we will find a word of **discernment** and hate all that is unclean and evil.

*I refused to bend my morals when temptation was before me so that I could become obedient to your Word. ¹⁰² **I refuse to turn away from difficult truths, for you yourself have taught me to love your words.** ¹⁰³ How sweet are your living promises to me; than honey is your revelation-light. Psalm 119:101-103 TPT*

The Amplified Classic translated the phrase “*I could become obedient to your Word*” as “*keep your word*”, explaining it in brackets as “**hearing, receiving, loving and obeying it**”. This is exactly what our Messiah meant when He told the parable to His disciples in Luke 6:46. When the storm comes, only the house built by **hearing** and **doing** will last!

We need to love the Written Word of God as David did. He proclaimed in Psalm 119:72, “*The words you speak to me are worth more than all the*

riches and wealth in the whole world”, and also in verse 97, “O how I love and treasure your law; throughout the day I fill my heart with its light!” No treasure in this world can ever replace the sweet words of the Lord.

The rarest treasures of life are found in his truth. That’s why God’s Word is prized like others prize the finest gold. Sweeter also than honey are his living words— sweet words dripping from the honeycomb! Psalm 19:10 TPT

Job had firsthand experienced of the purification and sanctification of the Word of God in his life.

*But He knows the way that I take [He has concern for it, appreciates, and pays attention to it]. When He has tried me, I shall come forth as refined gold [pure and luminous]. ¹¹ **My foot has held fast to His steps; His ways have I kept and not turned aside.** ¹² **I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed and treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.** ¹³ *But He is unchangeable, and who can turn Him? And what He wants to do, that He does.* Job 23:10-13 AMPC*

What a testimony! He treasured the Word of God more than his daily food. How easily we get distracted by the flesh which constantly wars against the spirit. The moment we sit down to study the Word of God, the appetites of the flesh withhold us from doing so. As with Job, we, too, need an encounter with God to discover who He is.

Paul clarified that **“No one is empowered to lay an alternative foundation other than the good foundation that exists, which is Jesus Christ”** (1 Corinthians 3:11 TPT).

Jesus Christ, our Messiah, is the only foundation!

He is our personal foundation to be laid before we can lay down the doctrinal foundation.

HOW TO BUILD UPON THIS FOUNDATION

A logical question is indeed, “How do I build on this foundation?” Yashuah explained it to His disciples in Luke 6.

*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
47 Whosoever cometh to me, and **heareth my sayings, and doeth** them, I will
shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, **and
dugged deep**, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose,
the **stream beat** vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it
was founded upon a rock {Petra}. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like
a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which
the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that
house was great. Luke 6:46-49 KJV*

In this parable are four Biblical principles that Yashuah laid down for us.

- Hearing and doing.
- Digging deep.
- Building upon a rock – Petra.
- The storm will surely hit!

Many believers hear, but few DO! Scripture guarantees the storm will come and only the houses of those who hear **and** do will last! If you do not DO what the Lord tells you in His Scriptures, your house will eventually perish! Yashuah confirms that even if you hear and do but your house is not built on

this rock, Petra, the cliff, which is Yashuah HaMashiach, your house will collapse when the storm comes.

Take note that every house is subject to a test. The way into the Kingdom is through tests, trials, and persecutions, as Paul confirms.

*We point to you as an example of unwavering faith for all the churches of God. We boast about how you continue to **demonstrate unflinching endurance** through all the **persecutions and painful trials** you are experiencing. ⁵ All of this proves that God's judgment is always perfect and is intended to make you **worthy of inheriting the kingdom of God, which is why you are going through these troubles.** 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5 TPT*

The Thessalonians demonstrated endurance through their trials and persecutions. They proved not only that they heard the Word of God, but they also demonstrated it! "Doing" will make us worthy of inheriting the Kingdom of God. No matter what your circumstances are, don't give up! Persevere to the end! It is all laid out for you to inherit the Kingdom. Glory to God! Hearing and doing are key. No wonder Paul explains that our faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Let us eat the scroll to overcome our sufferings and receive back our joy and peace. Let us devour the Word of God so we will be empowered to declare a fresh prophecy, as John did on the Island of Patmos. Let the Word of God penetrate deeply into our innermost beings to deal with our rebellious spirits, so we will receive boldness to expose sin and love one another. His radiant light will expose all uncleanness, as explained by King David. It will quicken

our spirits and bring us freedom, as experienced by Job. But only IF we treasure the Word of God more than our necessary food!

The Word of God will bring Revelation Knowledge, which will be like sweet honey in our mouths.

The building is under construction, continually growing under Adonai's supervision, until it rises as His completed dwelling place.

You are rising like the perfectly fitted stones of the temple; and your lives have been built up together upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and best of all, you are connected to the Head Cornerstone of the building, the Anointed One, Jesus Christ himself! ²¹ This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. ²² This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you! Ephesians 2:20-22 TPT

WHO IS THE MESSIAH?

Discovering prophecies and symbolisms of the Old Testament can be like an intricate game of "Where is Jesus?" The richness of God's Word is that it often reveals a deeper truth - if you know where to look! Jesus often pointed to the "beginning" (Genesis), the Law of Moses (first five books of the Bible) and the prophets (Jeremiah to Malachi), to reveal God's plan for mankind, and thus gave us clues to recognise the Saviour. For the Jews of His time, understanding the Old Testament was key to discovering that Jesus was their promised Messiah. If you have heard the Good News in the New Testament and received Jesus as your Saviour, Old Testament

prophecies and symbolisms provide further proof and assurance that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. As I meditated on this, the Holy Spirit revealed to me five ways to learn who our Messiah is.

- “Search for **My Names** in the scriptures.” God revealed Himself in many forms when He said, *“I am who I am and What I am, and I will be what I will be. This is My Name forever.”* (Exodus 3:14-15 KJV)
- “Study the Word of God and **look for My Son, the Messiah**, in all the scriptures, both in the Old and in the New Testament.”

- “You will find me in **My Feasts.**”

The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts. Leviticus 23:2

- “You will find me in **My Tabernacle.**”

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Hebrews 9:11-12 KJV

- “Look at **My Attributes** and you will know Me better.”

MY NAMES

“You will find My characteristics and attributes in My Names.” Most of us are familiar with the following names of Yehôvâh Elohim.

- Elohim – The Sovereign, Mighty Creator.
- Jehovah – The Unchangeable, intimate God.
- El Shaddai – The All-Sufficient One.
- Adonai – Lord and Master.
- Jehovah Jireh – The Lord my Provider.
- Jehovah M’Kaddesh – The Lord my Sanctifier.
- Jehovah Nissi – The Lord my Banner of Victory.
- Jehovah Rapha – The Lord my Health.
- Jehovah Shalom – The Lord my Peace and Wholeness.
- Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord my Righteousness.
- Jehovah Rohi – The Lord my Shepherd.
- Jehovah Shammah – God is there.
- El Elyon – God Most High.
- Jehovah Tsebaoth – The Lord of Hosts.
- Jehovah Makkeh – The Lord who Moulds me.
- Jehovah Gmolah – The Lord who Rewards.
- Jehovah Elohay – The Lord my God.
- El-Elohe-Israel – The Personal God of Israel.
- Jehovah Eloheenu – The Lord our God.

Seventy-two specific names of God are derived from Exodus 14:19-21, where we read about Israel standing at the Red Sea. According to Jewish tradition, Moses used these 72 names of the Lord to open the Red Sea so they could walk to the other side on dry land. These names of God are essentially one name comprising 216 letters. So, it is a name with 72 parts. The name is divided into triads, so every name comprises three letters. To create the first name, you combine the first letter of verse 14:19, the last letter of verse 14:20 and the first letter of verse 14:21. You can continue until all the letters in these verses have been used.

And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them;²⁰ and it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud, and darkness here, yet gave it light by the night there; and the one came not near the other all the night.²¹ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. Exodus 14:19-21 KJV

I summarised the 72 names and meditated on some of them for several months. I even learned to write them in Hebrew. I can testify that this is indeed a very deep level of knowing and experiencing Yehôvâh Elohim. There is a lot of literature with text references to illustrate and discuss the meaning of His names. I seriously encourage studying these names to get a better understanding of who the Messiah is. The more we discover who He is, the more we can walk in faith and boldness to overcome trials and persecutions. Satan deceives us by distorting the picture of Yehôvâh

Elohim. In this way, he steals, kills, and destroys our faith, leaving us in disbelief and doubt.

A Covenant-Making and Covenant-Keeping GOD

We find a covenant-making and a covenant-keeping God in His names! Most of us are not aware of Yashuah as our “**Shaliah**”. In the Jewish law, a shaliah (literally "emissary" or "messenger") is a legal agent. Accordingly, a shaliah performs an act of legal significance for the benefit of the sender, as opposed to him or herself. It is a Hebrew term comparable to the Greek word ἀπόστολος (“**Apostolos**”, whence the English “**apostle**”). The legal agent is referred to by the terms שְׁלִיחַ (shaliach) and שְׁלֹחַ (shaluach), both of which mean “*one who is sent*”. The person whom the agent is representing is known as the “meshaleach” (שִׁלְיָם) or as the “sholeach” (שֹׁלֵחַ), both meaning “*one who is sending*”. Our Apostle, Yashuah, our Shaliah, is a legal agent sent from the Kingdom of Heaven by the Father to perform an act of legal significance for the benefit of the Father. This act was to reconcile the heart of the Father to man and to restore man to a life of worship towards the Father. Our Apostle had the mandate to complete this task for the Father. He did this by paying the required price on the cross and by legally destroying the case that Satan had against mankind. His mandate involved, and still involves, breaking every form of bondage and oppression, bringing every soul into the glory of God, and giving every soul freedom, complete victory, and dominion in life. He will not rest until you and I become ALL that He paid for. His Father's business burns in His heart!

That business is US! All sin, disease, oppression, fear, unforgiveness, and even brokenness, are against His mandate!

“In Berashith Ministry, we will honour You and Your mandate by demolishing every high thing, every evil spirit that opposes Your mandate! First, in our own lives, Lord, and then in the lives of every soul you send to us!”

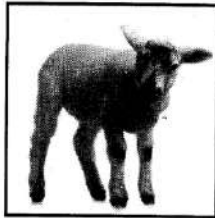
MY SON IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Another way to discover who Yehôvâh Elohim is, is to look for the Messiah in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Marilyn Hickey wrote a book entitled “Seeing Jesus”. She gives scripture references from Genesis to Revelation to reveal the Messiah. What an amazing experience to pursue the Messiah in each verse of the Bible. Look for Him, look for His attributes, and seek His character! The following summary from her book may motivate you to read the Bible with more enthusiasm.

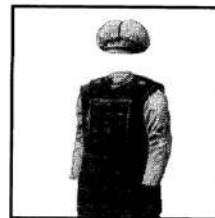
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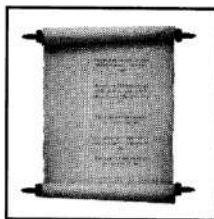
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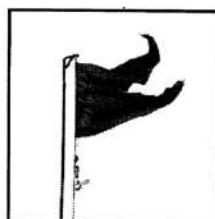
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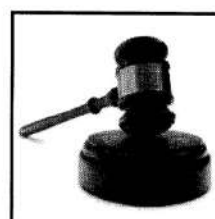
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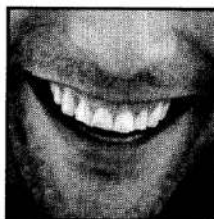
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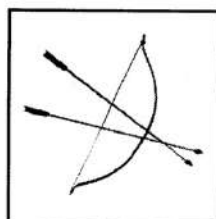
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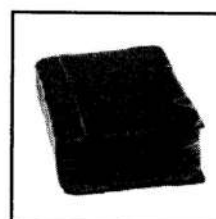
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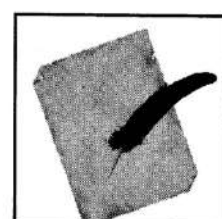
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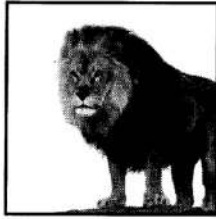


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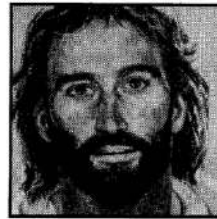
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LUKE:
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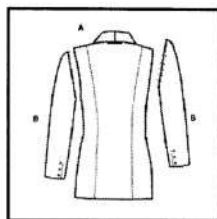
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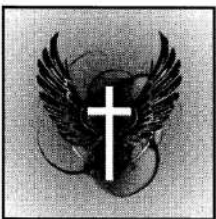
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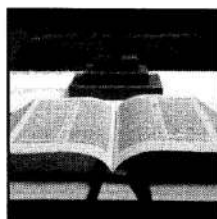
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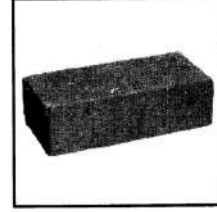
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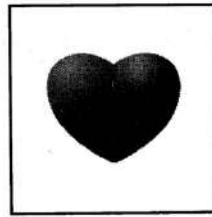
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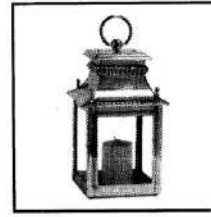
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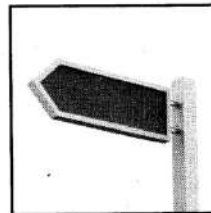
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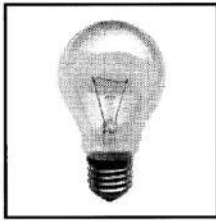


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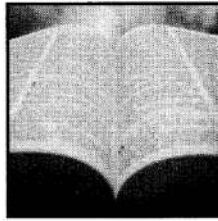


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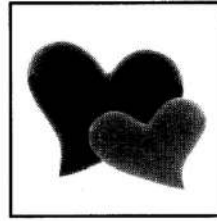
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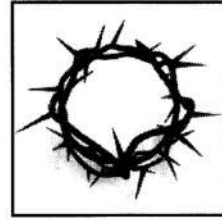
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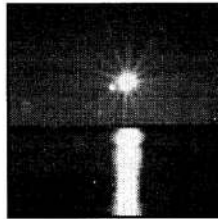
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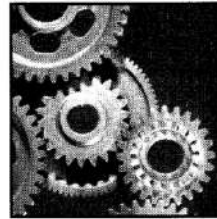
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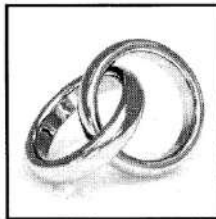
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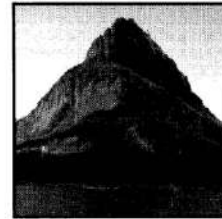
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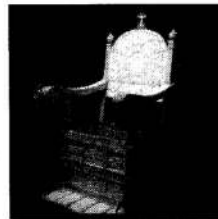
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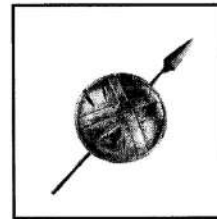
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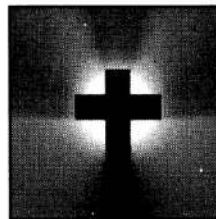
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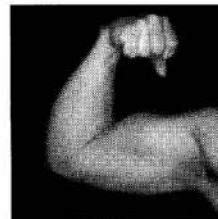
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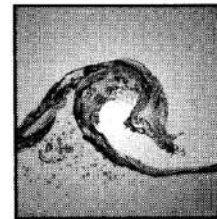
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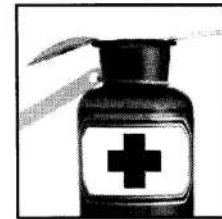
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MY FEASTS

We find rich revelation knowledge by studying the feasts of the Lord. Many Bible scholars wrongly refer to these feasts as Jewish Feasts, but they are the Lord's Feasts.

*And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² ‘Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: “**The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.**” Leviticus 23:1-2 NKJV*

From these feasts, we get a better understanding of events in the Old Testament that foreshadowed future events which the Messiah would come to fulfil.

A full discussion on the Names of the Lord, finding Yashuah in the Old Testament, and elaborating on these Feasts, falls outside this teaching and I would encourage each reader to spend adequate time to discover and study them. Only basic information on the feasts will be provided here. Read Leviticus 23 to see what Adonai commanded Moses regarding the feasts. Four of the seven feasts have already been fulfilled by Yashuah and the last three still need to be fulfilled. The Jews still commemorate all seven of these feasts today.

1. Passover — Leviticus 23:4-8

This feast represents the last plague in Egypt when the angel of death “passed over” the children of Israel who applied the blood of the lamb to their doorposts. The Israelites took a bundle of hyssop and dipped it into the blood in the basin at the threshold. They applied it first to the lintel, then onto

the two sides of the frame (Exodus 12). Can you see the imagery? The movement from the bottom to get the hyssop to the top, then from side to side, formed a cross.

When John the Baptist said, *“Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”* (John 1:29 NLT), he understood the Old Testament reference. In the New Testament, we see that Jesus, born in a stable, visited by shepherds and years later led to the slaughter, is that Lamb sent for us. His death allows the judgment we deserve to pass over us. When we accept Christ, we accept the loving gift of a second chance. Because of His death on the cross, we receive a clean slate!

2. Unleavened Bread — Leviticus 23:6

This seven-day feast begins on the day following the start of Passover. In the haste of the Israelites to leave Egypt, there was no time to add leaven (yeast) to their bread and wait for it to rise. During this feast, the Jews eat nothing leavened. They remember the hardships in Egypt and how God freed them from captivity. In the Bible, leaven often represents sin and decay. Once incorporated, the yeast becomes an inseparable part of the bread. The same is true of sin's effect on our lives. The Jews were constantly sacrificing unblemished animals to atone for sin temporarily. Only the Messiah, the perfect sinless sacrifice, could offer a permanent solution. The unleavened bread represents Jesus' sinless life. He is the only perfect sacrifice for our sins. In John 6:35, Jesus boldly states that He is the Bread of Life. Not only does He remove our sins but He also nourishes our souls!

3. First Fruits — Leviticus 23:10

The Feast of First Fruits is one of three Jewish harvest feasts to thank and honour God for all He provides. Although they didn't know it then, the children of Israel were celebrating what would become a very important day. The priests sacrificed Passover lambs on the 14th day of the month of Nisan. The first day of Passover was the 15th. The Feast of First Fruits was celebrated on the third day, the 16th of Nisan. This "third-day" celebration was the same day Jesus was resurrected from the dead. In 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul refers to Jesus as the First Fruits of the dead. He represents the first of the great harvest of souls, including you and me! We will be resurrected to eternal life because of the new covenant in His Blood (Luke 22:20).

4. Feast of Weeks or Pentecost — Leviticus 23:16

This feast is the second of the three harvest feasts. It occurs exactly seven weeks after the Feast of First Fruits. It is also called Pentecost, which means 50 days. Traditionally, people were expected to bring the first harvest of grain to the Lord, including two leavened loaves of bread.

God's plan for saving souls included more than the Jews. Through Jesus, this plan was revealed. In Matthew 9:37, Jesus tells his disciples that "*the harvest is great, but the workers are few.*" Then He put the plan into place. In Acts 1:4, He tells them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit. The day the Holy Spirit arrived (Pentecost) was the day the Church was born. The harvest began with 3 000 souls. The message spread to both Jews and Gentiles (the two leavened loaves of bread), extending the harvest to us!

5. Feast of Trumpets — Leviticus 23:24

In a beautiful declaration, God commanded His people to rest. All regular work was prohibited, and they presented a food offering to God. In Leviticus 23:24, God commanded His people to gather and commemorate the decree with trumpet blasts. On the same front, the sound of a trumpet is associated with the rapture or the return of Jesus for His bride (1 Corinthians 15:52). Once He returns, there will be a wedding celebration. Revelation 19:9 NLT says, *“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.”* He is preparing us for the celebration!

Many Bible scholars believe that the Messiah will come for His Bride on the Feast of Trumpets.

6. Day of Atonement — Leviticus 16, 23:26-32

To make “atonement” is to make restitution for wrongs committed. As a day of humility and repentance to God, it was a time for the Jews to get their hearts, consciences, and lives right before him. The observance involved the sacrifice of animals as the high priest entered the Holy of Holies. This act was merely an annual payment for their sins. However, hiding in plain sight was the promise of One who would atone for their sins permanently (Hebrews 9:12).

Where is Jesus in this sacrifice of animals? A bull and one of two goats were an offering of thanks, but the “scapegoat” took on their sins (Leviticus 16:10). The scapegoat was to be burdened with all the sins of Israel and sent into the wilderness. The Jewish leaders condemned Jesus, and He, burdened with the sins of all mankind, was led out of the city to be crucified.

He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins — and not only our sins but the sins of the world. 1 John 2:2 NLT

The necessity of the Day of Atonement was rendered void by Jesus' death on the cross. Our debt has been paid!

After the Bride of Christ has been raptured (*"harpazo"*), the Messiah will return to make **final atonement** for the nation of Israel. Currently, they are still awaiting the coming of their Messiah.

7. Feast of Tabernacles or Booths — Leviticus 23:34

Celebration always follows the Day of Atonement. The Feast of Tabernacles celebrates God's provision and protection for the people of Israel during their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. For the duration of the seven days of the feast, people live in temporary structures as they did in the wilderness. The Lord was with the Israelites in a tented temple called the Tabernacle. The feast also celebrates His presence as He tabernacles (dwells) with us. What a prospect to know, when Christ returns with His Bride to rule and reign on earth for a thousand years, this Feast of Tabernacles will take place on earth and Christ will be with us during this Millennium Reign!

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Revelation 21:3 KJV

Jesus is called Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23 NLT). He put on a temporary tabernacle, a human body, to dwell on this earth and offer Himself as a sacrifice.

This feast also points to the promise that God will return and rally with His people in the person of Jesus. He promised there would be no more death and suffering and He would wipe away every tear from our eyes (Revelation 21:4). His return is the ultimate answer to the hope we've been carrying our entire lives. What a day that will be!

As we study these feasts of Adonai, we can pray for God's wisdom to see the Messiah. Even with this small glimpse into these feasts, we see that His intentional love for humanity has endured for centuries. He has left us clues that foreshadow the beauty that is to come. The Old Testament has many hidden truths that, in light of the New Testament, bring a richer understanding of our lives in Jesus Christ.

MY TABERNACLE

There are endless Biblical truths to be discovered in the Tabernacle. Commit yourself to making an in-depth study of the Tabernacle of God in your own time, and in the process, look for Jesus! God's nature is to hide! He is hiding from us, His kings, and we must search for Him!

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. Proverbs 25:2 ESV

What a revelation that God **tabernacles with human beings**, as written by John in Revelation 21:3. The last feast, the Feast of Tabernacles, **will be fulfilled when Christ tabernacles with His people on earth during the Millennium Reign.**

God commanded Moses on Mount Sinai to build Him a dwelling place on earth, according to the pattern in heaven which God had shown him.

And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain. Exodus 25:40 NKJV

Who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain. Hebrews 8:5 NKJV

God required the Tabernacle to be built as the place of communication, the "place of intimacy" - God's dwelling place!

It is important to know that there was a protocol to be followed for entering the Tabernacle. A protocol is an official system of rules that should be followed. Not just anybody could enter the Tabernacle, neither the Holy Place nor certainly the Holy of Holies. This will be explained as you read on. Everything in the Old Testament is concealed and then revealed in the New Testament. Everything in the Old Testament is a foreshadowing of better things still to come in the New Testament. So, let us not embrace the shadow of things but the true One - the Messiah who is now the substance of the types and shadows. He is the true Tabernacle, as we now have a better covenant, instituted before His death, burial, and resurrection.

The Tabernacle is the "Masterpiece" of all shadows or types hidden in the Bible. If the shadow contained so much power, how much more would the substance!

If we want to receive the fullness of His power in our lives, we need to make ready to ENTER! Let us define what it means to enter.

BUILD ME A SANCTUARY – A DWELLING PLACE

When God told Moses to build Him a sanctuary, it implied that He would dwell among us, and no one would have to go up to Him in future!

And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.⁹ According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. Exodus 25:8- 9 KJV

God is a God of detail. He gave Moses all the details of the Tabernacle that shadowed and hid His Son, Christ Jesus. What a mighty GOD we serve!

The elements in the Tabernacle point to:

- The Four Gospels in the New Testament.
- The end of the world when GOD will dwell among His people.

Read Exodus 25 to see how God specifically instructed Moses and the people to bring offerings of gold, silver and brass, fine linen, goat skins, oil, spices and sweet incense, various stones, and much more for the making of the Tabernacle.

The free metals God commanded them to use, each has a divine meaning:

- Gold - Divinity
- Silver - Redemption
- Brass - Suffering

God required specific colours that represent:

- Blue - Son of God (Book of John, the Eagle)
- Purple - King of Glory (Book of Matthew, King, Lion of Judah)
- Scarlet - Suffering (Book of Luke, Our Saviour)

More representations were:

- Fine Linen - Perfect Man [robes of righteousness] (Book of Mark, Ox)
- Goat's Hair - the Prophets

Notice the precise sequence in which God ordered the following:

- Ram's skins – A symbol of Christ (Genesis 22).
- Dyed Red – The Son of God died on Calvary.
- Badgers' skins – He was bruised for our iniquities. He was not even recognisable as a human being after the crucifixion.
- Shittim wood (A family of very durable Acacia wood called Iron Wood)
- The Body of Christ saw no corruption. This points to His resurrection.
- Oil for light - After the resurrection, followed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

God then gave precise instructions for the building of the Ark of the Covenant in various verses in Exodus 25.

¹⁰ Make an ark of shittim wood... ¹¹ overlay it with pure gold and... make upon it a crown of gold.

¹⁶ ...put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee ¹⁷ And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold... ¹⁸ And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them...

²¹ ...Put the mercy seat above upon the ark and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. ²² And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Right here is the answer to the question, "Where can I meet God and communicate with Him?"

ENTER HIS DWELLING PLACE!

If you experience problems hearing God's voice or communicating with Him, you may be visiting the wrong place!

"I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat"

God has specific protocols for entering the Tabernacle, His dwelling place! Breaking this protocol has consequences as we can see in the following



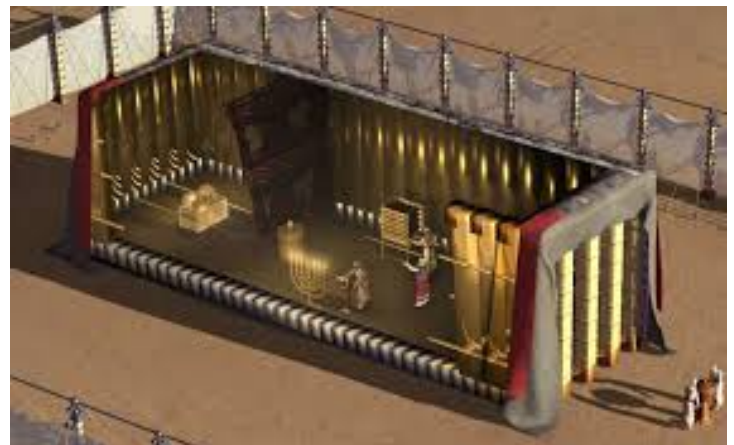
incident. The Israelites suffered a significant defeat at Eben-Ezer. Hophni and Phinehas, sons of the High Priest, Eli, were killed, and the Ark was captured by the Philistines. When they disrespectfully opened the lid to look inside the Ark of the Lord, the Lord smote 50 000 with death.

And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. 1 Samuel 6:19 KJV

We must follow God's protocols to meet Him at the Mercy Seat, which is His seat and His dwelling place where He communicates with His people.

What protocol was broken by the Philistines?

**When you remove the Mercy Seat, you remove the covering of the Blood of Christ and expose yourself to the law by rejecting the work of Jesus on the Cross. This has devastating consequences!
You will stare death in the eye!**



Studying the various elements in the different areas of the Tabernacle gives us the true meaning of each and reveals the protocol that we must follow to meet our Lord in the Holy of Holies.

The Tabernacle consisted of three areas:

- The Holy of Holies
- The Holy Place
- The Outer Court

HOLY OF HOLIES

God ordained Moses to put the Ark of the Covenant behind a veil in the Holy of Holies. The veil separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place.

HOLY PLACE

In front of the veil, inside the Holy Place, was the Golden Altar of Incense.

Also, in the Holy Place were:

- On the right - the Table of Shewbread.
- On the left - the Golden Candlestick or the Lampstand (also known as the Menorah).
- The entrance to the Holy Place was the door with five pillars.

OUTER COURT

Outside the Holy Place, in front of the five pillars, was the Outer Court with the following items:

- Brazen Laver [“waskom”], a round bowl with water for washing.
- Brazen Altar for the sacrifices of animals.

1. INSIDE THE HOLY OF HOLIES

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The Ark of the Covenant was inside the Holy of Holies. It was made of shittim wood, also known as ironwood, which is a very durable, long-lasting wood. It speaks of the Father's promise to His Son that He would not abandon Him to the realm of death, nor allow His Son to experience corruption (Psalm 16:10). Therefore, the Messiah had to trust His Father not to leave Him in Hades but to resurrect Him from the dead. This is a promise that we, too, will be resurrected from the dead!

The Ark of the Covenant was covered with gold, which speaks of divinity. Wood speaks of humanity - Jesus as pure human, the body in the flesh. Gold speaks of deity - the perfect man and perfect God. In the wood (Gospel of Luke), we see Jesus as the perfect man, the Son of Man. In the gold (Gospel of John), we see Him as the perfect man, the Son of God. He was fully God.

The Ark of the Covenant inside the Most Holy Place represents the Nucleolus, which is found inside the nucleus of cells - the round purple area in our generic cell diagram. What a discovery that the Lord put His Holy of Holies within our DNA structure!

This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. ²² This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you! Ephesians 2:21-22 TPT

Within the Ark of the Covenant, we find the following items:

- Two sets of Tables of the Testimony, which are the Ten Commandments written in stone.
- The Golden Pot of Manna.
- Aaron's rod.

Moses came down from the Mountain with the two stones of testimony. When he saw the people worshipping the golden calf they had made, ***he executed a prophetic action by breaking the stones. This declared that Israel was not ready or able to fulfil the law.***

Moses had to go back up the Mountain to receive a second set of commandments from God. **This time, God told him not to show it to the people but to put it inside the Ark of the Covenant.** By this act, God declared, ***“I will send my SON to fulfil it on behalf of my people.”***

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17 NIV

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Romans 10:4 KJV

Christ is the end of the law, and because of Him, God has transferred His perfect righteousness to all who believe (Romans 10:4 TPT). The law has not been fulfilled by Israel but by Christ Jesus, the Anointed One.

GOLDEN POT WITH MANNA

The Golden Pot with Manna speaks of the Bread of Life. What an amazing word in the Gospel of John when Yashuah declares He is the “Bread of Life”. Please make a study of John 6.

AARON'S ROD

The rod of Aaron budded inside the Ark of the Covenant. This speaks of resurrection.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not. Numbers 17:10 KJV

Our Mediator who rose from the dead, is revealed in the Ark of the Covenant.

THE MERCY SEAT

The Mercy Seat was made of pure gold with no wood in it. It had to be made as one solid piece.

- In the Ark, we see the person of Jesus.
- In the Mercy Seat, we see the purpose of Jesus.

The crown of the Mercy Seat was made of one solid piece of pure gold (no wood), covered by two cherubim. It was put on top of the Ark as a lid. From above the Mercy Seat between the two cherubim, which are the guardians of God's glory, God meets and communes with us.

And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. ²² And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 25:21-22 KJV

Here we see the cherubim guarding over the work of Calvary. They protected our salvation in the Garden of Eden as they protected the Tree of Life after the fall. Had Adam and Eve eaten from the Tree of Life in their sinful state, we would have been condemned with no chance of REDEMPTION. Adam would have lived forever as a sinner, but now, through the redemption work of Christ, we can live forever as redeemed believers!

And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him. Numbers 7:89 KJV

It is very important to note that the voice of God came through the Blood. Thus, this time the Blood speaks better things than the blood of Abel. The Blood of Christ speaks mercy and forgiveness, in contrast with the blood of Abel which cried out for justice and righteousness.

The crown, a border around the Mercy Seat, speaks of the authority of the Messiah and His deity, and the gold with which it was made speaks of divinity. The crown holds us securely in His authority. God looks down and

sees the Blood and has therefore no case against those who believe! Isn't this wonderful!

2. INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE

In the Holy Place, we find three items:

- The Table of Shewbread.
- The Candlestick, or the Lampstand, also known as the Menorah.
- The Altar of Incense, filled with spices.

SHEWBREAD

There were 12 loaves of bread on the Table of Shewbread which point to the 12 tribes and the 12 apostles, which in turn represent the church.

- Only the priests could partake of the bread.
- We are His kings and priests and therefore we partake of the bread.
- The bread speaks of Christ, who is Life and Power.
- The Son of God is the substance we are feeding on.
- He is the Manna on which the angels feed. It refers to angel's food.

And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. ²⁵ *Man did eat angels' food.* Psalm 78:24-25 KJV

In John 6:35, Jesus introduces Himself as the Bread of Life, which He is indeed!

THE CANDLESTICK - MENORAH

This was also made of one solid piece of pure gold.

- It consisted of one stem with six branches, representing the church.
- The seven candlesticks (one stem plus six branches) point us to the seven churches of Revelation and the seven stages of the church age, which will end at the church of Laodicea.
- In Revelation, Jesus stood amid the seven churches with a message that those who overcome would be rewarded.

It also speaks of the seven Spirits of Isaiah 11, which the Lord outpours on His saints to prepare them for full salvation.

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; Isaiah 11:2 KJV

The Menorah is not merely a candlestick, but a lampstand in which the oil of the Holy Spirit flows!

*And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the **two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?** ¹³ And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. ¹⁴ Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. Zechariah 4:12-14 KJV*

This scripture speaks of the fullness of the Anointing Spirit upon Christ and His Body.

- We experience Him first as the BREAD and then as the LIGHT.
- When we become one with Him, we experience John 6 - communion and union in Him.
- When we have daily communion with Him, we will never experience sickness again.
- He illuminates our minds.
- We get the mind of Christ and start thinking like Him.
- Then, we move into intercession as we cry out, "**Abba, Father!**" That is to cry out, "*Daddy!*"

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
Romans 8:15 KJV

And you did not receive the "spirit of religious duty", leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance", enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, 'Beloved Father!' Romans 8:15 TPT

Now we can experience a glorious and resurrected life! We now walk in pure righteousness and the people can see it!

OIL AND SPICES

- In the parable of the virgins, ALL 10 Virgins were asleep and ALL had oil. ALL of them were awakened, but only half of them had **sufficient** oil (Matthew 25). Do you have sufficient oil?
- There comes a time when an inexhaustible source of oil will flow from two golden pipes.
- I believe this source of oil will be poured out on the Bride.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17 KJV

There were 11 spices on the Altar of Incense. Spices represent our prayer life. When the spices are mixed, they release an aroma acceptable to the Lord and open the door into the Holy of Holies.

The Password

Do you desire to know the password to enter?

You can pass through his open gates with the password of praise. Come right into his presence with thanksgiving. Come bring your thank offering to him and affectionately bless his beautiful name! Psalm 100:4 TPT

Each step is a step higher and closer to YHWH! But there is a protocol to be followed! It is impossible to simply walk into His presence.

3. INSIDE THE OUTER COURTS

THE ALTAR

This was the Altar of the Red Heifer, which speaks of initial salvation. Gentiles couldn't enter the outer courts, meaning that sinners could not enter. It also points to Christ who died outside of the city (Hebrews 13:12-14). Your ticket to enter is outside the Tabernacle (Hebrews 9:11-15). Entering through the door of the Tabernacle points to Jesus.

I am the DOOR, the WAY and the TRUTH. John 14:6

How blind the religious people were! They were familiar with this concept, yet, when the Door arrived, they did not enter through Him and missed their salvation!

- On entering through the gate, you could smell incense and spices burning on the altar. The smell of myrrh and frankincense was remarkable.
- It is a picture of entering the presence of the Lord, leaving behind all your sins to move into the safety and security of the Ark where you become His servant.
- It speaks of a life transformed into maturity and thus approaching the HEAVENLY JERUSALEM!

*And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according to his works. ¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. ¹⁴ Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and **may enter in through the gates into the city.** ¹⁵ But outside are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators,*

and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and makes a lie. Revelation 22:12-15 KJV

Sinners and the unsaved will NOT ENTER THE TABERNACLE. Outside the gates are the sorcerers and the fornicators, murderers, and idolaters – those who love the lie more than the truth.

Once you are inside and have accepted the offering, it is not necessary to ever start over again. It is the BLOOD of the ONE SACRIFICE that completed it once and for all!

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ *And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:* ¹² ***But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*** ¹³ *From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.* ¹⁴ *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.* ¹⁵ *Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,* ¹⁶ *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;* ¹⁷ ***And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*** ¹⁸ *Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*
Hebrews 10:10-18 KJV

Though sin continues, we do not have to make sacrifices anymore. In faith, we abide by the completed work of the Cross!

THE BRONZE LAVER

The Bronze Laver was a round bowl filled with water.

- The purpose was the washing of the hands and feet of those involved in the sacrifices of the animals.
- This is a picture of our **water baptism**. It represents dying in the water and coming out of the water into resurrection life.
- It is a picture of being cleansed and sanctified to appear before the King.
- It also points to our washing by the Word of God.

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.

Ephesians 5:26 KJV

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:37b-38 KJV

Here is some interesting information about the outside poles of the Tabernacle which upheld the outside fence.

- There were 60 (10x6) pillars upholding the fence of fine white material.
- The number 6 always refers to MAN.
- The number 10 refers to responsibility.

Man is born from a sinful nature and therefore cannot fulfil his own responsibilities. **So, Jesus came to fulfil our responsibility!**

Notice that Adonai knew this since the beginning, and it was no coincidence that Moses executed a prophetic act when he threw down the Ten Commandments crafted in stone, indicating that man cannot fulfil the law. When Moses came down the second time with the second set of Ten Commandments, Adonai told him not to show it to the people but to put it in the Ark of the Covenant, which was a declaration that, ***“I, your Lord, will fulfil it for you!”***

All pillars were to be made of shittim wood, referring to the corruptible flesh and the perfection of the Body of Christ. The cup of each pillar was to be made of silver and the bottom of brass. Silver speaks of redemption and brass of suffering.

Each pillar was held down to the ground by a rope made of goat's hair and a nail halfway in and halfway out into the ground.

- Goat's hair, in Leviticus 9:3, refers to the SIN OFFERING.
- The nails, halfway in and halfway out, speak of the death and resurrection of Christ!

Christ presented Himself to man in all these elements of His dwelling place, the Ark of the Covenant, yet they rejected Him.

He was the fulfillment of the shadow of all things, but they could not grasp it and rejected their Messiah!

Let's summarise the rich truths captured in the Tabernacle in reverse order and review the protocol we need to follow to enter the Holy of Holies.

THE OUTER COURT

THE GATE - RECONCILED

To enter the Tabernacle, God's dwelling place, we must enter through the GATE.

- Jesus is the ONLY Gate.
- Without Jesus, there is no hope, no salvation, and no eternal life.
- *"I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and LIFE. No man cometh unto the Father, but by ME."* John 14:6 KJV

THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE - REDEEMED

The sacrifice of animals was for the remission of sin.

- *"And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins."* Hebrews 10:11 KJV
- But the power of the Blood of Christ, One Man, One Offering, One Sacrifice for sins, sanctified us ONCE FOR ALL.

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God. Hebrews 10:12 KJV

THE GOLDEN LAVER - SANCTIFIED

Only after our born-again experience and baptism can we move on to the golden laver. This is the place of washing by the Word of God.

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

Ephesians 5:26 KJV

Many are still at the gate! They have entered but have never passed through the water to be raised as a new creation. This is what Jesus meant in John 3.

“Nicodemus, how is this that you do not know what it means to be born again?”

Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God. John 3:3 KJV

“Nicodemus, how is this that you do not know what it means to be born again?”

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot ENTER into the kingdom of God. John 3:5 KJV

The following important scriptures should become part of your life.

- Born of water - John 3:5
- The crucified flesh - Galatians 5:24
- Dying daily - 1 Corinthians 15:31
- Walk in the Spirit - Galatians 5:16

*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not **inherit** the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. 1 Corinthians 6:9 KJV*

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:21 KJV

If you have not yet crucified the flesh, you will not and cannot enter the Holy of Holies.

- Once you have passed the altar of sacrifice, you only need to wash your feet.
- Why? Because we are already washed by the Blood of the Lamb.
- We are still living in a contaminated world and need daily cleansing by the Word of God.
- The priests washed only their HANDS and FEET at the Golden Laver. Hands speak of works and feet of our ways or paths of walking.

The Laver contained pieces of mirror.

- The Word is a mirror to see who we are in Christ. James 1:23-24 gives us a picture of ourselves in the mirror and there we also discover how Christ sees us.
- For the believer, seeing the man “in the mirror” is seeing how God has been seeing us from the beginning, even before the fall of Adam, which resulted in sin’s devastation to human hearts. The man in the mirror is the new creation man.
- We need to change from the inside to the outside.

The Outer Court represents our human bodies. This is our place of struggle, repetition, and guilt.

- Once death of the flesh comes, guilt will leave.
- Once guilt leaves, our will changes from the inside.
- Our prayer life will change, and we will pray according to the Word of God.

- We need to confess who Yehôvâh Elohim is, as Peter did. He received a revelation of who Christ was after he was confronted and then he boldly and openly confessed.
- Our prayer lives will become a living word.
- It is the Word of God that will convert our souls.

Here are seven steps of prayer to follow to enrich your prayer life.

- Confession
- Supplication
- Adoration
- Intimacy
- Intercession
- Thanksgiving

THE HOLY PLACE

In the Holy Place, the following elements are present:

- The Shewbread, which speaks of our **Satisfaction**.
- The Lampstand, which speaks of the **Revelation** we receive.
- The Altar of Incense, which speaks of **Exaltation**.

The entrance into the Holy Place had five pillars, representing the five offices of the church, also known as the five-fold ministries. Ephesians 4:11-13 lists the offices of the five-fold ministries, namely Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and Pastors. The Passion Bible refers to these as the Grace Ministries. What is the purpose of these Grace Ministries?

Their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers to do their own works of ministry and as they do this they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:12 TPT

In contrast with this scripture, the institutional church instead does the opposite. Their self-appointed pastors claim they are the only spiritual leaders, thus overlooking God's grace ministries and neglecting to equip the Body of Christ. No wonder the building rarely extends.

THE HOLY OF HOLIES

This is where the Ark of the Covenant stood behind the veil. This is the place of **Glorification, where we touch Him!** David's soul thirsted for his God and his flesh longed for Adonai. He saw his God in the sanctuary. Thus, he wrote Psalm 63 and declared how his soul was satisfied.

My Soul Thirsts for You

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; ² **To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.** ³ *Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.* ⁴ *Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.* ⁵ **My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:** ⁶ *When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.* ⁷ *Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.* ⁸ *My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.* ⁹ *But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.* ¹⁰ *They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a*

portion for foxes. ¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 63:1-11 KJV

Because of the Word of God that washes and cleanses us and because of the illuminated lampstand:

- Revelation is now ours.
- The word now produces revelation knowledge.
- The oil that causes it to shine (the Holy Spirit) brings revelation.
- God talks/communicates with us.

The Shewbread, accompanied by revelation, produced satisfaction and David cried out that his soul was satisfied! BUT there is a price to be paid, as persecution will follow once we reach this stage of our spiritual lives. Therefore, the shewbread was covered by frankincense, which released a sweet smell yet was bitter to the taste.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 1 Peter 4:14 KJV

In Acts, the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples, and they received power, which came only after they had experienced persecution.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: Acts 1:8a KJV

During persecution, we enter into worship. This is why we come to the table of incense before entering the Holy of Holies. The table of incense, containing 11 spices, is pointing us to worship.

The revelation at the Lampstand leads us to **satisfaction** at the Table of Shewbread, which leads us to the wonderful place of **worship**. This again leads to **persecution** and the bitter taste of frankincense. **Only then will we be ready to enter the Holy of Holies!**

O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.² Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.³ Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.⁴ For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.⁹ O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.¹² Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice¹³ Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth. Psalm 96:1-13 KJV

My Refuge and My Fortress

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. Psalm 91:1-3 KJV

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91:10-11 KJV

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:9 KJV

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. Psalm 46:10 KJV

New International Version

*He says, "**Be still**, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

New American Standard Bible

***Cease striving** and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*

King James Bible

*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the **heathen**, I will be exalted in the earth.*

Christian Standard Bible

***Stop your fighting**, and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth.*

Contemporary English Version

*Our God says, "**Calm down, and learn that I am God!** All nations on earth will honor me."*

Let us review the protocol we must follow to touch Him!

- ♣ At the Gate, we are Reconciled.
 - ♣ At the Altar, we are Redeemed.
 - ♣ At the Golden Laver, we are Sanctified.
 - ♣ At the Lampstand, we are Illuminated.
 - ♣ At the Shewbread, we are Satisfied.
 - ♣ At the Table of Incense, we Exalt Him.
 - ♣ In the Holy of Holies, we Touch Him!
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When we touch Him in the Holy of Holies, “deep calleth unto deep”.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. Psalm 42:7 KJV

My deep need calls out to the deep kindness of your love. Your waterfall of weeping sent waves of sorrow over my soul, carrying me away, cascading over me like a thundering cataract. ⁸ Yet all day long God’s promises of love pour over me. Through the night I sing his songs, for my prayer to God has become my life. Psalm 42:7-8 TPT

I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. ⁶ Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. ⁷ Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me. Psalm 142:5-7 KJV

The Apple of My Eye

The Holy of Holies is where we become the ***apple of His eye!***

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Psalm 17:8 KJV

For he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. Zachariah 2:8b KJV

As Moses had to grow into a relationship with Adonai, so we need to follow God's protocol to meet Him face-to-face.

- At the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-17), God told Moses to come closer. Had Moses not gone closer and looked, he would have missed both his calling and intimacy with his beloved Father.
- In Exodus 33:17-23, Moses only saw the back of God, BUT...
- In Exodus 33:11, Moses spoke face-to-face with the Father!

Likewise, we first must enter through the Gate into the Outer Court.

- This is our born-again experience, before...
- ...we can enter as a priest and a king into the Holy Place, the place of service!
- Only His beloved high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, which speaks of God requiring of us a deep and intimate relationship with Him before we can enter His ultimate presence!

Are you willing to pay the price?

The personal foundation, which is Yashuah HaMashiach, is fundamental in laying down the foundation. He is the Cornerstone and any misrepresentation of who He is will most definitely cause the house to collapse when the storm comes. The enemy will constantly mislead us into believing that God is responsible for our miserable lives.

The better we know our Beloved Father, the stronger the foundation that is sustaining the house when the storm comes.

Remember, we can know Him by:

- Studying His **Names** in the Scriptures.
- Studying the Word of God and **looking for the Messiah** in all the scriptures, both in the Old and in the New Testament.
- Studying His **Feasts**.
- Studying His **Tabernacle**, which is His dwelling place.
- Studying His **Attributes**.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8 KJV). He is the same God today as He was in the Old Testament. Let us now look at a few of Adonai's attributes.

MY ATTRIBUTES

We often devalue God's character because of our customs and traditions. His true, unchangeable Godly character should become part of who we are, so He can be revealed to others through our lives. By looking at Biblical truths, this book will help us understand God's character in and through our Lord Jesus and carry His attributes in our own lives and present them to this world. May Adonai flood your heart and mind with the revelation of His attributes as you read, study, and meditate on His Word.

We will discuss the following four common attributes of Adonai.

- Omnipotence.
- Omnipresence.
- Omniscience.
- Omnibenevolence.

1. God's Omnipotence

The word "omnipotent" is derived from the Latin word "***Omni***", which means "all", and "**potent**", which means "power". Omnipotence means to be all-powerful, almighty, and having unlimited power. Adonai has supreme power. This means He can do whatever He wants to. He is not subject to physical limitations, as man is. Adonai has power over wind, water, gravity, physics, etc. His power is infinite, or limitless. **Our God is an Omnipotent God!** His power is immeasurable, unimaginable, and unlimited. This means God is the greatest of the great!

For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7 TPT

According to the Strong's Dictionary, "mighty power" refers to the Greek word, "***Dunamis***", which is resurrection power. This same power that the Father used to raise His Son from the dead, works in us! This is God's ultimate power! It is not the same power that raised Lazarus from the dead, though, because Lazarus was raised only to die again. Christ, however, was raised to live eternally. This same ultimate, glorious power is at work within us! Glory to God!

I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the mighty power²⁰ that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm! Ephesians 1:19-20 TPT

The only way to access this power is through faith. Without FAITH it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6 KJV). There is no need to pray for more faith because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17 KJV). Your faith will increase and grow into full maturity when you study the Word of God, pursue the Messiah in all the scriptures of the Bible, study His Names, search for His attributes, and enrich yourself by studying the feasts of Adonai.

We have received authority and Godly power to overcome illness, wage mental warfare and trample all evil power coming against us! Where there is power, there is authority.

Behold, I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy possesses; and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Luke 10:19 AMPC

Let us use this power to overcome the fears that keep us in bondage, and replace them with Godly, sacrificial (*Agape*) love. Day by day, we will become more like Him, being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the image and likeness of our Messiah.

2. God's Omnipresence

We can now easily assume that “omnipresent” means “all present”. Adonai is everywhere at the same time. His divine presence encompasses the entire universe. There is no location He does not inhabit. His omnipresence indicates He is distinct from the universe but simultaneously inhabits the entirety of it. **He is everywhere at once!** Nothing is hidden from His eyes. God lives with us every moment. Isaiah prophesied that Christ would come to earth as Emmanuel - God with us! Matthew recorded that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled because Christ was born from a virgin and was indeed called Emmanuel. The reason God emphasises Jesus being **with** us is that, when Adam and Eve transgressed in the Garden of Eden, they lost the presence of the Lord, but He restored it! Hallelujah!

I am a God who is everywhere and not in one place only. ²⁴ No one can hide where I cannot see them. Do you not know that I am everywhere in heaven and on earth? Jeremiah 23:23-24 GNT

Where could I go from your Spirit? Where could I run and hide from your face? ⁸ If I go up to heaven, you're there! If I go down to the realm of the dead, you're there too! ⁹ If I fly with wings into the shining dawn, you're there! If I fly into the radiant sunset, you're there waiting! ¹⁰ Wherever I go, your hand will guide me; your strength will empower me. ¹¹ It's impossible to disappear from you or to ask the darkness to hide me, for your presence is everywhere, bringing light into my night. Psalm 139:7-11 TPT

How easily we can be overcome by self-pity when we ask questions such as, "Where are you, God? Are you even alive? Don't you see my suffering?"

Adonai is Omnipresent! He is present in all our situations!

We limit Adonai and His attributes by small thinking. Let us embrace the Written Word of God so the Living Word can manifest His true nature to us!

3. God's Omniscience

Omniscience means "all-knowing" and "all-wise". Adonai knows everything about the past, present, and future. He never needs to learn anything, and nothing catches Him by surprise. Yehôvâh Elohim is the source of knowledge and wisdom which is found completely in the Messiah.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30 KJV

For it is not from man that we draw our life but from God as we are being joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. And now he is our God-given wisdom, our

virtue, our holiness, and our redemption. ³¹ *And this fulfils what is written: If anyone boasts, let him only boast in all that the Lord has done!*

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 TPT

Knowing that Yehôvâh Elohim is omniscient, convinces us to rest assured. He knows all our needs and will satisfy us! He will change disappointments into delight, frustrations into hope. Instead of shame, we will receive a double portion. Instead of disgrace, we will rejoice in our inheritance (Isaiah 61:7). Yes, even the least of the smallest desires of our hearts are known to God. There are times when we don't even realise our desires. But God knows them all! Sometimes we get stressed out for many reasons and end up exhausted.

Behind our stresses, there is an unfulfilled and unrecognised desire. An unfulfilled desire is a desire of the heart which no one can fulfil. An unrecognised desire is a desire of the heart which we are not aware of. But Adonai knows all, and He desires to fulfil it for us. Many scriptures indicate that Adonai already knows our thoughts, e.g., when the scribes and the Pharisees watched Yashuah to see if He would heal on the Sabbath day so they could find an accusation against Him.

But he knew their thoughts, *and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.*

Luke 6:8 KJV

The scribes and Pharisees were rule-oriented, but our Messiah will always be love-oriented! Every act of God is an act of love. Embrace this thought and believe it, and your foundation will never collapse or crack.

Who could ever wrap their minds around the riches of God, the depth of his wisdom, and the marvel of his perfect knowledge? Who could ever explain the wonder of his decisions or search out the mysterious way he carries out his plans?³⁴ For who has discovered how the Lord thinks or is wise enough to be the one to advise him in his plans? Romans 11:33-34 TPT

4. God's Omnibenevolence

There is one characteristic and attribute of Yashuah that I believe stands out. That is His omnibenevolence! Omnibenevolence refers to Adonai's perfection or unlimited goodness.

"God is LOVE!"

Yehôvâh Elohim is indeed love, and he that loves not, knows not Adonai (1 John 4:8).

We have been misled into believing that Adonai **expelled** Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden after they had sinned because **He was mad at them**. This is not the truth, as this was an ACT OF LOVE. Adonai protected Adam and Eve from eating from the Tree of Life in their fallen state. Had they eaten from the Tree of Life, Satan would have kept the complete human race in bondage forever, without a chance of redemption.

Adonai desires that we should eat from the Tree of Life, but not in our fallen state. After we have received our full redemption and have been fully restored to the image and likeness of Yehôvâh Elohim, the Tree of Life is given to us in Revelation 22, the last and final book revealing God's restoration plan.

It was an act of love when the Father sacrificed His only beloved Son, and through His Blood restored us to His original intent!

And by the blood of his cross, everything in heaven and earth is brought back to himself—back to its original intent, restored to innocence again!
Colossians 1:20 TPT

Love fulfils the Law, as Paul explains.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
Romans 13:8-10 NIV

For the entire law is fulfilled by keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14 NIV

This is not a new commandment. It was ordained in the beginning.

*You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall **love your neighbor** as yourself: I am the Lord.* Leviticus 19:17-18 ESV

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; **love** and faithfulness go before you.* Psalm 89:14 NIV

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; **Lovingkindness** and truth go before You.* Psalm 89:14 AMP

The apostles understood that the foundation of the Kingdom was based on this principle of love, as taught by the Messiah. It is because of the sacrificial (*Agape*) love that we now find our redemption in and through the Blood of Christ. This is not the conditional love that humans exhibit. When things fade away, our love for one another also fades away.

God is love! Those who are living in love are living in God, and God lives through them. ¹⁷ By living in God, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love's perfection drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of punishment has not reached love's perfection. ¹⁹ Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us.

1 John 4:16b-19 TPT

The story of Abraham and Isaac is a typology. It is a foreshadowing of the love of the Father who offered His only begotten Son to deal with the sin of this world once and for all.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 KJV

The greatest love a person can show is to die for someone else (John 15:13). It is easy to die for a beloved friend but few will lay down their lives for an enemy. This is the sacrificial love of Adonai! He laid down His life for humanity while we were His enemies.

The greatest love is when that One laid down His life so everyone else could live through His death!

Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3 needs much attention and meditation so these deep truths can penetrate our innermost being and enable us to grasp the LOVE OF ADONAI.

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].¹⁷ May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,¹⁸ That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];¹⁹ [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!²⁰ Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]²¹ To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it). Ephesians 3:16-21 AMPC

The most prominent thing we must believe when laying down a foundation is that **God is love** and His every act is an **act of love**. Even when we do not understand it and our human reasoning tries to convince us otherwise,

we must hold onto this very important fact that **Adonai is love and everything He is doing in our lives is an act of love!**

I can sincerely testify to this. I seriously doubted the actions of Adonai in my life. I could not understand why certain things went so wrong. Little did I know that Adonai was performing a magnificent work in me to transform me into His image and likeness.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV

Yashuah answered my cry! Therefore, my beloved reader, I can encourage you! When the storm comes, when trials and persecutions multiply and things are going from bad to worse, **stand and hold your ground!** Help is on its way! Adonai knows what He is doing. He is preparing you, cleansing, sanctifying, and setting you apart for His special use!

*But before any of this happens, they'll arrest you, hunt you down, and drag you to court and jail. It will go from bad to worse, dog-eat-dog, everyone at your throat because you carry my name. You'll end up on the witness stand, called to testify. Make up your mind right now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters. ¹⁶⁻¹⁹ "You'll even be turned in by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. Some of you will be killed. There's no telling who will hate you because of me. Even so, every detail of your body and soul—even the hairs of your head!—is in my care; nothing of you will be lost. Staying with it—that's what is required. **Stay strong to the end! You won't be sorry; you'll be saved!***

Luke 21:12-19 MSG

When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way! Luke 21:28 MSG

What a journey I have been on! I can testify firsthand that if you hold on to the end, you will not be sorry! I guarantee that help is indeed on its way and your deliverance is near! What you are going through is an act of LOVE from Adonai, your Beloved! He knows what He is doing!! Trust Him with all your heart! Lean not unto your own understanding, and He WILL direct your paths and lead you into victory and maturity (Proverbs 3:5-6)!

Comfort for the Contrite

Adonai, who lives in a high and holy place, is the very same God who also lives with the contrite and lowly in spirit.

*And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, **take up the stumbling block out of the way of my people.** ¹⁵ For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the **high** and holy place, **with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit**, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isaiah 57:14-15 KJV*

The word “*contrite*” means “*feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.*” This means Adonai lives with those who are repentant and lowly in spirit. The last part of the text indicates that Adonai dwells with the humble to revive their spirits.

This is a mystery. The general meaning of contrite is “repentant”. As Paul indicates in Hebrews 6, repentance is the very first step to take before we can build our houses. Repentance, thus, is the birth canal of salvation.

Repentance, in a nutshell, is a positive change in the mind and a 180-degree turnaround. God uses our circumstances and our enemy to bring us low, crush and humble us, and renew our spirit. *“Bruised, broken-hearted and crushed”* describes *“lowly in spirit”*.

Sometimes we undergo indescribable painful situations and become wounded and broken-hearted because of unexpected outcomes. It may be the loss of a loved one, a dragging goal yet to be achieved, eagerly anticipating a blessing that’s been avoiding us for many years, or serious financial problems. In all the pain, God is with us, holding and carrying us like a father carries his child.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. Isaiah 43:2 AMP

This is a well-known verse, but few realise what the origin of this passage is. Let us reflect on the previous verse.

For thus saith Jehovah, After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. Jeremiah 29:10 ASV

Here, the Lord spoke to Israel at the end of their 70-year period of captivity. They went into this captivity because of their prideful lives. *“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall”* (Proverbs 16:18 NIV). Now we can see the act of love from God’s side. Adonai intervened by preventing Israel from falling and being destructed. He chose to bring them to a place

where they were temporarily humbled, bruised, broken-hearted and crushed so they could get to a point of being “lowly in the spirit”. Then He declared:

*‘For I know the plans I have for you’, declares the LORD, ‘**plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**’*

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

I hope you can see that this act of love towards Israel was indeed a mystery, as I also experienced in my own life. Yashuah loves me so much that He did not want to see me go down into permanent destruction. He rather used my circumstances and my enemies to get me to a point where I was humbled, broken-hearted, bruised and crushed so I could repent of my own free will. My Beloved declared He would hear me and deliver me, for His plan was to prosper me and not harm me, to give me hope and a future! Glory to my God, who is working a work of mystery! One day, we shall cry out with the saints before the sea of glass mingled with fire in front of the throne:

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Revelation 15:3b KJV

Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one’s achievements nor inflate its own importance. ⁵ Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. ⁶ Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. ⁷ Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. ⁸ Love never stops loving. It extends beyond the gift of prophecy, which eventually fades away. It is more enduring than tongues,

which will one day fall silent. Love remains long after words of knowledge are forgotten.⁹ Our present knowledge and our prophecies are but partial,¹⁰ but when love's perfection arrives, the partial will fade away.

1 Corinthians 13:4-10 TPT

There is still much to share regarding the attributes of Adonai, but it is not part of the scope of this book. Here is a list of some other attributes of God, but also search the scriptures in your own time to discover Yashuah.

- God is **Infinite** - He is self-existing, without origin. (Colossians 1:17)
- God is **Immutable** – He never changes. (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8)
- God is **Self-Sufficient** – He has no needs. (John 5:26)
- God is **Wise** – He is full of perfect and unchanging wisdom. (Romans 11:33)
- God is **Faithful** – He is infinitely, unchangingly true. (Deuteronomy 7:9; 2 Timothy 2:13)
- God is **Just** – He is infinitely, unchangeably right, and perfect in all He does. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- God is **Merciful** – He is infinitely, unchangeably compassionate and kind. (Romans 9:15-16)
- God is **Gracious** – God is infinitely inclined to spare the guilty. (Psalm 145:8)
- God is **Holy** – He is infinitely, unchangingly perfect. (Revelation 4:8)
- God is **Glorious** – He is infinitely beautiful and great. (Habakkuk 3:4)

*Around the throne and on each side stood four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind. ⁷ The first living creature resembled a lion, the second an ox, the third had a human face, and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings, full of eyes all around and under their wings. They worshipped without ceasing, day and night, singing, **“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty! The Was, the Is, and the Coming!”** Revelation 4:6b-8 TPT*

DIGGING DEEP

Now that we understand the only way to build our houses is on this Rock, the Petra, Yashuah HaMashiach, and that this foundation is built upon the principle of “hearing and doing”, the next important action is to **dig deep!**

Build Your House on the Rock

*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? ⁴⁷ Whosoever cometh to me, and **heareth my sayings, and doeth them**, I will shew you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man which built an house, **and digged deep**, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. ⁴⁹ But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great. Luke 6:46-49 KJV*

Digging deep means getting rid of unwanted building materials and replacing them with reinforcement steel and concrete so the foundation will not crack. An ineffective foundation will always cause a house to collapse, regardless

of how strong the rest of the building materials are. Let us discuss some improper building materials we often use in our foundations.

1. THE PAST

The very first element to get rid of is the past, because it constantly holds us back and keeps us in bondage by memories of trauma and hurt. Satan is a master at reminding us of the past. I have seen many people even deliberately holding onto their past. We are new creatures with a new identity and a new future in Christ Jesus and should act like it!

My old identity has been co-crucified with Christ and no longer lives. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me – we live in union as one! My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, dispensing his life into mine! Galatians 2:20 TPT

At last, we have freedom, for Christ has set us free! We must always cherish this truth and firmly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past. Galatians 5:1 TPT

I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. Philippians 3:13 TPT

We receive right standing with the Father because of what Christ did for us on the cross.

May my only boast be in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In him I have been crucified to this natural realm and the natural realm is dead to me and no longer dominates my life. Galatians 6:14 TPT

To get rid of the past, we must remind ourselves that no one can earn God's righteousness. It can only be transferred to us when we no longer rely on our own works but believe in the One who powerfully declared the ungodly to be righteous in His eyes. It is faith that transfers God's righteousness into our account (Romans 4:5 TPT).

2. TRADITIONS

The Bible warns that we are taken into captivity by our human traditions and philosophies. They prevent us from obedience and deliverance.

Colossians 2:8

New International Version

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

New Living Translation

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

Mark 7:8

New International Version

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.

New Living Translation

For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition.

These traditions put a veil over our eyes and prevent us from seeing the truth. Our hearing gets dull, and the truth makes little sense to the flesh. Only God can break this yoke of bondage by His Holy Spirit and His mercy.

3. PREJUDICES

In our society, we seriously need to deal with prejudices. We need to get rid of racial, denominational, social, and personal prejudices.

4. PRECONCEPTIONS

I believe the most damaging preconception we have is our wrong perception of who Jesus is and how to serve Him. I am astonished that believers seek the Lord in pagan rituals, e.g., Christmas, holidays (pagan feast days that have nothing to do with the Lord's Feasts) and hiding Easter eggs.

Little by little, precept upon precept, the world creates a twisted picture of the Messiah, and we fall into the trap. The result is unbelief. We try to bring comfort into our discomfort by coming up with new doctrines, such as that God does not always want to heal, or that it was His will to take my child or spouse to heaven. By implication, we accuse God of a child's or spouse's death. When we start believing this nonsense, our houses will eventually collapse. It cannot and will not last.

5. UNBELIEF

Satan is a master at stealing our faith through lies and deceptions. We should not pray for more faith, but we need to get rid of unbelief. In the Gospel of Mark, a man came to Yashuah, asking if He **could** heal his son

(Mark 9:22). Yashuah answered (my own words), “What do you mean, if I can? This is not about Me. This is about your faith. If you believe, all things are possible” (Mark 9:23). The father cried out with tears, “*Lord, I believe; help me with my unbelief*” (Mark 9:24).

Unbelief closes the mind to faith. Many believers are captured within their unbelief when they make remarks such as, “I have been praying for my spouse now for 30 years and nothing has happened.” They give up because their unbelief pictures Adonai as one who cannot and does not want to help. Let us dig deep and get rid of unbelief. Let us lay down a good and strong foundation that will keep our houses standing in the storm.

6. DNA TIES

At the beginning of this ministry, the Lord took me through a process of deliverance. I recorded my experience in a booklet called “Our Battle”. The Lord showed me the importance of breaking soul ties and getting rid of hidden sins. I identified these hidden sins as “DNA Ties”. This booklet and some prayers of repentance are currently part of the preparation work for healing sessions. *(I highly recommend studying this booklet and confessing these sins in an audible voice. It is available on our website. <https://www.berashithministry.co.za/index.php/booklets>)* For your information, I will provide a summary of its contents.

Many years before I wrote the booklet, the Lord told me that I was stubborn. He gave me scripture to convince me.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. 1 Samuel 15:23 KJV

At first, I resisted His correction and instruction. You see, the flesh will always manifest! It was about ten years later, while writing the booklet on DNA Ties, that my spiritual eyes were opened to receive the truth. I had to dig deep by studying the meaning of the words God gave me in 1 Samuel. It was only then that I realised just how stubborn I was. Stubbornness is the iniquity of idolatry. You become your own idol. It is all about me, myself and my selfish life.

The Lord already knows all, and He wants to help us. He wants to cleanse us from all filthiness so we can stand before Him as a spotless and blameless Bride without wrinkles. He desires for us to become whole and holy again so He can set us apart for a special use as His Shulamite Bride - a warrior Bride for Him. To lay the foundation and repair the temple, we must dig deep. The taller and bigger the building is going to be, the deeper we need to dig. We must get rid of filthiness, soft clay, and unsuitable materials, and insert reinforced concrete. We often do not realise that unsuitable materials are part of our foundations. Adding to the six unsuitable materials already discussed are:

- Bitterness
- Unforgiveness
- Resentment (even after having forgiven someone!)

- Strife and envy (*"Where there is strife and envy, there are all evil works"* James 3:16.)
- Stubbornness
- Rebellion
- Pride
- Guilt
- Unlovingness
- Lack of nurture
- Occultism
- Rejection

The list can go on and on. There are many scriptures on the above aspects. (*For a complete study on this topic, please download for free the five booklets from our website. "Our Battle" is part of The Lighttowers' Booklets.*) The only way to deal with these sins, especially with a rebellious spirit, is by execution.

My testimony on pride.

While the Lord was dealing with my hidden sins, I went through a 30-day cleansing process with the Holy Spirit. Each day, the Spirit revealed to me another hidden sin. On the last night, I asked the Lord to not hold back but to reveal all the filthiness that was still left. That night, I experienced something like a vision. I was asleep, yet fully awake in the spirit. The Holy Spirit showed me a peacock. I laughed and said to the Lord that I knew a peacock represented rebellion. At that stage, I did not realise God was showing me the pride in my own heart. The next morning, while studying

the meaning of rebellion, God opened my eyes, and I wrote a prayer of confession. That was the final nail in the coffin! I willingly crucified the FLESH! My self-life died that day on the stake. This led to the birth of the five booklets I wrote under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The following scripture broke open for me.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 KJV

*My old identity has been co-crucified with Christ and no longer lives. And now the **essence of this new life is no longer mine**, for the Anointed One lives his life through me—we live in union as one! My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, dispensing his life into mine!* Galatians 2:20 TPT

Glory to the Most High God, Yehôvâh Elohim! “*How marvellous are Your works!*” How perfect are your works in my life, my Lord! Glory to Yashuah HaMashiach for setting me free!

All are born with the spirit of rebellion. If you have not yet repented of it, your foundation will be shaken.

THE WORD OF GOD

I find it very interesting that believers make comments such as “***I have a problem with the Bible***”, referring to the alleged contradictions in the Scriptures and the deviation from the true meaning of the Scriptures in different translations.

Most translations are being manipulated by the institutional church. Read more on this topic in my book, “Dispensations”. (*It can be downloaded from our website for free.*) All translations are a mere interpretation of the original Aramaic or Hebrew text into English. Afrikaans is only about 100 years old and simply does not have the vocabulary to translate the original Bible correctly. Thus, some translations may not be completely accurate. We cannot, however, have a problem with the Bible, which is the **Written Word that became flesh** as Yashuah HaMashiach (John 1:1), and simultaneously say that we believe in Him.

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken. John 10:35 KJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 KJV

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. John 1:14 KJV

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many*

crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**.* Revelation 19:11-13 KJV

We cannot deny that Yehôvâh Elohim is the Word of God!

WE CANNOT BELIEVE IN JESUS AND YET NOT BELIEVE THE BIBLE.

Jesus explained to His disciples that only for a little while they would still see Him, but He had to leave and return to His Father who sent Him.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. John 14:19 KJV

Jesus declared that even though He would not be on earth any longer, His disciples would still see Him. The world would not see Him, though. This is still valid today. His disciples can see Him, but many cannot see Jesus. How do we then see Him?

We see Jesus in the Old and New Testaments!

The Messiah commanded us to keep His word. Our obedience is an act of love towards Him.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23 KJV

“If” indicates a precondition. **If** we love the Messiah, we can expect to receive a blessing. That means the Triune God (*the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*) will come and abide within us. What a promise!

The law motivates by fear, but grace motivates by love. You can motivate your children by using fear, but the only way to keep them close to

you, even when they are grown up, is with love. Thus, love is the motivation for obedience.

Jesus manifests Himself through the Word of God! Reading and studying the Written Word of God is a prerequisite, before the Living Word, Yashuah, will manifest Himself. Then, love opens the door **for the Trinity to abide within us!**

We believe we can interpret scripture as we wish. But it is only the author of a book who can interpret the meaning of the passage.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
2 Peter 1:20-21 KJV

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Psalm 12:6 KJV

Many wrongly believe that ordinary men wrote the Word of God. The Holy Spirit, however, is and was the only author of the Word. Man was only the vessel and was subject to error.

- Adam was made from the dust of the earth.
- Therefore, man refers to clay. This implies that the Bible came through the vessel of clay.
- According to David, man, as clay, needs to be purified seven times by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

- The silver in the furnace also needs purification seven times. The number seven refers to the perfection of the Holy Spirit. Silver always refers to our redemption.

A Coal from the Altar

One of the most significant examples of man being purified, is the Prophet Isaiah. He considered himself impure, living in a society of impurity. The Lord knew it. A seraph took a live coal from the altar, touched Isaiah's lips, and cleansed him.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷ And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Isaiah 6:2-7 KJV

What words did Isaiah utter after his lips had been cleansed?

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 KJV

Yes, he prophesied that Immanuel was on His way to be born from a virgin! Glory to GOD! Saints, this is how the scriptures were written - by the

inspiration of the Holy Spirit, using man as His vessel. Let there be no doubt that **the Written Word cannot be broken!** It is not of human inspiration or for human interpretation.

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken. John 10:35 KJV

THE VALUE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Satan came to Eve and made her doubt God's words. "*Did God really say you cannot eat from the tree, or you shall die?*" (Genesis 3:1-4)

**When you do not know scripture and do not walk in truth,
you will be deceived!**

*The presence of the 'outlaw' is apparent by the activity of Satan, who uses all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, spurious wonders, ¹⁰ **and every form of evil deception in order to deceive those who are perishing because they rejected the love of the truth** that would lead them to being saved.*

¹¹ Because of this, God sends them a powerful delusion that leads them to believe what is false. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 TPT

In contrast with Eve, Jesus walked in truth. When Satan tried to deceive Him in the desert, He knew the Scriptures would withstand the wiles of the devil. Satan used the same strategy as with Eve, namely, doubt.

If you are the Son of God...? Matthew 4:3

Without having a conversation with Satan, Jesus simply said:

It is written... Matthew 4:1-11

Satan always uses doubt to deceive us. The only way to deal with this kind of temptation is to quote scriptures!

IT IS WRITTEN!

Having received the Holy Spirit does not necessarily mean that you are operating in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is true. We learn it from the life of Yashuah.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: ¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:16-17 KJV

Directly after His baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit, but it was only after He had overcome temptation that He operated in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Just before Jesus ascended into the heavens, He promised His disciples the Father would send them a Helper.

John 14:26

American Standard Version

But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you.

International Standard Version

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything that I have told you.

Let us also consider the following verses:

But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ. 1 John 2:27 NLT

Yet when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own accord, but will speak whatever he hears and will declare to you the things that are to come. John 16:13 ISV

The Holy Spirit will always glorify Yashuah. Any teaching or ministry that glorifies a person is not from the Holy Spirit. In that case, the Holy Spirit will eventually leave. Many ministries go astray because men take the glory.

The Glory always belongs to our Lord, Yehôvâh Elohim!

The Nature of God's Word

Remember that we first need the Written Word before the Living Word of God can manifest. Both the Written Word and the Living Word are Jesus!

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 KJV

When we study the Written Word of God, it will quickly determine our heart's intentions. It pierces deeply into our spirit and soul to start the process of sanctification. We need to be sanctified to be restored, as each person is born from a corruptible seed. The Word heals us (Psalm 107:20; Jeremiah

30:17) and makes us whole and holy again. Adonai commanded us to be holy, as He is holy (1 Peter 1:16). Thus, we can say:

- The Word of God is alive and powerful.
- Only the Word of God can penetrate the soul and spirit, the thoughts, and the heart.
- It discerns our hearts and analyses us to bring us unto holiness.
- While we are reading the Bible, the Bible is reading us.

Many years ago, as I was crying out to the Lord to deliver me from the miserable situation my life was in, I read the following scripture.

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 KJV

I asked the Lord, “Where are these pastors? They are surely absent from my life!” God was faithful and answered my cry! He sent many to minister to me according to my heart’s desires. He answered all my questions through them, so I can now share them with you!

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 KJV

The Word of God is not the word of men. If you receive it as the word of men, it will not prosper or bring you any truth. But if you read it as the Word of God, it will set you free! Our provision is in His promise!

*Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness. ⁴ As a result of this, **he has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price**, so that through the power of these tremendous promises we can experience **partnership** with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world. 2 Peter 1:3-4 TPT*

This promise entails a partnership with Him. How amazing! The Greek word “**koinonos**” means “**to participate as a partner, to partake of, to be a companion with, to have fellowship with**” the divine nature.

That God shares His nature with us is one of the great mysteries of our faith. We are born of the Holy Spirit to be God’s true sons and daughters, and every **father imparts his DNA and his “nature” to his children**. The Greek word “**physis**” (nature) is taken from the word “**phyō**”, which means “**to give birth, produce, bring forth, or to grow up.**” Christ lives in us and transforms us into His very own likeness. In Christ, we share His divine nature. We will all bear the image of the Man from heaven, Jesus Christ! (See Romans 8:9-25; 1 Corinthians 15:12-57)

Yashuah explained to Nicodemus that we all need a born from above experience. The following statement may sound confusing. Many may have the same father, Yehôvâh Elohim, but not all of us have the same mother. Our Father is in Heaven but some of us are born of the slave woman, Hagar, representing Ishmael, the slave child. Those who are born from above, from

the New Heavenly Jerusalem, are born of the free woman, Sarah, representing the free child, Isaac. *(For more information, read the Booklet, "Isaac & Ishmael, Born from a Free- and Slave Woman". It can be downloaded from our website under Products, Booklets menu.)*

1. THE WORD GIVES FAITH

Often, we wrongly pray for more faith, but faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Paul explains it is impossible to believe in Him unless we have heard of Him.

*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and **how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?** and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?*

Romans 10:14-16 KJV

Nobody can hear of the Messiah without a preacher. Paul seems to say that the problem is not necessarily a hearing problem but a believing problem, as all do not obey the Gospel. When Paul points to the word of the prophet Isaiah, he refers to Isaiah 53:5 which speaks of our healing. Not all believe this report of Isaiah. We are in bondage because of unbelief!

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 KJV

Paul continues, speaking now of Israel.

“When you see God reach out to those you consider your inferiors—outsiders!— you’ll become insanely jealous. When you see God reach out to people you think are religiously stupid, you’ll throw temper tantrums.” Isaiah dared to speak out these words of God: “People found and welcomed me who never so much as looked for me. And I found and welcomed people who had never even asked about me. Then he capped it with a damning indictment: Day after day after day, I beckoned Israel with open arms, And got nothing for my trouble but cold shoulders and icy stares.” Romans 10:18-21 MSG

Paul points to the dull ears of Israel. With open arms, Adonai longs to receive us, yet we give Him a cold shoulder. Let us learn from Israel to read the Written Word, listen to it and receive it gladly. Only then will faith come through hearing and hearing through the Word of God.

2. THE WORD MAKES US CHILDREN

The Word of God gives us the right to become His children. How wonderful!

God was delighted to give us birth by the truth of his infallible Word so that we would fulfill his chosen destiny for us and become the favorite ones out of all his creation! James 1:18 TPT

Of all Adonai’s creations, we are the favourite ones! We receive the Spirit, the Holy Ghost, and He brings about our adoption to sonship. Then we cry out, “Abba Father! Daddy!” (Romans 8:15).

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father”. Galatians 4:6 NIV

3. THE WORD PURIFIES US

*Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: ²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

1 Peter 1:22-23 KJV

What an act of grace from our loving Father to give us a new chance to become His children. He restores everything. We are born from the flesh - from a corruptible seed, but our born-again experience gives us a new life in Christ Jesus. This time, we receive our Daddy's DNA which can only be established through an incorruptible seed – the Word of God.

**The seed of the Word of God is incorruptible and gives us new life.
The nature of the seed determines the fruit!**

4. THE WORD HELPS US GROW IN HOLINESS

The Word of God gives us spiritual nourishment and leads us into maturity.

*In the same way that nursing infants cry for milk, we must intensely crave after the pure spiritual milk of God's Word. For this "**milk**" will cause you to grow into maturity, fully nourished and strong for life [The Greek is "grow into salvation."] ³ especially now that you have had a taste of the goodness of Yahweh and have experienced his kindness. 1 Peter 2:2-3 TPT*

The nourishment in the milk of the Word is like an antibiotic for guile. This milk contains an element that eliminates guile.

Therefore, the Word is guileless, unadulterated milk.

The Living Word is the “**logos**” of God. The “**pure spiritual milk**” is the sustaining power of God’s Word, coming from His very breast to nourish and strengthen our inner being. From verse three, we can see that this “**milk**” is the Lord, dispensed to us by His Word. Our craving for this “**milk**” is not only because of necessity, but of delight. He is the Seed, the Word, the Milk, the Lord, and the Living Stone. Just as a baby is fed on milk for many months to help him grow, likewise, we drink this milk from our Father’s breasts, the Written Word of God, to grow and reach spiritual maturity.

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. ¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14 KJV

A REVELATION

ON TUESDAY, THE 18TH OF MAY 2021, A COUPLE VISITED ME. DURING OUR CONVERSATION, THEY REFERRED TO THE STAGE OUR LOCAL CHURCHES (the structural church) WERE IN. THE AFRIKAANS WORD “DOLEER” REFERS TO A STAGE OF GRIEF. THE CHURCH IS GRIEVING OVER THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THEIR SYNOD ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES, ETC. THAT EVENING, DURING OUR WEEKLY GATHERING, I FORGOT THE WORD “DOLEER” AND ACCIDENTALLY USED THE WORD “ADOLESCENCE”. A PERSON WHO TOOK PART VIA ZOOM, SENT ME A MESSAGE AFTERWARDS AS SHE RECEIVED A REVELATION ABOUT HOW APPROPRIATE THE “WRONG” WORD, “ADOLESCENCE”, WAS.

Adolescence (from Latin “*adolescere*” - 'to grow up') is a transitional stage of physical and psychological development that generally occurs during the period from puberty to legal adulthood (age of majority). Adolescence is usually associated with the teenage years, but its physical, psychological, or cultural expressions may begin earlier and end later. For example, puberty now typically begins during preadolescence, particularly in females. Physical growth (particularly in males) and cognitive development can extend into the early twenties. Thus, age provides only a rough marker of adolescence, and scholars have found it difficult to agree upon a precise definition of adolescence.

SHE WROTE:

“ADOLESCENCE MEANS THE STAGE BETWEEN CHILDHOOD AND ADULTHOOD... YOU REFERRED TO THE CHURCH BEING IN ADOLESCENCE - SO ESSENTIALLY, IT REFERS TO THE TEENAGE PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND IN PSYCHOLOGY, THE DEVELOPMENTAL TASK THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN THEN IS FINDING IDENTITY. SO, I THINK IT MAKES SENSE, AND YOU HEARD RIGHT. THE CHURCH HAS NOT REACHED MATURITY OR ADULTHOOD. ADOLESCENCE IS OFTEN ALSO A TIME OF REBELLION, WHEN ADOLESCENTS LISTEN TO THEIR **PEERS** RATHER THAN THEIR **PARENTS**. THE CHURCH ALSO LISTENS TO THEIR PEERS IN THE WORLD, RATHER THAN TO THEIR FATHER, E.G., ABOUT THEIR OPINION ON HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES IN CHURCH AND THE EXISTENCE OF HELL. IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT YOU ALSO POINTED TO THE SCRIPTURE IN EZEKIEL 2 WHICH REFERS TO REBELLIOUS PEOPLE.”

And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. ⁴ For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

⁵ And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. ⁶ **And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.** ⁷ **And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.** ⁸ But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. ⁹ And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; ¹⁰ And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel 2:3-10 KJV

SHE CONTINUED HER MESSAGE THE FOLLOWING DAY:

“THIS MORNING, I FELT HIM (ADONAI) REFER TO THE **BAR MITZVAH** AND **BAT MITZVAH** IN HEBREW CULTURE. THESE ARE BLESSINGS AT THE AGE OF 12 AND 13 WHICH ESSENTIALLY MEAN THAT A YOUNG PERSON IS AFTERWARDS COUNTED AS AN ADULT. BUT THE "CHURCH" HAS NOT HAD ITS BAT MITZVAH YET. THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR IDENTITY AND BLESSING FROM PEERS, RATHER THAN FROM PARENTS. THEY ARE "FASHION CONSCIOUS AND SEEKER SENSITIVE". IN THE WORLD, GAY MARRIAGES, ETC., ARE FASHIONABLE. THE CHURCH NEEDS TO COME TO FATHER YHVH FOR THEIR **BAT MITZVAH**, FOR THEIR BLESSING INTO ADULthood AND MATURITY AND TO FIND THEIR IDENTITY IN CHRIST.”

“I ALSO HEAR THE FOLLOWING: THEY ARE LIKE MOODY TEENAGERS... SLAMMING DOORS WHEN THEY DON'T GET THEIR WAY!!! CLAIMING TO BE SO MISUNDERSTOOD! HORMONES AND "MUISNESTE"! FATHER YHVH HAS A BEAUTIFUL SENSE OF HUMOUR! HE IS REALLY SHOWING A PICTURE I WILL UNDERSTAND.”

"IN ADOLESCENCE, TEENAGERS ARE ALSO THE 'CENTRE OF THEIR OWN UNIVERSE'. THEY ARE SELF-CENTRED AND IT'S ALL ABOUT THEM!"

I HEAR THE WORDS: "GET OVER YOURSELF AND GROW UP!"

"I AGREE WITH THE SCRIPTURE THAT SAYS, 'BY NOW YOU SHOULD BE EATING MEAT AND NOT MILK...!'"

I was writing down Hebrews 5:12-14 in the discussion about "*Growing in Holiness*" while this message was being delivered to my cell phone. When the person pointed to the scripture: "...*you should be eating meat and not milk*", I forwarded Hebrews 5 to her. At the same moment, she forwarded the same scripture to me. We experienced the work of the Holy Spirit at the same time! What revelation knowledge we both received! GLORY to Yehôvâh Elohim!

5. THE WORD BRINGS MENTAL ILLUMINATION

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8 NIV

You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 1 Thessalonians 5:5 NIV

Break open your Word within me until revelation-light shines out! Those with open hearts are given insight into your plans. Psalm 119:130 TPT

No education can bring any light. Only the Word of God brings light. Wisdom and education are not the same. I believe a great part of the trouble in the modern world is because of educated men. Coming from an academic

background, with years of research and consultation experience, I can confirm that **education** means nothing. Solomon asked the Lord for **wisdom** and drew leaders from all the nations to meet this wise man.

6. THE WORD BRINGS PHYSICAL HEALING

It is heartbreaking to see so many people perish because they do not believe the Word of God can heal our physical bodies. As previously mentioned, not all believe the report of Isaiah 53:5 that by HIS stripes we are healed. David testified of God's healing power.

*Some of us were such fools, bringing on ourselves sorrow and suffering all because of our sins.¹⁸ Sick and feeble, unable to stand the sight of food, **we drew near to the gates of death.**¹⁹ Then we cried out, "Lord, help us! Rescue us!" And he did!²⁰ God spoke the words "**Be healed,**" and **we were healed, delivered from death's door!**²¹ So lift your hands and give thanks to God for his marvelous kindness and for his miracles of mercy for those he loves!*
Psalm 107:17-21 TPT

Many scriptures promise healing. It includes physical healing and even healing of the soul and spirit! **Are you willing to believe the truth?** In the wilderness, Adonai introduced Himself for the very first time as the Healer, Yehôvâh Rapha, to His people, Israel.

I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee. Exodus 15:26b KJV

According to the Strong's Dictionary, the word "**healeth**" comes from the Hebrew word "**râphâh**", meaning to thoroughly make whole and heal, as in healing received from a physician.

H7495 (Strong's)

râphâ'

A primitive root; properly to *mend* (by stitching), that is, (figuratively) to *cure*:

- cure, (cause to) heal, physician, repair, X thoroughly, make whole.

Some of God's healing promises:

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Peter 2:24 KJV

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Psalm 107:20 KJV

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; ⁴ Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Psalm 103:3-4 KJV

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2 KJV

But let all my true friends shout for joy, all those who know and love what I do for you. Let them all say, "The Lord is great, and he delights in the prosperity of his servant." Psalm 35:27 TPT

In my search for emotional healing and deliverance, the Word of God came to me through this scripture in Malachi.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Malachi 4:2 KJV

When I cried out for "righteousness" and begged to be delivered from the unrighteous deeds against me, the sun arose, and Yehôvâh Rapha brought

healing in His wings! Joy broke through as calves released from their stall, running into the pasture joyfully with their tails held high!

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:14-15 KJV

One aspect of the Doctrine of Christ is the “laying on of hands” for the sick to receive healing. Derek Prince testified that during a long sickness, he took the Written Word of God like medicine each day and his healing broke through. He experienced firsthand the words of Malachi.

But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall. Malachi 4:2 ASV

*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²² For they are life unto those that find them, and **health to all their flesh.** Proverbs 4:20-22 KJV*

**Let it deeply penetrate the innermost being of your soul
that we are redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb
and cleansed by the washing of the Word of God!**

The Word of God brings victory over satan. It provides cleansing to the believer and is indeed a spiritual mirror to see where we still need to wipe off the dirt.

Let us not neglect the Bible, as it is the key to heaven!

Glory to Yehôvâh Elohim who is our Personal Foundation. Let us now move forward unto perfection as we study the Doctrinal Foundation of Christ in Parts 2 and 3 (*also available on the website*).

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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

One of the most under-estimated parables in the Bible is that of the Good Samaritan. Jesus told this parable after a certain lawyer wanted to know what to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus confirmed he had to love his neighbour as himself. He acted typically of the human race by reasoning from the human mind and justifying himself. He asked, "But who is my neighbour?"

*And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and **fell among thieves**, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, **leaving him half dead**.³¹ And by chance there came down **a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side**.³² And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he **had compassion on him**,³⁴ And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, **and took care of him**.³⁵ And on the morrow when he departed, he took out **two pence** {Strong's G1220 dēnaron (day-nar'-ee-on) Of Latin origin; a denarius (or ten asses): - pence, penny [-worth]}, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.³⁶ Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?³⁷ And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise**. Luke 10:30-37 KJV*

The primary level explanation (surface meaning) of this parable, as referring to the 8th Love Commandment, is “Thou shalt not steal, but thou shalt give.” The expression of true love is taking care of one another, whatever it takes. The Priest and the Levite were supposed to be God’s servants looking after the lost sheep. In the parable, however, and too often in life as well, they were too busy living their own lives and taking care of their own businesses to pay attention to the needs of another. The disciples had previously asked Yashuah this question:

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

Matthew 22:36 NIV

Jesus replied:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it; “Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

We also find a deeper, secondary level meaning to this scripture.

- “A certain man” represents Adam and all mankind following Adam.
- “The thieves” represent satan and his demons.
- “The Samaritan” represents Yashuah.

The Thief

In John 10, we find evidence of the thief’s intentions.

The thief (satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

John 10:10 NKJV

This is what satan did in the Garden of Eden when he tricked Adam and Eve into believing they would not die. In the parable, the Lord referred to this event because the “certain man” was “half dead”. All of us are born “half dead”. We are born with a sinful nature and all mortal bodies will die. John recorded the second death in the Book of Revelation (which, per se, means we are all half dead).

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Revelation 21:8 NKJV

We are all half dead. When the “dead half” of us does not come to repentance and accept the Messiah as Saviour, we will die a second death. Only those who are born again, who came out of the water, who were born from above - not from a corruptible seed but from an incorruptible seed - will be victorious when they put on immortal bodies. In the twinkling of an eye, the dead in Christ will rise first, and those who remain and are alive will be caught up together and meet Him in the air! Hallelujah! Praise Adonai!

When the Good Samaritan, Yashuah, walked by, He had compassion for the man. Compassion is an attribute of Yashuah revealed in the Bible.

*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with **compassion** on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36 KJV*

*And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with **compassion** toward them, and he healed their sick. Matthew 14:14 KJV*

*So Jesus had **compassion** on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him. Matthew 20:34 KJV*

How about you? Do you have compassion for lost sheep? Or do you just pass them by? Only after the Lord had called me for a healing ministry, did the Holy Spirit transform me and incorporate into me compassion for the brokenhearted, the oppressed and the sick. Godly anger breaks from my innermost being when I see how satan kills, destroys, and steals from people's lives.

God called us to lay down this foundation, so you, too, will have compassion for the brokenhearted and heal them. We all need to grow into spiritual maturity and be ready for any assignment our Shepherd will give us to fulfil.

Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you. 2 Timothy 3:17 TPT

The Samaritan

The Samaritan, Yashuah, took care of the wounded person, as He continually did during His ministry. He went about doing good, healing the sick, raising the dead, and cleansing the lepers. He sent no one away. In contrast with the thief (satan), He is the One who brings abundant life!

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:11 KJV

Luke recorded that Jesus entered the synagogue in His hometown, Nazareth, and started His ministry by reading from Isaiah 61.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. Luke 4:18 KJV

Compare Luke 4:18 with Isaiah 61:1-2. Yashuah did not read the last part of verse 2 in Isaiah. Why not? Because He has not yet come for vengeance (wrath). It only comes later for those who did not accept their Saviour.

Yashuah came to take care of us. He died so we could have eternal life. As we were “half dead”, the crucifixion of the Messiah took care of everything, and He brought us back to life. He came not to be served, but to serve!

That's the way it is with the Son of Man. He did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many people. Matthew 20:28 ISV

Two Pence / Denarius

“**Two pence**” are “**dēnariion**” in Greek, which was a two-day wage.

*And on the morrow when he departed, he took out **two pence** {Strong G1220 dēnariion (day-nar'-ee-on) Of Latin origin; a denarius (or ten asses): - pence, penny [-worth]}, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, **Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.** ³⁶ Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? ³⁷ And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise.** Luke 10:35-37 KJV*

Yashuah, represented by the Samaritan, paid two denarii. He now asks us to take care of the wounded and brokenhearted. He promises that whatever more expenses we have while taking care of others, He will one day repay.

Jesus showed mercy to the oppressed and the sinners of this world. NOW, we should go and do LIKEWISE!

Judgment

We will have a complete discussion regarding eternal judgment in Part 3, but it is worth mentioning here. When the Samaritan returns, the nations will be judged. He will gather from the four corners of the earth the sheep and the goats. The sheep will stand on His right hand and the goats on His left. Goats represent the unrighteous - those who did not take care of the wounded and brokenhearted. Hear Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew.

Then to those on his left the King will say, 'Leave me! For you are under the curse of eternal fire that has been destined for the devil and all his demons.'⁴² ***For when you saw me hungry, you gave me no food, and when you saw me thirsty, you gave me no drink.'***⁴³ ***I had no place to stay, and you refused to take me in as your guest. When you saw me poorly clothed, you closed your hearts and did not clothe me. When you saw that I was sick, you didn't lift a finger to help me, and when I was imprisoned, you never came to visit me.'***⁴⁴ ***And then those on his left will say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty and not give you food and something to drink? When did we see you homeless, or poorly clothed? When did we see you sick and not help you, or in prison and not visit you?'***⁴⁵ ***Then he will answer them, 'Don't you know? When you refused to help one of the least important among these my little ones, my true brothers and sisters, you refused to help and honor me.'***⁴⁶ ***And they will depart from his presence into eternal punishment. But the godly and beloved 'sheep' will enter into eternal bliss.***
Matthew 25:41-46 TPT

A FUTURE EVENT

The missing link in this parable is why specifically two Denarii and not any other amount. Matthew tells the parable of the labourers in the vineyards. In this text, we can see that one penny (*one denarius*) is a day's wage.

And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:2 KJV

Is it possible that the Lord is suggesting He will return in “two days”? That could mean that the Messiah will be back **within 2 000 years after His death and resurrection.**

This confirms our timeline, as discussed in a previous teaching, namely that the first 2 000 years from Adam to Abraham was seed time, from Abraham to Yashuah's resurrection was seedling time and the last 2 000 years is harvesting time. The remaining 1 000 years of creation are reserved for our Sabbath Rest which is our Dominion Rest in the Millennium Reign!

Glory to God!

OUR REWARD

The Spirit of the Lord dropped Psalm 137 into my innermost being during the night of 9th May 2021. I asked the Lord what it was all about. The Holy Spirit enlightened my understanding!

The Song of Our Captivity

*Along the banks of Babylon's rivers
we sat as **exiles, mourning our captivity,**
and wept with great love for Zion.*

² *Our music and mirth were no longer heard, only sadness.*

We hung up our harps on the willow trees.

³ ***Our captors tormented us***, saying, “*Make music for us and sing one of your happy Zion-songs!*”

⁴ ***But how could we sing the song of the Lord in this foreign wilderness?***

⁵ *May my hands never make music again if I ever forget you, O Jerusalem.*

⁶ *May I never be able to sing again if I fail to honor Jerusalem supremely!*

⁷ *And Lord, may you never forget what the sons of Edom did to us, saying, “Let’s raze the city of Jerusalem and burn it to the ground!”*

⁸ ***Listen, O Babylon, you evil destroyer!***
The one who destroys you will be rewarded above all others.
You will be repaid for what you’ve done to us.

⁹ *Great honor will come to those who destroy you and your future, by smashing your infants against the rubble of your own destruction.*

Psalm 137:1-9 TPT

I clearly saw the message that the Lord wanted me to grasp.

“Oh, how My people mourn in their captivity. They go into exile because of a lack of knowledge. They do not know Me, for they have a lack of understanding. They *have no knowledge of Me*. They went into captivity by the snares of the devil” (Isaiah 5:13).

They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they (the demons) rejoice and are glad.
Habakkuk 1:15 KJV

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. ²⁶ And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. 2 Timothy 2:25-26 KJV

“When I return to take you where I am, I will repay you for delivering My people out of their bondage, so you will be with me forever.” The Lord of Hosts - Adonai Tzva'ot.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into the image and likeness of Yashuah HaMashiach, our hearts will be opened to have compassion for those in captivity.

*At each and every sunrise I will awake to do what's right and put to silence those who love wickedness, **freeing God's people from their evil grip.** I will do all of this because of my great love for you!* Psalm 101:8 TPT



MY NEW SONG OF VICTORY

On the 1 Day of the Month Nissan in the

Year 5777 (28 March 2017)

**God Almighty's promise came through to
me -in August 2011**

I Prayed to my Lord:

I love GOD because He listened to me,
listened as I begged for mercy.

He listened so intently
as I laid out my case before him.

Death stared me in the face,
hell was hard on my heels.

Up against it, I didn't know which way to
turn; then I called out to GOD for help:

"Please, GOD!" I cried out.

"Save my life!"

GOD is gracious—it is He who makes things
right, our most compassionate God.

GOD takes the side of the helpless;
when I was at the end of my hope,
He saved me.

The Lord Answered Me!

But before any of this happened,
they'll arrest you!

Hunt you down, and drag you to court and
jail. It will go from bad to worse -

dog-eat-dog and everyone at your throat

because you carry My Name, said the Lord.
You'll end up on the witness stand, called to
testify. But make up your mind not to worry
about it. I will give you the words and wisdom
that will reduce all your accusers to stammer
and stutter.

(Luke 21:12 MSG)

When all these things start to happen,
up on your feet!

Stand tall with your head high

Help is on the way!

Your redemption, your deliverance
is drawing near

(Luke 21:27 MSG - AMP)"

I stood before the Cross

On my knees

Enfolded in my "black" Talith

Holding my Rod

Praying for my "deliverance".

On this day - the First Day of Nissan - 5777

My Lord's promise came through

And His mighty right hand moved.

And the Lord brought me out of Egypt,

My sinful life.
All the prison doors opened
and all the chains broke loose
and I came out of captivity and bondage!

"But for you who fear My name,
the Sun of Righteousness will rise
with healing in His wings.
And you will go free, leaping with joy
like a calf let out to pasture."

And I sing a song to My Lord
My Deliverer.
He is my Fortress
He is my Light House
He is my Tower of Refuge
He is my Stronghold
He is my rock
In Him I trust
The Horn of my Salvation and my High
Tower!

**I sing a song - a new song - The Lord is my
Stronghold!**

I stood at the Red Sea
God commanded me to split the sea
So I took my rod
Commanded the water to split
and walked through my water baptism,

Died with Christ, Raised with Christ - Seated
with Christ
**And I sing a new song with thanksgiving -
Towdah to my Lord!**

But all my enemies followed me
Saying we will pursue –
We will overtake you!

I looked back
The Lord winked His eye
and I knew! Softly I touched the waters with
mine rod. Through the mighty love, power,
grace and mercy
the waters closed on my enemies
And they drowned!

**And I sing a new song - His courts with
Praise – Tehilah!**

God, My Rock
Poured out His living water onto me
in the wilderness
His divine provision of manna
Strengthens me - day by day

**And I sing a new song to Bless His Name –
Barak!**

My Lord then called unto me!
Come out of the wilderness!
I stood at Mount Kadish Barnea

Facing my Giants on the other side of the
Jordan River.

I picked five stones - My Rocks
And defeated mine enemies
In the mighty name of Christ Jesus
And the Lord Baptised me
with the Holy Spirit
Now the Holy Spirit lives within me!
And reigns and rules with power and
authority given to Me!

**And I sing a song - a new song with Power
and Might!**

God Commanded me
Make time!
Go to a place of rest and restoration!
My promised land!
My dominion rest!
Come up to the new Jerusalem - Zion!
Where inner (emotional and spiritual)
healing can take place through the ministry of
the Holy Spirit
Where I, the Lord, promise to bring you to a
place of protection and safety -
The new Jerusalem or Salvation

And I will give you holiness and purity, praise
and worship, glory, victory and happiness
I will give thy protection and oversight
This is My promise says the Lord and
You will then obey my commandments

Warring through my enemies,
God Almighty destroyed all of them
And I entered my promised land
I entered into the Lord's Rest and
Ceased from all mine works!

**And I sing a new song - The Lord shall reign
forever and ever**

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled
with fire: and them that had gotten
the victory over the beast,
and over his image, and over his mark,
and over the number of his name,
stand on the sea of glass,
having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses,
the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,
saying, Great and marvellous are thy works,
Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy
ways, thou King of saints.

**And I sing a song - a new song with
Freedom - Yes, I am Free!**

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Laying down the Foundation

The Apostle Paul writes that he has much to say, although it is difficult to explain, because we have become too dull and sluggish to understand. For by now we should already have been "professors instructing" others. We are supposed to be rabbi's ourselves, but instead, we need to be taught the basics of God's prophetic oracles! We are like children still needing milk and not yet ready to digest solid food (Hebrews 5:11-14).

On the 13th of April 2021, a word of God came to me.

"My servant, I will make you My signet ring; for I have chosen you (Haggai 2:23) to lay the foundation of this house; your hands shall also complete it" (Zechariah 4:6-7). The message was clear! We have to lay down the foundation to restore His temple. The next chapter of Hebrews continues that the foundation to be laid down, is the Doctrine of Christ and it consists of the following:

¹ Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ² Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this will we do, if God permit (Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV).

Any foundation must first be inspected and approved, before the structure of the building can be erected. If the Building Inspector is satisfied, he approves of it using a stamp of authority. Similarly, Adonai first needs to **permit** (approve) the restoration of the foundation by using this signet ring as His stamp of approval!

Paul gave Timothy the reason we need a solid foundation:

Then you will be God's servant-fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment. 2 Timothy 3:17 TPT

We have confidence that this "**temple**" will stand and last when the storm comes, because of Jesus' promise that "He who comes to me and hears my words and do it (acts on them) is like a person building a house, who dug a deep hole to lay the foundation on rock. When the storm comes, and pushed against that house but couldn't shake it, because it had been founded on the rock" (Luke 6:46-48).

The opposite is therefore also true. He who does not **HEAR** and does not **DO** and does not **dig deep**, when the storm comes, his house will surely collapse.



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