



KORACH - TO REMOVE ONE'S COVERING

Numbers 16:1 to 18:32
1 Samuel 11:14 to 12:22
2 Timothy 2:8-4:5
2 John 1-13

How well the offerings are understood and practiced in the heart of God's/*Elohim* people is revealed by the fruit of their walk. Obedience to His pattern is always a choice and will make the difference between those who walk in a sanctified life and those who have yet to enter. A personal relationship with the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is essential to a believer's walk, as that is their goal.

The Book of Numbers/*Bamidbar* presents us with a series of grumblings and complaints. The last study, *Shelach*, revealed dissension threatening the camp. In *Korach*, we see an escalation stemming from those events. Discontentment is a symptom of *the spirit of presumption* that is rooted in *the spirit of covetousness*. If one has an idol in their heart (*lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life*), then *greed* is never satisfied. Thus, murmurings and disgruntlement were heard throughout the camp. A malcontent person *perceives* a lack, *twists* the truth, and *disputes* everyone and anything, especially those in authority and leadership, for *their* lack of discontentment, never willing to take responsibility or repent for *their* own actions.

Sibling Rivalry

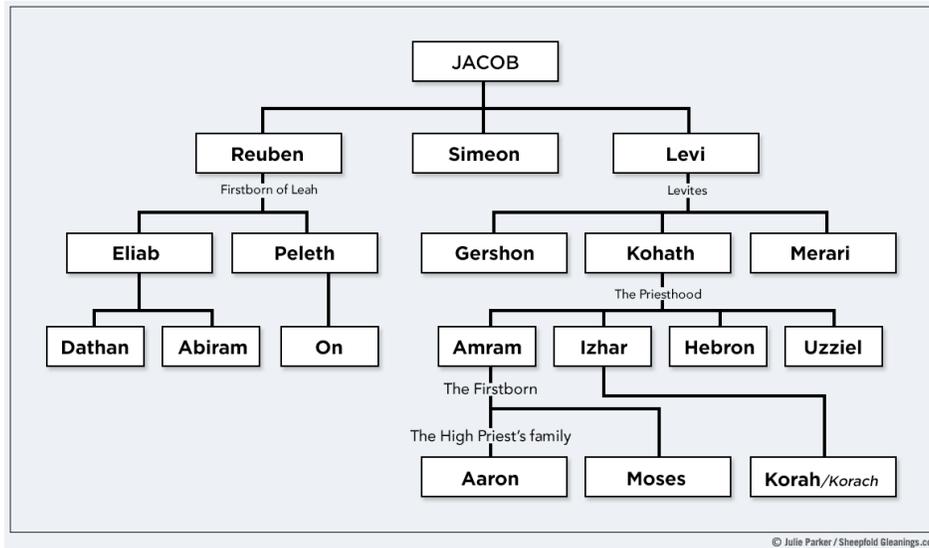
Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On
Numbers 16:1-35

🔥 **Numbers 16:1** “Now Korah/*Korach* the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi.”

Of all the sons of Jacob, Levi was appointed by God/*Elohim* to serve the Israelites and care for the Tabernacle. Levi had three sons, *Gershon, Kohath, and Merari*. Of the three, *Kohath* was assigned the priest's role. While *Gershon and Merari* were appointed their positions, they were also to assist Kohath in the outer courtyard duties of the Tabernacle. Kohath had four sons, *Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel*. His firstborn *Amram* inherited his father's position and acted as high priest after him. Amram was the father of Moses

and Aaron. Kohath's second son *Izhar* named his firstborn *Korah/Korach*. Korah was a priest. However, as his father *Izhar* was second born, *Korah was never entitled to inherit* the high priest position.

Genealogy Chart



The Sin of Presumption

🌿 **Numbers 16:1** “Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men*; and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown.”

🌿 **Numbers 16:2-3** “And they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD/Yahweh is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD/Yahweh?’”

Korah was not content playing second fiddle to his cousin Moses. Therefore, forged a devious plan out of resentment, to take the leadership from Moses. Then the high priest's position would also be his, and he could govern Israel as he pleased. Korah's sin was presumption led by a spirit of covetousness.

Presume/presumption: To suppose that something is the case by probability before any proof. To take for granted that something exists or is the case. To be arrogant or impertinent enough to do (say) something. To make unjustified demands; take liberties. To unjustifiably regard (something) as entitling one to (superior) privileges. Behavior perceived as arrogant, disrespectful, conceited,

insolent and transgressing the limits of what is permitted or appropriate. Assumes a position that is not rightfully his/hers. Takes for granted or makes up fictitious accounts to appear appropriate. To undertake without permission. Presume to speak for another.

The spirit of presumption is self-opinionated, audacious, vain, overbearing, overconfident, center of attention, crewed, brash, conceited, pompous, pretentious, prideful, self-important, insecure, self-centered, disrespectful, rude, flippant, false humility, airs, persuasive, suspicious, controlling, manipulative, non-repentant, arrogant, self-worshipping, superior, egoistical and aloof.

The same presumptuous spirit appeared within Reuben's family. Although Reuben was Jacob's firstborn son through Leah, sin cost him that position. If left unchecked, sin travels to the third and fourth generation, and sadly Reuben's grandsons Dathan, Abiram, and On all went into rebellion alongside Korah, as they too lusted after power.

Korah, being from the priestly side of the Levite tribe, was very influential in the camp, for what he spoke seemed right in the people's eyes. His aim was to have absolute power and control over the people. Korah's seducing ways made him seem charismatic, which encouraged all like-minded. As a result, two hundred and fifty leaders followed suit, which added influence. However, Korah's character was laced with pride, jealousy, envy, mockery, and deceit that empower him to craft shrewd untruths and plant seeds of doubt about Moses and Aaron's leadership among the people. Through defamation of character, he contested for their roles. As *firstborn* in their immediate families, the men of Reuben also believed they had the democratic right to demand their birthrights. By joining forces with Korah, the power to topple the existing leadership was within their grasp. The camp soon fell into discord with Moses and Aaron facing a total mutiny. Death ensued devouring all who participated with Korah's treasonous lies.

Besides Korah's hunger for power, what induced *a whole congregation* to side with him? When Korah perverted the truth, his words appealed to the masses, and that insidious spirit contaminated the camp. What words could do such damage?

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Everyone Is Holy!

“*You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them.*” Where have we heard these words before? In Bamidbar, the first lesson in the Book of Numbers, I mentioned searching for *sanctification and holiness*. Among the many Christian circles, we found they all believed the same - that if they were saved, *then holiness was a given. It was assumed*. However, the fruit in many told a different story. Most had not heard of sanctification or the need for it, as they

believed “*all the congregation was holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them.*” (For Bamidbar see www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

Korah’s classic beguiling of the people, *those who had not sanctified themselves*, all fell prey to his crafty words. Even the leaders, men of renown, *the very elect*, were led astray.

🌿 **Matthew 24:24** “For false christs/*messiahs* and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

🌿 **Isaiah 45:4-5** “For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh*, and *there is* no other; *there is* no God/*Elohim* besides Me. I will gift you, though you have not known Me,”

In the story of Korah, he masterminded a lie that gave everyone an *expectation of equality*. Therefore, if “*everyone is holy*,” as Korah made out, why not be more democratic and share in the leadership role? Sounds reasonable and is totally acceptable in many fellowships, especially in Christian circles today. However, was that God’s/*Elohim* intention? Is it His truth? It is true that we are all holy. However, one must learn to *appropriate holiness through sanctification. Without sanctification, one cannot walk in holiness or stand in that appointed place.* In several parables, Yeshua teaches us His protocol for sanctification through the wedding garment. His parables state that the believer (the bride) must prepare her gown *free of spot and wrinkle*. Because believers lack understanding about sanctification, they think this story is about one who is not saved and see no need for themselves to act on His sanctification instructions. Therefore, detach from the *work* of sanctification.

However, God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom operates on order/obedience. God’s/*Elohim* whole universe is set in this protocol. All creation honors their appointed positions and seasons. His people are also in a set protocol. Some are appointed as priests. Some are gifted to assist others, and some as teachers, etc.

🌿 **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** “There are **diversities of gifts**, but the same Spirit. There are **differences of ministries**, but the same Lord. And there are **diversities of activities**, but it is the same God/*Elohim* who works all in all.”

In God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom, there are various ministries, gifts, and activities for different reasons and purposes concerning His Kingdom. Often people focus on “*what is my gifting?*” Many write asking for prayer to help determine *their gifting* not realizing that *the gifting is a byproduct or the result* of their walk. Gifting is the fruit produced when we pursue God’s/*Elohim* order of holiness through sanctification. Otherwise, without holiness, *gifting* is superfluous (1 Corinthians 12:1-15:2).

What then is God’s/*Elohim* holiness? In His creation, oceans *obey* their purpose thus; work in agreement with the pull of the moon’s gravity as to when to rise and when to retreat or lower its boundary. What would happen if the ocean refused to cooperate with

the moon? The tides and currents would end, weather patterns would cease, and the ocean would soon die, as would everything that derives its life from the weather and the sea. If that were the case, there would be no need for sun, clouds or weather for that matter. Thus, the human race would end. God/*Elohim* put an order in His universe. To *honor and obey* His Word (boundaries, protocols, will, order, and commandments) is called *holiness*. Without obedience (specifically a walk of sanctification leading to redemption), life would be filled with endless disorder, chaos, darkness, and death.

All of creation has a purpose and a position that is *theirs*. Creation does not cross its designated boundaries. The planets stay in their appointed orbits. The animals, fish, birds, and insects keep true to their breed, as do the plants, trees, and herbs. You can identify a species and recognize their features from afar as they do not change. Therefore, all creation is in agreement with God's/*Elohim* word. However, in all God's/*Elohim* creation, man is the one who challenges His universal protocol. By removing His boundary marker for mankind, *holiness is also removed*. As an example, if God's/*Elohim* gender barrier is removed, then man can choose to be a woman or both if he so desires. And if two of the same gender wants a child, they just order one. With holiness and moral protocol out of the way, a designer gender life is acceptable in a society that does not honor God/*Elohim*. Today, a whole generation or community who have not known God's/*Elohim* *holy matrimonial laws* is drawn into agreement, against holiness, and His universal order.

Holiness is not a given, it is a privilege - the goal of every believer.

It may surprise many, but the Prophets of old, John the Baptist and Yeshua's disciples, including Paul, spent the majority of their time preaching repentance and sanctification not to "Gentiles," but *believers*. You do not see them telling Gentiles to *repent if they had not heard the Scriptures before*. The New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* records story after story of those who called themselves *believers* but lacked understanding and obedience to its application in their lives. Therefore, Yeshua sent His disciples to the "lost *sheep*" so they might *hear* and *repent* of *their* ways that they (*believers*), ***might be saved***. We also see others joining themselves to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob from the Nations. Thus, when Paul taught in the Nations, he not only went to the synagogues and also to pagan temples. Many were filled with compromised believers living as non-believers. Paul shared the truth so they could understand the foundation of sanctification and holiness (the full Gospel) to bring about repentance. As we see from Paul's writings, God/*Elohim* gives men and women a choice - to follow Him or not. That is why some believed (obeyed), and others did not. Therefore, the bulk of the redeemed in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* were the backslidden.

🌿 **Amos 9:11** "On that day I will raise up The Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old"

🌿 **Jeremiah 31:31-34** "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD/*Yahweh*, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -

not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD/*Yahweh*. But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD/*Yahweh*: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God/*Elohim*, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD / *Yahweh*,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD/*Yahweh*. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

✠ **1 Peter 2:7-10** “Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.’ They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God/*Elohim*, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

Those Who Practice “Love” Without Holiness

Korah’s rebellion was about nullifying and erasing God’s/*Elohim* Holy order. In other words, Korah wanted to rewrite the text to appeal to the masses and gain their control. Thus, he attempted to level the playing field by removing *sanctification leading to holiness*. To remove holiness is witchcraft. Witchcraft has several names. New Age with its many offshoot subcultures is one of them - a belief in total peace through tolerance to everything and anything for the betterment of the universe. All is good, all is righteous, all is acceptable, all is love, and all are embraced in this idol-istic approach. Our young prime minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, calls it the *We Generation* and everyone is mesmerized by it. Canada recently de-gendered its national anthem from “thy sons” to “of us” to reflect a more socially acceptable gender-neutral theme, all in the name of love. However, love without holiness is idolatry, witchcraft masquerading as love. God’s/*Elohim* moral love is the opposite. To remove sanctification removes holiness and the boundaries of His universal order, which are all, built on holiness. God’s/*Elohim* love is the very essence of holiness. If people believe in the God/*Elohim* Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob then they will desire to adhere to the laws of Moses and the Prophets, as Yeshua and Moses spoke the same language (commandments) (John 5:46-47; Revelation 15:3).

All who agreed with Korah’s heresy in his day ingested his same spirit – “*all are holy!*” Sadly, Korah’s religious spirit is still heard in the land. All who listen are still enticed by it today, as Jude points out in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*.

✠ **Jude 1:11-13** “Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain [*who sold his birthright/identity*], have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah [*those who practice love without holiness*].

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear [*no holiness*], serving only them selves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”

The Book of Jude (placed before the Book of Revelation) acts as a prelude to prepare God's/*Elohim* people to receive *the Revelation of Messiah*. Without the understanding of sanctification from Moses and the Prophets, it is nearly impossible to understand the Book of Revelation, as its foundation is built on *holiness*. We note this at the very start of Revelation as letters were sent to the “seven churches” admonishing “believers” to *repent* for their lack of holiness, all before the book begins. Therefore, holiness is everything. Believers are called to understand sanctification, as only the *sanctified* gain access to the *Holy Sanctuary*.

When Korah voiced his blasphemous words “*all are holy*,” tragedy resulted that was catastrophic. Not only were Korah and Ruben’s families consumed *live* into the earth by God's/*Elohim* judgment, *but witnessing that event was not enough to even turn the congregation*. It was as if Korah’s words still propelled them, as the very next day they continued in this mutiny, even though their leaders were now dead. The creative force of destruction behind Korah’s seemingly simple words blinded the people from “*seeing*” the truth. How was this possible that those who witnessed this horrific event still could not *see*?

🦁 **Luke 16:27-31** “Then he [*the rich man*] said [*to Abraham*], ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not **hear** Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

🦁 **Matthew 9:12** When Jesus/*Yeshua* heard *that*, He said to them, “Those who are well [*believers who walk in faith – obedience to the Torah/Gospel*] have no need of a physician, but those who are sick [*believers who vowed to keep the Torah/Gospel, but did not and now are ‘sick’*]. But go and learn what *this* means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners [*those who know My word but have not honored it in their walk*], to repentance.”

God's/*Elohim* Response Numbers 16:17-40

In response to Korah’s rebellion, God/*Elohim* had Korah and the men with him meet at the entrance to the Tabernacle, and there burn incense before Him. Incense represents our attitude and character. Believers are made in God's/*Elohim* image. Thus the only incense

we are to serve Him is *the fruit of His character* love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22).

The incense Korah and those with him had two problems. Firstly, it was not made in God's/*Elohim* image. It was a counterfeit truth revealing hearts full of idolatry. Secondly, the burning of incense is a holy act reserved only for the sanctified and those appointed to that protocol. The fact that leaders from the tribes came forward revealed their haughty attitudes. No tribe was allowed to approach or handle the holy vessels. This act of rebellion disregarding the principles of holiness rendered the men unclean. Thus, they brought about their own deaths. That level of presumption, arrogance, and rebellion towards God/*Elohim* showed a total disregard for His Kingship. Apparently, they had not remembered Aaron's first two sons Nadab and Abihu, who previously offered strange fire (idolatry) in God's/*Elohim* presence and died. As a result, Korah and the main leaders with him, along with their families, were all swallowed alive into the earth while fire consumed the two hundred and fifty men holding the burning censers (Leviticus 10:1; Galatians 5:22-23).

The Fire of God/*Elohim*

God's/*Elohim* people must have the fire of God/*Elohim*, His *Holy Spirit*, burning within them or they too will be consumed if they approach the Holy of Holies.

- ✠ **Matthew 3:11** "For everyone will be seasoned with fire"
- ✠ **Mark 9:49** "...every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- ✠ **Acts 2:3** "Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them."
- ✠ **1 Corinthians 3:13-15** "Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."
- ✠ **Hebrews 1:7** "And of the angels He says: 'Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.'"
- ✠ **Hebrews 12:29** "For our God/*Elohim* is a consuming fire."
- ✠ **1 Peter 1:7** "That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*."

As part of God's/*Elohim* furnishings, the bronze censers are holy. After Korah's judgment, they were retrieved from the smoldering remains then hammered into mirrors/plates and bound to the brazen altar as a reminder of the fatal consequence of rebellion against holiness. Today, people bringing their offerings to the altar (*Yeshua*) know the history of the bronze censers. As they approach the altar, they can see the reflection of their hearts and know that it is the altar (*Yeshua*) that cleanses their soul.

🌿 **1 Peter 2:5** “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God/*Elohim* through Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*.”

Grumbling Numbers 16:41-50

Seeing the massive supernatural judgment upon these *leaders* was not enough to change the stubborn anarchy lying deep within the hearts of the people, *for the very next day* the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron slandering them again with, “YOU have killed God’s/*Elohim* people.” Moses knew the people had stirred God’s/*Elohim* wrath when he saw God’s/*Elohim* Glory appear and a plague begin to spread among the people. Fearful of the consequences, Moses instructed Aaron, the high priest, to run with incense into the midst of the congregation to atone for the people’s uprising. When Aaron (consecrated) stood between the living and the dead, the plague stopped, but not before fourteen thousand seven hundred people died.

The Budding of Aaron’s Staff Numbers 17:1-13

To put an end to the derisiveness over the priesthood and leadership, and to cleanse the camp of Korah’s rebellious nature, God/*Elohim* instructed Moses to have the people appoint a leader from each tribe, inscribe their tribal name on separate rods and leave them overnight in the Tabernacle. The next morning Aaron’s rod was the only branch found sprouting, full of buds, blossoming, and producing ripe almonds. That process in a standard almond tree would have taken several months. Supernaturally, by the hand of God/*Elohim*, only Aaron’s rod showed life that brought forth fruit overnight! There could be no further doubting by Israel, who God/*Elohim* had appointed as their leader.

Korah’s Rebellion

The Jezebel Spirit

We saw in the Bible how Korah’s spirit unearths idolatry. Korah’s spirit is also witnessed in another Bible character, Jezebel. We note that Korah’s rebellious nature and Jezebel’s are one in the same spirit. Both are rooted in covetousness. A Jezebel spirit lusts after power but has no authority of its own therefore must usurp authority to get it. When things do not go Jezebel’s way, she purposes to steal, kill, destroy, and annihilate to achieve her goal. Today this Jezebel spirit is alive and active as it is rooted in Korah’s rebellion (1 Kings 13:31 – 2 Kings 9).

🌿 **Revelation 2:20-23** “Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great

tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.”

Your life, including your marriage, your family, your friends, your business, and ministry - regardless of your position, age or gender are all open territories in the eyes of a Jezebel. Yeshua warns believers not to tolerate, try to please, appease or even ignore a Jezebel in their midst or it will be suicidal for their lives and those around them. A Jezebel spirit can operate in a male or female and lay dormant for years. Unresolved issues of the heart (bitterness) awaken a spirit of Jezebel that will open the doors to chaos and destruction in those who tolerate a Jezebel spirit in their midst.

A spirit of Jezebel works with those who are the *gatekeepers* to gain access, using the weaker people as pawns to advance its access. It indulges in secret sins and operates in whoredom utilizing flattery to gain influence and prestige. In its lust for power, a Jezebel spirit will employ subtle lies to control, manipulate or infer guilt (physical or spiritual) to accomplishing its goal.

A Jezebel is not faithful in relationships. This spirit has no true allegiances. It is not looking for friendship; only control. It is the enemy's pawn sent to cause contention, dissension, confusion, and deception among God's/*Elohim* people. The Jezebel will set one person/friend against another by crafting murmurings and gossips mixed with truth to achieve control. A Jezebel is a traitor (Proverbs 6:24-26; 23:27-28; Mark 3:27; 3 John 9).

As a worldly spirit, the Jezebel is street wise and carnal in nature, not afraid to use sensual innuendoes to create soul ties: physical, emotional, and spiritual. The Jezebel is continually on the prowl and always on the go, which makes them seem charismatic. Its self-energy acts like a magnet when entering a room, as they like being the center of attention. They may up and move on a whim to different communities, towns or congregations from one end of the country to the other to satisfy its insidious driving spirit.

Jezebels cling to bitterness through past hurts, wounds, rejection, abuse, abandonment, insecurities or rebellion. Since bitterness is often a reaction to a perceived or imagined injustice, that spirit will provoke the person to react against all authority whether just or unjust. In their home, they have no family life or stability. Often it is their pride that is wounded especially when they feel overlooked for recognition and honor. They are jealous for those more gifted than themselves or those who receive recognition and acceptance above them. They allow self-pity to set in, carefully disguised as false humility. That façade comes from deeply rooted bitterness. These same issues thrust Lucifer out of the Garden when he wanted the honor given Yeshua (Isaiah 14:12).

As a very manipulative and deceptive spirit, the Jezebel targets leadership and plants subtle doubt through Ahab partners to remove certain people so as to promote their own agenda. The Jezebel's goal is to gain the confidence of the leader and to discredit or de-throne anyone standing in their way, even if it is the pastor's wife. To the unsuspecting, it

will seem incredible that this *fine person* could have anything but the highest of motives, but he or she does. A Jezebel moves in the spiritual realm thus sounds very religious and appears to be the most spiritual person you have ever known. By slanting the truth, they share seemingly significant spiritual insights into situations. They may resort to false dreams or visions to further forge their report. These acumens are shared with the sheep but not with the pastor or the person they are targeting. Those whose ears are easily tickled by a *strange voice* will always be found listening and fosters an undercurrent that will lead many astray (John 10:5).

In their hunger for attention, the Jezebel seeks to minister or lay hands on those in need. That is a further coup meant for recognition and power, as their touch is a curse. They love to gather the body around divining mixed half-truths in an effort to control. True prophets avoid people as it exhausts them. If a Jezebel suspects they are under observation, they become a master of disguises with all fingers pointing toward the person they are targeting, which is most often a leader. Jezebel then quietly moves on undetected to the next congregation or town leaving a giant tsunami size disaster in its wake.

There will always be an Ahab (enabling spirit) to support the spirit of Jezebel. The Ahab is a pawn to achieve Jezebel's end. The Ahab spirit loves the position it has next to the Jezebel and fears confrontation. Someone with an Ahab spirit would rather make peace at any cost even if it leads to making extreme compromises with family, friends or associates, which is artfully gained through manipulation and control and always in support of the Jezebel.

People who tend to follow a Jezebel spirit are dealing with bitterness, insecurity, and rejection problems of their own. They tend to be emotionally dependent and have control issues. They complain and moan for a rescuer to deliver them from their abusive co-dependent lifestyle and view the arrival of a Jezebel as the ultra-spiritual deliverer. They believe the Jezebel can save them from their woundedness and be very proficient at championing their cause for them. Once in an Ahab relationship, the seductive Jezebel can infect these people and produce spiritual children now dependent on them to be used as pawns. Eventually, they too will be thrown under the bus when their usefulness is no longer needed.

Believing they are spiritually superior to others, a person hosting a Jezebel spirit is reluctant to admit any possibility of their being wrong, in sin or deception. You rarely hear of these people repenting or saying they are sorry. They are good at using smoke screens of false humility, lies and smart, witty rebuttals of justification to deflect or dismantle the case against them while smearing guilt on the innocent.

On the other hand, fear of confrontation, insecurity, exhaustion, depression, and even suicidal tendencies follow those who have tolerated or suffered under a spirit of Jezebel. Scripture says that if they endure or tolerate and do not separate from the Jezebel physically, spiritually, and emotionally they will suffer strange and prolonged sicknesses or near fatal accidents.

🌿 **Revelation 2:21-23** “And I gave her [*the person hosting a Jezebel spirit*] time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, **and** those who commit adultery with her [*the Ahab spirit - those who tolerate the Jezebel spirit in their midst*] into great tribulation, unless **they** [*both Jezebel and Ahab*] repent of their deeds. I will kill her children [*the Ahab’s family*] with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

The only answer is to confront the person and remove him or her from any leadership role. If they repent, there can be hope of restoration, but with guidelines, until completely restored. If there is no repentance, remove the person physically from all authority **AND do not have any personal involvement with them**. How can there be friendship with someone who is rebellious, not humble or teachable, and refuses to walk in sanctification and holiness, the very essence of Yeshua? Scripture says we are not to accommodate them, or we too will be set aside for destruction. These are very sobering thoughts (1Kings 16:1-21:29; Revelation 2:20-23).

Even after physically separating from this spirit there may be a residue of strange diseases, accidents or occurrences that can continue in those who have had an association with this spirit. If you relate, consider praying and repenting for having had any association with it. For a change of status, a water *mikvah* is required for separation from the unclean realm, to be spiritually cleansed and restored.

We Are To Be A Mirror Image of The Heavenly Tabernacle

Moses and Aaron were not merely serving in an *earthly* tabernacle; they were representatives of the *heavenly* dwelling (Hebrews 8:5; Exodus 25:40). Moses knew he was serving as a living sacrifice given entirely - *body, soul, and spirit* - to God/*Elohim*. Thus, he never separated himself from the *holy realm*. Wherever he went and whatever he did he was always aware of serving God/*Elohim* thus continued to separate himself from any unclean acts of the heart and mind knowing that if he did not, they would have rendered him unclean, defiled, and ineligible to serve before Him. That mindset is the commitment behind the Tabernacle offerings – to continually sanctify our heart and mind before God/*Elohim* (See reference section below for further teaching on *offerings: Vayikra* - Leviticus 1-7).

🌿 **Philippians 4:4-8** “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God/*Elohim*; and the peace of God/*Elohim*, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus/*Yeshua HaMashiach*. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.”

Moses and Aaron also understood God's/*Elohim* Covenants. Covenants are like gates and act as doors or portals that direct the believer's sanctification process and draw him or her closer to live in God/*Elohim*.

🦁 **Isaiah 62:10** “Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner [*Torah*] for the peoples!” (Matthew 22:8-15; Heb. 12:12-16).

For more information on Covenants see the *Emor* Leviticus study www.sheepfoldgleanings.com

Priestly Sanctification

The Melchizedek Order

To be *born again* means that the code of life has been *restored* to you by Covenant. It is now up to the *renewed* person to sanctify him or herself to appropriate that life of holiness according to the Manufacturer's instructions. As an example, a newborn baby is not able to walk, feed or dress yet, but all the potential is there. The child learns to “grow” into his or her appointed destiny under parental guidance. It is the same with one who is *restored*. Born-again imparts the code for life, which is built on holiness. Hebrews Chapter 5 reminds us our walk is not to sit back enjoying a mint tea waiting to arrive in heaven when our time comes. We are appointed to *grow* or *be sanctified*.

🦁 **Hebrews 5:12-14** “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God/*Elohim*; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

If a people make their vow to God/*Elohim* (become a believer/an Israelite) but in their heart turn from the truth, at that point they (the believer) is called a *sinner* in the Bible, as they are believers but not *sanctified*. For that reason, Yeshua sent His prophets and disciples to a ‘lost’ people/sheep called *Israel*, to teach His sheep about sanctification leading to holiness to restore the redeemed.

🦁 **Matthew 10:5-8** “These twelve Jesus/*Yeshua* sent out and commanded them [*the lost sheep*], saying: “Do **not** go into the way of the **Gentiles** [*do not go to non-believers*], and do **not** enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel [*those who said in their heart they would follow the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and walk in His Covenants, but then turned from His ways and became lost*]. And as you go, preach, saying [*speak to the lost Israel/believer*], ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ [Then *Yeshua* told His disciples to] Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons [*among those BELIEVERS who became lost, sick, and poor Israelite/sheep*].

🌿 **Romans 1:16** “For I [*Paul*] am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ/*Messiah*, for it is the power of God/*Elohim* to salvation for everyone who believes [*believers who had not followed the covenants and lost their way*], for the Jew [*one who knows the word*] first and also for the Greek [*one coming into the fold*]. For in it [*His word*] the righteousness of God/*Elohim* is revealed from faith [*Yeshua*] to faith [*to those who believe*]; as it is written [*in Habakkuk 2*], “The just [*believers*] shall live by faith [*be faithful to the God’s/Elohim Covenants and walk obediently to His commandments*].”

🌿 **Habakkuk 2:1-5** “Then the Lord/*Adonai* answered me and said: “Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. “Behold the proud [*believer*], His soul is not upright in him; but the just [*those who walk according to the Gospel given through Moses/Yeshua and the prophets John 5:46-47*] shall live by his faith [*Yeshua’s commandments*]. Indeed, because he [*the one who walks away from the covenants*] transgresses by wine, *He is* a proud man, and he [*the lost sheep*] does not stay at home [*in the word*]. Because he [*believer*] enlarges his desire as hell, and he *is* like death, and cannot be satisfied [*Korah’s rebellious nature – lust, the spirit of covetousness is consuming him*], He gathers to himself all nations [*likeminded backslidden*] and heaps up for himself all peoples.”

Hebrews Chapter 12 encourages believers to read the word to keep them from sin and exhorts them to run with *endurance* the race Habakkuk prophesied. A race of endurance is not a passive race. It is a steadfast commitment with no distractions of idleness or the desire to do one’s own thing. It is a race run at full throttle with our whole heart and soul devoted to the vow we bound ourselves in agreement to for the purpose of life in Him called holiness.

🌿 **Hebrews 12:1-2** “Therefore we [*believers*] also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [*believers*] lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us* [*believers*], and let us [*believers*] run with endurance the race that is set before us [*believers*], looking unto Jesus/*Yeshua*, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God/*Elohim*.”

Why exhort *believers* to run an endurance race if they have already arrived and are holy, unless, sanctification and holiness are the main attractions to get them to the finish line and winning that blue ribbon.

We learned through the words Korah used that the people all *assumed* they were holy. However, as we saw, Korah’s vision of holiness did not include *sanctification*. The two hundred and fifty leaders all knew this thus followed Korah as they too lusted after power. But the congregation may not have seen the missing element of sanctification that

was needed for holiness. Thus, they innocently continued to follow Korah against Moses and Aaron's warnings. We see this Korah pretense through history. People who do not know the word of God/*Elohim* put all their hope in a leader only to find he is a corrupt leader (prophet). Hitler was such a man. He spoke in Christian circles what the people wanted to hear, and soon whole congregations were won over by him. However, without holiness, his kingdom was doomed to fail, and all who put their trust in that system were also doomed.

In Korah's rebellion, the stark contrast comes out. Thousands in Christianity still believe his words and are walking around without sanctification today. No wonder mutinies and wars happen. Many of God's/*Elohim* people have not learned they are holy vessels nor have they understood how to keep their temple (body) holy, as the blind are leading the blind.

Yeshua has given His people the power to overcome sin and death (the first death). Scripture says the Bride is to make him or herself ready. They are to appropriate the gifts of the Bridegroom (Revelation 19:7). Yeshua spoke passionately about this on the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7). The Apostles also wrote significant portions of their letters to the body of believers concerning the goal of their faith, *the salvation of the soul* (1 Peter 1:8-11). Believers are to remove old offensive ways, such as bitterness and unforgiveness, as they are blockages preventing a holy relationship with their Savior (John 14:23-24; John 8:23-30; Hebrews 4-5; Galatians 5:19-23; Matthew 6:14-15).

The prideful spirit Korah and his followers had did not allow them to embrace sanctification, repentance or correction, as their hard hearts blinded them to the truth. True repentance comes from a humble heart and a contrite spirit, one who desires truth. These describe the core of a person wanting to walk in God's/*Elohim* holy ways. The culmination of a crucified carnal nature is called *Shavuot/Pentecost*, as seen in Acts 2. Successfully passing through *Shavuot* to the other side is the infilling of the **Holy** Spirit and the opportunity to truly walk in the sanctification of redemption. This is a personal decision, one that cannot be made for another believer. God's/*Elohim* people must come on their own while in *the wilderness of the people*. That is where the true character of the firstborn (Yeshua's priesthood) is found (Isaiah 57:15; Acts 2).

🦁 **Ezekiel 20:33-38** “As I live,” says the Lord GOD/*Elohim*, “surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,” says the Lord GOD/*Elohim*. “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they [*the rebels*] shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

🌿 **1 Peter 1:9-16** “For you [*believers*] are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the *Spirit of Christ/Messiah in them* was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Yeshua and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them [*the prophets*] that they were not serving themselves *but you*, when they spoke of the things that have now been *told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven*. Even angels long to look into these things. Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘*Be holy, because I am holy.*’ ”(NIV) (Peter quoted Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7.)

The Scripture from 1 Peter 1:9 says that once something is gifted to God/*Elohim* or comes into an agreement with His Covenant, then it or they are rendered as holy. As believers, we all gave our lives to God/*Elohim* through Yeshua therefore no longer live for ourselves. However, most believers view holiness as a *theory* that is impossible to attain, as revealed by the lifestyle they keep. If believers truly put their life into Yeshua’s hands, then the *acts* of their obedience to His word would yield holiness and righteousness, the fruit of redemption. Then *holiness* becomes the fruit, an outward sign or tool to their evangelism that they can share with the lost sheep and those among the Nations who have not known His word. Thus, *they will know them by their fruit*. That is our witness (Leviticus 27:30; Matthew 7:16, 20; Acts 5:1-11; Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-29).

🌿 **1 Peter 2:9** “But you are a *chosen* generation, a *royal priesthood*, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (Exodus 19:5-6; Revelation 1:6).

Peter is quoting Exodus 19:5-6 and reminding those he is speaking to that they are *holy*. A *chosen* generation is the term for *firstborn - Israel*.

🌿 **Psalm 105:6** “O seed of Abraham His servant, you children of Jacob [*Israel*], His chosen ones!”

🌿 **Psalm 135:4** “For the LORD/*Yahweh* has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure.”

As Yeshua is the *Holy One of Israel* and the *King of Israel*, He fulfilled the law (also called redemption) of the firstborn. All who are in Him are His Firstborn or a *chosen* generation and royal priesthood. He redeemed all those past, present, and future *in Him* (Exodus 13; Isaiah 43:1-3; 41:21; John 18:37).

Messiah’s Priesthood is in the order of Melchizedek: *king and priest*. Korah was already part of the priestly order through his grandfather Kohath, but he wanted more – he

wanted his own kingship and recognition. To do this, he needed to gain access to the earthly tabernacle thus his bid for self-glorification and self-worship. To gain the power, he attempted a counterfeit government/kingship that if successful would have led many people into slavery and bondage. That falsehood eventually cost many their lives. The glorifying of man rather than *God/Elohim* leads to death (Exodus 13).

Korah and his men purposely separated themselves from the courts of *God/Elohim*, infecting many *leaders* with their self-righteous greed to gain worldly recognition, in an attempt to oust the present *inherited* priestly order. When *God's/Elohim* people, as the body of Messiah, swap their walk of holiness and move the heavenly goal posts for an earthly enterprise, they then become a harlot and disqualify themselves from the position of Bride, as they have mishandled the *Holy* things (Leviticus 10:3).

The First Death and The Second Death

The *first death* is repenting and surrounding one's sinful nature to come into faith (salvation/born again/change of status) in Yeshua as Savior, and to walk the sanctified life of redemption through the Holy Spirit/*Ruach Ha Kodesh*.

The *second death* references one who has come to faith in Yeshua as his or her Lord and Savior, and has tasted Yeshua's forgiveness but chooses to retain their old lifestyle. Mixing holiness with carnality thereby re-crucifies Yeshua and in doing so, makes a mockery of His death and the gift of life Yeshua died to give. This second death is seen in those who spied out the Land and returned with a bad report against *God's/Elohim* word. That generation was filled with the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh*, but because of disrespect for the truth (*Holiness*) died early in the wilderness. It is also seen when Ananias and Sapphira died instantly for their lying to the Holy Spirit. Korah and his followers all experienced the second death along with others in Scripture who knowingly chose to go resolutely against *God's/Elohim* principles for life after they vowed to obey. They wanted to put their personal preference above His Holy Principles - usurping righteousness, to embrace that which *God/Elohim* warns His people not to do or touch (Numbers 13; Deuteronomy 28; Isaiah 63:11-12; Acts 5:1-11).

🌿 **1 Samuel 15:23** “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD/*Yahweh*, He also has rejected you from being king.”

As the betrothed of Yeshua, and through His Mercy, *God's/Elohim* people have a great opportunity of entering in *today* and be overcomers. The choice they make is not to submit or give access for past sins to re-enter and rule over their lives again. Yeshua said at His crucifixion; *it is finished*. If His people do not act on His Word, the gift of life, they will wait and wait and *wait* outside the camp never truly entering in because they lack holiness. That is the difference between *the guests* at the wedding and *the Bride*.

🌿 **Matthew 22:10-14** “And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend [*believer*], how did you come in here without

a wedding garment?' [*clothed in His right ways*] And he was speechless [*because he knew what was right and did not apply it*]. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen [*few choose*].'"

🌿 **Romans 9:6** "For they are not all Israel who are of Israel."

God's/Elohim people can only move from the *Abrahamic* Covenant (salvation) into the *Davidic* Covenant (kingly/priestly - eternity) by applying the sanctification obtained in the *Mosaic* Covenant – through the highway of *holiness*.

🌿 **Matthew 25:1-12** "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps [*believers with salvation/Abrahamic Covenant, had the light/word of Yahweh*] and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five [*reference to the five books of Torah*] of them were wise [*believers who walk in obedience to Torah principles/Mosaic Covenant*], and five were foolish [*believers who walk in personal preference not Torah principles/the Mosaic Covenant in their lives*]. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps [*Oil represents truth/holiness that is produced by walking in His principles - His Sabbath, Covenants, Feast Days and New Moon festivals*]. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard [*reference to the sighting of the New Moon/Rosh Chodesh in the seventh month at the Feast of Blowing/Yom Teruah – when the trumpets blow*]: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' [*The wise had enough oil. This oil/truth cannot be bought or sold. To produce oil one must walk in Yahweh's right ways, called principles, as a lifestyle. This is the product of the heart (sanctification) and not a business transaction or a matter of head knowledge*] And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut [*Yom Kippur*]. Afterward the other virgins [*unwise believers*] came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, *I do not know you.*'"

Redemption

If believers have knowingly or innocently walked in things that are immoral and outside the camp, there is an opportunity at any time to repent and make it right. Condemnation comes as a result of guilt. It is God's/Elohim tool to let His people know they have sinned. When we come to confession for sanctification, there is no condemnation, and we are set free from a guilty conscience. If holiness has eluded a believer, root out that which prevents you from entering His Holiness. To enter into God's/Elohim holiness is called

the *eighth day* (*Shemini Atzeret*), *today* and also known as *eternity* in the Bible. Note, this is not a salvation issue but a holiness and eternal life issue.

✠ **Hebrews 12:14-16** “[*Believers*] Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God/*Elohim*; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.”

✠ **Hebrews 6:4-6** “For *it is impossible* for those [*believers*] who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh*, and have tasted the good word of God/*Elohim* and the powers of the age to come, if they [*believers*] fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they [*believers*] crucify again for themselves the Son of God/*Elohim*, and put Him to an open shame.”

✠ **Hebrews 10:26-31** “For if we [*believers*] sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law [*Mosaic covenant*] dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God/*Elohim* underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. And again, ‘The LORD/*Yahweh* will judge His people.’ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God/*Elohim*.”

We are learning how to walk in holiness and clothe ourselves in righteous garments. Yeshua has equipped His people with all the tools (commandments, statutes, decrees). They are *His Sabbath, His Principles, His Covenants and His Feast Days* all given to His people for the purpose of Holiness. Together they are known as *the highway of holiness* and also called *the path of righteous*. Equipped with His means, the Bride can now grow in holiness in his or her life and rejoice in their Savior (Isaiah 35:8; Proverbs 12:28, 2:20-22).

✠ **Colossians 3:5-17** “Therefore [*believer*] put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God/*Elohim* is coming upon the sons of disobedience [*believers who disobey*], in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ/*Messiah* is all and

in all. Therefore [*believer*], as *the* elect of God/*Elohim*, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ/*Messiah* forgave you, so you also *must do*. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God/*Elohim* rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ/*Messiah* dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus/*Yeshua*, giving thanks to God/*Elohim* the Father through Him.”

🦁 **Revelation 19:7** “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, *and His wife has made herself ready.*”

Protocol of Holiness For The Tabernacle

Duties of The Levites and Priests

Numbers 18:1-7

🦁 **Numbers 18:6-7** “Behold, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; *they are* a gift to you, given by the LORD/*Yahweh*, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. Therefore you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything at the altar and behind the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood *to you* as a gift for service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death.”

After the tragic events disputing over the priesthood and settling the matter of leadership, God/*Elohim* now declares once again He is the One who set the rules in the camp. He then reviewed the official *law of the Tabernacle* by outlining the protocol for holiness. That included who is appointed to serve before Him and the positions and duties of the Levites and priests. God/*Elohim* arranges this law in four sections: the Levite’s role, the priest’s role, and the official rulings for the offerings, gifts, and the tithes. Holiness is the goal for the order of the Tabernacle.

Firstly, God/*Elohim* appointed the Levite tribes *Gershon* and *Merari* to attend to the outer court of the Tabernacle and assist the Kohath. However, only the Kohath were sanctioned to enter the Tabernacle. No “outsider” or *outer court* person was allowed to cross over, as the Tabernacle is a sanctified area, reserved only for those who have sanctified themselves. This law was for the safety of all. If anyone who was not sanctified tried to enter, they would die (as we witnessed in Korah’s rebellion). Therefore, God’s/*Elohim* ruling stood as a warning for their protection, *a ruling that is still in place today* (Ezekiel 44:23-24).

The Offerings in Support of The Priests
Numbers 18:8-20

🍷 **Numbers 18:9, 12, 19** “This shall be yours of the most holy things reserved from the fire: every offering of theirs, every grain/*minchah* offering and every sin/*chata*s offering and every *asham/trespas* [guilt] offering which they render to Me, shall be most holy for you and your sons. All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, their firstfruits which they offer to the LORD / *Yahweh*, I have given them to you.”

In Leviticus Chapters 1-6, we learned the three *freewill* offerings (fellowship, meal, and peace offerings) and of the two *required* offerings (guilt and sin offerings) and their requirements. *Offerings are gifts of the heart. They are not tithes.* When an offering is made to God/*Elohim*, it then becomes *holy* thus it is handled as such. The brazen altar gives us a visual on how holy our *gift* is set before Him. As the offering (animal) is placed on the altar, it is burned by fire. Blood intermingles with the coals on the altar. The bloodstained coals are then placed in a censer, with an anointing of incense. The censer is taken into the Tabernacle and presented before the LORD/*Yahweh* on the altar of incense. That action references our Messiah, who fulfilled all requirements for our freewill *gift* offerings and required offerings on our behalf by placing Himself as a pure, holy offering on the altar. Therefore, since your *gift* offerings are eternal (given in every generation) and *most holy*, they are still offered to this day.

The offerings are the only support those who serve in the Tabernacle have. The priest has no other means of provision except what is gifted and tithed to them by the people they serve. If the people do not fulfill the protocol for the offering of those who serve, neither is the Tabernacle honored (For more information on offerings see #1 *Vayikra* Leviticus 1:1-7:21 and #10 *Bechukotai* Leviticus at www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

🍷 **Numbers 18:20** “Then the LORD/*Yahweh* said to Aaron: ‘You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I *am* your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel” (Numbers 18:20; Ezekiel chapters 45-46).

Offerings In Support Of The Priests
The Heave and Wave Offerings

In Numbers 18, the priests were also responsible for the heave and wave offerings. After their presentation, God/*Elohim* gave *the heave and wave offerings* as a gift to the priests.

🍷 **Numbers 18:11-14** “This also *is* yours [*the priests*]: the *heave offering* of their gift, with all the *wave offerings* of the children of Israel; I have given them to you, and your sons and daughters with you, as an ordinance forever. Everyone who is clean [sanctified] in your house may eat it. All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, their firstfruits which they offer to the LORD / *Yahweh*, I have given them to you. Whatever first ripe fruit is in their land, which they bring to the LORD/*Yahweh*, shall be yours. Everyone who is clean

[sanctified] in your house may eat it. Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours.” In Leviticus 7 the regulations for the peace offerings include the *heave and wave offerings* that are specifically designed for the priests.

🌿 **Leviticus 7:14, 32-34** “And from it he shall offer one cake from each offering *as* a heave offering to the LORD/Yahweh. It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering. Also the right thigh you shall give to the priest *as* a heave offering from the sacrifices of your peace offerings. He among the sons of Aaron, who offers the blood of the peace offering and the fat, shall have the right thigh for *his* part. For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a statute forever” (Leviticus 10:14-15).

We see the *heave offering* and *wave offerings* in the consecration ceremony for the priests (Exodus 29:27-28), for one concluding a Nazirite vow (Numbers 6:19-20), and in paying tribute to the priest from the plunder after a war (Numbers 31:41).

Offering In Support Of The Priests The Covenant of Salt

🌿 **Numbers 18:19** “All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to the LORD/Yahweh, I have given to you and your sons and daughters with you as an ordinance forever; it is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD/Yahweh with you [*priests*] and your descendants with you.”

The *heave* and *wave offerings* are part of the *peace offering* representing priests and prophets. They are an eternal statute for every generation and considered most holy. These offerings are also connected with the Covenant of Salt through the grain of the peace offering, as all grain offerings are salted. Together they represent Yeshua, *the Bread of Life* our firstfruits *peace offering* and considered *most holy*. When we pray the part in the Lord’s Prayer “*Give us our daily bread*” that is the prayer for sanctification (Matthew 6:9-13).

🌿 **John 6:51** “I am [*Yeshua*] the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

In the *Vayikra/Leviticus 2:13* study, we looked at the Covenant of Salt from the perspective of its diverse physical applications for preserving and purifying, and through the spiritual and moral aspects relating to the characteristics of the priesthood. In this study, we will investigate the Covenant of Salt as it relates to the grain and fellowship/peace offering.

🌿 **Leviticus 2:1,13** “When anyone offers a grain offering/*minchah* to the LORD/Yahweh, his offering shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it. And every offering of your grain offering/*minchah* you

shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God/*Elohim* to be lacking from your grain offering/*minchah*. *With all your offerings you shall offer salt*” (Leviticus 7:12-17).

God’s/*Elohim* people are to be the world’s most hospitable people. Salt has historically symbolized hospitality and healing. In the past, after you settled a dispute with your neighbor you would invite them into your home to share a dish of salt. Each would lick their finger, dip it in the salt, and then eat the salt together. This act symbolized friendship that healed the rift. For this reason, the offerings we make to Yeshua are salted, to heal any innocent violation or offense we may have trespassed against Him or our fellow man. Salt is pure; germs cannot live in it. In the same way, believers are also to be pure/holy. Salt purifies. Believers are called to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). They purify the earth by walking in Yeshua’s ways and by not tolerating false philosophies, dishonest ways of doing business or selfish desires, etc.

🌿 **Colossians 4:6** “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

We learned in the *Vayikra/Leviticus 2:13* study, that the Salt Covenant is in direct relationship with the tithe and the order of Melchizedek, a kingly and priestly order. We see this with Abraham presenting tithes to the King of Salem/Melchizedek and then receiving the blessing. The Hebrew word for salt is *melach* (Strong’s H4417), which is very close to the Hebrew word for king, *melek* (Strong’s H4428). Salt and oil always accompany the grain offering/*minchah* including the elevation and fellowship offerings. Ezekiel 43:24 notes that the priests will cast salt on the elevation/burnt offerings in the millennial age. The incense offering, the symbol of worship to God/*Elohim*, must also be seasoned with salt as true worshippers worship the Father in *spirit and truth* (Exodus 30:35; Leviticus 2:13; John 4:23-24).

The term Covenant of Salt applied to the perpetual statute by which the tithes and offerings were given to the priests (Numbers 18:19). The Covenant established with David (king and priest) whereby he was accorded an everlasting reign over Israel, was also a Covenant of Salt.

The salt, the tithe, and the priesthood are all synonymous in Scripture by Covenant. Together they represent those who are consecrated, walking in Covenant with Yeshua - *a Covenant of Holiness*.

🌿 **2 Chronicles 13:5** “Should you not know that the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, by a *covenant of salt*?” (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Leviticus 2:13; Hebrews 7:1-28).

We are grafted into Israel/Yeshua through the Abrahamic Covenant, therefore, are called sons of David through Yeshua. The Abrahamic Covenant gives us our identity as part of Israel along with three gifts: *a land, a people, and a blessing*. How to receive and walk in these gifts is revealed to us through the next Covenant called the *Mosaic* Covenant.

The *Mosaic* Covenant was given to Moses on Mount Sinai during the Feast of Shavuot/*Pentecost*. The Feast of Shavuot is also called the Betrothal Covenant. When the Bride walks in agreement with the words contained in her Covenant (the Mosaic Covenant), she enters into the next Covenant; the *Davidic* Covenant. *The Davidic Covenant is the order of Melchizedek (king and priest)*.

It was through Moses that we are given the teaching as to how to inherit and walk in the Salt Covenant as a priest consecrated in holiness (Jeremiah 33:20-21; Revelation 1:6).

📖 **Numbers 18:19** “The offerings and the tithe are an *everlasting covenant of salt* for the priests and their offspring forever.”

The Salt Covenant relates to the attributes and character of the Holy Spirit and the Priesthood, as they are both about preserving purity and holiness according to God’s/ *Elohim* Word. Based on these attributes and characteristics, we are learning that what comes out of a priest’s mouth ought to preserve The Word/Gospel of *Yeshua HaMashiach* and plant seeds of righteousness in the hearts of those who hearer.

📖 **Mark 9:49** “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.”

The Mark is a quote from Leviticus 2:13.

📖 **Leviticus 2:13** “Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God/*Elohim* out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.”

What comes out of one’s mouth will either salt the offering with consecration or remove the blessing/ flavor. By harboring wrong attitudes and curses, flavor and life in the believer decreases. The Salt Covenant is about holiness and sanctification. We are living sacrifices and holy offerings. The Salt Covenant is to remind God’s/*Elohim* people they are priests before Him. How they approach a brother will determine the saltiness (incense) of the offering, as their speech will reveal the intent of the heart, as true worshippers will worship the Father *in spirit and in truth*.

📖 **Colossians 3:8-10** “now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man [*overcomer*] who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,”

📖 **Proverbs 23:7** “For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is he*”

📖 **Matthew 15:18-20** “those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders,

adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man...”

As priests in Yeshua’s kingdom, His people are sowing *today* the kingdom they will inherit *tomorrow*. Therefore, it is imperative they learn to walk out their sanctification with reverence in following His Word. Yeshua made way for His people to enter into His *truth* and His *life*. On the *eighth day*, the priests completed their inauguration in the Tabernacle in the wilderness and entered into the sanctuary ministry. Yeshua did the same. He entered into His earthly ministry on the eighth day after the seven-day wedding in Cana (Ancient Hebrew weddings were approximately seven days in length) (Leviticus 8:33-9:1).

If our earthly father was a king with a large kingdom and we are his firstborn and heir, how would we behave when considering our future? Would we act flippantly or would we rise to the position and take a keen interest in the kingdom before us? As believers in Yeshua, we are given access to this kingdom *today*. We do not have to wait for it. Thus, our actions and our walk are to reflect a position of holiness. The Holy Spirit/*Ruach Ha Kodesh* is assigned to guide and teach our hearts how to walk in righteousness. That is why we can have the confidence to pursue holiness and love Yeshua with our whole heart, soul, and mind (Luke 15:11-32).

As Yeshua’s firstborn, His gifted us His kingdom through His death and resurrection. His blood sacrifice allows believers to walk in the royalty of our Father’s house *today!* The good news is that we do not have to wait for it in the *future*; we can walk in the office of the firstborn *today!* However, our need to pursue holiness is imperative for the inauguration and anointing of the *Holy Spirit*, as in Acts 2, is essential. Any immorality within the heart will render Yeshua’s people as unclean and prevent them from entering. Therefore, holiness is vital (John 14:23-24; John 8:23-30; Hebrews 4-5; Galatians 5:19-23; Matthew 6:14-15).

- ✠ **Mark 9:50** “Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”
- ✠ **Matthew 5:13** “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”
- ✠ **1 Corinthians 13:1** “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love (*salt*), I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.”
- ✠ **Romans 12:1** “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s/*Elohim* mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God/*Elohim* - this is your spiritual act of worship.”

If we have contamination in our thoughts and actions, that will eventually be on our lips causing unclean/*tzaras* affliction (Leviticus 14). That is why the apostle Paul cautions us by saying,

“Let the word of Christ/*Messiah* dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Yeshua, giving thanks to God/*Elohim* the Father through Him. Let your speech always be with grace, *seasoned with salt*, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Colossians 3:16-17; Colossians 4:6).

The Salt Covenant is not only to preserve physically but also spiritually. Our speech, as Yeshua’s priesthood to the Nations, is to preserve and glorify the Word of God / *Elohim*.

✠ **Matthew 5:43-48** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love [*salt*] your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love [*salt*] your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

The Salt Covenant Continued...

✠ **Philippians 4:8-9** “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God/*Elohim* of peace will be with you.”

✠ **Hebrews 13:15** “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise [*Salt Covenant*] to God/*Elohim*, that is, the *fruit of our lips*, giving thanks to His name.”

What fruit comes from our lips and how does it affect our lives in Yeshua? A Covenant of Salt is also the fruit of our lips. We are *made* in His image (incense) therefore, are to *walk* in His image. When we make the decision to leave the foolish things of this world (worldly, sinful nature) we cross over to become a child of Yeshua, thus experience a status change. In making that decision, we are also ready to take off the old garment (the sinful nature), leave it behind, turn (repent/*teshuva* and *sanctification*) and walk in *one accord* with Yeshua’s heavenly nature (fruit of the spirit) as He appropriated for us by His death and resurrection.

The Salt Covenant Also Relates To The Overcomer

The fruit that comes from repentance transforms believers into an acceptable holy offering to God/*Elohim*. In doing this, we move from the unclean realm to the clean realm, from the unholy to the holy, righteous, and sanctified realm. That is what Peter experienced at *Shavuot*/Pentecost in Acts 2. His transformation happened when he, *a believer*, made the decision to give up his childish ways. Before that, Peter was only converted in his mind, but not in his heart (Luke 22:32 KJV). At *Shavuot*, Peter was made complete, whole, and filled with the *Holy Spirit*, and never experienced his old self again. That is the true worship in *spirit* and in *truth* (the Covenant of Salt, a living sacrifice/wave offering of firstfruits) that Yeshua offers us. It was no longer Peter speaking but the Spirit of the Holy One/*Ruach Ha Kodesh* empowering and transforming him, and by the fruit of his lips, three thousand were saved that day.

True worship has the power to change and transform thousands of people at one time.

✠ **John 13:34-35; 14:12** “A new commandment I give to you, that you love [*salt*] one another; as I have loved [*salted*] you, that you also love [*salt*] one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father (Philippians 4:4-9).”

The Tithe In Support of The Levites Leviticus 18:21-24

The gifting, the wave, and heave offerings, the Covenant of Salt offering, and the tithes are all inter-connected. Through these elements, we learn different levels of protocol for holiness that supports and establishes His Tabernacle on the earth. Today, believers represent His Temple, therefore; the offerings and tithes are vital for the believer. Without participating in gifting, offerings, and tithes, there can be no Tabernacle or Bridal Chamber within (1Corinthians 3:16).

✠ **Numbers 18:21** “Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.”

The tithe to the Levite (as with the priest) is always from the best of our best. Those who are old enough to remember a bottle of milk before the days of homogenized recall how the cream rose to the top. The action of the cream separating and rising from the main body of milk represents that tenth or tithe portion - *the best taken from the whole*. That is how we are to present the first and the best of what God/*Elohim* provides for our life, in return for those who work on His behalf. It is a lasting ordinance for God's/*Elohim* people *forever*. As the believer obeys the tithe, their response activates the principle of sowing and reaping thus their tithe will multiply and reproduce (Matthew 25:14-40).

God/*Elohim* proposed that when the Messiah appeared on earth, the physical temple would not longer stand, as its purpose was fulfilled in the Messiah. He also spoke of a remnant, with *the pattern of the Tabernacle on their heart* that would gather, and follow after His paths of righteousness thereby confirming His principles on earth *in our day*.

Question As To Where To Send Our Tithes?

Today, who is a priest or prophet and where do we send our tithes? Since the time of Messiah, all who walk according to His ordinances *as outlined by Moses and the Prophets* are no longer seen as Jew or Gentile, male or female. Therefore, the male or female who works on Yeshua's behalf maintaining His heavenly Tabernacle pattern on the earth and upholds His protocol of Feast Days, Sabbaths and the New Moon festivals is who receives our gifts, offerings, and tithes today. How do we recognize who is a true priest and prophet today? The prophet Ezekiel gives us an outline.

The Guidelines for a True Priest and Prophet Today

- ✿ **Ezekiel 44:23-24** “And they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.”

Remember, the offerings and tithes are the only support the priesthood has. They have no other means of provision except what is gifted and tithed to them by the people they serve.

- ✿ **Numbers 18:20** “Then the LORD/*Yahweh* said to Aaron: ‘You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; *I am* your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.’ (Numbers 18:20; Ezekiel chapters 45-46)

God/*Elohim* calls the gifts, offerings, and tithes a *lasting commandment throughout our generations*. The tribute we give to those who serve His truth becomes the seed that provides a bountiful harvest for our next generations. *For what we sow, we will also reap/inherit* (Hosea 10:12-13).

The Levites Also Give Tithes

Numbers 18: 25-32

- ✿ **Numbers 18:25-27** “Then the LORD/*Yahweh* spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: ‘When you take from the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it to the LORD/*Yahweh*, a tenth of the tithe. And your heave offering shall be reckoned to you as though *it were* the grain of the threshing floor and as the fullness of the winepress.’”

Who is the Levite today? They are the men and women who follow Ezekiel's outline (Ezekiel 44:23-24). Why is it important how we handle the tithe? Once the people give their tithe, it then became holy. Therefore, cared for in a consecrated manner – meaning keeping God's/*Elohim* ways (Feast Days, Sabbaths, and New Moon festivals). If one were not consecrated, they would remain fruitless - spiritually and physically. Therefore, everyone consecrated tithed. Thus the Levitical tithe was rendered as most holy and *seen as though it were the grain of the threshing floor and as the fullness of the winepress* (Numbers 18: 9, 11, 14-15, 19, 21, 26-30).

When the ancient people of Israel scattered their tithe, they too became a scattered people – over the nations. It is the same for us today. We are to follow God's/*Elohim* care of the tithe and not scatter some here and some there or it stops the flow of support for Yeshua's priesthood; and without a priesthood, *the temple falls*. Therefore, what and how we sow is what we will reap. The tithes and offerings are holy. When we, walk in the way of righteousness and handle the tithe in a *holy* manner according to God's/*Elohim* order, it will be as the *grain of the threshing floor and as the fullness of the winepress*, the highest level of offering and holiness (Exodus 19:5-6; Numbers 18:27; Amos 9:11; Ezekiel 43:6-7, 10-11; 44:23-24; 1 Peter 2:9).

How believers handled the tithes and offerings determines inheritance. When believers sow seed/tithe, they increase inheritance – blessings, and prosperity - both spiritually and physically. When they sow little their inheritance *atrophies* from lack of use causing lack and decrease (poverty) in their lives. Not to sow the full amount that God/*Elohim* instructs will cause His people to live on the sum of the tithe (the ten percent) instead of the abundance of the ninety percent. That is the law of sowing and reaping. We see this in the land today. The outer boundaries initially given to the Children of Israel for their inheritance was *from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates*. However, through disobedience, the land shrank to ten percent of the original size. As part of Israel, when God's/*Elohim* people *actively* walk in His principles *the land* increases, as it did during David and Solomon's time (Genesis 15:18; Joshua 1:3-4; Ruth 3:1-18; 1 Kings 4:21).

The Law Of The Tabernacle: Summary

Numbers Chapter 18 teaches us sanctification and holiness by progressive revelation through the offerings and tithes in a way that leads God's/*Elohim* people to *the threshing floor and the winepress* – wedding language for the Bride, the Bridegroom, and the Bridal Chamber. The people who walk the way of *Moses and the Prophets* will sing the Song of Moses *and* the Song of the Lamb. Without the offering to the Levite, the Song of the Bridegroom and the Song of the Bride will not be heard in the land. Therefore, it is imperative His people tithe (Ruth 3; Revelation 15:3).

There is a harvest from God/*Elohim*, and the field is ripe. As His people learn to sow, the harvest will be abundant. The observance is also the principle of *ingathering*. Today many are discovering their identity as part of Israel and returning to their roots. Obedience whitens the wedding garment, and as Yeshua's Bride, His people are making

themselves known at the threshing floor of the Tabernacle (Numbers 18:27; 1 Corinthians 6:16; Galatians 6:7).

✠ **Malachi 3:10-12** “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse [*tabernacle*], that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts; “and all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts.”

✠ **Numbers 18:27** “And your heave offering [*the priestly tithe*] shall be reckoned to you as though it were *the grain of the threshing floor and as the fullness of the winepress.*”

The Scripture above is speaking how important it is not to eliminate the *eternal* elements of the Salt Covenant, which include the tithe, the offerings, and the priesthood as they are all connected and work together in unity to glorify and build a sanctuary (Isaiah 66:1). Those who have salt in them and walk in the Torah principles (Ezekiel 37:23-24) are no longer Jew or Gentile, male or female in the faith of Messiah. All are Israelites, and all are redeemed, returning from spiritual and physical exile, as Yeshua’s firstfruits priestly wave offering through a Covenant of Salt (Matthew 15:18-20; Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16; James 3:17-18; Galatians 5:22-26).

✠ **Hosea 2:16** “And it shall be, in that day,” says the LORD/*Yahweh*, “That you will call Me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer call Me ‘My Master.’ ”

✠ **Ephesians 5:1-21** “Therefore be imitators of God/*Elohim* as dear children [*believers*]. And walk in love, as Christ/*Messiah* also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God/*Elohim* for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness [*in a believer*], let it not even be named among you [*believers*], as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ/*Messiah* and God/*Elohim*. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God/*Elohim* comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.”

“For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: ‘Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead [*the realm that*

can bring death], and Christ/Messiah will give you light [Torah – His teaching and instruction to guide and protect your way].”

“See then that you [*believer*] walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. And [*believer*] *do not be drunk with wine*, in which is dissipation [*debauchery, indulgence, rakishness, overindulgence, degeneracy and intemperance*]; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God/Elohim the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, submitting to one another in the fear of God/Elohim.”

📖 **Psalm 19:1-11** To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. “The heavens declare the glory of God/Elohim; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. *There is* no speech nor language *where* their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the LORD / *Yahweh is* perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD/*Yahweh is* sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD/*Yahweh are* right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD/*Yahweh is* pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD/*Yahweh is* clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD/*Yahweh are* true *and* righteous altogether. More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them your servant is warned, *and* in keeping them *there is* great reward.”

📖 **Isaiah 61:10** “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD/*Yahweh*, My soul shall be joyful in my God/Elohim; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.”

📖 **Joel 2:12-19** “Now, therefore,” says the LORD/*Yahweh*, “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/Elohim, for He *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows *if* He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him - a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/Elohim? Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD/*Yahweh*, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, ‘Spare Your people, O LORD/*Yahweh*, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should

rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God/Elohim?’” Then the LORD/Yahweh will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. The LORD/Yahweh will answer and say to His people, ‘Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.’”

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