

The Promised Land - How to Enter In: The Words of Yahushua

YHWH is opening the eyes of His Saints to see His plan, so they might alter the course of their lives, and might prepare themselves to enter in to the Promised Land. Yahushua has revealed, in the Scriptures, the overall plan of YHWH for His people, that they might heed the Scriptures, and be able to enter in.

Most have assumed there is only one "requirement" to be met, in order to enter in – of being "Born Again." However, all of Scripture, and the very words of Yahushua Himself, reveal that there are two separate and distinct stages of His plan, each having its own distinct requirements to be met, in order that we might achieve the overall goal—entrance into the Promised land.

Yahushua made two basic statements. Each of these two statements are repeated among several verses, along with minor variations in other passages, giving multiple confirming witness as Scripture requires. The first statement shows us the initial or "coming out" phase of YHWH's plan. The other statement reveals the final or "entering in" phase.

Taken together, these two statements reveal YHWH's overall plan for His people, and the requirements they must meet in order to achieve the final goal: our entrance to the Promised Land, with variations called "Eternal Life" and "Life," also known as the Kingdom of God. All of these terms are euphemisms for "eternal Life," and are used interchangeably in the Gospels. Let's look at these passages:

The First Statement of Yahushua: How to "Come Out"

The first statement by Yahushua reveals the initial requirement for one whose goal is to "enter in" to eternal life. This initial requirement reveals the "come out" phase of the overall plan, and is familiar to many today. Let's look carefully at these words of Yahushua:

"...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5b)

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)

Yahushua answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim. (John 3:3)

Yahushua answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim. (John 3:5)

In the above passages, Yahushua Himself reveals to us the requirements for the initial or "come out" phase of our journey, the goal of which is to "enter in." For those that think these words in Revelation are not Yahushua's words, one need only read verses 1 and 2 to see this is the Revelation of Yahushua, which was given to Him by the Father; and which He then sent to us by John, to be shown unto YHWH's servants.

In the above passages we see these features:

- 1) Redemption and Cleansing of Sin, by the Blood of the Lamb;
- 2) Repentance - turning from our own way, to walk in "The Way";
- 3) Born-again - by the Word (1Pet 1:23);
- 4) Baptism in water and in the Spirit.

Just as Israel came out of the bondage of Egypt by the Blood of the Lamb, and was then baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea (1Cor 10:1-2), we too must come out of bondage, to Sin and its strength (the Law), by the Blood of the Lamb. We too must be baptized in the Set-apart Spirit and in water. This "coming out by Blood and water" is a requirement that must be met, before one may go on to meet the Stage 2 requirement.

The Second Statement of Yahushua: How to "Enter In"

The second statement by Yahushua reveals the final requirement for one whose goal is to "enter in" to eternal life. This final requirement reveals the "enter-in" phase. Notice these words of Yahushua:

"...but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." (Matthew 19:17b)

In the above passage we see clearly that "Keeping the commandments" is YHWH's requirement in the "enter in" Stage, whose overall goal is to "Enter into Life."

In this statement made by Yahushua, He was revealing the "Stage 2" requirement that must be met, but only after keeping the "Stage 1" requirements we saw above ("coming out" by the Blood of the Lamb).

Some today claim that the above words by Yahushua were only for a certain group, or for a certain era in time. But what do the Scriptures say? Let's look at some more passages for confirmation:

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14)

"I Yahushua have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star. And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come'..." (Revelation 22:16-17a)

In the above passages, we see two things. First, we are told plainly and clearly, that "doing" (to do, make, bring forth, perform, keep, fulfill) His Commandments is a requirement for "entering in," through the gates, into the city ("the City" is another expression of the New Jerusalem, the City of the Great King, the Kingdom of Heaven, or Eternal Life).

Second, we are told that **these things are to be testified in the churches, telling us that these words are for us today.** In fact, all the words spoken by Yahushua are for us today! Don't let the error of the Theologians or Pastors rob you of your inheritance!

For further confirmation of Scripture, let's look at these two passages:

Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. (Psalms 50:5)

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Elohim, AND the faith of Yahushua. (Revelation 14:12

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In the **first passage**, we see that the "Saints" are those who have made a covenant with YHWH by Sacrifice, telling us that this can only be done by the shedding of Blood of an "acceptable" Sacrifice. So the "Saints" are those that have completed the Stage 1

requirement of coming out by the sacrifice of the Blood of Yahushua, the Lamb.

In the **second passage**, the "Saints" are seen again, as those who have completed the first requirement—of having the "Faith of Yahushua" they received when they came out by the Blood of the Lamb in Stage 1. However, these saints are also seen keeping the "Commandments of YHWH," which is the Stage 2 requirement. Thus they are "Ready" to enter in.

How do these two "stages" of overall plan for "entering in" to the Promised Land compare with the rest of Scripture, and with the writings of the Law and the Prophets? It is very important that we look carefully, for as we saw in [What You Believe: True or False? The Simple Biblical Test](#), there must be complete agreement within all of Scripture in order to be confirmed as Truth.

As we saw above in Stage 1, Israel came out of the bondage of Egypt by the Blood of the Lamb, and was then baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all of which is a pattern for us. The entire process was done by the Grace of YHWH. Israel is an example for us, in how to "come out."

In the same way, Israel is an example, and a warning for us, regarding the "enter in" phase of our journey. Israel came out by the Blood of the Lamb, but they failed to "enter in" – for a number reasons, which are repeated for our warning today.

Why Israel Failed to Enter In

In the Book of Hebrews, the entire 3rd and 4th chapters are devoted to revealing why most of that generation of Israel failed to "enter in" to the Promised Land. These passages go on to warn us that that we today, also might not enter in, unless we heed the Israelites' example.

For detailed descriptions of exactly why the Israelites failed to enter in, and what they did, let's look at a few writings of the Prophets:

Moreover also I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am YHWH that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they walked not in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and My Sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. (Ezekiel 20:12-13)

Yet also I lifted up My hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; Because they despised My judgments, and walked not in My statutes, but polluted My Sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. (Ezekiel 20:15-16)

Notwithstanding the children rebelled against Me: they walked not in My statutes, neither kept My judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted My Sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness. (Ezekiel 20:21)

I lifted up Mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries; Because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes, and had polluted My Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. (Ezekiel 20:23-24)

In the above passages, notice the items highlighting what Israel did. How do the above Scripture passages compare with what you hear from your Leaders today about "entering in" to the Promised Land?

Their Example: A Warning For Us

Psalms 106 reveals further details, for our warning, of why most of that generation of Israel failed to enter in. Let's look at some New Testament passages:

But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? (Hebrews 3:17)

What is the New Testament conclusion from Hebrews 3:17, as to what they did? Notice the following passage:

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4)

So we see from the new Testament that Israel fell in the wilderness, because they "Transgressed the Law" (the 'Torah'). Notice what advice is given to us, as New Testament Believers today:

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. (1 Corinthians 10:11-12)

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief <543>. (Hebrews 4:11)

The Greek word used here in Hebrews 4:11 is '*apeitheia*,' Strong's number <543>, comes from the word '*apeithes*,' Strong's number <543>, which means "disobedience."

So we are warned in 1 Corinthians, and in the book of Hebrews, that we too could fail to enter in, because of "disobedience" – because of "Transgression of the Torah."

Only By Grace

Lest anyone think that Grace is a separate idea from obedience to the Commandments, we must look briefly at two of many examples of Biblical 'Grace' seen in the Scriptures. Notice the following:

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Yahushua Messiah" (John 1:17)

To whom Elohim would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory: (Colossians 1:27)

One truth of Biblical "Grace" we see in the above Scripture passages, is that the Law (the "Torah") was given by Moses, but "Grace" – the power and ability to fulfill the Torah – came by Yahushua Messiah. This is the "Grace" that Yahushua gives us from within, as He lives in us.

Not only Grace, but likewise Truth, came by Yahushua Messiah. Yahushua Messiah

came as the "Living" Truth. He revealed Truth by showing us, by the example of His life, demonstrating for us exactly how He would provide the Grace to us as needed, the ability He gives us to live out the Torah, just as He did, while He lived and walked on the earth 2,000 years ago.

Another truth of Biblical "Grace" in Scripture revolves around the **Biblical definition of the New Covenant:**

Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah...But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. (Jeremiah 31:31,33)

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith YHWH; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people: (Hebrews 8:10)

Moses gave us the externals of the Law (written on tables of stone). But Yahushua Messiah gave us the internals of the Law (by writing them on tables of flesh, on our mind, and our heart), exactly as the New Covenant promises are described, in Jeremiah and in the Book of Hebrews.

Likewise, The apostle Paul had much to say on the subject of Biblical "Grace," and the source of Grace. Notice what Paul said:

For I delight in the law of Elohim after the inward man: (Romans 7:22)

Paul must have fully understood the mystery of "Messiah-in-you," and must have understood the New Covenant fulfillment—of Yahushua writing the Torah internally, on his heart, rather than externally on tables of stone or in a Bible—and then providing the "Grace" from within, to keep the Torah.

Paul has a great deal more to tell us about Biblical Grace. Here Paul tells us one of the "purposes" of this Grace:

"...we have received grace...for obedience to the faith..." (Romans 1:5a)

The above passage confirms to us that Biblical Grace is a gift, given to us by Yahushua, for the purpose of obedience to "The Faith."

Conclusion

You may have "come out" by YHWH's Grace, by the Blood of the Lamb. You may have been Baptized in Water. You may have been Baptized in the Spirit, and may have received all spiritual gifts. So far You have done well – you have completed Stage 1 of YHWH's program.

But according to the words of Yahushua, and all of Scripture, you and I will "enter in" only by obedience to YHWH's Commandments, by His Grace.