

NITZAVIM - YOU ARE STANDING

Deuteronomy 29:10 to 30:20 Isaiah 61:10 to 63:9 1 John 5:1-21 Romans 9:30 to 10:13 Hebrews 12:14-15

Hebrews 12:14-15 "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; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled."

In this study we find that Moses has summoned all of the twelve tribes of Israel together in Moab to remind them again of the terms of the Covenant Yahweh made with them at Horeb. Over the years, by signs and wonders, Yahweh had conveyed to Moses all of the intricate details of His Tabernacle pattern, thus revealing His heavenly kingdom on earth. This heavenly pattern is still present in His people today (Exodus 19:5-6).

Deuteronomy 29:9-15 "Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.... that you may enter into covenant with Yahweh your God, and into His oath, which Yahweh your God makes with you today, that He may establish you today as a people for Himself, and that He may be God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, but with him who stands here with us today before Yahweh our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today."

Moses was sharing the Covenant not only with those who were standing with him on his last day, but also with those yet to be born - the future generations. All of Yahweh's Covenants stand in the heavenly realm - *eternally* - for our great, great, great grandchildren and beyond!

Genesis 17:7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants *after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant*, to be God to you and your descendants after you."

Acts 2:39 "For the promise [covenant] is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

The Sabbath Rest

Hebrews 3:16-19 "For who, having heard [the Covenant words spoken through Moses at Mount Sinai], rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest [Sabbath], but to those who did not obey? So we [believers] see that they [at Mount Sinai] could not enter in [the Sabbath] because of unbelief [because of walking in rebellion to Yahweh's teaching and instruction].

We who are living today also hear Yahweh's *voice of* His Word with our hearts. The message has not changed since Mount Sinai. It is still living and sharper than any two edged sword. Today the fulfillment of biblical prophecy is being realized, as the scattered twelve tribes of Israel and those who sojourn with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, once more embrace His words. We are the recipients of their active belief and agreement to Yahweh's words spoken at Mount Sinai and now again on the eve of their entrance into the Land. Today we follow their footsteps to come again to the Mountain to hear the words spoken by the Ancient of Days.

In the Book of Hebrews Chapters four and five, the *Sabbath Rest* is to be the goal of every believer. We are told there still remains a Sabbath Rest (eternity) that *we have yet to enter into*. Many Christian believers when they hear the word *Sabbath* are shocked and ask "*What are you - Jewish*?" as if the Sabbath is only for the Jews and something separate from Yeshua. The firstborn Royal priesthood of Messiah (that we learned in the last lesson) all kept the Sabbath; therefore the *Sabbath Rest* is the *purpose* and the *goal* of the Gospel in the believer.

** Hebrews 4:1-3 "Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest [Sabbath – the sign for the Mosaic Covenant], let us [believers] fear lest any of you [believers] seem to have come short of it [Sabbath - the goal of our walk found in Yeshua]. For indeed the Gospel [Mosaic Covenant] was preached to us [believers] as well as to them [those who were at Mount Sinai with Moses]; but the word [Gospel] which they heard [from Moses] did not profit them, not being mixed with faith [did they actively obey the word given them] in those who heard it [the word]. For we [believers] who have believed [who agree with the word given at Mount Sinai through Moses] do enter that rest [Sabbath], as He has said: 'So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest [Sabbath],' although the works [of the Gospel] were finished [known] from the foundation of the world [since the beginning/Genesis/Beresheet]."

The Sabbath and the Seed - Hearing from Heaven

Yahweh's voice from heaven is *heard* every time we read His word. We also hear His word on the weekly Shabbat and when we honor His Feast Days, as they are also called *Sabbaths*. The sign of the Sabbath is the *Mosaic* Covenant. The Sabbath is the *wedding invitation* to the Bride and it is also her *wedding ring*. (For more information on Covenants please refer to the study *Emor* – Leviticus 21 found at www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

John 10:1-5 Yeshua said, "Most assuredly, I say to you [believer], he who does not enter the sheepfold [tabernacle] by the door [Sabbath/Mosaic Covenant] but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (Note: door/gate/covenant are all synonymous). But he who enters by the door [Sabbath/Mosaic Covenant] is the shepherd of the sheep. To him [the shepherd of the sheep] the doorkeeper [Yahweh] opens [and enters into His Tabernacle], and the sheep hear his voice [hears the shepherd voice, Yeshua, written for us at Mount Sinai]; and he calls his own sheep by name [Israel] and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he [the Shepherd Yeshua] goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger [one who does not keep the Sabbath or teach Moses], but will flee from him [false shepherd], for they [Yeshua's sheep/Bride] do not know the voice of strangers [false shepherds]" (Ezekiel 34:2-6; 2 Corinthians 11:13-18).

The Lord of the Sabbath is Yeshua. He plants His Word, called the seed, into every believer. Contained within His seed are His image and all His characteristics. The Sabbath is made for Yeshua's Promised Seed. When believers enter into the Sabbath (Feast Days included) the Seed germinates within them and comes alive with the infusion of Yeshua's Spirit Life (Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 2:28; Galatians 3:8).

When the Seed germinates it begins to grow a root entering into the rich soil of the Sabbath, to be watered by the nourishing Word that is written in the *Mosaic* Covenant. Without the Sabbath, the Seed will not develop in the believer and all the potential hidden within the Seed will lay dormant. Therefore it is critical for believers to enter into the Shabbat within the guidelines of the Gospel, the *Mosaic* Covenant, as both heaven and earth witness together allowing Yeshua, the Lord of the Sabbath, to grow His promises deeply within their spirits. From Yahweh's perspective, as revealed in Scripture, *believers are not found in Yeshua if they are not found in the Sabbath*, as He is *Lord of the Sabbath* (Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5; Galatians 3:29).

- Psalm 89:3-4, 35-37 "I have made a covenant with My chosen [promised seed], I have sworn to My servant David: Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me; It shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky"
- **Psalm 89:27-29** "Also I will make him [those who return to My ways/Gospel] My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. My mercy I will keep for him

- forever, and My covenant shall stand firm with him. *His seed* also I will make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven."
- Isaiah 61:1-3 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD/Yahweh Elohim is upon Me, because Yahweh has anointed Me to preach good tidings [the Gospel] to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Yahweh, that He may be glorified."
- **Galatians 3:29** "And if you are Christ's/Messiah's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise/Covenant."
- **1 Peter 1:9-16** "receiving the end [goal] of your faith the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets [in the Old Testament/Tanakh] have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ/Yeshua who was in them [the prophets] was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ/Yeshua and the glories that would follow. To them [the prophets] it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us [believers following the Gospel of righteousness] they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you [believers] through those who have preached the Gospel [Yahweh's teaching and instruction, The Wedding Covenant, given to Moses at Mount Sinai] to you [believers] by the Holy Spirit/Ruach Ha Kodesh sent from heaven - things which angels desire to look into. Therefore [believers] gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach; as obedient children [Bride], not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you [Bride] also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
- Isaiah 58:13-14 "If you [believer] hold back your foot on Shabbat from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call Shabbat a delight, Yahweh's holy day, worth honoring; then honor it by not doing your usual things or pursuing your interests or speaking about them. If you do, you will find delight in Yahweh-I will make you ride on the heights of the land and feed you with the heritage [from the Abrahamic Covenant] of your ancestor Jacob/Ya'akov, for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken." (CJB)

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

The Promised Seed



Genesis 12:1-3, 15:17

The Sign of the Abrahamic Covenant is circumcision: The Promised Seed (believer) enters the gate to the outer court of the tabernacle. Here the believer goes through a heart circumcision separating from pagan idolatry and a life that once left them scattered in the wilderness. Believers receive the Gospel of salvation with all the potential for a redeemed lifestyle. In the heart receiving of this, the seed (the Gospel) is now planted.

Galatians 3:8 "And the Scripture [Yeshua], foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

MOSAIC COVENANT

The Gospel

The preparation of the Bride of Messiah and the return of the Firstborn Priesthood

Dependent on the covenant before it - Abrahamic

Exodus chapters 19-24

As the Bride actively walks in Yeshua's Heavenly Principles on earth and enters the Sabbaths as listed, the Promised Seed in her begins to germinate, root and sprout.

The Sign of the Mosaic Covenant is the Sabbath: The Sign of the Mosaic Covenant is the Sabbath: After heart circumcision, the Promised Seed is escorted by Yeshua through the Mosaic Covenant (the Gospel - her Betrothal / Marriage Covenant) by way of the Sabbath. Moses was given the instructions for the Bride in the Sabbath (her wedding ring). His teaching from Mount Sinai prepares the Bride to be Spirit filled, to walk in a holy lifestyle in the priesthood, fitting her with white linen wedding garments. Here the Bride learns the Kingdom realms (Ten Commandments). Without keeping the Sabbath and walking in these commandments, the potential of the Gospel hidden within the Promised Seed lays dormant. Without germination there is no priesthood or functioning Bride. The personification of the Sabbath (Gospel) is Yeshua; He is The Root and The Lord of the Sabbath.

The Mosaic Covenant - The Sabbath Rest - includes all Sabbaths:

- The Sabbath: the 7th Day of the week
- The Sabbath: The First and Last day of Unleavened Bread
- The Sabbath: The Feast of Shavuot/Pentecost
- The Sabbath: The Feast of Yom Teruah/The Day of Trumpets
- The Sabbath: The Feast of Yom Kippur/the Day of Atonement / The Wedding Day
- The Sabbath: The First Day of the 7 Day Feast of Sukkot / Tabernacles
- The Sabbath: Shemini Atzeret: The Eighth Day after the 7 day Feast of Sukkot.

DAVIDIC COVENANT

The Sabbath Rest

King and Priesthood in the Order of Melchizedek

Dependent on the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants before it.

Hebrews 8:8–10 Jeremiah 31:31-33 The Sign of the Davidic Covenant is the Temple (Tabernacle): Once the Promised Seed (believer) is actively walking (sprouted) in the lifestyle, teaching and instructions of her Marriage Covenant, he/she will approach the tabernacle and enter through the gate (the Davidic Covenant). Only the priesthood of Yeshua is allowed to pass from the outer court to the inner court of the Tabernacle. This is entering the Bridal Chamber – The Sabbath Rest - eternity.

The Bride must go through the *Abrahamic* and *Mosaic* Covenants before she can proceed into the Davidic Covenant. This priestly Covenant is upheld by the holiness of the Sabbath. The Sabbath Rest is called Eternity. (Hebrews chapter 4-5)

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The Goal

- Hebrews 11:24-26 "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ/Messiah greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward."
- ** 1Peter 1:10-12 "Of this salvation [salvation of the soul, not the spirit] the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you [believers], searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ/Yeshua who was in them [the prophets] was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ/Messiah and the glories that would follow. To them [the prophets] it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven things which angels desire to look into."

Moses, filled with the Spirit of the Holy One, stood on the last day of his life looking forward to our day! The goal of Moses' teaching (the Gospel) was to point the Bride to Yeshua the Messiah, the purpose, fulfillment and personification of the Living Word. He is not only the *Word made flesh*, but is also the *Creator* and *Author* of the Word (Isaiah 63:11-12; John 1:1, 14, 5:46-47; 1 Peter 1:9-16; Deuteronomy 29:12-15; Galatians 3:7, 29; Jeremiah 3:31-33; Hebrews 8:8-10).

As we have seen that the *Gospel* holds the key to our lives as believers. Without Yahweh's teaching and instruction, believers will not see the goal, as the goal markers have been removed by the early Church fathers. As biblical history has revealed, removing the goal posts, Yahweh's Feast Days, has caused the Bride (the Promised Seed) to lose sight of her pathway (See study entitled *Balak*). In Acts 15 the Jerusalem Council was so concerned for those who had lost their way that the Council issued a letter for Paul to carry back to the redeemed seed of Abraham, specifying that those who had been regathered, were to walk in obedience to the *Mosaic* Covenant,

Acts 15:15-21 "For from the earliest times, Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, with his words [the Gospel] being read in the synagogues every Shabbat." CJB

Be Careful to Obey the Gospel

Deuteronomy 29:18-21 "...so that there may not be among you [believers] man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from Yahweh our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood; and so it may not happen, when he [a believer] hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart' - as though the drunkard [believer habitually walking

outside Yahweh's principles] could be included with the sober [a believer who is walking inside Yahweh's principles]. Yahweh would not spare him; for then the anger of Yahweh and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and Yahweh would blot out his name from under heaven. And Yahweh would separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law [The Marriage Covenant]"

Matthew 22:2-14 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son [Yeshua], and sent out his servants [the prophets] to call those who were invited to the wedding [Yom Kippur]; and they [believers] were not willing to come [to the King's Feast]. Again, he [the King] sent out other servants [prophets], saying, 'Tell those who are invited, see, I have prepared my dinner [My Feast]; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed [an offering has been made and was accepted on their behalf], and all things are ready [finished / complete]. Come to the wedding [Yom Kippur].' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business [they did not acknowledge the King's Feast Days]. And the rest seized his servants [prophets], treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies [Revelation19:17], destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready [an eternal set time has come], but those [believers] who were invited [to Yom Kippur] were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways [out to the wilderness as John the Baptist did], and as many as you find, invite to the wedding [Yom *Kippur*].' So those servants [prophets – those who teach and instruct the Gospel of the Kingdom of Yahweh] went out into the highways [wilderness] and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. 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 [white linen priestly garment]. So he said to him, 'Friend [Believer], how did you come in here [the Holy of Holies, the Bridal Chamber] without a wedding garment [without the priestly garment]?' And he [the believer] was speechless. 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 [believers] are called, but few are chosen [but few choose]'" (Ezekiel 44:23-24).

The Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh holds the key to faith/obedience in Yeshua and unlocks the truth of the Gospel in the New Testament/Brit Chadasha. He is drawing those who had come from backgrounds where the Gospel that was given to Abraham and Moses had been hidden or was deleted altogether. The teachings from Mount Sinai held the message of the good news of the Messiah and our inheritance as part of Israel long before Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection. Now, with this knowledge believers are returning to the true Sabbath with repentant hearts, and are being transformed, as they choose to walk under the guidance of the Mosaic Covenant – the Wedding Invitation.

Deuteronomy 29:22-25 "Your children who follow you in later generations and foreigners who come from distant lands will see the calamities that have fallen on the land and the diseases with which Yahweh has afflicted it. All the nations will ask: 'Why has Yahweh done this to this land? Why this fierce, burning anger?' And the answer will be: 'It is because this people abandoned the Covenant of Yahweh, the [Marriage] Covenant he made with them when he brought them out of Egypt.""

Everything hinges on the *Mosaic* Covenant, as it is where the Sabbath is found. This is our teaching manual for life. If believers discard it, this manual then becomes a witness against them. These are the warning signs not to break Covenant with Him. This is the same Covenant that He willingly took all those curses (that were a witness against us) to the tree with Him to give us His life so that we could live and have a relationship, and enter into eternity with Him.

- **Deuteronomy 29:29** "The secret things belong to Yahweh our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law [Mosaic/Wedding Covenant]."
- **Proverbs 25:2** "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of *kings* is to search out a matter."

In Romans, Paul said,

"Now to him who is able to establish you by my Gospel [Mosaic Covenant given 'before' the death and resurrection of Yeshua] and the proclamation of Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him - to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ/Yeshua Ha Mashiach! Amen" (Romans 16:25-27 CJB).

Luke said,

"Therefore, repent and turn to Yahweh, so that your sins may be erased; so that times of refreshing may come from Yahweh's presence, and he may send the Messiah appointed in advance for you, that is, Yeshua. He has to remain in heaven until his time comes for restoring everything, as Yahweh said long ago, when He spoke through the holy prophets. For Moses himself said, 'Yahweh will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You are to listen to everything He tells you. Everyone who fails to listen to that prophet will be removed from the people and destroyed.' Indeed, all the prophets announced these days, starting with Samuel and continuing through all who followed. You are the sons of the prophets; and you are included in the covenant, which Yahweh made with our fathers when he said to Abraham, 'By your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.' So it is to you first that Yahweh has sent His servant [Yeshua] whom He has raised up [from the dead], so that He might bless you by

turning each one of your from your evil ways" (Deuteronomy18: 15,18-19; Acts 3:19-26 CJB).

Take Account

Deuteronomy 30:1-3 "When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever Yahweh disperses you among the nations, and you return to Yahweh and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today [through the Marriage Covenant], you and your children [believers], with all your heart and with all your soul, then Yahweh will restore your fortunes [of a land, a people and a blessing as outlined in the Covenant] and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you."

Yahweh asks us to *willingly* obey <u>and</u> walk in His teaching and instruction. *IF* we do, then we will be His people and He will be our God. It is that simple. When believers come to understand that it is those who willingly walk in the Gospel (His Torah, tutor/guide booklet, the *Mosaic*/Wedding Covenant), they will be Yahweh's people, and He will come and dwell with them (John 14:21, 23-24, 15:7-9, 10, 14).

- Act 10:34-35 "Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: 'In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him <u>and</u> works righteousness is accepted by Him.'
- Deuteronomy 30:4-6 "If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there Yahweh will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then Yahweh will bring you to the land that your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. And Yahweh will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love Yahweh with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."
- Ezekiel 36:25-28 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you [those believers who return], and you [believer] shall be clean; I will cleanse you [believer] from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you [believer] a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you [believer] a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments [Mosaic Covenant] and do them. Then you [believer] shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you [believer] shall be My people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

Rabbi Elie Munk in his Chumash series The Call of the Torah writes,

"According to the Talmudic opinion that the Ten Tribes will ultimately return, this suggests that the Ten Tribes will return first, and they will be followed by the remaining Two Tribes (*Judah and Benjamin*) The prophet Isaiah may be referring to these two returnings when he says, "I shall gather to him even more than those already gathered" (*Isaiah 56:8*). According to R'Bachya the future redemption

will begin with the return of the Ten Tribes. Over the centuries they had become assimilated and estranged from (*Torah*). Since they will come first, their duty will be to rebuild the Land. Afterwards, Judah and Benjamin, who remained steadfast in their faith (*in the word*) for two thousand years, will restore the holiness to the land, (*together they will*) re-establish the glorious kingdom of Yahweh on earth." (CTT)

The Holy Spirit will circumcise hearts of stone allowing the Bride to uphold and embrace her walk with Him to enjoy His Sabbaths and His Feast Days. How is the heart circumcised? By participating in what Yahweh asks the Bride to do - in thought, in heart, in speech and in deed, as all are the manifestations of His Kingdom lifestyle. Walking in His redemption removes the *foreskin* of the heart, liberating the Bride from any temptations of unrighteousness.

Rabbi Elie Munk again comments,

"Repentance is an essential remedy against sin, which is a revolt of man against his Creator, that is, a rebellion against the basis of man's very existence. Thus, without repentance the sinner (one who has known Yahweh's ways, fallen and is returning) could not survive." (CTT)

Deuteronomy 30:8-10 "And you [believer] will <u>again</u> obey the voice of Yahweh and do all His commandments which I command you today. Yahweh your God will make you [believer] abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For Yahweh will again rejoice over you [believer] for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, IF you [believer] obey the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law/Torah [Mosaic Covenant], and IF you [believer] turn to Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

We are this new generation. We are the generation the prophets looked forward to, as they knew we would not fail to honor our covenant.

Mark 12:29-31 Yeshua answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: Hear, O Israel, Yahweh, Yahweh is One. And you shall love Yahweh with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these" (Deuteronomy 6:4; Leviticus 19:18).

Yeshua said, "If you [believer] love Me, keep My commandment" [My Sabbaths and Feast Days written in our Wedding Covenant]. And he who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My Words" (John 14:15, 21, 23-24).

John 21:15-17 Yeshua said to Simon Peter, "Do you love Me more than these [My sheep/My Bride]?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed [teach my loving Betrothal from the Mosaic Covenant to] My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend [teach My word that you heard at the beginning to] My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time; "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Yeshua said to him, "Feed [teach My Ketubah/Marriage Covenant to] My sheep [so they will return to Me]."

In John 21:15-17, Yeshua was reestablishing Peter and asking him to teach His people their Covenant, as His word reveals how to return to Him if she ever lost her way, and Peter had. What Yeshua was bestowing on Peter that day was a spiritual order of the High Priesthood. Only the High Priest could attend to Yeshua's Bride in the Holy of Holies. This was now being entrusted into Peter's care. He did not fully understand it at the time, but he would soon, on Pentecost/Shavuot.

- Deuteronomy 30:11-14 "For this commandment which I command you [believers] today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it? But the word [My loving word for My Bride] is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it."
 - Who can ascend to the heaven for us? The first Hebrew letters of each of these four words form the word for *circumcision* in Hebrew (Deuteronomy 30:4).
 - The word is very near to you. The word near is Strong's H7126 meaning: a kinsman, an offering and a supply.
- Romans 10:4-10 "For the goal at which the law [the Gospel, our Wedding Covenant] aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness to everyone [the Bride] who trusts. For Moses writes about the righteousness [believers] grounded in the law [of her marriage vow] that the person who does these things will attain [eternal] life [with Him] through [obedience to] them."
- **2 Corinthians 13:5-6** "Examine yourselves to see whether you [believers] are living the life of trust [obedience to His Wedding Covenant]. Test yourselves. Don't you realize that Yeshua the Messiah is in you? unless you fail to pass the test." CJB

- Romans 8:11 "if the Spirit of Him who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, He who raised the Messiah from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you."
- Romans 10:9-13 "That if you [believer] confess with your mouth, 'Yeshua is Yahweh,' [Yahweh's attributes is Yeshua in the flesh] and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you [believer] will be delivered [from any powerlessness to overcome your sins]. For with the heart one goes on trusting and thus continues toward righteousness [obeying our wedding instructions], while with the mouth one keeps on making public acknowledgement and thus continues toward deliverance...Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be delivered." CJB

Life or Death

- Deuteronomy 30:15-16 "See, I have set before you today life and good [The Tree of Life Torah that will bring blessings], death and evil [The Tree of Disorder The Knowledge of Good and Evil that bring curses], in that I command you [Bride/believers] today to love Yahweh your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and Yahweh your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess."
- **1 John 5:3** "For this is the love of God, that we [believers] keep His commandments [Marriage Covenant given at Mount Sinai including His Sabbaths]."
- Deuteronomy 30:17-18 "But if your heart turns away [from the Gospel] and you [believers] are not obedient, and if you [believers] are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them [their feast days], I declare to you this day that you [believers] will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess" NIV (2 Chronicles 36:16-21).

Heaven and Earth

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you [believer], life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live [be blessed]; that you may love Yahweh your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which Yahweh swore [in an everlasting covenant] to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them" (Deuteronomy 4:26-29; 30:6).

Yeshua, *the Voice*, made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. The sun, moon and stars are prophetic signs for the Bride. His Sabbath holds all His seasons, months and

Feast Days in order. Without *the Sabbath*, the signs and wonders of heaven serve no purpose to Yahweh's Bride. If she loses *the Sabbath*, she will assimilate into the ways of the nations and cultures around her and miss the fullness intended for her in the Covenants. She will also miss the preparations for her wedding day and *The Day* itself on Yom Kippur. Once believers enter *the Sabbath*, they enter the *Mosaic* Covenant and start their journey back. It is *the Sabbath* that woos the Bride toward her Bridegroom. The Sabbath is the Bride's final resting place with Him for all eternity called the *Sabbath Rest* (Hebrews chapter 4-5).

Heaven and earth are our witnesses. When believers *obey* the *heavenly* pattern shown them through Moses, they will flourish on the *earth* and produce abundant blessings, signs and wonders. When believers *disobey*, the land will lie as a parched desert. Poverty will increase bringing desolation upon man, beast and crops affecting every area of life. Both the heavens and the earth are an outward sign of our heart before Yahweh; this is why they are a *sign* and a *witness* before Him. Through the *Sabbath* – the sign of the *Mosaic* Wedding Covenant – we enter the *door/gate/covenant* into the Priesthood of Yeshua. This will bring about the restoration of David's fallen tent/Covenant/Tabernacle – where we will forever dwell in Yeshua's heavenly Kingdom here on earth – *the Sabbath Rest*.

Matthew 6:9-13 "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

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