Sunday - Day 1 before Shabbat - Parasha Emor - Say (22nd day of the Omer).

Leviticus 21.

1 . Regulations for Conduct of Priests ...

YAHWEH said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, 'A priest shall not defile himself for the dead among his people;

- 2 except for his relatives that are near to him: for his mother, for his father, for his son, for his daughter, for his brother,
- 3 and for his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband; for her he may defile himself.
- 4 He shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.
- 5 "They shall not shave their heads, neither shall they shave off the corners of their beards, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.
- 6 They shall be holy to their ELOHIM, and not profane the name of their ELOHIM; for they offer the offerings of YAHWEH made by fire, the bread of their ELOHIM; therefore they shall be holy.
- 7 "They shall not marry a woman who is a prostitute, or profane; neither shall they marry a woman divorced from her husband; for he is holy to his ELOHIM!
- 8 You shall sanctify him therefore; for he offers the bread of your ELOHIM: he shall be holy to you: for I YAHWEH, who sanctify you, am holy.
- 9 "The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the prostitute, she profanes her father: she shall be burned with fire.
- 10 "He who is the high priest among his brothers, upon whose head the anointing oil is poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head hang loose, nor tear his clothes;
- 11 neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;
- 12 neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his ELOHIM; for the crown of the anointing oil of his ELOHIM is upon him. I am YAHWEH!
- 13 "He shall take a wife in her virginity.
- 14 A widow, or one divorced, or a woman who has been defiled, or a prostitute, these he shall not marry: but a virgin of his own people shall he take as a wife.
- 15 He shall not profane his seed among his people: for I am YAHWEH who sanctifies him."
- 16 YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,
- 17 "Say to Aaron, 'None of your seed throughout their generations who has a blemish, may approach to offer the bread of his ELOHIM!
- 18 For whatever man he is that has a blemish, he shall not draw near: a blind man, or a lame, or he who has a flat nose, or any deformity,
- 19 or a man who has an injured foot, or an injured hand,
- 20 or hunchbacked, or a dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye, or an itching disease, or scabs, or who has damaged testicles;
- 21 no man of the seed of Aaron the priest who has a blemish, shall come near to offer the offerings of YAHWEH made by fire. Since he has a blemish, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his ELOHIM!
- 22 He shall eat the bread of his ELOHIM, both of the most holy, and of the holy.
- 23 He shall not come near to the veil, nor come near to the altar, because he has a blemish; that he may not profane my sanctuaries, for I am YAHWEH who sanctifies them "
- 24 So Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

1 Thessalonians 1.

1 . Greeting. . 1 Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians!

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in ELOHIM the Father and ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah: Grace to you and peace from ELOHIM our Father and ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah.

- 2 We always give thanks to ELOHIM for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers,
- 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah, before our ELOHIM and Father.
- 4 We know, brothers loved by ELOHIM, that you are chosen,
- 5 and that our Good News came to you not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance. You know what kind of men we showed ourselves to be among you for your sake.
- 6 You became imitators of us, and of ADONAI, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,
- 7 so that you became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- 8 For from you the word of ADONAI has been declared, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward ELOHIM has gone out; so that we need not to say anything.
- 9 For they themselves report concerning us what kind of a reception we had from you; and how you turned to ELOHIM from idols, to serve a living and true ELOHIM, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead YESHUA, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Day 22. Counting of the Omer! Psalms 119:169-176.

Let my cry come before you, YAHWEH! Give me understanding according to your word.

- 170 Let my supplication come before you. Deliver me according to your word.
- 171 Let my lips utter praise, for you teach me your statutes.
- 172 Let my tongue sing of your word, for all your commandments are righteousness.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.
- 174 I have longed for your salvation [yeshuat], YAHWEH! Your Torah is my delight.
- 175 Let my soul live, that I may praise you. Let your ordinances help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I don't forget your commandments.

STBM OMER COMMENTARY:

For the twenty-two sections of Psalms 119 (one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet - Aleph to Tav), King David repeats his love for ELOHIM, and his heartfelt desire for the Torah.

"Let my cry come before You, O YAHWEH; Give me understanding according to Your word. Let my supplication come before You"

Within the Torah the King found the grace, compassion, love, mercy, direction, justice, deliverance, and the Salvation of ELOHIM! This understanding according to the Word, frees you from yourself, your wayward thinking, selfish desires, and impure motives. As you walk according to the commands you continue to take on the nature and character of YAHWEH!

"My lips shall utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.
My tongue shall speak of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteousness."

David knew that actions apart from praise would become a religion of barren ritual, and faith without action was empty praise and disingenuous words. With his soul, his lips, his heart, his hands, and his ways, David worshipped ELOHIM! He committed his walk and he lifted his voice. The King praises YAHWEH for Who He is and because He is.

"I long for Your salvation, O YAHWEH,
And Your TORAH is my delight...
Seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments."

In his longing to be closer to YAHWEH, David sought Him in the Torah. When he was in trouble, discouraged, or disheartened, he meditated on the Torah. When his enemies surrounded him and sought to take his life, David remembered ELOHIM's promises and sang Him songs of praise. When David longed for His salvation - to see the Living ELOHIM - he made the Torah his delight.

From the beginning of each day to the end of every night, from his beginnings as a shepherd to his reigning as ELOHIM's king, from the aleph to the tav of King David's life, he extols the virtues of ELOHIM's Torah, His wisdom, His understanding, and His salvation.

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Monday - Day 2 before Shabbat - Parasha Emor | Say (23rd day of the Omer).

Leviticus 22.

- 1 YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2 "Tell Aaron and his sons to separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they make holy to me, and that they not profane my holy name. I am YAHWEH!
- 3 "Tell them, 'If anyone of all your seed throughout your generations approaches the holy things, which the children of Israel make holy to YAHWEH, having his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut off from before me. I am YAHWEH!
- 4 "Whoever of the seed of Aaron is a leper or has an issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he is clean. Whoever touches anything that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goes from him;
- 5 or whoever touches any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatever uncleanness he has;
- 6 the person that touches any such shall be unclean until the evening, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he bathe his body in water.
- 7 When the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward he shall eat of the holy things, because it is his bread.
- 8 That which dies of itself, or is torn by animals, he shall not eat, defiling himself by it. I am YAHWEH!
- 9 "They shall therefore follow my requirements, lest they bear sin for it, and die therein, if they profane it. I am YAHWEH who sanctifies them.
- 10 "No stranger shall eat of the holy thing: a foreigner living with the priests, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.
- 11 But if a priest buys a slave, purchased by his money, he shall eat of it; and such as are born in his house, they shall eat of his bread.
- 12 If a priest's daughter is married to an outsider, she shall not eat of the heave offering of the holy things.
- 13 But if a priest's daughter is a widow, or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house, as in her youth, she may eat of her father's bread: but no stranger shall eat any of it.
- 14 "If a man eats something holy unwittingly, then he shall add the fifth part of its value to it, and shall give the holy thing to the priest.
- 15 The priests shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer to YAHWEH.
- 16 and so cause them to bear the iniquity that brings guilt, when they eat their holy things: for I am YAHWEH who sanctifies them."

17 . Offerings Accepted and Not Accepted. .

YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

- 18 "Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'Whoever is of the house of Israel, or of the foreigners in Israel, who offers his offering, whether it be any of their vows, or any of their freewill offerings, which they offer to YAHWEH for a burnt offering;
- 19 that you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without blemish, of the bulls, of the sheep, or of the goats.
- 20 But whatever has a blemish, that you shall not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.
- 21 Whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to YAHWEH to accomplish a vow, or for

- a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; no blemish shall be therein.
- 22 Blind, injured, maimed, having a wart, festering, or having a running sore, you shall not offer these to YAHWEH, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to YAHWEH!
- 23 Either a bull or a lamb that has any deformity or lacking in his parts, that you may offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.
- 24 That which has its testicles bruised, crushed, broken, or cut, you shall not offer to YAHWEH; neither shall you do thus in your land.
- 25 Neither shall you offer the bread of your ELOHIM from the hand of a foreigner of any of these; because their corruption is in them. There is a blemish in them. They shall not be accepted for you."
- 26 YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,
- 27 "When a bull, or a sheep, or a goat, is born, then it shall remain seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for the offering of an offering made by fire to YAHWEH!
- 28 Whether it is a cow or ewe, you shall not kill it and its young both in one day.
- 29 "When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to YAHWEH, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.
- 30 It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until the morning. I am YAHWEH!
- 31 "Therefore you shall keep my commandments, and do them. I am YAHWEH!
- 32 You shall not profane my holy name, but I will be made holy among the children of Israel. I am YAHWEH who makes you holy,
- 33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your ELOHIM! I am YAHWEH!"

Day 23. Counting of the Omer! Psalms 119:1-8.

1 . **№** ALEPH. .

ALEPH Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to YAHWEH's Torah.

- 2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes, who seek him with their whole heart.
- 3 Yes, they do nothing wrong. They walk in his ways.
- 4 You have commanded your precepts, that we should fully obey them.
- 5 Oh that my ways were steadfast to obey your statutes!
- 6 Then I wouldn't be disappointed, when I consider all of your commandments.
- 7 I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will observe your statutes. Don't utterly forsake me.

STBM OMER COMMENTARY:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."
(Matthew 5:3-6).

When Yeshua began teaching the crowds with the well known "beatitudes", the audience who heard Yeshua and His followers who listened to Him, largely consisted of the poor, the mourning, and the meek. The blessings of ELOHIM may not have been obvious in their lives. To these YAHWEH spoke comfort, inheritance, and the fullness of ELOHIM's Kingdom.

Just as David began Psalms 119, Yeshua began each proclamation with the word, "Blessed"! When you read and study the Torah, the blessing of applying its principles may not always be obvious. When you begin to walk in the teaching and instruction of YAHWEH, those around you may not understand or call you blessed. The blessings that Yeshua spoke of stood in contrast to the conventional "wisdom" of His day also.

Within the Torah of ELOHIM lies the authority of ELOHIM! David recognized the authority and strength of the Torah. He knew the authority to walk was "in the TORAH of YAHWEH and not the way of the defiled." He knew the strength "to keep His precepts diligently" was found in a covenant relationship with ELOHIM! His position was not his strength, this relationship was the sustenance of strength.

David declared the blessings of ELOHIM, and the promises of the Kingdom. Yeshua reminds us that true blessings are not always obvious, not only on the surface, and not quantified by the world's standards.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25:34).

The Torah cannot be approached as a path to blessings; the Torah was given as an avenue of worship. The true blessing is the Torah itself, the promises it contains are the results of this blessing. When you listen and follow the Torah you are as King David declared, and Yeshua, the King of Kings proclaimed, "Blessed"! You shall be comforted...You shall inherit...and you shall be filled!

"Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of YAHWEH! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of YAHWEH!" (Mark 11: 9-10).

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Tuesday - Day 3 before Shabbat - Parasha Emor | Say (24th day of the Omer).

Leviticus 23.

<u>. Feasts of YAHWEH.</u>

YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'The set feasts of YAHWEH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my set feasts.

3 . The Sabbath. .

"Six days shall work be done: but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no kind of work. It is a Sabbath to YAHWEH in all your dwellings.

4 . The Passover and Unleavened Bread. .

- "These are the set feasts of YAHWEH, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their appointed season.
- 5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, is YAHWEH's Passover.
- 6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to YAHWEH! Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
- 7 In the first day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work.
- 8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHWEH seven days. In the seventh day is a holy convocation: you shall do no regular work."

9 . The Feast of Firstfruits. .

YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

- 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you have come into the land which I give to you, and shall reap its the harvest, then you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest:
- 11 and he shall wave the sheaf before YAHWEH, to be accepted for you. On the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.
- 12 On the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb without blemish a year old for a burnt offering to YAHWEH!
- 13 The meal offering with it shall be two tenth parts of an efah of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire to YAHWEH for a pleasant aroma; and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin.
- 14 You shall eat neither bread, nor roasted grain, nor fresh grain, until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your ELOHIM! This is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

. The Feast of Weeks. .

- "You shall count from the next day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be completed:
- 16 even to the next day after the seventh Sabbath you shall number fifty days; and you shall offer a new meal offering to YAHWEH!
- 17 You shall bring out of your habitations two loaves of bread for a wave offering made of

two tenth parts of an efah of fine flour. They shall be baked with yeast, for first fruits to YAHWEH!

- 18 You shall present with the bread seven lambs without blemish a year old, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to YAHWEH, with their meal offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YAHWEH!
- 19 You shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.
- 20 The priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering before YAHWEH, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to YAHWEH for the priest.
- 21 You shall make proclamation on the same day: there shall be a holy convocation to you; you shall do no regular work. This is a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.
- 22 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap into the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest: you shall leave them for the poor, and for the foreigner. I am YAHWEH your ELOHIM!"

23 . The Feast of Trumpets. .

YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

- 24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest to you, a memorial of blowing of shofars, a holy convocation.
- 25 You shall do no regular work; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHWEH!"

. The Day of Atonement. .

YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saving,

- 27 "However on the tenth day of this seventh month is Yom Kippur: it shall be a holy convocation to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHWEH!
- 28 You shall do no kind of work in that same day; for it is Yom Kippur, to make atonement for you before YAHWEH your ELOHIM!
- 29 For whoever it is who shall not deny himself in that same day; shall be cut off from his people.
- 30 Whoever it is who does any kind of work in that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.
- 31 You shall do no kind of work: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
- 32 It shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall deny yourselves. In the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your Sabbath."

33 . The Feast of Tabernacles. .

YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

- 34 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of booths for seven days to YAHWEH!
- 35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall do no regular work.
- 36 Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHWEH! On the eighth day shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHWEH! It is a solemn assembly; you shall do no regular work.

- 37 "These are the appointed feasts of YAHWEH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to YAHWEH, a burnt offering, and a meal offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, each on its own day;
- 38 besides the Sabbaths of YAHWEH, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to YAHWEH!
- 39 "So on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you shall keep the feast of YAHWEH seven days: on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest.
- 40 You shall take on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before YAHWEH your ELOHIM seven days.
- 41 You shall keep it a feast to YAHWEH seven days in the year: it is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month.
- 42 You shall dwell in booths seven days. All who are native-born in Israel shall dwell in booths,
- 43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am YAHWEH your ELOHIM!"
- 44 Moses declared to the children of Israel the appointed feasts of YAHWEH!

1 Thessalonians 2.

1 . Paul's Conduct. .

For you yourselves know, brothers, our visit to you wasn't in vain,

- 2 but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi, we grew bold in our ELOHIM to tell you the Good News of ELOHIM in much conflict.
- 3 For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in deception.
- 4 But even as we have been approved by ELOHIM to be entrusted with the Good News, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but ELOHIM, who tests our hearts.
- 5 For neither were we at any time found using words of flattery, as you know, nor a cloak of covetousness (ELOHIM is witness),
- 6 nor seeking glory from men (neither from you nor from others), when we might have claimed authority as emissaries of Messiah.
- 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her own children.
- 8 Even so, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not the Good News of ELOHIM only, but also our own souls, because you had become very dear to us.
- 9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and travail; for working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached to you the Good News of ELOHIM!
- 10 You are witnesses with ELOHIM, how holy, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves toward you who believe.
- 11 As you know, we exhorted, comforted, and implored every one of you, as a father does his own children,
- 12 to the end that you should walk worthily of ELOHIM, who calls you into his own Kingdom and glory.

13 . Their Conversion. .

For this cause we also thank ELOHIM without ceasing, that, when you received from us the word of the message of ELOHIM, you accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of ELOHIM, which also works in you who believe.

14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the assemblies of ELOHIM which are in Judea

in Messiah YESHUA; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they did from the Judeans;

- 15 who killed both ADONAI YESHUA and their own prophets, and drove us out, and didn't please ELOHIM, and are contrary to all men;
- 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always. But wrath has come on them to the uttermost.

. Longing to See Them. .

But we, brothers, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence, not in heart, tried even harder to see your face with great desire,

- 18 because we wanted to come to you indeed, I, Paul, once and again but Satan hindered
- 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Isn't it even you, before our ADONAI YESHUA at his coming?
- 20 For you are our glory and our joy.

Day 24. Counting of the Omer! Psalms 119:9-16.

9 <u>. ⊒ BETH. .</u>

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. 10 With my whole heart, I have sought you. Don't let me wander from your commandments.

- 11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, YAHWEH! Teach me your statutes.
- 13 With my lips, I have declared all the ordinances of your mouth.
- 14 I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your precepts, and consider your ways.
- 16 I will delight myself in your statutes. I will not forget your word.

STBM OMER COMMENTARY:

"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."
(Matthew 15:8-9).

Yeshua did not rebuke the people and religious leaders of His day for their prayers, but He called their worship vain, their teachings flawed, and their hearts cold and distant.

Worship, praise, and good deeds must always involve your heart. It's difficult to pour yourself into something that you don't believe in wholeheartedly. ELOHIM did not give us empty worship and vacuous praise; He gave us actions and activities, celebrations and festivals. The Torah is His guidance and direction for every area of your life, that you might love YAHWEH with all your heart, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

King David hid the Torah in his heart, meditated on its precepts, and occupied himself with its statutes, so that his heart would not stray, his mind would not falter, and his feet would not stumble. The King could sing, dance, rejoice, and worship because his heart was impassioned and his words were genuine.

"There are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen."
(John 21:25).

Hebrew words are not passive; they are active, just as Yeshua's ministry is characterized by action. He taught His disciples that love is action. He came to heal the sick, open blind eyes, cleanse the unclean, light the darkness, and bring life to the dead. He told us to pray for "laborers" to go into the harvest. This is the Torah that Yeshua desires for His disciples, not legalistic observance or ritualistic routine, but active love, mercy, compassion - a whole-hearted embrace and expression of ELOHIM!

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Wednesday - Day 4 before Shabbat - Parasha Emor | Say (Erev Pesach Sheni | 2nd Passover Eve) (25th day of the Omer).

Leviticus 24:1-23.

Care of the Tabernacle Lamps. .

YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

- 2 "Command the children of Israel, that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually.
- 3 Outside of the veil of the Testimony, in the Tent of Meeting, shall Aaron keep it in order from evening to morning before YAHWEH continually: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.
- 4 He shall keep in order the lamps on the pure gold menorah before YAHWEH continually.

5 . The Bread of the Tabernacle. .

- "You shall take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes of it: two tenth parts of an efah shall be in one cake.
- 6 You shall set them in two rows, six on a row, on the pure gold table before YAHWEH!
- 7 You shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire to YAHWEH!
- 8 Every Sabbath day he shall set it in order before YAHWEH continually. It is on the behalf of the children of Israel an everlasting covenant.
- 9 It shall be for Aaron and his sons; and they shall eat it in a holy place: for it is most holy to him of the offerings of YAHWEH made by fire by a perpetual statute."

. The Penalty for Blasphemy. .

The son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp.

- 11 The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him to Moses. His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan
- 12 They put him in custody, until the will of YAHWEH should be declared to them.
- 13 YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,
- 14 "Bring out of the camp him who cursed; and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him.
- 15 You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Whoever curses his ELOHIM shall bear his sin.
- 16 He who blasphemes the name of YAHWEH, he shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him: the foreigner as well as the native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.
- 17 "He who strikes any man mortally shall surely be put to death.
- 18 He who strikes an animal mortally shall make it good, life for life.
- 19 If anyone injures his neighbor; as he has done, so shall it be done to him:
- 20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has injured someone, so shall it be done to him.
- 21 He who kills an animal shall make it good; and he who kills a man shall be put to death.
- 22 You shall have one kind of justice process, for the foreigner as well as the native-born:

for I am YAHWEH your ELOHIM!"

23 Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they brought out him who had cursed out of the camp, and stoned him with stones. The children of Israel did as YAHWEH commanded Moses.

Ezekiel 44:15-31.

- 15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who performed the duty of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me; and they shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says ADONAI YAHWEH:
- 16 they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my instruction.
- 17 It shall be that, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come on them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.
- 18 They shall have linen tires on their heads, and shall have linen breeches on their waists; they shall not clothe themselves with anything that causes sweat.
- 19 When they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they minister, and lay them in the holy rooms; and they shall put on other garments, that they not sanctify the people with their garments.
- 20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor allow their locks to grow long; they shall only cut off the hair of their heads.
- 21 Neither shall any of the priests drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.
- 22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her who is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.
- 23 They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
- 24 In a controversy they shall stand to judge; according to my ordinances shall they judge it: and they shall keep my Torah (teachings and instructions) and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall make my Sabbaths holy.
- 25 They shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no husband, they may defile themselves.
- 26 After he is cleansed, they shall reckon to him seven days.
- 27 In the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says ADONAI YAHWEH!
- 28 They shall have an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.
- 29 They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.
- 30 The first of all the first fruits of every thing, and every offering of everything, of all your offerings, shall be for the priest: you shall also give to the priests the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house.
- 31 The priests shall not eat of anything that dies of itself, or is torn, whether it be bird or animal.

Day 25. Counting of the Omer! Psalms 119:17-24.

17 .3 GIMEL..

Do good to your servant. I will live and I will obey your word.

- 18 Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things out of your Torah.
- 19 I am a stranger on the earth. Don't hide your commandments from me.
- 20 My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.
- 21 You have rebuked the proud who are cursed, who wander from your commandments.
- 22 Take reproach and contempt away from me, for I have kept your statutes.
- 23 Though princes sit and slander me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.
- 24 Indeed your statutes are my delight, and my counselors.

STBM OMER COMMENTARY:

"Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers." (Luke 2:46-47).

As a young boy, Yeshua sat in the Temple, discussing the Torah with the teachers and religious leaders, to the astonishment of those who heard Him. Yeshua is the Word made flesh. He was intimate with every word and instruction in the Torah. He is the perfect picture of the Torah written on your heart and mind.

As the youngest of his brothers, David spent his youth sleeping on the ground, awakened by the first light to the sound of sheep; amidst the flock of his father. This small beginning, faithful to the task at hand and daily habit of seeking ELOHIM, determined his future.

What Yeshua is at birth, King David becomes throughout his life. He studies, meditates, walks, speaks, and lives the Torah; occupying His time, and organizing His walk according to the statutes, precepts, decrees, and judgments of ELOHIM; the teaching, instruction, guidance, and deliverance found in the Torah.

"My soul breaks with longing
For Your judgments at all times...
Princes also sit and speak against me,
but Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
Your testimonies also are my delight
and my counselors."

The words of David are the words of Yeshua. He lamented that people turned away from the Torah. His soul longed to see the judgments of ELOHIM operating in the lives of His followers. Just as leaders sat and listened to Yeshua teach, princes gathered to speak against Him. What would the leaders and "princes" of today say if they truly heard Yeshua speaking of the wonders of the Torah? Would they be astonished or speak against Him?

It was amazing to all who heard Him, that the young boy Yeshua could be so intimately aware of the Torah. It is compelling to those of the kingdom that David could have achieved this same level of intimacy with the Word. Yeshua speaks as David spoke, the true servant of ELOHIM meditates on His statutes; His testimonies are his delight and his counselors. With his heart, mind, and, soul he is in tune with the Torah, because it is His very nature!

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Thursday - Day 5 before Shabbat - Parasha Emor | Say (Pesach Sheni | 2nd Passover) (26th day of the Omer).

Pesach Sheni | 2nd Passover:

Numbers 9:1-12.

1 . The Second Passover. .

YAHWEH spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

- 2 "Moreover let the children of Israel keep the Passover in its appointed season.
- 3 On the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, you shall keep it in its appointed season according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances, you shall keep it."
- 4 Moses spoke to the children of Israel, that they should keep the Passover.
- 5 They kept the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, in the wilderness of Sinai. According to all that YAHWEH commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did.
- 6 There were certain men, who were unclean because of the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the Passover on that day, and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day.
- 7 Those men said to him, "We are unclean because of the dead body of a man. Why are we kept back, that we may not offer the offering of YAHWEH in its appointed season among the children of Israel?"
- 8 Moses answered them, "Wait, that I may hear what YAHWEH will command concerning you."
- 9 YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,
- 10 "Say to the children of Israel, 'If any man of you or of your generations is unclean by reason of a dead body, or is on a journey far away, he shall still keep the Passover to YAHWEH!
- 11 In the second month, on the fourteenth day at evening they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
- 12 They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break a bone of it. According to all the statute of the Passover they shall keep it.

Emor (continued):

1 Thessalonians 3.

1 . Concern for Their Faith. .

Therefore, when we couldn't stand it any longer, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone,

- 2 and sent Timothy, our brother and ELOHIM's servant in the Good News of Messiah, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith;
- 3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you know that we are appointed to this task.
- 4 For most certainly, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to suffer affliction, even as it happened, and you know.
- 5 For this cause I also, when I couldn't stand it any longer, sent that I might know your

faith, for fear that by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor would have been in vain.

6 . Encouraged by Timothy. .

But when Timothy came just now to us from you, and brought us glad news of your faith and love, and that you have good memories of us always, longing to see us, even as we also long to see you;

- 7 for this cause, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your faith.
- 8 For now we live, if you stand fast in ADONAI!
- 9 For what thanksgiving can we render again to ELOHIM for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our ELOHIM;
- 10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

. Prayer for the Assembly. .

Now may our ELOHIM and Father himself, and our ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah, direct our way to you;

- 12 and ADONAI make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you,
- 13 to the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our ELOHIM and Father, at the coming of our ADONAI YESHUA with all his holy ones.

Day 26. Counting of the Omer! Psalms 119:25-32.

25 <u>DALETH.</u>

My soul is laid low in the dust. Revive me according to your word!

- 26 I declared my ways, and you answered me. Teach me your statutes.
- 27 Let me understand the teaching of your precepts! Then I will meditate on your wondrous works.
- 28 My soul is weary with sorrow: strengthen me according to your word.
- 29 Keep me from the way of deceit. Grant me your Torah graciously!
- 30 I have chosen the way of truth. I have set your ordinances before me.
- 31 I cling to your statutes, YAHWEH! Don't let me be disappointed.
- 32 I run in the path of your commandments, for you have set my heart free.

STBM OMER COMMENTARY:

"These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the TORAH of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." (Luke 23:44-45).

In Hebrew, the letter "dalet" symbolizes the door or doorway. The tradition teaches that the dalet also symbolizes the mind as the doorway to understanding.

When a Hebrew man places the tefillin (phylacteries - small boxes containing Scriptures) upon his forehead, the leather straps form the dalet on the back of his head, again symbolic of the Word of ELOHIM being the doorway to understanding.

"Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works."

King David pleads with ELOHIM to make him understand the way of His Torah. As the King calls out for greater understanding, he already knows the path to understanding lies in the precepts of ELOHIM! David looked fervently into the Torah, but he knew implicitly that to understand what he read, he would need YAHWEH to open the door.

The Word of ELOHIM is the wisdom of ELOHIM! Yeshua Himself is the door to understanding everything found in the Scriptures. Many have looked into the Torah and seen it as "old", "passed away", or "done away with". They do not lack wisdom, they lack understanding. The wisdom is right before them, but the understanding comes only by Yeshua and His Spirit.

King David knew YAHWEH, and he knew the Torah. He sat the precepts of the Torah before himself and cried out to ELOHIM to open the door to His understanding of the Word.

Yeshua said that all the things written about Him in the TORAH, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled. His hearers then and now did not understand the words Yeshua spoke. Until He opens the "dalet" - the door to our understanding - we do not perceive the wonders that King David saw, and the miraculous fulfillment of these wonders in our King Yeshua.

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Friday - Day 6 before Shabbat - Parasha Emor | Say (27th day of the Omer).

1 Thessalonians 4.

1 . Plea for Purity. .

Finally then, brothers, we beg and exhort you in ADONAI YESHUA, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please ELOHIM, that you abound more and more.

- 2 For you know what instructions we gave you through ADONAI YESHUA!
- 3 For this is the will of ELOHIM: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality,
- 4 that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor,
- 5 not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who don't know ELOHIM;
- 6 that no one should take advantage of and wrong a brother or sister in this matter; because ADONAI is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified
- 7 For ELOHIM called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification.
- 8 Therefore he who rejects this doesn't reject man, but ELOHIM, who has also given his Holy Spirit to you.

9 . A Brotherly and Orderly Life. .

But concerning brotherly love, you have no need that one write to you. For you yourselves are taught by ELOHIM to love one another,

- 10 for indeed you do it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brothers, that you abound more and more;
- 11 and that you make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, even as we instructed you;
- 12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and may have need of nothing.

. The Comfort of Messiah's Coming. .

But we don't want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen asleep, so that you don't grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

- 14 For if we believe that YESHUA died and rose again, even so ELOHIM will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in YESHUA!
- 15 For this we tell you by the word of ADONAI, that we who are alive, who are left to the coming of ADONAI, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep.
- 16 For ADONAI himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with ELOHIM's shofar. The dead in Messiah will rise first,
- 17 then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet ADONAI in the air. So we will be with ADONAI forever.
- 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Day 27. Counting of the Omer! Psalms 119:33-40.

33 <u>. THE..</u>

Teach me, YAHWEH, the way of your statutes. I will keep them to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your Torah. Yes, I will obey it with my whole

heart.

- 35 Direct me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in them.
- 36 Turn my heart toward your statutes, not toward selfish gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things. Revive me in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, that you may be feared.
- 39 Take away my disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your precepts! Revive me in your righteousness.

STBM OMER COMMENTARY:

"For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins--then He said to the paralytic, 'Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.'"

(Matthew 9:5-6).

King David knew the value of walking according to ELOHIM's instructions. He knew that walking in the Torah caused the blessings of YAHWEH to pursue and overtake you. He implores ELOHIM to teach him His way, so that the King might keep it "to the end". This phrase is also translated as "step by step". David understood that his entire life consisted of a daily walk, "step by step" in the Torah. It was David's passion to walk in ELOHIM's ways.

When Yeshua encountered the paralyzed man, He used the opportunity to teach His disciples a lesson about walking. He could have simply healed the man without any further discussion. Yeshua could have forgiven his sins, and left him lying in his paralysis. However, Yeshua desired to teach His disciples that their walk with ELOHIM was a manifestation of the forgiveness of ELOHIM!

Immediately after Yeshua forgave his sins, He commanded the still paralyzed man to "arise and walk"! Yeshua demonstrated that a simple prayer for forgiveness, and even forgiveness itself could leave one paralyzed still. Yeshua commands the man to walk, "step by step", in the Torah.

When ELOHIM delivered the Children of Israel from the bondage of Egypt; they experienced the Salvation of YAHWEH! He then brought them to Mt. Sinai and gave them His commands to walk. Teaching, instruction, direction, guidance - commands for everyday life, Feasts and festivals, everlasting precepts, and enduring principles that portray not just the "letter" but the Spirit of the Torah.

Had ELOHIM left the Children of Israel at the foot of the mountain, they would have been free of Pharaoh's grasp, but they would have continued to walk as slaves, and would surely have perished in a barren wilderness. Salvation is the forgiveness of sins, the deliverance from bondage. Yeshua's commands are not given as a substitute for forgiveness, and certainly not as a method of Salvation. They are given to the redeemed, the forgiven, as a manifestation of His power and

presence in our lives. "That you may know that the Son of Man has power on the earth to forgive sins", He gives His command to the paralyzed, "Arise and walk"!

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Saturday -Shabbat - Parasha Emor | Say (28th day of the Omer).

1 Thessalonians 5:1-28.

1 . The Day of YAHWEH..

But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that anything be written to you.

- 2 For you yourselves know well that the day of ADONAI comes like a thief in the night.
- 3 For when they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come on them, like birth pains on a pregnant woman; and they will in no way escape.
- 4 But you, brothers, aren't in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief.
- 5 You are all children of light, and children of the day. We don't belong to the night, nor to darkness.
- 6 so then let's not sleep, as the rest do, but let's watch and be sober.
- 7 For those who sleep, sleep in the night, and those who are drunk are drunk in the night.
- 8 But let us, since we belong to the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and, for a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9 For ELOHIM didn't appoint us to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah.
- 10 who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- 11 Therefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as you also do.

. Various Exhortations. .

But we beg you, brothers, to know those who labor among you, and are over you in ADONAI, and admonish you,

- 13 and to respect and honor them in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.
- 14 We exhort you, brothers, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient toward all.
- 15 See that no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always follow after that which is good, for one another, and for all.
- 16 Rejoice always.
- 17 Pray without ceasing.
- 18 In everything give thanks, for this is the will of ELOHIM in Messiah YESHUA toward you.
- 19 Don't quench the Spirit.
- 20 Don't despise prophesies.
- 21 Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good.
- 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

23 . Blessing and Admonition. .

May the ELOHIM of peace himself sanctify you completely. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah.

- 24 He who calls you is faithful, who will also do it.
- 25 Brothers, pray for us.
- 26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.
- 27 I solemnly command you by ADONAI that this letter be read to all the holy brothers.
- 28 The grace of our ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah be with you. Amen.

Day 28. Counting of the Omer! Psalms 119:41-48.

41 .1 WAW...

Let your loving kindness also come to me, YAHWEH, your salvation, according to your word.

- 42 So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in your word.
- 43 Don't snatch the word of truth out of my mouth, for I put my hope in your ordinances.
- 44 So I will obey your Torah continually, forever and ever.
- 45 I will walk in liberty, for I have sought your precepts.
- 46 I will also speak of your statutes before kings, and will not be disappointed.
- 47 I will delight myself in your commandments, because I love them.
- 48 I reach out my hands for your commandments, which I love. I will meditate on your statutes.

STBM OMER COMMENTARY:

"As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

(Mark 10:46-47).

In the poignant irony typical of the Scriptures, blind Bartimaeus calls out for Yeshua's mercy to open his eyes. Surrounded by followers, from the curious spectator to the devoted disciple, the clearly-sighted crowds did not take the opportunity of seeing Yeshua to seek His mercy. Yet Bartimaeus, though blind, realizes the potential within the Salvation of ELOHIM, and cries out for the mercy incarnate within His Word.

King David's heart was filled with love and thanksgiving for YAHWEH! He prayed without ceasing, meditated on the Torah, and composed psalms of praise for ELOHIM and His Word. Not because it was a ritual, but because it kept him "seeing" YAHWEH's Salvation, and opened his eyes to His mercy.

With all the multitudes that pressed around Yeshua, listening to His words, hearing the subtle inflection of His voice, and watching Him minister in the form of miracles - healing the sick, curing the lame, and opening blinded eyes - surely there were those among the crowds that needed this same mercy. Why is Bartimaeus the only one recorded as calling out for his sight? Is it possible that so many others who were devotedly following Yeshua were still blind to the miracle He had for them personally?

As we follow YAHWEH today, search His Word, listen to His voice, and call ourselves by His name, is it possible that within His Word He has something more for us? Are we walking with YAHWEH and missing the potential of His

presence? Are we like the silent throngs of followers, or like King David, blind Bartimaeus, and Yeshua Himself? The Torah is His voice of teaching, guidance, direction, purpose, promise, and mercy...if we would only ask to "see".

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