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A Study in Sonship

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is hidden right in front of your eyes
and the thing you desire the most
you already have

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Words

There are certain words that because of our personal journeys have emotional attachments with them. By changing these words out with ones we don't normally use, we can hear them again for the first time. I have done this with the following words and I believe in doing so YOU will have a fresh understanding of the letter YOUR heavenly Father wrote to YOU.

Jesus = Y'shua
Christ = Messiah = Anointed
LORD = Yahweh (His personal name)
Law = Torah = Instructions for Life / Way
Old Testament = TaNaKh
(Torah/"Law", Nebhiim/Prophets, Kethubhim/Writings)
Gospel = Good News
satan = the accuser

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Introduction

There is something YOU need to know. Not just in your head, you need to know this in your heart, in the center of your being, the way the Bible means “to know;” you need to know intimately that

**God loves YOU
and He has a right to your life.**

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ:

In *the* beginning God created the heavens and the earth; Gen. 1:1

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

The earth *is* Yahweh's, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who
live in it. Ps. 24:1, 1Cor.10:26

God has a right to your life not because of His power, His creation priority (the fact that He made us) or even in His ability to save us or bring gifts to us or love us. It is found in who He is not what He does.

If you are not “saved” but are a seeker of THE truth not just the defender of a position – “don’t throw the baby out with the bath water”, ask God to reveal Himself to you and then tell Him, no matter what, you want His truth. And if the traditional “Christian” thing puts you off and you have met few Christians that actually live like they mean it, I invite you to read on.

Return (repent), it is time to get real, be honest with yourself and Him and **receive** the **forgiveness** of your sins. The fact that you are reading this means the Holy Spirit has led you to this very point in your life and has something here for you. So, go to Appendix 1 now before going on.

If you have recently come to know Jesus or did so a while back but have not fully understood and embraced the fact that the maker of Heaven and Earth, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the I AM who spoke to Moses and David, the one Jesus called Abba/Father, has

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adopted you as His own child and wants you to know and hear Him say these words:

Behold, I AM your Father
YOU are MY Son and I Love YOU.

Ladies, this includes you because there is no male OR female in Sonship:

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in The Anointed One (Christ) Jesus. Galatians 3:28

You may or may not know who your physical Father is but **knowing to whom you belong spiritually is essential.** There are only two options; you are either of the first Adam living a fallen life under the curse, disconnected from God and are being influenced by spiritual powers and principalities that are not of this physical world.^{Eph6:12} OR, you are of the “last Adam,” Y’shua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ of Nazareth and have been raised up, reconnected with God, “born again” and are a new creation; **it is one or the other, plain and simple.**

Unfortunately, most believers are also being deceived and influenced by powers and forces not of God. How? They do not fully realize who they now are in The Messiah (Christ) and continue to be in agreement with the lies of the enemy.

One day sitting in the large church I had been actively involved with for about eight years, I realized something was missing and said:

“Lord if this is it, I am not impressed!”

It had gradually crept up on me; despite my involvement and commitment - I was dry. I was doing stuff but in that moment realized my relationship with God was much less than what I wanted.

I had no depth, no foundation and no relationship.

This became very real to me one Sunday when our associate pastor/worship leader announced that he was leaving his position to be

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a missionary to the Chiappas Indians in Mexico.

The power and presence of God on him, in him and around him was so tangible, **my spirit cried out:** *"God, that's what I want; I do not have a relationship with You like that and You are no respecter of persons so there must be something wrong with me. Show me what I'm not doing that I should and what I am doing that I shouldn't."*

I wanted the real deal. I was doing what I thought was right; showing up to the table to eat, even participating in the production of the meal but slowly, week-by-week, I was starving to death. **What I didn't KNOW was killing me.**

My people are cut off (perish) for lack of THE knowledge.

Hos. 4:6a

The Hebrew word for knowledge is דעת "da'ath" (Strong's #1847) and refers to intimacy. In Hos. 4:6 it says הדרעה "hada'at", which is THE knowledge or intimacy with God. Not quantum physics or molecular biology!

God longs for and is pursuing a deeper relationship with you, in a much greater way than you are for Him. How do I know this? He came into this world and died in YOUR place so that He could have a personal relationship with YOU. He wrote a love letter to you (the Bible) and (from this point on I am assuming that you know Him) put His Spirit in you, to come along side and help you. It is His very nature to reveal Him-Self to you, but if you, like David can say:

As the deer panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. Ps. 41:1

and if you are actively pursuing Him, then this process of revelation will be quicker because He also tells us:

And you shall seek and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. Jer. 29:13

Parents hide things from their children to protect them but they also delight in hiding things FOR their children so that the children will have the joy of finding them. Our heavenly Father tells us in Proverbs 25:2 that He glories in concealing things so that we, as

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“kings” can glory in searching them out. (You are, after all, a Son and a ROYAL priest^{1Pet.2:9}).

The glory of God is to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter. Pro. 25:2



Our story starts in the Father's garden with the first Adam - a gardener - and a woman, a tree, fruit, the accuser, temptation/betrayal, a fall, a curse of thorns; the man and woman are evicted and death follows.^{Gen3:17-18} God places Cherubim angels at the east of the garden to “keep the way”.^{Gen.3:24} The story continues with the last Adam going to a garden where the accuser tempts Him,^{Jn18:1} He does not fall BUT He is betrayed.^{Lk22:3,48} He also is evicted from the garden and goes to His death. This Adam though, takes the curse of thorns and wears it as a crown; He dies on a tree and is buried - in a garden tomb.

A woman re-enters the garden, sees two angels and someone she thinks is - the gardener! The angels were not there to “keep the way” closed - but OPEN.

Sin entered the world because a woman took “fruit” OFF a tree; the first Adam listened and fell. The last Adam does not give into temptation and redeems ALL things by putting the fruit of the fall - sin, back ON the tree. The risen Y'shua does not show Himself to the men who came to the tomb^{Jn20} but chooses to wait for her; thus the last Adam's first act is to restore the woman. Our story ends - in a garden with a man, His bride and a tree - but the accuser and curse are gone.^{Rev21-22}

In regard to understanding the Scriptures (Holy writings), according to the Rabbis (teachers) there are four levels of study or understanding we go through, they are as follows:

Pashat	“Literal” or Simple meaning
Remes	“Connections” Joining scriptures together.
Darash	“Application” Walk it out. Just DO IT.
Sowd	“Deeper meaning”

PaRDeS - Aramaic for Garden and the origin of PaRaDiSe. Scripture has a “literal” meaning (Pashat) that we must never

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overlook. However, to understand God on any subject we must make the “connections” (Remes) for His whole council. Knowing in our head is one thing but knowing in our hearts is another and this can only come when we “apply” His truth to our lives (Darash). From living the truth AND deeper study, we come to understand the “deeper meaning” (Sowd). Following this path we ascend to PaRaDiSe, the garden, into the presence of God our Father and then we can walk with Him again in the ruach/spirit of the day.^{Gen.2:15}

Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2Tim. 2:15

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go:

I will guide you with My eye. Ps 32:8

This has been a life scripture to me for a number of years. It says what it means and it means what it says but like many verses it is a play on words, at least to me. You see, in addition to being a Son,^{Gal.4:6} a Royal Priest,^{1Pet.2:9} an Ambassador^{2Cor.5:20} and a Teacher,^{Mat.28:19} I am a photographer. So for me to be guided by “His eye” has a special meaning. Unless you too are a photographer or artist this verse will not impact you in the same way, scripture is like that.

As part of our study we are going to look at certain Hebrew words and the meaning they originally conveyed; a meaning that is often lost in translation. For example – names. In Hebrew a name is not just a “handle” to go by. A name describes character, essence and nature. Growing up, Jesus’ Mum and Dad and later His disciples would have called Him Y’shua or Y’hoshua. This name means Yahweh Delivers. We are told to pray “IN” His name not, “with” His name. When we pray in His character, essence and nature, He hears and answers us.

PRAYER:

Abba, you have called me to be a Son and a disciple; a follower, a learner of The Messiah (Christ) The Anointed One and you have hidden things FOR me to find. Open my eyes so that I can behold You and then DO what you have called me to DO, that is reveal You to those who do not know You yet.

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Chapter 8 (1)

Hebrew Book

The Bible is a Hebrew book, written in Hebrew, by Hebrews, to Hebrews, about a Hebrew way of life.

Yes, even the New Testament is Hebrew thought expressed in Greek. Recent archeological evidence shows that Matthew was first written in Hebrew then copied into Greek. But even if some of the New Testament books were first penned in Greek the writers were thinking in Hebrew. The sentence structure, syntax etc. all indicates this. We are dealing with Hebrew thought and must approach what is written from a Hebraic point of view.

Although the Bible's truth and wisdom applies to us today we must be careful not to impose our culture, customs and idioms on the Bible when interpreting it. To truly understand the Bible, therefore, we must have an understanding of Hebrew culture, customs and idioms and learn what the writers meant by the words they used. The Hebrew word for Hebrew is עִבְרִי "Ivrit" and it literally means "one from the other side" or "one who has crossed over". According to the Bible, by adoption and faith, YOU have done just that and so you are - a Hebrew.

We look at biblical culture, customs and idioms to uncover some of the concealed things our Father has for us and we look to our physical Biblical/Hebrew roots . . .

. . . FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING.

Because the physical comes first, it is our foundation. Then, out of that foundation comes the spiritual (Jacob represents the physical, Israel the spiritual). What we call the "Old Testament" Jews call the Tanakh and is a physical representation of a spiritual reality. How solid is your foundation? Remember, your spiritual New Covenant house IS built upon this physical "Old Covenant" foundation and it is good to inspect your foundation from time to time. BUT, we live in the house, the Spiritual reality, NOT the foundation!

But not the spiritual first, but the natural; afterward the spiritual.

1Cor. 15:46

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So we see generally that the Tenakh is physical and we should look for spiritual application in it. The New Testament is spiritual, written by redeemed people to redeemed people and must be read in the spirit to be understood, and we should look for physical application. Read in the flesh by the natural man it makes little or no sense. This is what Paul was referring to:

But he is a Jew [Hebrew] that is one inwardly, and circumcision is of heart, in spirit, not in letter; of whom the praise is not from men, but from God. Rom. 2:29

Before going on I would like to explain why I use “Hebrew” instead of “Jewish.” Today, “Jewish” has come to mean many different things to different people. It can mean ALL physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob no matter their faith; or, a follower of Judaism; or, a person of The Land (Israel); or, just of the Southern Kingdom - Judah; or, specifically a member of the tribe of Judah. Were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob Jewish? What about Noah? Do you think of them as Christians?

Are those who joined themselves to Israel, those who have been grafted-in, Jewish? Some say yes, others no! Both Rahab and Ruth, David's Grandmother and Great Grandmother, were adopted in as was Caleb who was a Kenezite,^{Num.32:12} not descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Y'shua of Nazareth (Jesus) was born a Biblical Jew; lived a Jewish life and died a Jew. He was of the tribe of Judah, born in the Southern Kingdom, lived in “The Land,” and was one of the children of Israel. He is God and He is a man and as a man He will return a Biblical Jew (not a Rabbinic Jew) for a Biblical Jewish bride. Since all believers are adopted in - grafted in - one in The Messiah Y'shua, in this context, it could be said that all believers are “Jewish,” though not followers of Judaism. In fact the New Testament argues that “Biblical Christianity” is the natural continuation of God ordained “Biblical Judaism.”

“Hebrew” implies a physical relationship, through birth OR through adoption AND a spiritual relationship through faith. By believing - you have “crossed over” just as surely as Abraham and all the other “heroes of faith” did, out of the kingdom of darkness into the

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Kingdom of Light.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;

1 Peter 2:9-10a NIV

My prayer is that the truth revealed here will help you in your relationship with the Father and thus your walk in this world. We study to know, TO DO. Learning should not just be intellectual but practical and worshipful. We are no longer of this world, we are of Heaven, but we do still live in the world and have been commissioned by our High Priest to be His Priests/Ministers and by our King to be His Ambassadors. Prov.13:17; 2Cor.5:20

PRAYER:

Father, thank you for adopting me into Your family, for grafting me into Your tree, for building my new life on Your foundation. Help me to understand exactly what that means and to live accordingly.

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Chapter 2 (2)

A New House

Look, the days come, said Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day
that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt;
which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband to them,
said Yahweh: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with
the house of Israel;
After those days, said Yahweh, I will put my Torah (Way) in their
inward parts, and write it in their hearts;
and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
Jer. 31:31-33, Heb. 8:8-10

These verses are why we call the New Covenant “New” and the Old Covenant “Old”.

One of the differences between the Old and New Covenants is that in the Old, His “Torah” was written on stone and in the New, His “Torah” is written on our hearts. So what is “Torah”? It is most often translated “law” but that does not convey the true Hebrew meaning. The root of “Torah” means “instruction or teaching” and “light”; the best single word would be “Way.”

One thing must be realized about God’s Torah, His “Law” or “Way” – it is NOT a set of terms and conditions; it is a statement of reality from an infinite perspective; it is how creation works.

God’s word is truth,^{Eph.1:13} it is spiritual^{Rom.7:14} and it is a living thing.^{1Pet.1:23} What the Holy Spirit reveals to you in His word and how He leads you to apply it, may look different in you than in me. However, we both can have His truth. Often though, we take what God has placed in our hearts and carve it into stone, not just for ourselves but for others too, thus invoking the Old Covenant system. Having said that, we must be prepared to admit that what we think Scripture says or may have even been taught it says, in some instances, may not be correct. I am told there are as many as 35,000

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“Christian” denominations; they cannot all be correct!

So how can we know what IS truth? Through **relationship** with Him - because He is Truth.^{Jn14:6} Relationship with Him personally, through His Holy Spirit in you and through His Holy Spirit in other believers, which is why fellowship one with another is so important;^{Heb.10:25} and yes of course - through His word - through prayer - His creation and through donkeys on the road!^{Num.22:28}

I live in Texas, but grew up in England and even though you and I speak the same language, some of the words we use mean something completely different to you than they do to me.

To illustrate this, say I invite you over for tea; what are your expectations? I've told you I live in Texas, so do I mean iced tea on the porch in the morning, or being British, do I mean hot tea at four in the afternoon? Or, because of what I have not told you, that I have traveled to Japan in the past and have photographed oriental tea ceremonies here in America, perhaps I mean for you to join me in a three hour Japanese Tea Ceremony?

Not only do culture, custom, idioms and context change the meaning of the words we speak, so does our belief system. **When I believe an untruth, as “truth”, I am unable to receive THE truth as truth, because I perceive it as an untruth!**

So, before I can fully receive His Truth I must give up any untruth I have bought into **and yet** it is only by His Truth that that untruth will be destroyed! The Bible calls these untruths strongholds. These strongholds are the “houses” we built before coming to a saving knowledge of Y'shua and the rooms WE have added since to the house He is building in us.

Except Yahweh build the house, they labor in vain that build it:

Ps 127:1a

The house that you have established must be destroyed before you can completely live in His house. Let Him reveal these strongholds, the house that you built - the lies, deception, misunderstandings, so that you can come out of agreement with them. Let Abba reveal THE Truth so you can come into agreement with Him and more fully experience all He has for you.

This is a process, one that has taken quite a few years in me and

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is still on going. You can read my testimony in Appendix 2. This revelation will come easily to some of you, confirming things you have heard Abba whispering over a period of time.

To others, some of it will come hard and cause strong emotional reactions. You may question if it is true. Good. Go ahead and question, be a Berean.^{Acts17:10-12} You may recognize all this as truth and still get angry because it has been so long in coming – “Why have I not been told this before now? Why is this not in my church’s “Christianity 101” class?” I experienced all the above and asked the same questions. I don’t know why things are the way they are but I do know there is a season for all things – and you are reading this book so this is your season.

Y’shua said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. John 14:6

PRAYER:

Father God, I want to know THE Truth, Your Truth. If anything I now believe is an untruth, if I have been deceived in any way, please reveal it to me. I want Your plan and purpose for my life, Your will be done, I submit myself to You. Father, I make my agreements with You, not with the world and I reject the enemy. Read Ps. 139:23-24.

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Chapter 1 (3)

From Before You Were Born

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

John 3:16

Why? Why does the fact that God gave Y'shua His Son, to die on a cross, give those who believe in Him everlasting life?

He is God in the flesh,

He is the Son of God,

He was born without sin,

He lived a sinless life and He willingly gave His life.

BUT, why is His death sufficient to take away the sins of whoever believes in Him and when was that decided?

The requirements to redeem mankind - should he sin - must have been "written" into the law of creation, an agreement, stating terms and conditions stating how everything would work. For God to risk creating Man knowing that he could sin and then to risk becoming one, He must have made a covenant with Himself, before creation - the original covenant,

an agreement made of the price to be paid.

Knowing what could happen, God made a covenant with Himself before creation, before the "fall". This covenant made before creation, we see acted out in time in front of Abram, by a smoking furnace and a burning lamp, God with God.^{Gen.15:17} Abram was not a party to this covenant, he was asleep.^{v.12} There were no conditions placed on him, God's covenant with Abram was simply naming him and his seed the beneficiary.

So as to redeem Man - God made Abram and his seed the beneficiary of this covenant.^{Gen.15:12,17;Gal.3:16,29} **God then became that**

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seed and paid the price for the sins of Man so that from Man He could have Sons. God did not create YOU just to save YOU but so that YOU could be His Son.^{Luke3:38;Gal.4:5,6} God took a risk creating Man, an even greater risk by becoming one. However, His greatest risk has been adopting YOU and ME, placing His power and authority in US and then partnering with US to represent Him and to carry out His plan!

God is a risk taker! Are you?

You are His Son. Remember, there is no male or female in Sonship:

... there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in The Anointed One Jesus. Gal. 3:28

Because of this covenant, God with God, when you believe, by faith, you are born again and placed in Y'shua – The Seed. The person you used to be dies on the cross with Him and all your sins are removed.

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

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live to righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. 1Pet. 2:24

There is no longer anything to be held against you and therefore the accuser has no authority over you now UNLESS you give it to him! It goes much deeper than that though since God placed you into Y'shua on the cross, the old sinful you is dead and no longer exists. There is no written record against the person you are now because your name is placed in the book of life and was placed there before you were born (again).

This is hard to understand but remember you are no longer of this world. You must think outside the box. Before you were saved, your

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name was not written in the book of life. If it was, you would already have been saved because getting saved IS having your name written in the book. God is not restricted to time so He writes your name in from the foundation of the world. If you are in the book ^{satan} no longer has a claim against you, God your Father says so. Don't be fooled.

When you were born again God adopted you into His family and you entered into Sonship. This was His plan for you from before creation and He make it so that you always were.

You still have freedom to choose and can agree with God your Father and His books or with "the accuser of the brethren" who is trying to keep you as the person you think you used to be. Your reality is determined by whom your agreements are with, whom you believe. If your reality is not one of life, power and victory in the Holy Spirit, then ask Abba to reveal to you the agreements you have made, that are against His truth, and holding you down.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption by which we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of God, and joint-heirs of Christ,
Rom. 8:14-17

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree, Rom. 11:17

But now we have been set free from the Law, having died to that in which we were held, so as for us to serve in newness of spirit, and not in oldness of letter. Rom. 7:6

PRAYER:

Abba Father, please reveal to me any stronghold still in my life, any untruth I may believe in, any area where I am still in agreement with the enemy, so that I may repent of it, come out of agreement with the lie

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and come into agreement with you. I know this prayer is IN His name, the character and nature of Y'shua/Jesus, so you will hear me. Thank you. Amen

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God did not create YOU just to save YOU but so that YOU could be His Son.

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God is a risk taker! Are you?

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Chapter 7 (4)

Adoption

Adoption is one of the most important themes in the Bible. In Gen. 48:5-6 when Jacob takes Joseph's two boys, Manasseh and Ephraim, to be his own we see a literal adoption take place. It was traditional in Bible times for the first-born to receive a double portion blessing. This was to help him take care of the family he was now the head of. This blessing fell to Joseph (the first-born of Rachel) over Ruben (the first-born of Leah) because of Ruben's sin.^{Gen.49:4} But, Joseph does not receive this blessing directly; it passes through him to his two sons and the younger gets the actual first-born blessing.^{Gen.48:17-19}

THE blessing of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) goes to the younger of two adopted sons! These boys were born in Egypt (the world/bondage), their Mother was the daughter of the high priest of Egypt!^{Gen.41:45} This adopted child receives the first-born blessing from Israel. Why?

It has always been God's plan, from the creation of the world, to include everyone. Adopted children are children of "choice". God has chosen YOU. Whether you accept God's plan or not is up to you.

When a child is adopted their name is changed. We see God changing many names (character, essence and nature) in Scripture: Abram and Sara to Abraham and Sarah, Oshea to Yahoshea (Joshua) and Jacob to Israel. In Genesis 32:24-28 we read where Jacob's name is changed from Jacob (supplanter) to Israel (Prince with Elohiym/God). But, the Bible continues to use both names.

Why?

We will see . . .

In Israel's blessing of Ephraim he said:

. . . and his seed shall become a fullness of nations. Gen. 48:19

The Hebrew here is מלא הגוים Strong's #4390 "mawlay" fullness and #1471 "goeem" foreign nation or Gentile. Now it is time to do some "Remes" and make a connection with Romans:

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For I would not, brothers, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, in case you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom. 11:25

“Jacob” adopts Ephraim^{Gen.48:3-5} but it is “Israel” that blesses him with the blessing of Abraham and Isaac and prophecies that he will be the “fullness of the Gentiles”.^{Gen.48:14} The Northern Kingdom, called both Ephraim and Israel, is taken into captivity in 732 – 722 BC by Assyria and never comes back. This could have been up to three million people that are seeded into the nations^{Deut.4:27} and become Gentiles.^{Deut.4:28-31} The Holy Spirit inspired Israel in Genesis 48:19 and Paul in Romans 11:25 to use this same expression.

“Jacob” represents the physical and “Israel” the spiritual. Once again we have a word picture with a deeper meaning. God’s chosen people are called the Children of “Israel” not “Jacob”. This is because even though there is a physical element to this family it is primarily a spiritual house. A house of faith not just blood. Having the faith of Abraham is an essential element to being in the family.

YOU have been adopted by Yahweh into His family and that comes with rights and responsibilities; in fact you have been placed in the first-born (Jesus) of His family. **When you KNOW the truth of who you are, it is very hard to be deceived** and placement has its privileges.

If you are questioning the importance of adoption, remember – **Y’shua was adopted**. If Joseph’s relationship with Y’shua had not been a legal one, Joseph’s lineage to Him would be of no consequence.

The “great commission” is to go to all nations and Paul was specifically sent to the Goem “Gentiles.”

Repentance is turning away from your former unGodly life and receiving His forgiveness of your sins. You lose your old life but get His life in exchange, along with a whole new family.

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As part of the process, your name (your character, essence and nature) is changed:

From: _____ (your OLD character, essence and nature)

To: _____ (your NEW character, essence and Nature)

You are now His family and have His name, so as you delight in Him you will grow in His character, essence and nature.

You were Goeem or “Ephraim” - but now you are an adopted child, placed into the first born, one with God - this is your story. Read John 17:21.

consequently if any man be in The Anointed One, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
look, all things are become new.
2 Corinthians 5;17

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Hebrew), was His Father, but ours too. He was teaching them and us about Sonship.

I spent several weeks letting these two words just roll around in my head: *our Father*. Over and over again, *our Father*, through out the day, *our Father*. Let the washing of these two words break down strongholds in you, *our Father*. Let them refresh your soul, *our Father*. Meditate on them and let them renew your mind, *our Father*.

See what thoughts come up for you. Choose to turn your will toward Him, *our Father*. Is there resistance in you for this? How are you responding emotionally? *Our Father*. Be honest here. Not everyone's relationship with their natural Father is a good one so some negative feelings may come up. Let them. But let God heal you. Recognizing where you are is essential before beginning a successful journey. God will also use this to heal your body as your relationship with Him, as your Abba becomes a reality to you.

Since God is yOur Father, you ARE His son/daughter.

The following suggested daily prayer IS personalized because you need to hear yourself say these things. You need to come into full agreement with the word of truth and come out of agreement with anything that is not of God. It is solid scripture; try it every day for a while, several times a day if you can. Let the washing of the word break down strongholds in your life.

That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water
by the word, Eph. 5:26

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Daily Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Holy is Your name.

I want Your will and ways to be done in my life.

Thank You for providing for all my needs today.

I repent of my sins; I turn away from and destroy everything in my life that is not of You and I ask Your forgiveness as I now forgive and release those I have judged (Matt. 6:9-12). (Take time with this before moving on.)

Thank You Yahweh that You have delivered me from evil and my old nature. (Matt. 6:13)

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for me, so that in Him I might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). How great is the love the Father has lavished on me, that I should be called a Son of God! And that is what I am! The reason the world does not know me is that it did not know Him (1 John 3:1) and because I am a son, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into my heart, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So I am no longer a slave, but a son; and since I am a son, God has made me also an heir (Gal. 4:6-7).

He has made me alive with Christ, The Anointed One, even when I was dead in transgressions—it is by grace that I have been saved. And God has raised me up with The Anointed One and seated me with Him in the heavenly realms in Y'shua/Jesus (Eph. 2:5-6). Such confidence as this is mine through The Anointed One before God (2 Cor. 3:4). Therefore, being in The Anointed One, I am a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor. 5:17). I am God's temple and God's Spirit Lives in me (1 Cor. 3:16).

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I submit myself, then to God, I resist the accuser (rescinding any and all agreements I may have made with him), and he must flee from me (James 4:7). Y'shua/Jesus has given me authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm me (Luke 10:19). I humble myself before Yahweh, and He will lift me up (James 4:10).

I am strong in Yahweh and in His mighty power. I put on the full **armor of God** and take my stand against the devil's schemes. For my struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, I put on the full **armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, I may be able to stand my ground, and after I have done everything, to stand. I wear **His truth** as a belt, buckled around my waist, with **His righteousness** as a breastplate, and **His good news** of peace as shoes on my feet ready to go. In addition to all this, **His faith** is my shield, with which I can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **Salvation** is as a helmet to me and **God's word** a sword for my Spirit (Eph. 6:10).

For Your ways are being done in my life, by Your power and I give You all the glory, now and forever, Amen (Matt. 6:13).

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Chapter 7 (6)

Melchizedek

Of all the people in Scripture Melchizedek is one of the most intriguing and mysterious. He is first mentioned in Genesis 14:18. Referring to Y'shua, Psalms 110:4 tells us that:

... Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Ps.110:4

This verse is also quoted in Hebrews 5:6, 10; 6:20 and 7:17. Y'shua has become High Priest of the New Covenant "after the order of Melchizedek" replacing the Priesthood of Levi. So, who was Melchizedek? To know the answer we must ask the right question.

The Greek word used in the book of Hebrews for "order" is "Taxis" (Strong's #5020) it is from #5021 and means; *regular arrangement, i.e. (in time) fixed succession (of rank or character), official dignity:-- order.*

"Melchizedek" was not a man per-se. Melchizedek is an office, like President or Governor. Many men occupied the office; one of whom Abram met and received bread and wine from and paid tithes too. So, the question is "What is the order of Melchizedek?"

We know from Gen:14:18 "he" was king of Salem (in Hebrew שָׁלוֹם - shalom - peace) and priest of the most high God. "He" was a priest king, a Royal Priest. From Heb. 7:2 we know "he" was King of Righteousness.

From the genealogy given in Gen. 5 we see that Noah was the tenth person from Adam. This connects with 2 Pet. 2:5 which in the Greek literally reads as follows:

... but eighth Noah of righteousness a herald preserved, . .

Knowing the genealogy in Gen. 5 some Bibles translate 2 Pet. 2:5 to say Noah . . . and seven others (NIV), but the Greek is clear, it calls Noah "the eighth herald of righteousness" – an apparent contradiction with Gen. 5!

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I believe Adam was the first “Herald of Righteousness” - “Melchizedek” (Strong’s #4442 made up of #4428 Melek – king and #6664 tsedek – righteousness) - King of Righteousness and the office passed from father to son. Refer to Appendix 3. When Adam died Seth became Melchizedek, the King of Righteousness, Royal Priest of the Most High God. After Seth - Enos and so on - but not Enoch or Lamech because Enoch, whom God took, was out lived by his father Jared and Lamech was out lived by his father Methuselah - so Noah was the tenth person from Adam but “the eighth herald of righteousness.”

Noah was eighth, then came Shem #nine, who out lived Arphaxad and Salah, so Eber became #ten. Eber out lived Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah AND Abraham, making Isaac #eleven and Jacob/Israel #twelve. That’s interesting. Israel was the twelfth Melchizedek; must mean something! Now Heb. 7:3 makes sense (go read it). Physically, Adam had no earthly Father or Mother and Y’shua no end of life. Melchizedek is not a man but an eternal office. The Melchizedek that met Abram was most likely Shem. (Could it have been Y’shua himself? Of course, God is God).

Want more evidence?

And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh:
and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Gen 47:7

And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.
Gen. 47:10

Twice here we see recorded that Jacob blessed Pharaoh, but Pharaoh was the most important man on the planet at the time! By allowing Jacob to bless him he was acknowledging that Jacob was greater than he was!^{Heb.7:7} Why would he allow Jacob to bless him; because he was older than him or because he was his Prime Minister’s father? Or, was it because Pharaoh knew that Israel was Melchizedek, Priest of the Most High God?

What happened after Jacob/Israel, the twelfth? The “order” was hidden in the children of Israel. The “kingship”, the royal bloodline, went to Judah (Gen. 49:10) from whom Y’shua came. The “priesthood” went to the firstborn of all Israel, represented by Ephraim. We see God redeeming the firstborn of Israel in the last plague in Egypt and then exchanging them for the tribe of Levi.^{Num.3:12}

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As a nation they were all intended to be priests^{Ex.19:6} with God as their King.

Israel^{Gen.48:14} blessed Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh in the name of the God of Abraham and Isaac. But it was Jacob^{Gen.49:1} who spoke over the twelve boys and with the exception of Joseph, the blessing of God was not mentioned. ^{Gen.49:25} Jacob represents the physical, the kingship and the bloodline. Israel represents the spiritual, the first-born and the priesthood.

Of the twelve spies who went to check out the Promised Land, the two who came back with good reports were Joshua, the spy from Ephraim and Caleb who was from Judah. After Solomon died the kingdom was split into Judah in the south and Ephraim or Israel (being “first born” he carried the name) in the north.

Y’shua is the thirteenth and final Melchizedek, The Lion of the tribe of Judah and Israel the first born of the Most High God. One of the signs of the ministry of this priesthood is bread and wine.^{Gen.14:18} At the “Last Supper” we see Y’shua reestablishing the priesthood of Melchizedek with bread and wine - because He is The High Priest of the New Covenant, after the Order of Melchizedek.^{Ps.110:4} He is The High Priest, our High Priest. He is The King, our King. The “order” foreshadowed the rule and reign of Y’shua.

The connection here between Y’shua as High Priest and the Order of Melchizedek tells us that the New Covenant is directly related to a covenant that existed before the “Mosaic” Covenant. We should note it is specifically the covenant that was made with “their fathers” - Moses and the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt - that is made old and replaced by the New.^{Jer.31:31,Heb.8:9} The covenants that existed before Moses were with Abraham, Noah, Adam and what is called the Edenic covenant which is the covenant God made with Adam before “the fall”.

The covenant we see acted out in front of Abram in Genesis 15:9-17, is actually the covenant God made with Himself, represented by the “smoking furnace” and “burning lamp”. Abram is asleep (v.12) and is not party to the agreement but he and his seed are made the beneficiaries.^{Gal.3:16}

God wanted to establish the children of Israel as a nation of royal priests after He delivered them from Egypt/bondage^{Ex.19:6} but they

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rejected Him - when He called them up, they ran away.^{Ex20:18,Deut.5:5} They were not ready, so He made a covenant directly with them, that the “Way” of Moses and Priesthood of Levi were part of. This was to protect them until “The Seed” to whom the promise was made, along with Abraham, would come.^{Gal.3:16}

God the Father has adopted you, you are a son and Y’shua is your brother. Y’shua is High Priest and you are a Royal Priest of the Priesthood of Melchizedek, you have been anointed and commissioned by God into your position. Remember that.

There is another person in scripture that God allowed to operate as a Royal Priest – David. God uses David to reveal His unfolding plan to us in many ways. When David brings the ark of the covenant of Yahweh into Jerusalem to place it in the Tabernacle he had prepared for it on Mount Zion, he is wearing an ephod.^{1Chr15:27} He then makes offerings and blesses the people in the name of Yahweh. An ephod is a priestly garment and making offerings and proclaiming blessings are priestly functions. All of which are normally forbidden of the King.

David does not put the ark back into the tabernacle of Moses, even though it was still set up at Shiloh on Mount Gibon. Neither does he move the tabernacle of Moses to Mount Zion. God has him build a new tabernacle and the ark was never placed in the tabernacle of Moses again! A priesthood operated and animal sacrifices were continued at Shiloh but God’s presence was no longer there. Other than David and Solomon’s dedications there is no record of any animal sacrifices being made in the tabernacle of David. The daily service consisted of music and singing, a sacrifice of praise, a picture of the New Testament church.

On this day, the day the Ark of God, representing His presence, finally comes to Jerusalem and the Tabernacle of David on Mount Zion – God permits and inspires David to function as a priest/king. On this day he is Melchizedek. In the last days when Y’shua returns to Zion as the High Priest (after the order of Melchizedek) it is the “open” Tabernacle of David that will be reestablished not the enclosed tabernacle of Moses.^{Amos9:11, Acts15:16}

David did one other thing on this day as a priest/king, as an honoree Melchizedek – he gave every one bread and wine.^{2Sam6:19}

Go, Royal Priest of the Most High God, into the world and

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minister the bread (the body of Christ) to the physical needs of people and the wine (His blood/life) to their spiritual needs. Minister the body and life of the Anointed One, as His Spirit, the Spirit of the Anointed leads and empowers you.

There is nothing “secular” about anything you do.

Go ye . . .

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Chapter 7 (7)

The Great Commission

As a Royal Priest, ordained, commissioned and equipped by God Himself to represent Him, and as His personal Ambassador, these are your instructions/orders - directly from Him:

Go ye therefore, and teach³¹⁰⁰ all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching³⁵²¹ them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matt. 28:19-20

Another way to translate this passage based upon the Greek words used and coupled with a Hebraic understanding would be:

Go therefore, and make learners of all ethnic groups, immersing them in the character, essence and nature of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe (do) all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matt. 28:19-20

In Luke the Great Commission reads:

And that repentance and remission (forgiveness) of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47

Tell all ethnic groups to return, because provision has been made and the price has been paid for their sins. Start at home.

And in John:

Then said Y'shua/Jesus to them again, Peace be to you: as my Father has sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he

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breathed on them, and said to them, Receive you the Holy Spirit:
Whose soever sins you remit (forgive), they are remitted to them; and
whose soever sins you retain, they are retained.

John 20:21-23

Y'shua was a Rabbi, Hebrew for teacher. Before you can teach, you must first have been a learner. Your teacher is the Holy Spirit. THE Anointing in you, the same anointing that was in Y'shua. As the Father sent and equipped Y'shua so Y'shua has equipped and is sending you.

The first account of the commission was on the day Y'shua rose from the grave, that night He appeared to His disciples^{John 20:19}. The first thing He said was: "Peace be to you," then He informed them of the next phase in God's plan for Mankind – as the Father had sent Him so now Y'shua was sending them - all those who believe in Him, including YOU. We are to be His representatives, His witnesses, His Ambassadors; we are to be Him - in His place – in the world.

Then He said to them: "receive you the Holy Spirit" – just like the Father had anointed Him - He does not expect us to do this alone, in our own strength, but He does expect us to do it.

Don't reject the anointing.

PRAYER:

Father, I am your Royal Priest; I have been sealed, commissioned, anointed and sent – just like Y'shua/Jesus was. I want the fullness of YOUR anointing so that I can DO all you have called me to. Thank you for Your Anointing and empowerment.

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Chapter 7 (8)

Anti Christ

Yahweh has adopted you into His family. You have been placed in the first born, in Y'shua HaMashiach, Jesus The Christ. Christ is Greek for Messiah and Messiah means Anointed. Christ is not His name, it is His title.

Then said Y'shua/Jesus to them again, Peace be to you: as my Father has sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them,
Receive you the Holy Spirit John 20:21-23

You have been anointed with His Spirit who He has placed IN you, so you can DO the things Y'shua did. You have been "Christed." That is what "Christian" means: "Little Christ,"

**"Anti-Christ" does not mean "Anti-Jesus,"
it means "Against the Anointed(ing)."**

An Anti-Christ is not necessarily Anti "Jesus", but anti the Anointing and anti the Anointed. The Anti-Christ spirit is already at work in the world^{1John4:4} and in the church, it does not necessarily look to be against "Jesus" but it IS against the Anointing. The Holy Spirit seals/anoints EVERY believer at the moment of salvation but the Anointing of power and authority that was resident in Y'shua will also be resident in those believers who are open to it, who ask for it and/or who accept it.

Pray and meditate on the implications and symptoms of the anti-anointing spirit in the world, the church and in you.

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Chapter 𐤁 (9)

The Divine Language

Hebrew is The Divine Language, designed by God. Some scholars believe it is the original language given to Adam and Eve, although there are those who would disagree. In Hebrew things are described and named according to their function not their appearance. An example of this can be seen in the following:

The Hebrew word for knee or kneel is בָּרַךְ BaRaK (Strong's #1288). Note: Remember Hebrew is read from right to left. The letter Kaf is written כ within a word and ך at the end of a word.

The word for gift is בְּרִכָּה BaRaKaH because a gift is what comes from the bent knee or is offered on a bent knee.

The word for bless is בָּרַךְ BeRuK (#1289) because a blessing is a gift given and often received on bent knees.

Hebrew is comprised of root words and then letters are added to these roots to expand their meaning. The new word created by adding to the root never loses the meaning of the original. It adds to it, flavors it, builds on it but never changes it in substance.

In addition to the literal meaning of each word, the Rabbis teach that each letter has at least seven meanings and each word, seventy! How? Ancient Hebrew was a pictographic language with each letter being a picture, which could convey various meanings. Hebrew is read from right to left.

Ancient Hebrew Pictographic AlephBet



Hebrew for Father is אב "Ab" (Abba is Aramaic). "Ab" is spelled with an Aleph and a Bet. The original pictograph for the "Aleph" was the head of an ox in a yoke, the first picture on the right in the AlephBet just shown. Aleph is not just the name of the letter it is also a word, Strong's #502, and one of the meanings of the word Aleph is "teach",^{Job33:33} that is to teach by association or yoking

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together. The pictograph or letter conveys the meaning of strength - the ox, to teach - the yoke and God, creator or first because it is the first letter.

The pictograph for the “Bet” was the floor plan of a Bedouin tent, the second picture above from the right. The Hebrew word “Bet” Strong’s #1004, means house^{Gen.7:1} and the letter also conveys the meaning of house or “in” because it is what is IN the house that makes the house important not the structure.

An Ab, therefore, is the strength of the house – literally the tent pole that holds it up – and pictographically - the teacher of the house and the first of the house. By looking at Hebrew names and words in this way we discover the original thought behind them and what God meant by the words He used, His definition of them.

אב “Ab” Father



Aleph God / Strength / Teach
Bet House

“The Strength of the House”

We call God Father, but is He the “Strength of your House”, the “Teacher of your House”, the “First or God of your House”? The fact is - HE IS - but do you live that way? Do you relate to Him that way? **Is it your reality**, the way He means it to be?

We started with אב “Ab” FATHER (Strong’s #001). Next, the one word that could be said to sum up the whole Bible: אהבה “Ahavah” (Stong’s #160) Hebrew for LOVE. The “Bet” can be pronounced hard as a “b” or soft as a “v.” The root is אהב, notice this is אב Ab/Father with a ה “Hay” in the middle. The Hebrew word “Hay” (Strong’s #1887), literally means, “behold” or “reveal.” The pictograph is of a man with his arms raised. So we discover from the pictographic study; the function or concept that this word “Ahav” Love describes, is “to



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behold or reveal the Father” as the God, strength and teacher of your house. **The word in Hebrew tells us both God’s meaning and how to do it.**

אהב “Ahav” Love



א	Aleph	
ה	Hay	Behold / Reveal
ב	Bet	Ab = Father

“To Behold/Reveal The Father”

Y’shua/Jesus is love. He came to reveal the Father and we behold the Father in Him:

Philip said to him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus said to him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Philip? He that has seen me has seen the Father; and how say you then, show us the Father? John 14:8-9

אהב can also mean “strength from beholding home” and “He will give”. When God says, “I love you,” He is in fact saying:

“Behold - I AM your Father . . .

I AM your God, your teacher, I AM your strength,
I AM in YOU, I AM what holds you up.”

Our calling is to reveal the Father so others can behold Him. Ask yourself – does what I am thinking reveal the Father? Does what I am about to say reveal the Father? Does what I am about to do reveal the Father? Should I do this or that – what would reveal the Father more? Love is also choosing to behold the Father in others whether they are revealing Him or not, especially when they are not! Go ye . . . and behold/reveal the Father.

Another help in knowing what a particular word means is the context of its first usage in scripture. The very first time “Ahav,” love

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is used is in Gen. 22:2 and is in the context of a father's love for his son, Abraham to Isaac. In this passage Abraham the father represents God and Isaac the son represents Y'shua. The first time Love is used in the Gospel of John is John 3:16.






























The following Hebrew letter chart gives the name of the letter, the original pictograph, the modern Hebrew form of each letter, its numerical value, what the original pictograph was of and last, some of the letters meanings. Where the name of the letter is also an actual word, that meaning is underlined>. See Appendix 4 for two more charts that explain the development of the letters.

PRAYER:

Y'shua, You came to reveal the Father so that I could behold the Father in You. You have now sent me just as the Father sent You – help me to re-present You in the world – to reveal the Father where ever I go that they would behold You in me.

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Hebrew Letter Chart

Aleph			1	Ox in yoke	<u>Teach</u> , strong, God
Bet			2	House	<u>House</u> , in
Gimmel			3	Leg	<u>Camel</u> , lift up
Dalet			4	Door	<u>Door</u>
Hay			5	Man	<u>Behold</u> , reveal, mercy
Waw			6	Tent peg	<u>Hook</u> , join, establish
Zayin			7	Matlock	<u>Feed</u> , cut, pierce
Chet			8	Tent wall	<u>Separate</u> , fence
Tet			9	Basket	<u>Mud</u> , surround
Yod			10	Arm	<u>Hand</u> , work, activity
Kaf			20	Hand	<u>Hollow</u> , cover, give
Lamed			30	Rod	<u>Goad</u> , <u>teach</u> , authority
Mem			40	Water	Water, chaos, mighty
Nun			50	Seed	<u>Continue</u> , eternal
Samech			60	Thorn	Turn aside
Ayin			70	Eye	<u>Eye</u> , see, understand
Pey			80	Mouth	Speak, open
Tsade			90	Man on side	Pull, harvest, wait
Qof			100	Sun set	Final, behind
Resh			200	Head	<u>Head</u> , most important
Shin			300	Teeth	<u>Tooth</u> , consume, destroy
Tav			400	Cross	<u>Mark</u> , covenant

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Chapter 7 (10)

Repent

As you re-visit passages from the Bible with the word pictures of “Father” and “Love” in mind I hope a greater understanding of God’s word is opened up for you.

For the next few days/chapters we are going to look at other important words. I encourage you not to rush through these but to meditate on each word for a while and let this deeper meaning wash through you.

Both John the Baptist and Y’shua not only started their ministries with this word, it was their major theme. In Hebrew it is תשובה “Teshuvah” in English – “Repent”. On the surface it simply means, “return” but as we look at its structure we see the deeper meaning and how to do it.

תשובה “Teshuvah” Repent

ת	Tav	The Cross
ש	Shin	Consume/Destroy
ו	Waw	Establish
ב	Bet	House
ה	Hay	What comes from

“What come from the cross
and you destroy the established house”

Repentance IS turning away from the world and every thing that is not of God and returning to Him. The decision is ours but the word tells us that **the power to do so comes from the cross** AND that the established house **MUST** be destroyed as well. Every thing we built before coming to Christ and every room we have added since must be destroyed, not just turned away from but destroyed.

Except Yahweh build the house, they labor in vain that build it:

Ps 127:1a

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The house we built prior to salvation and the rooms we have added since, are strongholds. They are not of Him and they must go. If having come to Christ you do not have complete victory it may be because of the continuing influence of this “established house.” You have not fully repented. That does not mean you are not saved.

And has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in The Anointed One Jesus: Eph. 2:6

PRAYER:

Father, because of the cross, I know I am spiritually seated with You in Heavenly places but I also want physical victory NOW in this world. Help me destroy, with the help of Your Holy Spirit in me, that which is blocking me from receiving my inheritance, my birthright, which You have already given me.

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Chapter 8⁷ (11)

Forgive

Forgiveness is the active ingredient of repentance. The Holy Spirit is the source of the power (Strong's #1411 "dunamis") ^{Luke24:49} to both change direction and destroy the established house, but forgiveness is the detonator, forgiveness of others AND ourselves. So what does the word actually mean?

סלח "Shawlack" Forgive

ס	Samach	Turn aside
ל	Lamed	Authority
ח	Chet	Separates

"To turn aside the authority that separates."

There is right and wrong, a legitimate authority, you sin you die, you wronged me I want justice. I have rights, it is the law. Yes you do and exercising those rights will cause separation - from them and from all that Abba has for you. If you forgive however, and turn aside the authority (as legitimate as it may be) that separates, you can have relationship. It is called - mercy.

God set aside the authority on the cross that separated you from Him. He died in your place - He has forgiven you. Y'shua did not come to judge, He forgave. ^{Mat.7:1-2, John12:47}

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be to you: as my Father has sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21

PRAYER:

Father, I turn aside all authority and legal rights over those who have sinned against me. I forgive them and myself.

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Chapter כ"ב (12)

Peace

If you think peace is passive, you could not be more wrong. Y'shua is the Prince of Peace^{Isa.9:6} and He came to destroy the works of the devil^{1John3:8} and to establish order.

But there is an authority that comes to establish disorder:

The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

שלום "Shalom" Peace

ש	Shin	Consume/Destroy
ל	Lamed	Authority
ו	Waw	Establish/Join
ם	Mem	Disorder

"To destroy the authority that establishes or joins you to disorder."

In Mark 4:37 and Luke 8:23 we read the story of Y'shua asleep in the boat "and there arose a great storm of wind" that freaked out these professional fishermen who had lived their lives on this sea. This was no ordinary storm. How did Y'shua handle it? What did he actually do?

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace, be still. v. 39

First - He rebuked the wind.

Why? Because the wind was the authority that was establishing or joining them to the disorder.

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. . . in which in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: Eph. 2:2

The Greek word for “rebuke” is “epitimaō ep-ee-tee-mah'-o” (Strong’s #2008). It is from #1909 and #5091; and means: *to tax upon, i.e. censure or admonish; by implication, forbid:-- (straitly) charge, rebuke*. It is a strong word indicating a strong action.

Peace is the result of the absence of disorder. To have peace you must first consume or destroy the authority that joins you to the disorder. That authority may be the “prince of the power of the air” (the accuser) or it may be YOU! If you have not destroyed the established house (repented) or turned aside the authority that separates (forgiven), you will have disorder.

Review chapter 4 on the great commission. The first thing Y’shua says is: “Peace be still,”. He had just destroyed the authority that joined them to disorder by the cross, so now He could grant them peace before commissioning them and breathing on them the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER:

Father, close the open doors in me and get rid of any thing that has come in that should not be there. Help me identify and destroy any authority that is joining me to disorder. I want Your plan for my life and Your PEACE.

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Chapter 13 (13)

Worship

The Hebrew word for worship - שָׁחָה "SHaCHaH" (Strong's #7812), means to "bow down." When one bows to a ruler or king they are actually offering their head, they are giving their life and pledging it in the future. It is up to the ruler whether they live or not. Any time you **DO** God's word, **keep His commandments** and follow **His Way** not your own, you are giving Him your head and you are worshiping. Worship CAN be the slow songs after the fast ones, but in the Bible it has very little to do with music - worship is how you live your life. Are you submitted to Him? You are called to be the **body** of Christ with Jesus the **head**, being a worshiper is giving Him headship. Anything with two heads is a monster.

If we look at "Shachah" pictographically we see something very interesting.

ש "Shin" – Teeth - To consume or destroy
ח "Chet" – Fence – that which separates
ה "Hay" – What come from

"What come from destroying that which separates."

When we give up our headship, pride and independence, we are in that act bowing down and worshiping God - destroying that which separates us from Him. Worship is also giving of time and attention. Where do you spend your time? Who is influencing the type of person you are? What do you spend your time on, the things of God, or the things of this world? Why do you do what you do? What is your heart motivation? The question does not just refer to the music you listen to but how you are living your life. You are a worshiper but . . .

Who are you worshiping?

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Chapter ט"ד (14)

Hebrew

I said earlier that the Bible is a Hebrew book, written in Hebrew, by Hebrews, to Hebrews about a Hebrew way of life. Even the New Testament is Hebrew thought expressed in Greek. Hebrew means one from the other side and it could be said all believers have crossed over and therefore are Hebrews, but what exactly does Hebrew mean pictographically? You will be amazed;

עברית "Ivrit" Hebrew

ע	Ayin	To see
ב	Bet	
ר	Resh	BR – Bar - Son
י	Yod	Work
ת	Tav	The Cross

“To see The Son’s Work on the Cross”

The first time the word Hebrew appears in Scripture is:

And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew;
Gen. 14:13

Did Abraham “See the Son’s Work on the Cross”?

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a
ram caught in a thicket by his horns: Gen. 22:13

A ram is a male sheep –

The next day John saw Y’shua coming to him, and said, look the
Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a

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sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so
opened he not his mouth: Acts 8:32

A thicket is a thorn bush and the male sheep was caught by his
horns. His head was surrounded by thorns.

And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head,
and they put on him a purple robe, John 19:2

Abraham saw a literal male sheep with his head surrounded by
thorns. He also looked through time and saw Y'shua on the cross.
How do we know this? Y'shua tells us:

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was
glad. John 8:56

If you can see (and understand) His day, you too are a Hebrew.

PRAYER:

Open the eyes of my heart LORD, I want to see You.

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Chapter 15 (15)

Ish, Esh and Ishah

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Gen
2:23

אִישׁ – Ish – Man

אֵשׁ – Esh – Fire

אִשָּׁה – Ishah – Woman / Wife

There are two words for “Man” in Hebrew אָדָם “Adam” (#120) and אִישׁ “Ish” (#376). The root of Adam in Hebrew is אָדָם (Dalet, Mem) which is the word “Dam” blood (Strong’s #119). As you can see from the Hebrew letter chart in chapter 9, the Aleph can represent God. So pictographically Adam can mean “God’s Blood.” The life is in the blood^{Lev.17:11} and God put His life into Adam.^{Gen.2:7} That is what his name means. God is Adam’s Father^{Luke3:38}.

Y’shua/Jesus is called the last Adam^{1Cor.15:45} because in His humanity He was a new creation, not “1st Adamkind”. Physically He was/is human - being born of woman, BUT being born of a virgin, He is also of His father, God. He was a new line with God’s blood from the seed placed in Mary by the Holy Spirit. Spiritually He was/is God.

God’s Life is often represented as a fire; we see this at the burning bush, the pillar of fire before the camp at night, the Shkinah Glory in the Holy of Holies and the tongues of fire at Pentecost. אֵשׁ – Esh - Fire “aleph shin” – אֵשׁ “Aleph” = God, שׁ “Shin” = consume, Our God is a consuming fire.^{Deut.4:24,Heb.12:29} The י “Yod” = work or hand and we see that God put His hand into the fire and made man. אִישׁ – Ish – Man

Gen. 2:23 like many other verses in the Bible is a play on words. We have seen that in adding a ה “Hay” to the end of a word makes it feminine in the sense of “what comes from”. What comes from the אֵשׁ “Esh” fire (#784) but אִשָּׁה “Esh” can also mean “entity” (#786) in the sense of self. Our text says she shall be called אִשָּׁה “Ishah”

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woman (#802), because she was taken out of **אִישׁ** “Ish” Man (#376). What came from man (and self) also came from the fire, the same fire that man came from. Adam did not see **אֵשׁ** “Esh” fire (self) in the animals, but he did see “Esh” in the woman, ahhh!

When God created the first Adam, He opened his side and took out a rib to form his physical wife/bride. We see a similar thing happen with the last Adam, Y’shua/Jesus, when His side was opened and the blood and water came out. It is through the blood and water, representing covenant and the anointing of the Spirit that is expressed in the Lord’s Supper that we become one with Him and His spiritual bride.

When we study the Biblical feasts and festivals in detail or just consider the Old Covenant sacrificial system we see offerings made with fire. Since all scripture is given for our edification, what are we today to understand by “an offering made with fire?”

The Hebrew word for an offering made with fire is also **אִשָּׁה** “Ishah” (Strong’s #801) because it is what comes from the fire. We are to offer ourselves completely to God. We see in the Old Covenant a physical representation of a spiritual reality. When God says to make a physical offering made with fire, we are to spiritually offer our life/fire/self to be purified in the consuming fire of God.

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Chapter טז (16)

Time

The chances are you see yourself going through life facing the future with your past behind you. In Hebrew thought however, you can see where you have been so you are facing your past. By the same token, because you cannot see where you are going, you are said to be backing into the future – your future is behind you.

The Hebrew word for yesterday is תמול “temole” (Strong’s #8543) and carries with it a sense of what is in front or before. The Hebrew word for tomorrow is מחר “mawkhar” (Strong’s #4279) and has a sense of back or behind.

With this in mind when we read in Scripture something is “behind” it can be a reference to the future. We looked at these scriptures in chapter 14:

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram (male sheep) caught in a thicket (thorns) by his horns (head):

Gen. 22:13

Abraham looked behind him into the future and saw Y’shua:

And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, John 19:2

This is confirmed by Y’shua Himself:

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. John 8:56

Another example of this is the woman with the issue of blood whom we read about in the story of Jairus’ Daughter.^{Mat.9:18-26,Mark5:21-43&Luke8:40-56} All three accounts tell us she came from “behind.” Why does it matter which direction she came from? If it didn’t matter we would not be told. No detail in Scripture is given with out a reason. Y’shua was on His way to heal the - twelve year old - daughter of one

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of the rulers of the synagogue when a woman with an issue of blood for - twelve years - came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.

There is so much here.

Twelve is the number of divine power, rule of authority and government; twelve Melchizedeks, twelve tribes, twelve disciples, must mean something!

Jewish law forbade a woman with a medical condition like an issue of blood from even being outside, she was unclean and would have to wear special clothes and would have been stoned on sight for being in public. For this reason it is thought that this woman was most likely a God fearing Gentile.

What makes her think that if she touches the hem of His garment that she will be healed?

But to you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness
arise with healing in his wings; Mal. 4:2a

The corner of a garment in Hebrew is called a “kanaph” (Strong’s #3671) and means “wing,” and on the “wing” of the outer, four cornered garment, according to Num. 15:38-39, Jewish men wore “tsiytsith” (Strong’s #6734). Today these are seen on the “Telit” or prayer shawls; you may even have one. The “tsiytsith” and “telit” represent the word of God. She knew her Scripture. If this Y’shua was the “Sun of righteousness” He would have healing in the “tsiytsith of His telit” – in the corners or “wings” of His garments. Read Mat. 14:36.

Y’shua is on His way to heal the Jews, who are dead in their religion, when the Gentiles, whose life is draining from them, reach from behind - the future - and grab hold of the living word. When Y’shua turns to the Gentiles He puts the Jews behind Him - into the future - and when He is finished healing the Gentiles He turns back to the Jews to raise them from death. Why are we given these details? For those with eyes to see – a deeper meaning - two thousand years of “His-story” in a few verses.

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The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Ecc. 1:9

If you want to know the future, look up, it is right there in front of you eyes, in the past. Prophecy is remembering the future!

Think Hebrew not Greek.

Another aspect of time we should consider is the calendar. Since we are seated with Him in Heavenly places,^{Eph.2:6} not of this world,^{John17:16} in it but not of it, and we are Ambassadors representing Heaven – our primary “Time” should be that of Heaven. We must be aware of the time, day and date of the country we are called to be Ambassadors in but the time clocks in the “Embassy” should be set to our home country – Heaven.

In Heaven it is the “eighth day”, new beginnings, eternity - there are no days of the week, months or years, those are all earthly, physical concepts. Our reality should be a spiritual one, heavenly, when we are alone with Him or gathered together in His name. The physical time, day, season etc. only matter when we are interacting with the world and unsaved. Keep this in mind when we look at the Feasts.

PRAYER:
Father, help me to Think Heavenly not Earthly.
Read Col. 3:1-2

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Chapter י"ז (17)

The Name

השם	HaShem	The Name
אדני	Adonai	Lord
אלהים	Elohiym	God
אהיה	Eheyeh	I AM
יהוה	YHWH	"LORD"

We call Him many things; there are over seven hundred, yes seven hundred, "names" for God in Scripture BUT He only has one NAME. He calls Himself יהוה (Strong's #3068) and does so over five thousand times in the TaNaKh ("Old Testament"). If some one tells you their name over five thousand times, do they want to keep it a secret, or could it be because they want you to know it?

I am יהוה (YHWH): that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Isa. 42:8

Doesn't get much clearer than that does it? What does your translation say? If it says LORD, as most do, it is a substitute, not even a translation. The question is how to pronounce יהוה "YHWH" and what does it mean? And that is the problem. First of all most Jews believe that His name should never be spoken except by the High Priest on Yom Kippur. This is because they believe it is "taking His name in vain" to miss pronounce it. Of those who believe it is ok to say His name, there is much disagreement as to how.

There is one area that almost every one of these Messianic and Hebraic groups do agree on and that is that "Jehovah" is NOT the way to pronounce יהוה. So where does Jehovah come from?

Of the over five thousand times יהוה appears, only four times did the King James translators render it "Jehovah," all the other times they put LORD. Many believers for this reason sincerely believe Jehovah is His name in Hebrew. First, there is no "J" sound in Hebrew, second "Hovah" is a Hebrew word (Strong's #1943), which means "mischief" or "ruin"!

To help the reader pronounce the Hebrew words correctly,

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because Hebrew has no vowels, years ago they came up with a system of marks that were added to the text called “vowel point markings.” Remember the Jews do not say His name, so when it appears in the text they would say Adonai (Lord) or HaShem (the name) instead. To remind the reader to do this, the vowel point markings for Adonai were put under YHWH. The translators used the marks in the same way they had for every other word and combined the two to get YaHoWaH. The “Y” becomes a “J” in English, the “W” is switched for a “V” from the olde English. “Jehovah” is the result of a misunderstanding!

The most common or popular understanding for pronouncing יהוה is “Yahweh” but the fact is we don’t really know how ANY words were pronounced back then, just look at English accents today. He is the first and the last^{Isa.41:6}, He is life, He is the breath of life and He is a still small voice^{1Kin.19:12}. The first thing we do when we are born is breath in, the last thing when we die is breath out.

While breathing in, say in a whisper - “YAH”

then on the exhale - “WEH”

What do you think?

As to what it means, that will take forever, but simply it is based on the verb “to be.” God is telling us He was, IS and will be. יהוה is like a piece off a hologram or a strand of DNA, all the information about the whole is there – BUT it is not the whole.

The other name we should look at is “Jesus.” Growing up, Jesus’ Mum and Dad and later His disciples would have called Him Y’shua or Y’hoshua. If you go to Num. 13:6 you will see that Joshua’s name was Oshua (Strong’s #1954 deliverer) and Moses changed it to Yehoshua (Yahweh Delivers). Joshua serves as a picture of Jesus and is where His name comes from. Jesus is the name we are familiar with but His real Hebrew name is Y’shua.

So why do we call Him Jesus? How did we get from Y’shua to Jesus? The first translation of the Hebrew Scriptures was around 200BC into Greek by seventy scholars and is called the Septuagint. As with other names and words in Scripture the translators tried to render Y’shua phonetically. There is no “Y” sound (as in yellow) in Greek so

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it becomes “Ie”. Next, Greek has no “sh” sound so the closest you come is “s”. Lastly being a male name it must end in an “s”. So, Y’shua rendered phonetically becomes Iesous in Greek and Iesus in Latin.

When the Bible was being translated into English the translators were faced with the grammatical awkwardness of “i’s” and “y’s” at the beginning of so many Hebrew and Greek words, so they “invented” the “J” and Iesus became Jesus in English. The book of Joshua is called the book of Jesus in the English translation of the Septuagint.

Jesus or Y’shua?

A missionary friend tells of five separate accounts of going to remote, isolated people groups in the Amazon region only to find Jesus had been there first. Three times He had physically manifested Himself and the other times audibly and in vision. He told them: “I am Iesus Christos. I will send you a man to tell you about me. He is a good man. Do what he says”. This is working through two translators because these people are so remote and their dialect so unusual. They have since all received salvation.

You may or may not accept the validity of this account but my thought is if He introduces Himself as Iesus and not Y’shua it is probably not such an important issue. He is actually known by many different names in all the languages around the world. What is important is that we know Him - and when He sends the “good man” - we do what he says.

PRAYER:

Father, help me to KNOW your name – you character, essence and nature – so that I can re-present You in the world in which You have called me to be.

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Chapter 17 (18)

Sabbath – The Father’s Feast

By learning the physical history of the family you are adopted into you can gain spiritual revelation of your Father’s plan for your life. Many Christians know about Sabbath, a little about Passover and Pentecost but what do you know of Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Trumpets, The Day of Covering and Tabernacles? And why should you? They are “Old Covenant” and Jewish and have nothing to do with Christianity - or do they?

The Biblical Feasts are the feasts (appointments) of Yahweh, God, our Father. They are His festivals or in some translations convocations (rehearsals).^{Lev.23:2,4,37,44} They are NOT “Jewish” Feasts even though Jewish people keep them. Doing them is not practicing Judaism, even though the feasts, in a form, make up part of that religion. God calls them His Feasts five times in Leviticus 23. The Father’s Feasts are part of your family history (His family) the one you are grafted into, part of your Biblical inheritance and heritage. In every aspect of the feasts you should look for a revealing of Y’shua/Jesus leading to a more intimate relationship with your heavenly Father.

The feasts are a physical representation of a spiritual reality and if you understand them they will show you not only Abba’s plan for your life and how to live a spirit led life in the physical world but also His plan for all mankind.

The very first feast mentioned in Leviticus 23 is the Sabbath. First in scripture means most important, yet most books on the feasts skip the Sabbath and start with Passover! God says Sabbath is the first and most important of His Feasts.

To cover the Feasts in detail would require a whole book and the best one I have read on the subject is: The Feasts of the LORD by Kevin Howard and Marvin Rosenthal, ISBN: 0785275185.

What I am most concerned with here and want to communicate to you about all the Feasts is that the spiritual principles they contain are not just to be applied once a week or once a year but every day. Today - is Sabbath and Passover, First Fruits, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost,

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Trumpets, the Day of Covering and Tabernacles, we should live like it.

There is a physical and a spiritual aspect to each Feast.

Sabbath – is the sign of the covenant, it is “family day,” a return to covenant and the cross. BUT, He is our Sabbath and we are to live a Sabbath Life, lay aside our work, carry no burdens and rest in Him - 24/7.^{Heb.4:10} If we ARE living a Spirit led life and are doing the things He tells us to do and resting in Him already, what can we do differently on the Sabbath to make it Holy? Absolutely nothing - you are already living a Sabbath life. The physical historic Sabbath is a picture of how we are to live, in Him, all the time.

Now if you are not living a Sabbath life and are not resting in Him 24/7 then use the tool He gave and learn how to do so - keep a literal, physical Sabbath each week. An important part of Sabbath is the sixth day, which is preparation day. Get every thing ready so you have nothing to distract you from Him. At sunset sit down with family and friends for a great meal at Father’s table and if thoughts of worry enter your mind, learn the discipline of not giving in to them and know you have been commanded by God to have a day off from EVERYTHING except loving Him. When you have mastered Sabbath for 24 hours, start living it every day 24/7.

It is His gift to you.

Welcome to the family.

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Chapter 27 (19)

Appointments and Rehearsals

The Feasts form much of the backdrop of the Gospels. The annual Biblical Feasts are split into two groups. Y'shua fulfilled the "Spring Feasts" at His first coming and they are: Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits that form a foundation upon which Pentecost is based. The "Fall Feasts" were partially fulfilled in His first coming but are primarily about His second coming and are Trumpets, the Day of Covering and Tabernacles.

Passover/Pesach – is about blood substitution, deliverance from Egypt (bondage, the world) and our personal salvation.

What we call the "Last Supper" is actually the "Last (Old Covenant) Passover" and the "FIRST Supper" of the NEW covenant. It therefore marks the end of the Old Covenant of Moses and the establishing of the New.^{Heb.8:13} Everything that happened in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John up to this day actually happened under the Old Covenant. The New Covenant/Testament came into effect when the testator died.^{Heb.9:16-17}

God told Moses to keep the first Passover standing^{Ex.12:1-14} but they remembered subsequent Passovers reclining. The meal would end with the Lamb but Y'shua changed it again by adding bread to the end of the meal. He tells us to remember His body with bread NOT Lamb and His blood with wine not the blood of a lamb. Why? He is the bread of life. The Passover Lamb was not an offering for sin – it is a substitution. Apply the blood of The Lamb – Y'shua - to the door of your heart and know He gave His life in exchange for yours.

Live the Passover, by choosing to reject sin and apply the blood of the Lamb - every day.^{1Cor.5:7}

Unleavened Bread/Hag HaMatzah – is a seven-day Feast, which is prepared for by removing leaven from your house and during which you are commanded to eat unleavened every day. Leaven represents sin. The house and bread represent the body so unleavened bread is a body without sin – the Body of Christ. Seven is the number of completion.

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Live Unleavened Bread, by not feeding upon the things of this world, choosing to remove them from your life and completely feed on Y'shua – every day.

First Fruits/Bikkurim - But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits, (we are the harvest).^{1Cor.15:20}

Live First Fruits, by abiding in Him and bearing fruit - every day.

Pentecost/Shavuot – also called the Feast of Weeks was originally when the Ten Commandments were given but in the New Testament marks the giving of the Spirit, the Anointing, the personal indwelling of the Spirit of the Father in each of us. It is the establishment of the “New Covenant of Sonship,” in power and authority. Pentecost means “count fifty” in Greek, it is called that because after God delivered Israel from the bondage of Egypt He told them to count fifty days from First Fruits. Fifty is the number of Jubilee when all debts are cancelled. This is a physical representation of a spiritual reality. Have you accepted the fact that your debts have been cancelled, are you living debt free or ARE YOU STILL COUNTING?

Live Pentecost, by allowing the Holy Spirit to teach, instruct and empower you - every day.

Trumpets/Yom Teruah – is literally “the day of the awakening blast” and is prophetic of the rapture. It is the only Feast not based on a historic event and God proclaims it is a day of remembrance but never says of what! It is also called “The Last Trumpet” and “The Day No Man Knows”.

Live Trumpets, by remembering all He has done, is doing and will do and by heralding (preaching) His return - every day.

Atonement/Yom Kippur – is the Day of Judgment, the second coming, The Great Trumpet. It is a day to afflict the soul, traditionally interpreted to be a fast day. Read Isaiah 58 for Abba's instructions for this day (every day!).

Live Atonement, by judging yourselves, repenting and receiving His forgiveness and helping others - every day.

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Tabernacles/Sukkot – is an eight-day Feast. Eight is the number of new beginnings. It remembers Israel's deliverance from bondage (and yours from sin) and looks forward to the millennial reign of the Anointed One - physically. For every believer this has already begun - spiritually. The celebration of Sukkot involves great lights at night and drawing water from the pool of Silom daily and pouring it over the altar. It comes to a climax on the eighth day which is called the Last Great Day - read John 7:37-53, Is. 12:3, 44:3, 55:1 – let Him refresh you.

Live Succoth, by tabernacling / abiding in Him and let His light shine through you and the water of His word flow out of you - every day.

Added later

Chanukah (Feast of Dedication/Lights) Nov/Dec – in the second century BC on Kislev 25th Jews re-captured from the Syrians the temple, cleansed and rededicated it, but there was only enough oil to burn the Menorah in the Holy Place for one day, however it miraculously lasted for eight until a new supply of oil arrived.

Live Chanukah, by letting His light shine in the temple of your heart (He provides The Oil) – every day.

Purim (Defeat of Anti-Messiah) Feb/Mar – read the book of Ester.

Rest in Him, don't sin, bear good fruit, be led of and empowered by His Spirit in you, speak of His return, help others and know He is already abiding with you – EVERY DAY.

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Chapter 2 (20)

Just One

When you open your eyes and see all the pain, misery and brokenness in the world, it is overwhelming. There are millions, billions of people who do not have a personal, saving relationship with Yahweh as Abba through Y'shua.

What can one person do? Just what the Father has called you to do, nothing more, nothing less – be obedient.

We are all called to be witnesses, so of all those we are witnessing to, if just one, this year got saved - the body of the Anointed, His church, would double in a year. Teach them what He has taught you then next year do the same. How about every six months or three months?

It is that simple.

Make yourself available to Him and ask Abba to put some one on your heart. Pray for them, get to know them, be their friend. Let them experience Yahweh in you. Let the Father reveal Himself to them, through you. Be Jesus to them, the word become flesh, let them read you - and know Him.

Relationship, not religion.

Tell them about Y'shua/Jesus
and if necessary,
use words.

Be involved in a small group of some kind, preferably one that meets in someone's home. Praise together, worship together, pray together, study together, take communion together, serve each other, love each other, be Y'shua to each other. Have **relationship** one with another. I believe this to be the most important and vital thing any believer can do outside of their immediate family which is where the process starts.

Just showing up does not cut it.

You have responsibility here and if you are not **involved** with

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other believers in this way – in some form - **are you really participating in His church/body?** Then, when you do attend a larger, corporate, communal event you will have something to offer AND when you go out into the world you will look like Y'shua to them because you will have been “Practicing His Presence”. Acts2:42-47

Hopefully the part of the “body of The Anointed” (church) you participate in has small groups already. If not, ask your pastor and start one. If he says no, ask Y'shua what to do. The Holy Spirit will guide you.

If you do not - participate in the body of the Anointed - meet with other believers - attend a church - on a regular basis, you need to. You must gather together with your spiritual family in some way - Abba commands it:

And let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the kind of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching. Heb. 10:23-24

There are things Abba will only reveal to you through others and there are things He has revealed to you that you can only fully understand when you share them with others.

It is the way He works.

Remember the daily prayer but activate your prayer today by sharing it (or some other truth from the Father) with someone else.

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Chapter 82 (21)

Trivia

Abba has hidden things in His word for us to find. Some of them are buried deep but there is a lot of stuff lying on the surface that we just miss. There are also the things that we have been told that are not correct.

Did you know:

that Eve did not receive her name until after the fall and possibly not until after she had given birth?

Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Gen. 5:2

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Gen. 3:20

Did you know:

that Cain and Abel were twins? Gen. 4:2 in Hebrew reads:

“and she continued to bear his brother Abel”

The next set of twins we read about - Esau and Jacob, could there be a remes/connection that we should consider? Gen. 25:27 calls Esau “a cunning hunter” and Jacob a “plain” man - KJV. The word translated “plain” is פֶּלֶא “tawm” (Strong’s #8535), it is used thirteen times in scripture. Once it is translated “upright”, ^{Prov.29:10} twice “undefiled”, ^{Son.5:2,6:9} nine times it is translated “perfect”, two of those times are Ps. 37:37, 64:4 and the other seven are in Job. In that they are used to describe a person they are interesting. Consider this one:

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed

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evil. Job 1:1

A variation on this word is also used to describe Abraham in Gen. 17:1 and it is also translated “perfect”. So why when this same word is used to describe Jacob is it translated “plain”? Could it be an anti-Semitic bias against Jacob?

Did you know:

Every one of Abraham’s ancestors back to and including Noah were still alive when he was born? Check the chart in Appendix 3. Abraham could have met Noah and Shem and Eber etc. In fact Jewish tradition says that Abraham was raised by Noah. There are six people on the list that were alive at the same time Adam was and were still alive when Noah was born. Anyone of six people could have known Adam AND Noah and they were all related so it would be unusual if they didn’t. That effectively means there are only two people or generations between Adam and Abraham; from Adam to “anyone of six” to Noah to Abraham.

Do you know:

Isaac was not a young boy when he went up the mountain to be sacrificed by Abram? We are not told this in scripture but a common misconception is that Isaac was a young boy with little or no choice. Jewish tradition though has him in his late thirties! My own belief is that he was about thirty-three (no physical evidence for that anywhere in Scripture – or is there?). Being led by their Fathers, Isaac put himself on the alter and Y’shua put Himself on the cross and both on the same mountain. How old was Isaac then when he married Rebekah? About seventy!

Do you know:

how much older Ruben was than Joseph? You have seen the movies, Ruben is an older guy in his thirties or forties and Joseph is a young teenager, right?

Jacob goes to Laban to find a wife, falls in love with Rachel, works seven years, gets the wrong girl, agrees to work another seven years for Rachel but gets to marry her after seven days (did you realize that?). All eleven boys are born to Leah, Rachel and their two

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handmaids within six years. Jacob was going to leave after 14 years but works another seven years for all the livestock. Joseph is only six years younger than Rubin. Benjamin comes along six years after Joseph and is born after Jacob actually leaves Laban's house, Gen. 29-31.

Did you know:

Mount Sinai is not where most people think it is? Look at your Bible maps. Chances are they locate it in the Sinai Peninsula. Which would mean this is where the children of Israel wandered for forty years, but what does Scripture tell us.

Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. Ex. 2:15

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. Ex. 3:1

For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, Gal. 4:25a

Moses left Egypt in fear of his life and went to Midian. The Sinai is today and always has been Egypt. Midian is in Arabia, modern day Saudi Arabia. Look at your maps again and look at the scale. How far is it from Midian to "Mt. Sinai"? It is about 300 miles of rocky wilderness. Why would Moses take his sheep 300 miles into Egypt to feed them and how could the Children of Israel have wandered in Egypt for forty years? And any way, Galatians tells us Mount Sinai is in Arabia! Who are you going to believe the word of God or Constantine's Mother who had a habit of killing people who disagreed with her! Why did God lead Moses to Jethro? Midian was a son of Abraham^{Gen.25:2} and Jethro undoubtedly knew the God of Abraham and would teach Moses about Him.

Did you know:

that the children of Israel crossing the Jordan and entering the

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Promised Land is a picture of your salvation and baptism?

That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far above the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. Joshua 3:16

The waters rolled back above “Adam”, beside Zeretan, the root of which means “to pierce.” When you came out of your wilderness and were baptized, that which came down to you from Adam was cut off, even that which led to death. The Salt Sea is the Dead Sea! Read Col. 2:11-13, isn't it saying the same thing? They acted it out, you get to live it out!

Did you know:

Y'shua/Jesus was not born December 25th? When was He born? There are several theories on this but again scripture does give us the answer if we make the connections.

John the Baptist's father Zechariahs was a priest of the course of Abia or Abijah,^{Luke1:5} there are twenty-four courses of priest who take turns in the temple through out the year,^{1Chron.24:1-19} Abijah was the eighth.^{v10} Zechariahs was in the temple, on our calendar, around July because the religious New Year starts at Passover.^{Ex.12:2} As soon as Zechariahs was finished in the temple having been told by the angel that he would have a child in his old age he went home to his wife and she conceived.^{Luke1:23-24} Add nine months to July and John is born at Passover (March/April). Tradition is that Elijah would return at Passover and Y'shua tells us that John was the Elijah who would come.^{Mat.11:14}

John the Baptist was six months older than Y'shua.^{Luke1:36} Six months after Passover Y'shua is born during the Feast of Tabernacles (Sept./Oct.). Mary laid Y'shua in a “manger” because they were outside with the animals. The Hebrew name for where the animals are kept is Succot, which is another name for Tabernacles. Y'shua came and dwelt (tabernacled) among us^{John1:14} on the feast of Tabernacles!

Nine months BEFORE Tabernacles is the Feast of Dedication

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John10:22 also known as Chanukah or the Festival of Lights. Mary would have conceived during Chanukah. Y'shua, the light of the world, came into the world, on the Feast of Lights! The only temple God has every wanted is the heart of man. When else would He become a man, than on a day set aside to celebrate the rededication of His temple, a day that is a picture of His eternal light burning in the hearts of men?

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Chapter כב (22)

Close

Each of us is a unique representation of the Father. The Holy Spirit manifests Himself through each one of us.

Our primary relationship with the Father is a vertical one directly through Y'shua our High Priest, not as in the Old Covenant through an earthly priest (minister, pastor, elder etc.). The very first thing that happened when the New Covenant came into effect was the temple veil was rent in two. The door to Yahweh is through the blood of Y'shua not a piece of fabric OR any earthly office. Abba wants a direct, personal relationship with you, not a vicarious one through someone else.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men,
the man The Anointed One Jesus; 1 Tim. 2:5

When God brought the Children of Israel from Egypt to the mountain He wanted a direct relationship with them – but when He called them up they turned away and thus lived out their lives in the wilderness. He has called you up, don't turn away from Him appointing someone else to be an intermediary and then live your life in a relational wilderness. I am not talking about salvation here, the Children of Israel did not go back to Egypt but they did miss out on the reality of the direct, personal relationship offered.

The role of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Pastor/Teachers (priests) is to under gird and support you in your direct, vertical relationship with the Father. But this relationship can only be fully activated through your horizontal relationships with others. Your secondary relationship with the Father is this horizontal one through other believers.

Vertical Relationship Chart


God / Father
|
God / Y'shua / Son
|
The Body of Christ (You)

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Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Pastor/Teachers

Fathers - God has called, commissioned and appointed you to be the strength and teacher of your house - to be a physical representation of Him to your family. He does not expect you to do this alone. First you have the Holy Spirit to help you and secondly from within the body God has given the gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Pastor/Teachers to lift and support you. They should function as Fathers raising sons not Pharaohs raising slaves. I am not talking about administrative or spiritual authorities here, which are separate issues.

Mother –  “Em” in Hebrew pictographically means “Strong Water” or Glue - God has called, commissioned and appointed you to be the glue of your house, to support your husband and hold it all together. This is His plan and a sacred trust.

Be open to His truth, THE truth, even when it means you may have to leave the place you have always known as home, like Abraham did. We expect this when we are called but leaving the bondage of a vicarious, dysfunctional relationship under a “Pharaoh” and entering the Promised Land of His direct, personal, extravagant presence facilitated by a Father may look and feel the same. When we are in right relationship with THE Father and each other, everything else falls into place.

Listen, The Creator of the Universe is speaking to YOU . . .

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Appendix 1

“Born Again”

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

From this very well known passage of scripture Y'shua/Jesus tells us that those who DO NOT "believe on Him" will "perish" and NOT have "eternal life".

BUT WHY IS THAT? Jesus continues:

17 For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through Him. 18 He that believeth on Him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God. John 3:17-21

From these words of Jesus we see that choosing light and truth as opposed to darkness and evil and how we exercise our free will, makes a difference and determines our eternal destination.

Both Luke in Acts 2:21 and Paul in Romans 10:13 quote from the Tanakh (“Old Testament”) when they tell us:

“. . . all who shall call on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”
Joel 2:32a

So what does "believing in Him" and "call on the name of the

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LORD" really mean?

In eastern culture your name is who you are, not just a "handle" people know you by. It is your character, essence and nature. To "call upon" and "believing in" both imply heart felt commitment and giving ones self over to. God created you and gave you a free will but He has a right to your life. He IS God.

When you were conceived you inherited certain characteristics; you are human, you are either male or female, you are of an ethnic group and have the characteristics of your parents and forefathers, including Adam. All in Adam are spiritually separated from God and subject to sin. Sin is what separates you from God and the price to be paid is death.

ALL other religions are systems of works invented by man to get back to God. True Christianity is not a religion at all but a relationship established by God who Himself bridged the gap of separation by paying the price.

Quite simply God paid the price so you could be reunited with Him. You need not, in fact, cannot do anything except – accept. He became a human and gave His life in exchange for yours. **HAVE YOU ACCEPTED THE SUBSTITUTION OF HIS LIFE FOR YOURS?**

That if you shall confess with your mouth Yahweh Y'shua, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes to righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

Romans 10:9-10

If you have, you are "Born Again", into Jesus and inherit His life and His characteristics by faith. Being born again also means that you die to what you were before. Remember to repent means to turn away FROM your fallen way of "life" back TO God and His way of LIFE.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot, see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

What leads up to this point, why have you not seen this before?

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Say you are in big financial debt but you don't know it. Someone puts a huge sum of money in an account for you and gives you power of attorney.

Are you out of debt?

NO, you don't even know you're in debt so why should you accept their payment? You then discover your financial woes but you don't care so you ignore them.

You are still in debt.

Eventually you get convicted but are too embarrassed to go to the bank. The public humiliation would be too great. As soon as you realize your situation, care about it AND humble yourself by going to the bank to exercise the power of attorney – accepting the other persons payment - THEN you are out of debt.

1 - You must **REALIZE** that you are a sinner and separated from God. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. The most lost person is the one that does not even know they are lost!

2 - You must be **CONVICTED** or care. There are many people who realize they are sinners but they don't care! It is the work of the Holy Spirit to convict, not mine or any one else's, although He may use people in this process.

3 - You must humble yourself - go to God and **CONFESS** your sins. There are people who realize they are sinners, they care but they won't admit it openly. You must overcome your pride; this is an act of YOUR free will.

4 - You must **REPENT**, which means turn away FROM a life of sin AND back TO God. There are people who realize they are sinners, they care and they have confessed but they haven't repented. The Holy Spirit empowers you to do this.

Think about it and pray. It can be as simple as: “HELP - Jesus, You are Lord of ALL and I accept your life in exchange for mine, I am a sinner – forgive me.”

It is the cry of your heart that matters, not the words you say. He will meet you where you are and seal you with His Spirit. Don't over

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think it though; you know if you are there. True salvation is confirmed by a changed life, love for others and a humble obedience to God.

And while you are at it, ask God to baptize you with power like He did the disciples on the day of Pentecost so that you can DO all that HE has for you to do. Find a group of real Anointed Ones (Christians) and become a learner (disciple) of THE Anointed One – Y'shua/Jesus. I hope this helps. Enjoy your relationship with the Father. If you want more information and/or if you have just been born again, please email me.

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Appendix 2

Testimony

I was born at an early age being nine months old and gave my life to Jesus when I was seven. I attended an inter-denominational Christian youth group and sang in the local Church of England choir until the age of about fifteen.

I have always been interested in religion and spiritual things and with my parents and Grandparents interested in "New Age" philosophy, I found my-self attending a Spiritualist Church and followed this line of thinking for several years.

I had made a deal with God at age seven which I hadn't kept but He had. Looking back, He kept me out of a lot of trouble and almost certainly saved my life on more than one occasion.

After moving to Texas, meeting my wife and having a child we started attending a small, non-denominational, charismatic church in North Dallas. My wife sang on the praise team and traveled with a national healing ministry.

We had a home church group meet in our home for a few years. We then moved to a larger church north of Dallas, became Care Group leaders and were involved in various other aspects of the church music and video departments. We helped birth a ministry with a Navy Chaplain friend that put on Christian concerts to the military.

After attending this large church and being involved for about eight years I realized something was missing. Sitting in church one day I prayed: Lord if this is it, I am not impressed! Despite my involvement and commitment I was dry. I was doing stuff but in that moment realized my relationship with Him was much less than I wanted. I had no depth, no foundation and no relationship.

This became very real to me one Sunday when our associate pastor announced that he was leaving his position to be a missionary to the Indians down in Mexico. The power and presents of God on him, in him and around him was so tangible, my spirit cried out: "God, I do not have a relationship with You like that and you are no respecter of persons so there must be something wrong with me. Show

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me what I am doing that I should not be and what I am not doing that I should." I wanted the real deal.

I went on a fast, I read my Bible, I prayed, months went by and nothing happened - that I was aware of.

Later that year, I went to a meeting at a hotel in Dallas and in the next room there was another meeting going on. The speaker looked Jewish, he was in biblical clothing and had a long beard. My curiosity was peaked and an inquiry at his tape table revealed him to be a Messianic Rabbi teaching on the Biblical Feasts. I, along with about ten others from the first meeting joined the ten people already there. The next night there were about fifty of us, the night after a few hundred and on the fourth night seven hundred! The hunger for the things of God, for the meat of the word was very evident. The meetings lasted two and a half weeks with an average attendance of two to three hundred each night.

My heavenly Father was revealing Himself to me and I wanted more. I was learning things about the Bible, God, and the roots of the Christian faith and Gods family, my family that I had not heard before. With my wife and three children (yes, they sat with us) I started attending a "Torah" study group each Sabbath (Saturday) at a private home. It started at 1:00pm, at 4:30ish we ate and then continued digesting The Word until 11:00pm, midnight or 1:00am. We were no longer satisfied with the "milk" we had been getting, shallow sermons; we had tasted "meat" and never went back. This lasted for a year and a half until we moved out of the area. The truth learned here is the foundation upon which this teaching is based, plus, it is showing great dividends in my children's life.

For a number of years we hosted a home church again, away from organized, corporate Christianity, meeting with many of the disenfranchised believers who loved the Lord but knew something was wrong with the system.

The "dotcom" business I was involved with "bombed" and having moved into the country, found myself out of work. A friend from our first home group years earlier invited me to a little country church in East Texas just to meet some business men who might be able to help with work. They did, but more importantly they selflessly showed us the love of God and the true Body of Christ. We started attending regularly and have now hosted several Passovers and

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seminars and teach Sunday school from time to time.

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Appendix 3

The Order of Melchizedek

<u>Names</u>	<u>Life Span</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Years Lived</u>
		<u>From Creation</u>		
1 Adam -----		Sixth Day	930	930
2 Seth -----		130	1042	912
3 Enos -----		235	1140	905
4 Cainan -----		325	1235	910
5 Mahalaleel -----		395	1290	895
6 Jared -----		460	1422	962
Enoch -----		622	987	365
7 Methuselah -----		687	1656	969
Lamech -----		874	1651	777
8 Noah -----		1056	2006	950
9 Shem -----		Flood 1556	2156	600
Arphaxad -----		1658	2098	438
Salah -----		1693	2126	433
10 Eber -----		1723	2187	464
Peleg -----		1757	1996	239
Reu -----		1778	2026	239
Serug -----		1819	2049	230
Nahor -----		1849	1997	148
Terah -----		1878	2083	205
Abraham -----		1948	2123	175
11 Isaac -----		2048	2228	180
12 Jacob/Israel -----		2108	2255	147
2125				
2150				
2175				
2200				
2225				
2250 year from creation				

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Appendix 4

If you are skeptical about Hebrew being the original language and/or its influence on our modern western alphabet take a look at the following. One or two would be a coincidence but twenty out of twenty two are very high odds.



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	Early	Middle	Late	Modern	Final
A					
B					
C					
D					
E					
F					
Z					
H					
U					
I					
K					
L					
M					
N					
X					
O					
P					
Y					
Q					
R					
S					
T					
G					

This chart shows the progression of Hebrew writing from the original pictographs thru the middle and late to Modern Hebrew. In this you can see how the font progressed and changed over time resulting in the modern square form we are familiar with today, some times called the Babylonian font because it appeared after the Babylonian captivity. Some of the Dead Sea scrolls are written in a combined form of middle and late or Palio Hebrew and some of the scrolls written in Modern Hebrew still had the name of God יהוה in the Palio hwhy. There exists many variations on these letters from different areas and times and the Modern is standardization.

These charts come from ancient-hebrew.org - visit their web site for more excellent information on this subject.

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Resources

Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

Books:

Interlinear Bible – Jay P. Green, Sr.
The Feasts of the LORD - Howard and Rosenthal
Practicing His Presence - Brother Lawrence
Velvet Elvis - Rob Bell
Why, GOD? - Joel Young

Software:

Mac
Bible Reader Free - <http://www.hiddenfield.com>

PC
e-sword – <http://www.e-sword.net>

Web sites:

<http://www.ancient-hebrew.org>
<http://www.forhisglory.org>
<http://www.soleyn.com>
<http://www.ultimatecore.net>



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