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Shabbat Message

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Numbers 19:1-22:1

My Way or Yah's Way

Don't Hit the Rock

Introduction

Do you struggle in life? Do you have hard times where it seems like there is not ending in site?

Do you dream or pray for better days ahead well what so did Moses, Aaron and all of the rest of the Children of Israel. They were wandering a desert because of their disobedience to the Father in the fact that they did not believe in the report of the righteous spies brought back

about the land. They refused to act in faith so therefore they were made to wander the desert for 40 years. Then we get to a transitional period where Elohim is going to be passing on the baton to the next generation so they can forge their way into the Promised Land. It was up to that generation to be able to toe the line. Just like we are in last generation just before Yeshua returns we must toe the line. In this chapter of Numbers 20 we are called to speak to the rock and not to hit the rock and so lose our place in the promised land. Doing things in our own strength and power are not necessarily the best thing or recommended in every situation.

Israel complains again

Numbers 20:1-6

1. In these verses, The Israelites grumble once more as they face a water shortage (Exodus 17:1-2). They reproach Moses and Aaron, yearning for the days when they were in Egypt. (Exodus 16:3).
2. This constant dissatisfaction despite all of Elohim's miracles illustrates the human tendency to focus on current hardships and forgetting past blessings. (Deuteronomy 6:12, Psalm 78:11).
3. It teaches us the importance of cultivating an attitude of gratitude regardless of our circumstances. (Philippians 4:11-12).

Moses disobeys Elohim

Numbers 20:7-11

1. Elohim instructs Moses to speak to the rock to bring forth water. However in anger and in frustration Moses strikes the rock twice. (Psalm 106:32-33).
2. Moses' lack of complete obedience led to significant consequences He was not permitted to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. (Deuteronomy 32:51-52).
3. This event underscores the importance of complete obedience to Elohim's commands reminding us that the cost of disobedience can be grave. (1 Samuel 15:22).

Elohim's Mercy and Judgement

Numbers 20:12-13

1. Elohim judges Moses for His disobedience but he also shows mercy by providing water for the people (Exodus 17:6).
2. Elohim's actions here exemplify his nature as a just judge who also abounds in mercy (Psalm 103:8).
3. It underscores the importance of respecting Elohim's holiness and walking in His ways. (Lev. 11:44).

Refusal of Passage through Edom

Numbers 20:14-21

1. Edom's refusal to allow Israel passage through their territory despite Israel's peaceful intentions shows that Edom knows that Israel has the birth right.
2. It also shows the hostility that was between the descendants of Jacob and Esau.
(Genesis 25:23).
3. It also serves a reminder to us that there will always be opposition and conflict on our spiritual journey (2 Timothy 3:12).

Death of Aaron

Numbers 20:22-29

1. The death of Aaron marks the end of an era and the passing of the high priestly duty to Eleazar.
2. It reminds believers of the biblical principle that there are consequences to our actions
(Galatians 6:7).
3. Even though Aaron was a vessel of Elohim his disobedience in the incident of the golden calf (Exodus 32:2-4) followed him until death.

Take Away

1. From the lessons taught in Numbers 20, we learn about the importance of gratitude, total obedience to divine command, respect for the holiness of God, and the inescapable consequences of our actions.
2. These lessons compel us to examine our spiritual walk, encouraging us to live in obedience, gratitude, and alignment with God's will.
3. Let Numbers 20 serve as a beacon in our journey, illuminating the path to a closer, more intimate relationship with our Maker, and an enriched understanding of His divine character.

Application

1. I will continue in complete obedience to our Lord Yeshua HaMashiach and do what He says to do.
2. If I am overwhelmed with life or with what Yehovah has in our situation we ask for more faith.
3. I will continue to walk by faith and not by sight by putting my plain and simple faith in Yehovah.

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