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**Introduction**

This week's Parashah, Shemini, continues the tale of Aaron's investiture as High Priest.

**Leviticus 9:22-24**

**22** Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. **23** And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. **24** And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces. (Lev 9:22 ESV)

*"They shouted and fell on their faces..."* When the Holy One of Israel performed miracles that the people could see only then did they believe and yet their faith was fleeting and did not stand up to the trials that came against them. It is a very sad commentary that out of all the people who came out of Egypt that those from the age of twenty to sixty were to die in the Wilderness never to enter into the Promised Land. Only two men and their families made it to the Promised Land – they were Joshua and Caleb. They were the only two scouts who had gone with the other ten to check out the Promised Land who gave a good report while the rest gave a poor report causing the people to come against Moses and in turn against God.

**Romans 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31 ESV)

If the people had obeyed the word of the Lord then all would have been right for them and they would have gone from Egypt right to the Land and they would have entered into the Promise but they chose to believe the bad report the ten scouts gave them rather than trust in the Lord. He brought the plagues upon Egypt; He kept the Hebrews safe during this time. He caused the Egyptians to give the Hebrews their silver and gold in order to hasten them to leave what was left of Egypt.

**Exodus 3:21** And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, **22** but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians." (Exo 3:21 ESV)

The Egyptians could not wait for the Hebrews to leave their land but God was not done with Egypt yet nor was He finished with the Hebrews. When the Egyptian army came after them to the Reed Sea He parted the waters before them to allow them to pass through on dry ground while the Egyptian army could not follow until the Lord allowed them to. Once the army was completely in the river bed He allowed the waters to come crashing down on them wiping out the entire army. He provided them with food in the Wilderness as well as with water. He gave them shade during the day in the pillar of cloud and warmth and light at night by the pillar of fire. The presence of God dwelled among the Children of Israel until they sinned by making the Golden Calf. He then withdrew from the midst of the camp and caused Moses to set up a Tent of Meeting outside the camp where Moses would go when the Lord summoned him.

The Lord did so much for the Children of Israel but they did not see what was right there in front of them. It is a sad commentary, not just on Israel, but on us as well. Remember that we were also there that day 3500 years ago when Moses restated the covenant with Israel. His words should be remembered by each and every one of us because we were included in the covenant God made with Israel because we are all part of Israel no matter where we were born. There is no guarantee that one will be part of Israel based on blood line alone. Based on the behavior of Israel towards God's covenant of Torah the lesson to be learned here is that what family you are born into does not matter to God if you do not obey Him or believe in His Son – the Messiah Yeshua.

There are countless others who are from the nations that God accepts as part of Israel. Look at the story of Ruth. This is a great lesson in faith to be learned from her and how her strength of convictions and loyalty to her mother-in-law brought her into the tribe of Judah and into Israel as well. She becomes one of the ancestors of King David and through his line we have the Messiah Yeshua. How merciful and great is our God? The Hebrews lacked faith and could not see past their stomachs or creature comforts to believe in the promises of God given to them through Moses who had to endure their complaints. Moses labored on for the Lord and I give him so much credit for what he did for Israel. He was called into God's service when he was 80 years of age and went before Israel for forty years.

He was born a Hebrew and saved from death by Pharaoh's daughter and raised in Pharaoh's home as a prince of Egypt. This was forty years of training that would help him to lead the Children of Israel. Then he spent the next forty years of his life living in Midian in the home of Jethro and he married Jethro's daughter and had two sons that we do not hear too much about in Scripture. He lived the life of a Shepherd which would have provided him with time to reflect on his past and probably wondering about his future until the day he stopped to see the miracle of the Burning Bush. That changed his life forever and the world knows who Moses was. He is called the greatest prophet Israel has ever seen.

**Deuteronomy 34:10** And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, **11** none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, **12** and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel. (Deu 34:10 ESV)

Yet for all the things that Moses did they pale in comparison to what Yeshua did. Moses did intercede time and time again on behalf of Israel when they sinned. Yeshua interceded on behalf of all of mankind but He said that He came for those the father had given to Him.

**John 6:44** No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. (Joh 6:44 ESV)

It is apparent from this passage of Scripture that not everyone will be saved except for those the Father draws to the Son. When you come to the Son and come to faith in Him and ask for forgiveness for your sins you receive the gift of eternal life to be raised up on the last day. It is also clear from this passage that those who say that when you die you will be immediately in the presence of the Lord are missing what Yeshua has to say about that in this verse. We will die, if Yeshua lingers, and be raised up in the last day as we are promised in the word of the Lord.

## **2 Samuel 6:1-5**

**1** David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. **2** And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. **3** And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, **4** with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark. **5** And David and all the house of Israel were making merry before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. (2Sa 6:1 ESV)

In verse 2 we read about Baale-judah. The meaning of this word gives us a clearer picture of Israel and in particular Judah.

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**Meaning:** 'Baal of Judah,' the center of Baal worship in Judah

**Origin:** from 1168a and 3063

Some of the commentaries referring to this word state that this is where Baal worship was located in the territory of Judah and in this case it was where the Ark of the Covenant had been stored at the home of Aminidab who is referred to as the man who sheltered the Ark. So, here in the midst of Baal worship we once again see a glimmer of someone who belonged to the Holy One of Israel. Isn't this the way things are today? Admittedly there are supposed to be many Christians and others who profess faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob but how deep does their faith really go? For many years I have been attacked as someone who does not show love. In reality the accusation has been more about being a warm and fuzzy guy rather than one whose faith never wavers and who stands for Yeshua and Torah. Recently I heard that now I am no longer being accused of not being loving but now they are saying do I have the Holy Spirit? They base their idea of the Holy Spirit on the basis of what the Church has said for so long where you have to speak in tongues or exhibit the Spirit through manifestations that are not mentioned in the Bible.

The Holy Spirit that comes from God manifested itself over and over in the Tanach through the gift of prophecy. Nowhere do we see the gift of tongues being manifested. When we come to

the Apostolic Scriptures we see a different manifestation of the Holy Spirit through the gift of tongues used as a way for God to have us share the truth of Yeshua with mankind who have become divided because of not being able to communicate effectively since the Tower of Babel. As time has gone on we have discovered other means to understand one another and now the world is beginning to draw closer but not in a way that is uplifting to God and Yeshua. How is it uplifting to the Holy One of Israel when those professing to be Believers are falling on the floor and acting like animals? How is it sharing the miracle of the salvation found through faith in Messiah Yeshua when the one speaking in tongues is also the one interpreting and the ones who need to hear the message in their native language have no idea what you are talking about?

It is not about *Baale-Yehudah* but the *Baalim* of those who are not just of the world but of those who do not know which Spirit is working within them. The Holy Spirit of our Lord and Master is one of order, love, mercy, and understanding but unless you completely surrender yourself to Him you cannot have the indwelling of His Spirit.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Heb 4:12 ESV)

The Spirit of God knows your heart because it goes into the deepest recesses of your being and turns on the light to help you find the truth. Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing because they are out there in the guise of Believers singing a siren song to draw people away from Messiah or down a dark road where only confusion waits.

## **2 Thessalonians 1:6-12**

**6** Since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, **7** and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Yeshua is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels **8** in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Yeshua. **9** They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, **10** when He comes on that day to be glorified in His saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. **11** To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, **12** so that the name of our Lord Yeshua may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah. (2Th 1:6 ESV)

This is the way out my friends. We are brethren in the commonwealth of Redeemed Israel and we are part of the family of God through our common faith in the Messiah Yeshua and our *halachah* of Torah. *Halachah* is the way to walk or the path you are on. It is a Hebrew word that is used to describe Jewish practices of varying kinds. It has made its way over into the world of Messianic Judaism and those of us who know our Jewish Messiah Yeshua try to stay on the course of the *halachah* of our Rabbi Yeshua. The day is coming when our suffering will be over and we will walk together in peace into that time beyond time, the time beyond the Messianic Age. There is something beyond it all because we are told this in the Holy writ of Scripture. There is no one place in the time beyond time for Jews or gentiles but for all of us as one nation truly under God – the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

They paved the way for all of us and they caught a glimpse of the Messiah. He has walked through the pages of the Bible leaving His footprints behind for everyone to see and to follow. Christianity calls this the red thread where the Messiah is tracked but which Messiah are they tracking? Is it the Jesus we are warned about or the Yeshua who was born a Jew, lived as a Jew, and died as a Jew? Is it the Messiah who was raised by His Father from the grave in fulfillment of the Hebrew or Jewish prophecies?

**2 Corinthians 11:4** For if someone comes and proclaims another Yeshua than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. (2Co 11:4 ESV)

Who holds the keys to the kingdom? Those who have abandoned and teach against Torah or those who hold fast to their faith in Yeshua and do as He commanded them to do and that was to keep Torah. How can it be the same Messiah we are all following if some claim we do not have to follow Torah or those who do their best to obey Torah?

**Romans 2:25** For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the Torah; but if you are a breaker of the Torah, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. **26** Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the Torah, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? (Rom 2:25 NKJ)

The Torah is the Torah and is the same for everyone. There is not one Torah for some and another Torah for others as some may say and believe. There is only one *halachah* and He is the way, the truth, and the life.

***One year during the family's summer vacation, little Danny is running on the beach when he suddenly comes across a dead sea gull laying on the sand. "Mummy, mummy," he yells, "what happened to him?" "It was a tragedy, he died and went to heaven." "And God threw him back down?"***

May the Lord bless you and yours... *Mordecai Silver*

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