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## **Introduction**

In the portion VaYakhel, Moses assembles the people and tells them about the Sanctuary that they are to build. In the portion Pekudei, the Sanctuary has been built, and the people are ready to go forth on their journey through the wilderness, toward the Promised Land.

## **Exodus 35:1-3**

**1** Then Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said to them, "These *are* the words which the LORD has commanded you to do: **2** "Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. **3** "You shall kindle no fire throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day."

There are some who believe that to fulfill the instructions that the Almighty gave to Israel about not kindling a fire on the Sabbath means to sit in the dark and cold. I believe, and I reiterate that I believe, you can turn on the lights and have heat on the Sabbath. There are those among the Orthodox Jews who hire a Gentile or non-Jew to turn on the lights in their synagogues on the Sabbath so they won't have to do it. This violates the intent of the Torah which is for **ALL** nations and people.

**Exodus 12:49** "One Torah shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

There are many more Scriptures that support this one from Exodus 12:49 but my point is very clear. The Sabbath is for everyone just as the Torah is for everyone but the kicker is if you choose to be a part of Israel. If your intention is not to be a part of God's covenant people then do as you want to but if you are going to be a part of His covenant people then you are taking upon yourself the covenant of Israel. This covenant is the Torah. The Torah comes from the Holy One of Israel and if since Torah is from the Holy One of Israel then the Torah must be holy as well. If you choose to disobey His Torah then you place yourself outside His covenant people. So, where would this leave you? I don't believe you would be a part of the bride of Messiah but it may be you could be a part of the guests or servants. What are the credentials of the guests and servants?

If you are following Torah but are not aware of it this probably places you in either the guests or servants group. If you choose to reject Torah and you understand what you are doing I believe you may be placing yourself outside the wedding completely. Does this mean you will not be in the Kingdom of the Almighty? That is totally up to Him and I will not speculate on the ramifications of this. We are presently seeing things happening throughout the world that are bringing out many prophetic teachers who are claiming we are in various stages of the end-times. I believe we are seeing things happening that are laying the groundwork for the prophecies of the Bible to come to pass. It is almost like a taste of what will be but not the actual events that are end-times associated.

**2 Peter 2:1** But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

I have quoted this passage on several occasions but it bears repeating because of the times we currently find ourselves in. Beware of false prophets and false teachers. You must test their prophecies and teachings against the Word of the Almighty. If you do not have your nose stuck in the Word how will you know what is true and what is false? You must be prepared for the days ahead. Somewhere along the way a false peace will set itself in place brought in by the servant of the Adversary of the Holy One of Israel. Satan is not holy nor is he almighty, nor is he for Israel. In fact, if you do not realize it by now, he is the enemy of Israel.

Israel has a physical representative on the earth at the present time and that is the modern state or country of Israel in the Middle East. Very few of its people believe in Yeshua but they yearn for a Messiah to come. Won't they be surprised when Yeshua returns and their eyes are opened and they see Him and recognize Him? The same is true for the rest of Israel, the other 10 tribes who were scattered to the four corners of the earth where the Almighty removed their identity because they desired to be like the nations so He gave them what they wanted. This did not mean that Judah was any better but the Holy One had something else in store for them. They would become the standard bearers of the Torah. They would carry the Torah of the Holy One before the rest of the nations on the earth.

**Acts 7:38** "This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us.

**Romans 3:1** What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? **2** Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

The Torah is alive – as well as it should be because it is Yeshua – the Living Word of the Father brought forth as the Son. This concept boggles the mind and causes the Jewish people to reject Yeshua because they are taught they can only have one God. The oneness of the Almighty is not easy to understand except in the idea of **echad**. *Echad* is the Hebrew word for one, but one formed from a plurality of two or more. Hence Adam and Chava were one flesh and Israel was one nation but twelve tribes within that nation. An army can be one army but many men. The Body of Messiah is one Body but made up of many parts. Each part has a job to do the same as the Father has His part to do, while the Son has His and the Holy Spirit has hers. Yes I realize I have identified the Holy Spirit as being feminine in nature but that is because the Hebrew word *ruach* is feminine. This would give us a composite picture of a family upon which every family on the earth is based upon.

The Holy One is teaching us through His Word and by His very own example. Is this the trinity as the Church teaches or the tri-unity or uni-plurality of the Godhead as Messianic Judaism teaches? Or is there some truth from both of these examples or is the truth beyond our comprehension at this point in time? I believe there is some truth in both ideas and probably more that we can find when we study the Word.

The concept of the seventh day Sabbath was given to man by his Creator and modeled by his Creator.

**Genesis 2:2** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Recently I was asked a question about this, one that I had been asked many times over the years, about how did I know that Saturday was the Sabbath day? My answer was simple. Since all of mankind currently follows very similar calendars and the accepted seventh day is Saturday then Saturday is the Sabbath day unless you are following your own calendar and some are.

We do the best we can in the situations we find ourselves in. It is not my place to judge another and neither should someone else sit in judgment of me. If I see someone breaking the Almighty's Torah I can point this out. If they receive the correction that is good and if not I don't argue the point. What I am saying is, if it is good enough for our Creator why isn't it good enough for us?

### **1 Kings 8:6-9**

**6** Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy *Place*, under the wings of the cherubim. **7** For the cherubim spread *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. **8** The poles extended so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy *place*, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. **9** Nothing *was* in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a *covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

The two stone tablets that the Almighty had engraved with His own hand were representative of the whole of the Torah that would be the guiding principles for all of Israel. The Torah would never change because the Almighty never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

**Hebrews 13:8** Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Yeshua is the Messiah and He is the Son of the Creator, and the Creator Himself. This we are told in Scripture.

**Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

**Revelation 4:11** "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

It was through the Son that everything that exists was created and it was for Him that everything was created. How is this possible? It is possible because the Holy One made it possible because by His will all things came into being and all things are held in place by His being.

**Genesis 1:3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

This is the beginning of the creation. This verse is not just about light being created but it is about Him speaking, for the first time in the Bible, and light coming into being when the sun, moon and stars were not created until the fourth day. This should make you stop and think and realize that the Father spoke and His Son came into being as the light as well as the Father's Word. The deep reality of what we are being told here in the beginning is echoed throughout the Bible my friends. This is why it is crucial that we become students of the Word. Unless we do this how will we know what part of the Almighty's plan is coming to pass?

The Almighty has made a covenant with His people. From the very beginning Israel was chosen to be His own very special treasure and He knew that the Adversary would come against them. So, while He had to punish the sin of His people He also planted them throughout the world where they would become the lights He would need when darkness would descend over the earth. We, and our children, are those lights. No matter what generation we appear in we are the lights in the darkness helping to spread the Word of the Holy One and the redemption to be found through Yeshua.

The only way to be reconciled to the Father would be through the Son. I know that this concept is difficult for many people to accept but it is what we are told in the Word must be.

**John 14:6** Yeshua said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. **7** "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.

It is bad enough that we have to wrap our minds about the concept that it is through Yeshua that we find forgiveness from the Father for our sins but it is also through Yeshua that we come back to the Father and that to see Yeshua is to have seen the Father. Do Yeshua and the Father look the same or is it the fact that they are the Mighty One of Israel and they are *echad* – one?

**Revelation 11:15-19**

**15** Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!" **16** And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, **17** saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who

was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. **18** The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth." **19** Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

In verse 19 we are told that John, Yochanan in Hebrew, saw the Temple of God opened in heaven and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. What exists in heaven exists here on the earth. Yet as we move to the later parts of Revelation we see that there will be no temple in the New Jerusalem that comes down out of heaven because the Father and the Son will be the Living Temple; but if there is a temple in heaven what happens to it?

**Revelation 21:22** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Perhaps this is why the temples that stood on the earth were destroyed to bear witness to what would happen when all things are finished? We know from the Word that there will be one more temple built upon the temple mount in Jerusalem, His city. The Jerusalem on earth is the physical manifestation of the Jerusalem that is in heaven. While the Jerusalem on the earth has been imperfect the one in heaven is perfect and will one day take the place of the city that is now at the center of the battle between good and evil – the Almighty and Satan.

My friends, those of you who are reading my words, I urge you to become students of the Word so that you may be ready for what is to come. I believe we are receiving a taste of it in our day and it may be we will get more of the same before our time is through. It may be in the generation of our children or our grandchildren but the return of Yeshua is close and that means the time of the tribulation is close at hand as well. You need to ask yourself: Are you ready?

***Yesterday is memory, tomorrow is hope or dread: Let me be grateful for today.***

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