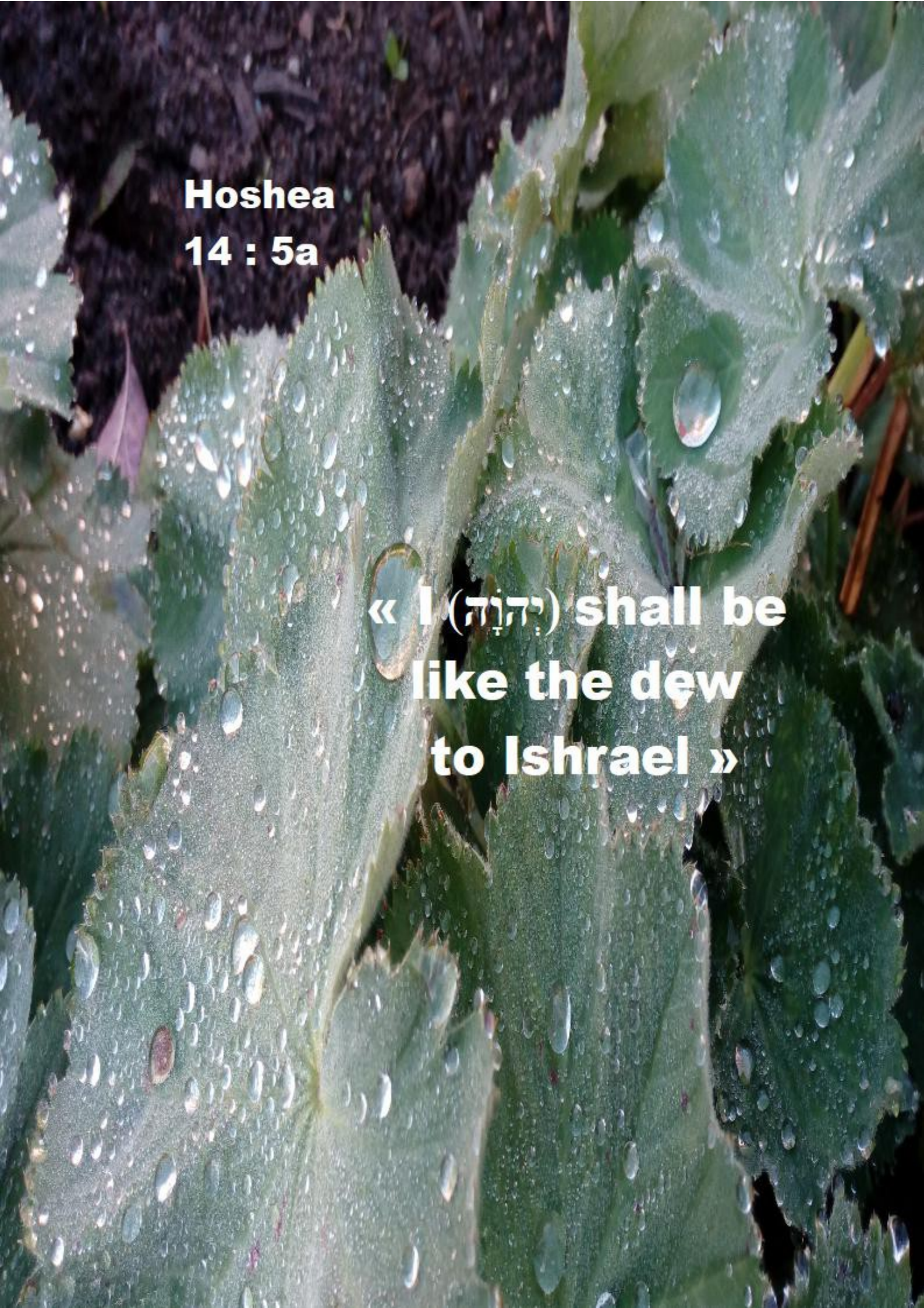


Our sojourning life

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A close-up photograph of several green leaves, likely from a plant like a geranium, covered in numerous small, clear water droplets. The leaves have serrated edges and prominent veins. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more foliage and soil.

Hoshea

14 : 5a

**« יִהְיֶה (יהוה) לִּי shall be
like the dew
to Ishrael »**

Our sojourning life

Once again : Why sharing worldwide ? I believe that this is a scriptures-based duty, according to the Words of YHVH Elohim, as it is written , Yael 2 : 29 : « **And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days** », and in spite of its other side very deceptive and desctructive effects, the 20th century invention internet is a super tool for that.

Thus, I strongly believe that YeHoVaH Elohei Ishrael allowed me to share with you worldwide, whoever you are and wherever you are from, a part of my spiritual journey in order to give you a little of it through each title and each page of this website and on how I made it available. I pray that the manner I share it with you will be of some blessing to your spiritual journey too, and I pray that you will also enjoy the way I have put it.

May YHVH give you blessed eyes to see and blessed ears to hear, and a blessed heart to receive, and joy to discover, and challenge to correct, to adjust ! Blessed be Hia Name !

So again, here are a few studies made available to everyone of you, to the whole family to delight in. But let me emphasize this : whatever sharp, or whatever severe reproof is recalled throughout my studies, they also remain for my correction, for my reproof, for my instruction, for my education, and none should displease me, none should disturb me, none should offend me, because I am a found sheep that once had gone astray.

Nurturing our daily life

« **This is the day YHVH Elohim has made ; we will rejoice in it and will be glad about it !** » - Tehillah (Ps.) 118 : 24, bearing in mind that each day of each week reflects the 7-day cycle of Creation, starting on the 1st day of the actual gregorian sunday.

« **I will praise You every day and will extol Your Name le'olam va'ed** (for ever and ever) ! » - Tehillah 145 : 2. Shall not we, as did king David of Ishrael ?

And I would like to add : Help us our Creator, through Your Blessed Help, to make the most of it, to take advantage of it, so that our daily life might be under Your Shield ! « **Blessed is he who has Elohei Ya'akov as his Helper, and also hopes in YHVH his Elohim !** » - Tehillah 146 : 5

Today is not yesterday, and the reverse is true, yesterday is not today. What should this mean to us ? Were you sad yesterday ? Did you cry yesterday ? Were you worried yesterday ? Were you angry yesterday ? Did you hurt someone yesterday ? Or did you laugh yesterday ? And more ... According to Tehillah 16 : 7b king David believed that the night to sleep, as first part of the day, is a good time to instruct. He wrote : « **and even at night my heart instructs me** ». .. for good not for bad, and especially a time to give place to our Creator, according to Tehillah 132 : 4-5 : « **I will not allow my eyes to sleep or my eyelids to slumber, until I find a Place for YHVH ! A Dwelling for The Mighty One of Ya'akov/Ishrael** » - What a such devotional offering !

What our heart should instruct us ? Our heart should counsel, rectify, guide, warn, alert, notify, correct, adjust ... to bring us to repentance, to redeem oneself, to catch up, to recover ... which would greatly help us to move forward. But above all, our heart should especially request our Creator's, YHVH Elohim, wise directives, concerning the daily worries and ask Him what does He thinks, and what should we do.

And when tomorrow comes and came to pass, tomorrow becomes today and then yesterday, and so on and so forth.

How did you spend your day ? How did you express your love ? Or did you hate and for which reason, or did you even have the reason to hate ? How did you spend your day ? Did you bring peace, and how ? The earth becomes sicker and sicker every day, and surely The Creator of the universe scrutinizes it from on High on His Throne. But He has a Calendar to follow, and through His daily Inspection, there is a Conclusion to make, whether for Disciplines and/or for Penalties, for Warnings or for Blessings. With greatest concern, let us courageously fear The Creator of the universe, The Holder of our breath !

Among all the purposes listed by Kohelet (Ecc.) chapter 3, these two seem to be the very weighted ones : « **The time to love and the time to hate. The time for war and the time for peace** ».

Apart from being of Elohim of Love, it appears according to what is written that YHVH The Creator of the universe is also an Elohim of Hate, too. In other words, He is an Elohim of Vengeance, an Elohim of Wrath, too. As examples, we read :

► Devarim (Deut.) 20 : 12-13 : « **But if it refuses to make peace with you but means to fight you, then lay siege to that city. And when YHVH Your Elohim gives it into your hand, then you shall smite with the edge of the sword every male thereof** »

► Malakhi 1 : 2b -3 : « **Is not Esav the brother of Ya'akov ? says YHVH, yet I loved Ya'akov but Esav I hated and had turned his mountains into a wasteland, and had handed over his inheritance to the jackals in the wilderness** ».

► Matthyahu 10 : 34 : « **Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword** »

Are you hated by someone ? If you are a Covenant Believer, walking with YHVH Elohim in His Covenant Ways, learn for example from these two passages and be strong, according to :

Yehochanan 15 : 18 : « **If this world hates you, then understand that it has hated Me before you** »

Ya'akov 5 : 10 : « **My brothers, let the Prophets who spoke in the Name of YHVH Adonai be your Examples to learn suffering affliction and patience !** ».

Or did you ever meet a rejection by your own ? But Yehoshua HaMashiach was long ago rejected before you, and even until today.

Yehochanan 1 : 11 : « **He came to His own** (the Yehudim, His brothers from the line of king David) **but His own did not receive Him** ». Matthyahu 13 : 57 : « **And they took offense at Him. But Yehoshua said to them : There is no Prophet who is not esteemed except in his own country and in his own household** »”

May YHVH Elohim, The only Elohim of the entire Book of The Bible, Elohim of Love and Hate as well, give you ears to hear and eyes to see, and bring you back to His Wonderful Covenant Ways, only of Blessings if we listen to His Voice ! Allow Devarim 28 to remind us of His Blessings and Punishments.

At certain times in our lives, we surely have experienced various times to love and various times to hate, and had made decision to reverse the situations and made a time of war into a time of peace. Humanly speaking, to transform hate or war into love or peace would be a decision to make but would be the best way to establish peace within ourselves and to create a blessed environment before our Creator.

Let our heart instruct us blessedly and scripturally all day long, at night and at day time, every day of our life !

A daily life capable to wait for YHVH Elohim

There are many unexpected and unfavorable happenings that we face every day, but they are needed to try us, to lead us to trust more in YHVH Elohim, our Creator. Kohelet wrote, according to the chapter 7 : 8a, 14, as it is written : « **Better is the end of a matter than its beginning ; ... In the day of joy, be joyful, and in the day of trouble, consider ! For YHVH Elohim has made them along with the other so that men may not even find out what will come after them ».**

Our daily confront is indeed necessary :

For strength

► Ishayah 40 : 28 – 31 : « **Do you not know? Have you not heard that YHVH is The Everlasting Elohim Who had created the ends of the earth ? He will not grow tired or weary. His Understanding is unsearchable. He strengthens those who are tired, and He gives much strength to those who are weak. Even youths will grow tired and weary, and even the young men may badly stumble. But those who wait for YHVH will renew their strength. By wings they will mount up like eagles. They will run but will not be weary. They will walk but will not faint »**

For a strong heart

► Tehillah 27 : 14 : « **Wait you for YHVH ! Be trustful, and let your heart be strong ! Yea, wait for YHVH ! ».**

For a daily life full of patience and hope

► Tehillah 37 : 7 : « **Wait you patiently for YHVH and do have hope in Him ! »**

To wait for Him in joy, even though :

► Chabbakuk 3 : 17-19a : « **For though the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive harvest causes disappointment and the fields produce no food, though the sheep is snatched from the fold and there is no cattle in the stall, yet I will exult in YHVH and will rejoice in Elohim of my Salvation ! YHVH Adonai is my strength, and He makes my feet like those of a female deer and causes me to walk upon my high places »**

Did not YHVH Elohim prompt the Children of Ishrael, the House of Ya'akov, not to worry about pharaoh and his soldiers as follows, according to Shemot (Ex.) 14 : 15b ? « **Tell the Children of Ishrael to go forward ! ».** What a great challenge, the battle is His !

Do we have to worry much ? The heavenly miracle of the next day

2 Melakhim (Ki.) 6 : 25 : « **So there was a severe famine in Samaria. For behold, they (the Syrians) besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels and the**

dove's dung of fourth part of a kab for five shekels » »

2 Melakhim 7 : 1 : « But Elisha said : Hear you the Word of YHVH : Thus says YHVH : Tomorrow about this time, the cost of a seah of fine flour will be for a shekel, and the cost of two seahs of barley will be also for a shekel too at the gate of Samaria ».

Note : A seah is an ancient Hebrew dry measure, and would be the equivalent of 7.33 kilograms. So, resulting from the Great Mercy of YHVH their Elohim, the famine became more controllable to the Ishraelites.

2 Melakhim 7 : 1-20 : An amazing story very well worth of read in order to better appreciate the « Tomorrow's Miracle » of YHVH Elohim !

If His people believe in Him and cling to Him, YHVH Elohim, Elohei Ishrael, will fulfill His Promise and will not take time to bless them. Tehillah 31 : 19a : **« Oh, how abundant are Your good Things that You have stored up for those who fear You ! »**

Did you ever read this passage from the Book of Tehillim chapter 127 : 2 ? **« It is vain for you to rise up early and go late to rest and eat the bread earned through painful labor. Yet, all of this He gives to His beloved even if he is sleeping » « For humans this is impossible, but for YHVH Elohim all things are possible »**, according to the Words of Yehoshua HaMashiach, Matthew 19 : 26b

Every day of our life should be a new birth

Did you ever read the following passage ?

Eiklah (Lam.) 3 : 22-23a : **« It is by the Mercy of YHVH that we are not consumed, because His Compassion does not end. It is new every morning ».**

If the Compassion of YHVH Elohim, our Creator, is then new every morning, and if His people believe that this stands true, is there really a need for His people to celebrate their day of birth, on a particular date of the year, every year ? Instead, let us celebrate our daily life through His Word on a daily basis !

Admittedly, such a date, according to the gregorian calendar, is used for administrative purposes, but ultimately should not be used as a time to gather our family members and acquaintances to demonstrate that we are sociable.

Definitely, what would greatly please YHVH Elohim is if we celebrate each day of our life, which indeed is His, by hopefully and fearfully taking into consideration the Blessings and the Punishments as stated under Devarim 28.

What would be our daily responsibility towards our Creator ?

To listen to His Voice, that is to Love Him, that is to do His Will, that is to do His Commands, that is to walk with Him in Truth and in Spirit, that is to glorify Him Who gives our daily breath and Him Who has made us to rule over the Works of His Hands.

Tehillah 8 : 6-9 : **« You have made him to rule over the Works of Your Hands. You have put all things under his feet, sheep and goats and all cattle, and also the wild animals, along with the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, that pass through**

the paths of the seas. O YHVH Adoneinu, how Glorious is Your Name in all the earth ! »

Scripturally considering : Combining the useful, the priority, the crucial with the enjoyable, the pleasant, the agreeable would surely bring joy, peace, harmony to our daily life.

Do you sing, or do you like singing ? And when you do, sing for The Creator of the universe, as an offering song ! This is one of my favorite : Hodu YHVH ki Tov le'olam Chasdo ! Psalm 136 : 1 : « **Praise YHVH for He is Good, for His Mercy endures for ever !** ». I would like also to share with you the following : According to 2 Chronicles 20 we read that king Yehoshafat (YHVH judges) of Yehudah sang a similar song before he went to fight his enemies, I found that singing the above song (there a few versions of it) every morning before starting a day not only gives hope, confidence and courage, but especially a moment to praise Him.

Tehillah 92 : 1-2 : « **A Psalm. A song for the Shabbat day. It is good to praise YHVH and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High, and to proclaim Your Mercy in the morning and Your Truth at night** ».

A righteous daily remembrance : « Remember the wife of Lot ! »

These are the Words of Yehoshua HaMashiach about it : « **On that Day, he who is on the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it ! And likewise, he who is in the field let him not turn back to anything he has left behind ! Remember the wife of Lot !** » - Luke 17 : 31-32

Considering our spiritual life today, there are questions we need to answer, such as :

- a/ How did we learn from our past ? With gratitude and fear ?
- b/ How did we move forward since then ? With fear and trembling ?
- c/ How much blessed do we feel when we see that most people around us seem deeply to still enjoy themselves the deceptive ways of life we left behind ?
- d/ How thankful we are toward YHVH Elohim our Creator, El Elyon and El Olam, when He took us out of the bondage of our dark past ways ?

And there are questions with response we need to think about :

- a/ Who returns back to its vomit ? The dog.
- b/ Who returns back to the mud after a bath ? The swine
- c/ Who rejects the Commandments of YHVH Elohim ? The one who hates Him.
- d/ Who was bruised for our iniquities ? Yehoshua HaMashiach.

« Remember the wife of Lot ! »

According to this Command « Remember », because this is a Command, it makes understand that the case of the wife of Lot is a case that every one of us needs to remember. Lot, along with his wife and their two daughters, was instructed not to look back, but the wife did not take it to heart and failed to follow the Instruction, and a very unimaginable transformation took place.

Let us recall the biblical narrative about this event and the Heavenly Order given at that time, and also the destruction of the two cities and how the wife of Lot failed, as it is written according to Bereishit 19 : 17 ... 23-26 : « **And when They had brought them outside,**

then One of Them said : Flee to save your life ! Do not look back neither do not stop in all the plain ! Flee to the mountain lest you will be destroyed ! ... And the sun had already risen over the land when Lot came to Tzoar. And YHVH rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from YHVH from Heaven thus destroyed these cities and all the plain and all the inhabitants of the cities and everything that grew on the ground. But the wife of Lot looked back behind her, and she became a pillar of salt ».

Obviously the wife of Lot seemed to be deeply attached to the ways of life of Sodom and Gomorrah that she felt thoroughly worried about what kind of life she will be living elsewhere, and then turned her head behind her to see what happened to her adored cities.

Yes, the wife of Lot did not consider at all her calling out of the mortal ways of life of Sodom and Gomorrah where apparently their inhabitants felt fully free to do whatever they pleased to do, but what is referred to by the scriptures as « **a life of bondage** ».

What do we need then to remember ? Galatians 5 : 13 reminds us as follows, as it is written : « **For you have been called to freedom brethren ; but do not live that freedom according to flesh, but serve one another in love** ».

Lot and his family were called to be free from a sinful and destructive environment, an environment where the comfort of worldly ways of life dominated. But instead of feeling delivered, his wife regretted the freedom she lived in her cities. Not only her rebellious heart blinded her eyes but it costed her a sentencing judgement.

Millenia later, Sha'ul the Apostle, according to his Letter to the Congregation of old in Corinth, wrote about their old ways of life as follows : 1 Corinthians 6 : 11 : « **And some of you used to be like that, but you have been washed, you have been sanctified, you have been justified in the Name of Yehoshua HaMashiach HaAdon and by The Spirit of Eloheinu** (our Elohim) »

What did you leave behind ?

Surely most of us have been raised up under those ways of lies and deception of christianity.

So one day when your ears happened to hear and your eyes happened to see, and your heart and your mind were moving within you and ordered you to leave behind all those things that do not have nothing to do with The Elohim of the Book The Bible, then keep moving forward !

You left behind you the sunday doctrine and every thing around it ? You did well. So keep moving ! Keep learning and searching, keep hearing and following !

Did you realize ? The fact of the matter behind this Reminder is in reality concerning the ways of life that the wife of Lot used to live in those cities, and judgement was already upon her. When she turned her head behind her, it seems that she was about to fulfill her destiny. She did not care about the Warning.

Again, obviously it seems that she was not ready at all to leave behind her her freedom according to the flesh, that is eating and drinking and dancing and perhaps swearing in all kinds. She was not ready to leave behind her those cities where life is the queen, where people are wedding, fornicating, lying, stealing, trading, in one word a life of physical pleasures, ways of life just normal at her/their heart and mind.

This is undoubtedly all about behind it, and we need to take to heart this example and move forward with gratitude, if we had experience cleansing, purging.

Lot was a stranger who came to start a new life in Sodom and Gomorrah, but he seemed to be ignorant what kind of people were his neighbors and what kind of ways of life they are living.

To remember the wife of Lot, if we do, is another way to protect the generation after us. Yes definitely our desire is that the generation after us will be living this Command too through their lives. That way and if considered, all elements of pagan and vain doctrine will be purged. And because this case was even brought up by Yehoshua HaMashiach in His days, with stronger reason we have to take it to heart.

Did not their ears hear at all ?

a/ **Being the descendants of Abraham, Itzhak and Ya'akov/ishrael**, were not the Children of Ishrael and their descendants after them be aware of what happened to the wife of Lot ? Perhaps yes, perhaps not. If yes, it appears that they did not really care of this unfortunate destiny.

b/ **Being the descendants of Abraham, Itzhak and Ya'akov/ishrael**, how about the different kings, those of Yehudah and those of Ishrael ? They surely were aware of this story, but did not care. And the fact of the matter is that most of them were bad kings, disobedient to YHVH Elohei Ishrael's Commandments, and seemed to have nothing to remember about the story of the wife of Lot.

This situation seemed to persist until the days of Yehoshua HaMashiach and this is why He warned them saying « **Remember the wife of Lot !** ». Based on the Judgement, what He surely meant to say was . « *I do not want you to perish, but take heed because what you sow is what you will reap !* ».

In our days, because we are blessed to have the opportunity to read such a Command, a Command that is still alive before our eyes, let us move forward with this Command like written in our heart and in our mind in order to save our life and the lives of the generation after us like it was said to Lot and his family, as follows : « **And when They had brought them outside, then One of Them said : Run for your life ! Do not look back nor stay in all the plain ! Escape to the mountain lest you be destroyed !** ».

And concurrently, we can consider these Words of Yehoshua HaMashiach according to Matthياهو 7 : 13-14, as it is written : « **Enter you through The Narrow Gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction and many enter through it. For Small is the Gate and Narrow is The Way that leads to Life, thus few find it** ».

The Path of Blessings seems to be difficult. Yes there are many things, many desires of our flesh that we need to crucify. And we need to understand and to accept, even if we walk in obedience to YHVH Elohim's Commandments, that trials and problems are part of this Path. But also remember those Words of Yehoshua HaMashiach, saying : « **Whoever endures to the end will be saved !** ».

So whatever trials and problems, physical and spiritual YHVH Elohim our Creator may allow us to undergo, let us not allow them to weaken our hope, and again let also these words of the Prophet Chabbakuk be ours, according to the chapter 3 : 17-18, as it is written :

« Though the fig tree does not bud, and no fruit is on the vines, though the olive drives to despair, and the fields produce no food, though the sheep are cut off from the fold and no cattle are in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in YHVH and will joy in The Elohim of my Salvation ! ».

Let us keep receiving ! Ya'akov 1 : 12 : **« Blessed is the one who endures temptation, for when he has been approved then he will receive the Crown of Life, which HaAdon has spoken to give to whom who love Him ».**

Again, to love Him is not an emotional love neither a mere social love, but this is how to love Him: **« But He said: Yes indeed, but it is even more blessed to listen to The Word of YHVH Elohim and to observe It »** - Luke 11 : 28. And His Word is His Commandments.

**During our sojourning time here,
we live a summer season and a winter season, too**

Summer time here, winter time there, who can change this seasonal order ?

Bereishit 1 : 14 : **« And YHVH Elohim said : Let there be lights in the firmament of the Heaven to separate the day and the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years ! ».**

Who can change these signs ? Who can change the order of the seasons ? Yes indeed, the luminaries He created them to be for signs. Are not the day and the year ruled over by the sun ? And are not the night, the month and the seasons ruled over by the moon ?

Did not The Creator of the universe make a Covenant with the luminaries ? And all the Covenants He made they stand firm because He is a Covenant Elohim and He does not lie. As it is written, He said according to Yirmeyah 33 : 20 : **« Thus says YHVH : If you can make void My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time ».**

According to what is written, it seems that The Creator of the universe had only made two distinct seasons, winter and summer. And when we speak about the northern and the southern hemispheres, these two geographical locations in relation to the equator seem to confirm the existence of the two seasons. When it is hot in the northern hemisphere it is cold in the opposite hemisphere.

We read according to Bereishit 8 : 22 : **« As long as the earth endures, then the time of sowing and the time of harvest, and cold and heat and summer and winter, and day and night shall never cease ».**

At this period of time, according to the gregorian calendar, which season does it take place now in your country ? But which ever it is, just enjoy it. By so doing, you glorify The Creator of the universe.

Summer and its free blessings

At this period of the year, the nature revives at its utmost and the green color dominates everywhere. The nature is marvellously praising its Creator at their best according to what has been given to each of its inhabitants.

The open-air flowers

They are proudly displaying their gorgeous and colorful garments. As it is written, Yehoshua HaMashiach said about them, according to Matthياهو 6 : 28-30 : « **And why do you worry about clothing? Consider carefully how the lilies of the field grow : They work not neither do they spin. Yet I tell you that not even Shelomoh in all his glory was clothed like one of these. And if the wild grass which is still there today, but will be thrown into the fire tomorrow, is clothed like that by YHVH Elohim, how much more are you O of little faith ?** ».

Considering the temporary beauty of these flowers, YHVH Elohim, through His Servant Ieshayah HaNavi, rather wanted His people to take heed of His Word, as it is written according to the chapter 40 : 6-8 ; « **Hark ! Someone says : Call out. And he says : What call shall I then make ? All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, its flowers fade, because the Breath of YHVH blows on them. Yea, the people are surely grass. The grass withers, its flowers fade. But the Word of Eloheinu will stand forever !** »

The birds

They could not wait too for this season to glorify their Creator. Imagine this extraordinary moment in a park with many trees : there, inside different trees unseen birds sung at their rhythm but still form an amazing chorus – a memorable moment !

Did you ever marvel at yourself at the swallows' flight, these birds that fly at a speed that you cannot follow ? I definitely call this speed « at a swallow's speed » because it is actually hard to follow their flight. YHVH Elohim The Creator of the universe is a Wonderful Creator ! Praised be His Name !

The breeze

This gentle but unseen wind, I am telling you it is doing its part ! Under the shade of a tree, when the wind or the breeze passes by to signal its presence, we cannot thank it enough to partner with the shade to bring some relief by cooling the air.

As it is written, Yehoshua HaMashiach spoke of a great thought but also seemed to allude to a prophetic understanding concerning the wind according to Yehochanan 3 : 8 : « **The wind blows where it wants, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit** ».

The insects

Yes, of course they too they demonstrate their presence among the others. Between butterflies and bees, there are those that are very tiny. They are flying around, keep going and keep coming, just dancing and who knows perhaps smiling, taking their part to also praise their Creator. This is absolutely a wonderful world !

The Shabbat day

But there is one creation that looks invisible but yet remains visible at its appointed time ? Do you guess ? This is the Shabbat Day. Why speaking here about the Shabbat Day ? Because this is a vital creation. The Commandment of YHVH Elohim Himself : « **Remember The Shabbat Day to keep it set-apart !** » - Shemot 20 : 8

These are just some of the free blessings from our Creator that we can freely enjoy during the summer season, even if on a seasonal time, during our sojourning life here ... And step

by step winter season will come to replace it. And year after year this Covenant The Creator of the universe had made will not change unless He will change it.

While waiting for the 7th month to come, with gratitude let us joyfully enjoy this summer season even if sometimes it could reach a heat that burns our skin as YHVH Elohim The Creator of the universe did know why He purposely created the two opposed seasons, the hot and the cold. Let us thank Him for everything !

Winter and its blessings

As it is stated, while the weather in the northern hemisphere is hot, the opposite must occur in the southern hemisphere, it is freezing down there.

There is no choice because it is a due or it is not a due season. The fact of the matter is that The Creator of the universe made this change just for the good and the benefit of His creatures, men and animals, but of the whole nature itself.

The nature must enter into a rest after a heat season after it withers and fades. Yes, the nature must have a rest as its Creator made it.

So what is good in winter for us, for our body ? In parallel with the nature, we need to live this life outside too, the cold weather, the nature in rest, the hibernating nature looking like dead but definitely not dead. We are also to marvel at this dead-looking nature because in fact there is life in the dead branches and trunks ; there is life earthed under the ground, not only seeds waiting to sprout at their time but also insects' larva waiting their time.

These two seasons : They have come to pass before the people of YHVH Elohim, from the two hemispheres, can enjoy His Days over the course of the 7th month, as it is stated in the Torah, mainly under Vayikra 23. Get blessedly prepared !

The blessings of the former rain in winter and the latter rain in the beginning of the summer in Eretz Ishrael

The Scriptures speak about former rains and latter rains, and they are especially spoken concerning the rains in Eretz Ishrael. The former/early rains, **yoreh** in Hebrew, start the rainy season and occur during the time of Sukkot.

After a hot and dry summer, the people in the Land even pray for a very blessed yoreh because of the broken ground, and the fields are not easy to work on, and yoreh will help the fields to soften up the broken ground.

And later on, around the time of Pesach, the Land is expecting for the latter rains, **malkosh** in Hebrew. For its part malkosh would help the barley to get ripe properly and on time, if malkosh is too heavy its pouring rains would cause flood and even would destroy the plantations.

But it is apparent that the agricultural cycle in Eretz Ishrael turns around the former and the latter rains, that is to say around the two seasons, winter and summer.

According to the Words of YHVH Elohim, agriculture is even a vital way of living, and these rains, yoreh and malkosh, play important roles for this accomplishment. We read the following under Yoel 2 : 23-27 : « **And you, O children of Tziyon, be glad and rejoice in**

YHVH your Elohim, for He will give you the former rains in just measure, and will pour down for you abundant rains, yea the former and the latter rains at the first. Then the threshing floors will be full of grain, and the wine and the oil will overflow the vats. And I will repay you for the years eaten by the locusts, that is the creeping locusts and the stripping locusts and the devouring locust which is My great army that I sent to attack you. And you shall eat and will be satisfied and will praise the Name of YHVH your Elohim, for it is wondrous how He deals with you. And My people shall never be ashamed ».

If locusts represent a great army that YHVH Elohim sent to attack the agriculture, His two Blessings, yoreh and malkosh, would restore what has been devoured..

It was good to think and to read and to study and to write about the two seasons and the two rains, but through Devarim (Deut.) 32 : 2 YHVH Elohim and Elohei Ishrael spoke to His people concerning His Word by comparing its coming down with the rain, the dew, the small rain and the showers. In other words, He wants His people to take heed that His Teaching and His Word are worth much than the grass and the herbs after rain or dew or small rain or showers. Either way He wants His people to understand that both rain and herbs are His.

We read : « My Teaching will come down like rain, and My Word will flow down like dew and like small rain upon the grass, and like showers on the herbs ».

But the Promise of pouring down rains for agriculture purposes seems to be associated with full submission to YHVH Elohim according to Devarim 11 : 13-15. It is written : **« And if you will indeed listen to My Commandments that I command you today and to love YHVH your Elohim and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will send rains in their season on your land, both yoreh and malkosh, so that you may gather in your grain and your wine and oil. And I will provide grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat and be satisfied ».**

In the last days, according to Zechariah 14 : 17, drought will break the ground of the countries that will not come up at the time of Sukkot to Yerushalem to worship YHVH The King. It is written : **« And whosoever from every nation of the world will not come up to Yerushalem to bow himself before The King, YHVH Tzeva'ot, then there will be no heavy rainfall on them ».**

During our sojourning life here, let us enjoy that **« Everything has its own season, and every matter under Heaven has its own time »** according to Ecclesiastes 3 : 1 !

The season and the time of all things are very important for The Creator of the universe. And as we know for example, exactly like the human being, every living creature (birds, beasts, fish, trees, flowers) He had created has to go through different phases during their life time. There is a time to grow, a time to wither, a time to rest and the time to die.

The birds

Yirmeyah 8 : 7a : **« Even the storks in the sky know their seasons, and the doves and the swallows and the cranes also observe the time of their coming ».**

Likewise, when the cold weather makes way, the migrators birds seem also to know their time and instinctively leave for the sake of their life and fly to reach a very far known and warm place after doing thousands kilometers. They go and will come back for their safety.

The trees

Yirmeyah 17 : 24 : « **And all the trees of the field shall know that I YHVH have brought down the high trees and have exalted the low trees and have dried up the green trees and have made the dry trees to grow. I YHVH have spoken and have done it »**

The green leaves get dry, fall and die, and will revive again. Their drying and falling phases seem to know their seasons.

From the sprouting time in spring to the fall season, one tree alone had produced thousands and thousands leaves and before entering the required period of rest, all these leaves have to fall down. Does the tree know its time ? It seems it does.

The lilies

Matthyahu 6 : 28b - 29 : « **Observe carefully how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor nor do they spin ; yet I say to you that not even Shelomoh in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these »**. They know their seasons as well. There is a time to grow and there is a time to wither.

But YHVH Elohim, The Creator of the universe, has also appointed times to honor Him on their season.

If YHVH Elohim, The Creator of the universe, our Creator, had decreed a season and a time for all His living creatures, how much more for the human beings ? Did He wrongly ordain the human being to rest on the 7th day of the week after a hard labor during the six days to rest ? Of course not. He did perfectly right.

« **To rest, or to enter into a rest** » seems to be a very important act before YHVH Elohim The Creator of the universe, our Creator.

His Anointed One said once to the pharisees who observed the Shabbat according to their traditions and who tried, according to their evil habit, to trap Him. He said to them, according to Mark 2 : 27 : « **And He said to them : The Shabbat was created for the sake of man and not man for the sake of the Shabbat** ».

The extra day of Creation : The Creator of the universe created an extra day, the 7th day, to end His Work and blessed it, in view of giving it to the cursed man who disobeyed Him as He said : « **In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life** », but a day that the cursed man should remember and should set apart after his six days of hard labour.

Apart from the Shabbat on the 7th day, once again the season and the time of the Moadim of YHVH Elohim, Elohei Ishrael, on the 7th month are coming soon again ! Therefore get prepared to rejoice before Him !

During our sojourning life : Let us take care of our heart and our tongue

Maintaining our heart and watching our tongue is another very important conduct, during our sojourning life here, before our Creator and we need to take great care of this personal behavior.

Ya'akov the Apostle wrote the following according to Ya'akov 1 : 19 and to this day his counsel remains true and should be considered even as part of our lifeguide health :« **But**

let every man be swift to hear, unrushed to speak, slow to get angry ! » -

If as per 1 Corinthians 12 : 14 : « **For the body does not consist of one member but of many** », and as per v. 20 : « **But the body consists of many parts, but the body is one** », among the others, the heart and the tongue constitute two powerful members of our body. And each one has different powers to show, but two of them reveal two distinct feelings opposing each other : **the power of anger and the power of silence**. These are two powers that could only be disciplined through the Powerful Control of The Creator of the heart and the tongue, our Creator, and if not managed, the enemy is in charge. Let us inspect ...

The power of anger through the heart and the tongue

A very serious and spiritual duty to be considered in a very significant manner for the sake of harmony within the family ...

Humanly thinking, the heart and the tongue seem to go the same way, though it is true that the heart prevails over the tongue. And Yehoshua HaMashiach confirmed the power of the heart over the tongue. Matthiyahu 12 : 34 : « **For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks** ». In other words, this could be understood that if anger is not suppressed, the mouth becomes the great tool of sin.

And the heart and the tongue are seen as bad parts of our body if not handled. We read :

► Yirmeyah 17 : 9 : « **Above all things, the heart deceives** »

► Ya'akov 3:8a : « **... But no one can tame the tongue** »

What then ? Proverbs 22 : 6 : « **Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it** »

But how ? And which way ? **The power of silence**

But the opposite side of the abundance of the heart could be also true. In other words, the heart might choose not to speak at all, but to remain silent, even if it is full of anger, full of displeasure, disappointment. It could be called the power of silence. To choose to stay silent does not mean at all to loose, on the contrary, to gain. Choose to gain ! The unknown and the unexepected gain.

The heart and the tongue are two parts of our body that could be easily used by the enemy in order to destroy relationships, to sow rancour, to create hatred, to harbor grudges, to break off all ties through a breakup.

What should we do ? Should we allow the enemy to overcome and to victoriously dance the rock and roll, just leaving behind us sadness, tears, loneliness or even separation ? But perhaps we have already tried many times to let it go ?

The following would teach us not to give up : According to the Book of Tehillim, chapter 95 : 10, YHVH Elohim, Elohei Ishrael, declared the following concerning the Children of Ishrael, concerning their way of life before Him : « **Forty years was I wearied with that generation, and I said: They are a people who do astray in their heart thus do not know My Ways** »

One shepherd and one sheep

But the final and the best solution would be to remain under the shepherding of The Good Shepherd of Ishrael, Yehoshua HaMashiach, Who once declared : « **O Yerushalem, O Yerushalem who kills the Prophets and stones those sent to you, how many times have I desired to gather your children together, as a hen gathers its chicks under its wings, but you were not willing ?! ».**

Let us recall that to murder is to murder but to get angry is also to murder. He came to teach His people the spiritual deep meaning of murdering through anger. And today, once more, we too have the opportunity to not murder through getting angry.

Do not murder yourself, do not murder each other, this is a sin !

Starting from yourself, do not murder yourself through anger ! Continuing through our immediate family, teach your children, on a daily basis, not to murder themselves, the brother not to murder the sister, the sister not to murder the brother, the children not to murder the mother or the father, through anger due to the abundance of the heart !

Murdering each other within the family through anger is a daily method used by the enemy to destroy. Everyone is suffering : 1 Corinthians 12 : 26 : « **And if one member of the body suffers, then all the members suffer together. But if one member of the body is honored, then all members rejoice together ».**

Let us earnestly consider the following passage :

2 Timothy 2 : 20-21 : « **But in a great house, there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from these, then he will be a vessel for honor, having been sanctified and useful to HaAdon, having been prepared for every good work ».**

May YHVH Elohim, Elohei Ishrael, give us deep understanding while we are taking to heart to seek His Word and to listen to His Voice !

Let Your Will be known and done in Yerushalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth O YHVH El Olam ! Be exalted O YHVH Elohim !!

Ways of life to reconcile : Eating and Fasting

YHVH Elohim likes to see His people eating and drinking according to His Standard but not the way the other peoples eat and drink, according to pagan standard. We read the following :

Shemot 32 : 6 – 7 : « **So the people got up early and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings ; and sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. And YHVH said to Moses : Go down, for your people whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt have acted perversely ».**

Sha'ul the Apostle recalled this event as follows, according to his Letter to the Congregation of old in Corinth, 1 Corinthians 10 : 7 : « **And do not be idolaters as some of them were ; as it is written : The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play »**

He also wrote to the Romans, according to chapter 14 : 17 : « **For the Kingdom of YHVH**

Elohim does not consist of eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit »

And today if feasible and possible for us to do, like in the ancient times in the days of the Children of Ishrael, these Words of YHVH Elohim that command to eat before Him in Yerushalem remain the same :

Devarim (Deut.)12 : 7 : « **And there you shall eat and your households before YHVH your Elohim, and shall rejoice in everything your hands shall work for, in which YHVH your Elohim has blessed you »**

Devarim 14 : 26 : « **And buy with the money everything your soul wants, from oxen, or from sheep, or from goat, or from wine or from strong drink, or from all that your soul wants. And let you and your household eat it and rejoice before YHVH your Elohim ! »**

But a time of fasting would be beneficial not only for our body but also for our spiritual growth. Imploring through fasting : Fasting as in the days of Yehoshafat and Ezra

The exemplary responses of king Yehoshafat :

a/ He called for a fast

2 Chronicles 20 : 1-4 : « **And after this, the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, along with some of the Ammonites, came to battle against Yehoshafat. Then some came and told Yehoshafat, saying : Behold, a great multitude from beyond the sea, from Syria, will come to battle against you. And they are in Hazazon Tamar (which is En Gedi). And Yehoshafat was afraid and set his face to seek YHVH, and called for a fast throughout all Yehudah. And Yehudah gathered together to ask Help from YHVH ; yea, from all the cities of Yehudah to seek YHVH ».**

b/ He caused YHVH Elohim to remember

2 Chronicles 20 : 5 - 7 : « **And Yehoshafat stood in the Assembly of Yehudah and Yerushalem in the House of YHVH, in front of the new court, and said : O YHVH, Elohim of our ancestors, are You not The Elohim in Heaven ? Yea, You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your Hand are Power and Might and no one can oppose You. O Eloheinu, are not You Who drove out the inhabitants of this Land before Your people Ishrael, and gave it forever to the seed of Abraham Your Friend ? ».**

c/ He bowed down before Him along with Yehudah

2 Chronicles 20 : 18 : « **And Yehoshafat bowed low to the ground ; and Yehudah and all the inhabitants of Yerushalem bowed down as well before YHVH and worshiped »**

d/ He called to believe in YHVH Elohim and in His Nevi'im

2 Chronicles 20 : 20 : « **And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Yehoshafat stood and said : Hear me, Yehudah, and you inhabitants of Yerushalem : Believe in YHVH your Elohim and you will be established ! Believe in His Nevi'im and you will prosper ! »**

e/ To praise YHVH Elohim in the first place

2 Chronicles 20 : 21 : « **And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed singers unto YHVH to praise in set-apart attire, as they go out before the army ready to fight, and say : Praise YHVH for His Mercy endures forever !** »

Ezra called a day of affliction, for safety :

Since ancient times, on their way back to Yerushalem from Babylon, the land of captivity :

Ezra 8 : 21-23 : « **And I called for a fast by the river Ahava to afflict ourselves before Eloheinu, to ask Him that our journey might be safe, for our spouses and our children and for all our livestock. For I was ashamed to ask the king soldiers and horsemen to protect us from our enemy in the way, because we told the king and said : The Hand of our Elohim is gracious to all who seek Him ; but His Power and his Anger are against all them who forsake Him. And we fasted and asked Eloheinu for this, and He listened to us** ».

Through these two events, how did YHVH Elohim protect His people ?

a/ An 'endemic' fear

2 Chronicles 20 : 29 : « **And the fear of YHVH Elohim came upon all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard that YHVH had fought against the enemies of Ishrael** »

b/ He has inclined His Ears for an accepted humility

Ezra 8 : 23: « **And we fasted and asked Eloheinu for this, and He listened to us** ».

And Yehoshafat and Ezra, whose name means « Help » just had done the very right things to do before YHVH Elohim !

A voice from afar : Let Ishrael learn from the past and call for a fast throughout the Land as Yehoshafat, king of Yehudah, and Ezra, scribe and priest, did thousands of years ago to ask Help from YHVH Tzeva'ot, Elohei Abraham, Elohei Itzhak and Elohei Ya'akov/Ishrael, The Living One and True Elohim, The Creator of the universe !

The Sanctuary that is still required !

« And let them make a Sanctuary for Me so I may dwell among them ! »
Shemot (Ex.) 25 : 8

At first glance, these Words of YHVH Elohim do really sound as a Commandment. But more than that, they do really sound as a Covenant between Him and His people, those who walk with Him.

This Book, The Bible, is full of Words of YHVH Elohim instructing on how His people are to sanctify themselves so that in one side YHVH Elohim may dwell among them, and in the other that they may keep themselves holy for Him - a Covenant-based scriptures dwelling together in holiness indeed. **How ?**

Bamidbar 35 : 34 : « **And do not defile the Land which you live where I dwell ! For I YHVH am dwelling among the Children of Ishrael** ».

Vayikra (Lev.) 18 : 3 : « **Do not do according to what the land of Egypt where you lived does ; and do not do according to what the land of Canaan does where I am bringing you, and do not follow their customs !** ».

Malakhi 3 : 7a-b : « **Yet from the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from My Statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me and then I will return to you says YHVH Tzeva'ot !** ».

1 Corinthians 6 : 19-20 : « **What then ? Do you not know that your body is a Temple of the Ruach HaKodesh which is in you and which you have received from YHVH Elohim ? And that you do not belong to yourselves. For you have been bought with a Price, therefore glorify YHVH Elohim with your body !** ».

Yoel 2 : 27 : « **Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Ishrael, and that I am YHVH your Elohim but there is no other. And My people will never be ashamed** »

Zechariah 1 : 5-6a : « **Your ancestors, where are they now ? And the Prophets, do they live forever ? But My Words and My Statutes, which I commanded My Servants the Prophets, did they not overtake your ancestors ?** ».

To abstain from mixing : A Commandment !

Agriculturally

Devarim 22 : 9-10 : « **Do not sow your land with two kinds of mixed seed, lest the produce of the seed that you have sown and the produce of your vineyard will both become defiled ! Do not yoke together an ox and a donkey to plow !**

Dress code

Devarim 22 : 5 ; 11 : « **Let not the woman wear the man's clothing ; and let not the man wear the woman's clothing. For it is an abomination before YHVH your Elohim all who do so** ». ... « **Do not wear clothes of wool and linen mixed together !** »

The biblical ministering

Exodus 23 : 13 : « **And take heed in all that I have said to you, thus do not mention at all the name of the idols ; let it not be heard from your mouth !** ».

It is difficult to comprehend to hear people who still keep using all those non-scriptural titles of The Living Elohim of the Heaven and His Son after they have learned and accepted their Hebrew Names and Titles. But even those of the Messianic groups !

2 Corinthians 6 : 16 : « **And what union can there be between Elohim's Temple with idols ? For we are the Temple of The Living Elohim, as Elohim said : I will live and I will walk among them, and they will be My people** » // Vayikra 26 : 12

Many really do have hard time to live behind their land of egypt !

**« YHVH looks down from heaven upon the children of men
to see if there are wise ones who seek after Elohim »
Tehillah 14 : 2**

**« Unless YHVH builds the house, the builders build it in vain !
Unless YHVH watches over the city, the guards stay awake in vain ! »
Tehillah 127 : 1**

**« Search for YHVH and His Strength, seek His Presence continually ! »
1 Chronicles 16 :1 1 :**

**« And you will search for Me and you will find Me, when you seek
with all your heart ! » - Yirmeyah 29 : 13 :**

**« Behold, the Hand of YHVH is not short but could save,
and His Ears are not dull but could hear ! »
Ishaiyah 59 : 1**



« And shortly after this, Yehoshua went to visit the towns and the villages, proclaimed the Goods News of the Kingdom of Elohim, and the twelve men followed Him, along with some women whom He had delivered from evil spirits and diseases, who were Miriam of Magdala from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Shushan along with many others who ministered Him with their resources » - Luke 8 : 1-3

A close-up photograph of a field of dandelions. The image is filled with numerous white, fluffy seed heads (pappi) of dandelions, some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. The green leaves and stems of the plants are visible, creating a dense, natural setting. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

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