

The Importance of the Wavesheaf to the Timing Of the Calendar of God/Elohim

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Good morning, Brethren. What a feast we are having! Today is Wavesheaf Day. Unfortunately, most of the COG's have little or no understanding of its significance to us all. If you were to ask what is the significance of the wavesheaf on this day they would look at you with bewilderment or in some cases disdain. Most have no understanding of what a wavesheaf is, period. Hopefully, in time, all will come to the knowledge of it in all its fullness. We are going to address some of that in its context to what we are keeping here in Sunriver. It is all about the hope which is in us.

You have often heard me speak about two watershed doctrines here at the end of the age. They are the Eleventh Commandment of the Second Covenant terms and conditions, and the Calendar of God/Elohim and not Judaism. It is fascinating that the activities and actions of the Nicolaitans of this age are fighting tooth and claw to debunk their relevance to our one on one relationship with our Father and Savior/Husband and the entire scope of our relationship with the brethren, the Body of Christ/Messiah.

Let's review the 11th commandment briefly before we get to the Calendar of God/Elohim and its timing being set by the first of the firstfruits offering of barley.

John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

There are some who argue that this is not a "new" commandment but rather a renewal of an old one. Pure garbage! New here is #2537 kainos. Strong's says of it, "of uncertain affinity; new (especially in freshness; while #3501 is properly so with respect to age.)"

Vines puts this one to rest. "Kainos #2537 denotes new, of that which is unaccustomed or unused, not new in time, recent, but new as to form and quality, **of different nature from what is contrasted as old**. Luke 5:38-39 new wineskins as opposed to old, John 19:41 a new sepulcher as opposed to an old one, Luke 5:36 a new piece of a garment on an old garment."

Luke 5:36 makes it very clear in its application here. "Then He spoke a parable to them: no one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old."

This new commandment is not patched onto, or from, the terms and conditions of the First Covenant. It is completely "new" as the Greek emphasizes and means. It did not exist prior to it

being given as a term and condition of the Second Covenant. It is the bedrock foundation of the “Better Covenant” with “Better Promises” as Paul instructs in the Book of Hebrews. It is what defines our calling in the body to a great extent. We know this for a fact because our Savior Himself added that to the command; “By this they will know you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” There is no such command under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant. We do not rule over one another, we are to serve one another even unto death just as He did. This is not “national” in scope, but very personal. Its impact, however, is on the whole body.

Just think this defining recognizable outward visible trait is commanded of us in an age when the love of many is waxing cold. It stands out like a shining light in the darkness, or as my grandma would say, like a sore thumb. Matthew 24:10-12 “And then many will be offended (at you) will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, **the love of many will grow cold.**” That is a direct link to many breaking the 11th commandment. The love they may have had will grow cold. Why? Because lawlessness will abound! They break or outright reject the law of God/Elohim, the household rules of conduct. The Nicolaitans teach those who are living on the milk of the word to hate anyone outside of their (the mucky mucks) dominion.

Our relationship with one another is defined by our love, our outgoing concern for every member of the body. That transcends organizations, or corporate entities, if you wish to call them, driven by the doctrinal dominion of the Nicolaitan overlords. We do not function like that, we are very different from that. Our mantra one might say, is; we have love for even the least of these My brethren, as Christ/Messiah put it in Matthew 25:40. We can have everything else, but without this, **we are nothing!** That is just repeating Paul’s words because without it we can’t qualify to be the Bride in the Father’s household. It is one of the two watershed doctrines of our age in my opinion and experience. We are to assist all the called of the Father, regardless. That is why we openly share the hope which is in us. It is the driving force behind what we publicly do surrounding the calendar.

The second watershed doctrine of our time is very important in our walk with our Father and Savior/Husband. The entire Plan of Salvation is centered around it and is defined by it in the seven festivals to be observed and rehearsed in it. I refer to it simply as The Calendar of God/Elohim. Those of us who have come to the understanding of its tenets are blessed beyond measure in so much. We have a peace we could not attain before in our walk when we kept the calendar of Judaism. Our understanding of our purpose here at this time and the relationships we have in the body have grown much deeper in content and sincerity. We have received correction from our Husband and are endeavoring to not be a burden or a trouble to Him as best we can.

Let’s review Isaiah 1:13-14 once again to get the setting of the state of much of the body, to which most of us were a party to but not all. The reason I say this is because some are being called today who had no knowledge of, or part in, the knowledge of the calendar of Judaism.

“Bring no more worthless sacrifices; (your) incense is an abomination to Me. I cannot endure the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of meetings and the evil assembly (Because of how they function). My soul hated your new moons and your appointed feasts. **They are a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.**”

The time is up! We in the body really need to get this right. Most of us had functioned under and in what God/Elohim is condemning here. We need to listen up when He says; “I am weary of bearing them.” The apostle John made it clear that there was a difference between the feasts of the Jews and the feasts of the Lord/Yehovah. There are brethren waking up to this but many are being gobbled up by wolves in sheep clothing. As the pace of the influx of previously called brethren slows, we see more people being called anew by the Father unto His Son without the baggage so many want to hang onto. It’s decision time in the household of the Father and our Savior/Husband is intimately working with His bride through those in His body, so we can all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God/Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ/Messiah. The fullness is embodied in the essence of the Calendar we keep. It all functions based on His accomplishments and activities in selecting a Bride for the household of the Father, an eternal helpmate to assist in all the assigned functions that a wife does in it. It is He who kicks off the whole process of the Plan of Salvation depicted through the annual rehearsals found in it. He is our Passover Lamb sacrifice, which makes it possible for our sins to be forgiven. He is also our Wavesheaf offering which makes us acceptable to the Father so that we can be called by Father unto His Son to attempt to complete the qualifying process of the Bride, the second Eve.

His function as the Lamb of God/Elohim is for everyone throughout the phases of the Plan. However, He is not the Wavesheaf for everyone! That function and the related activities are assigned to the time of the calling of the Bride, which ends at Pentecost. It is limited! We covered that to some extent on the first day of UB. It was not completed under the terms and conditions of the First Marriage Covenant, and thus, the need for a Second. Israel fell flat on their faces because the Levites failed to fulfill their function in bringing them to Yehovah in sincerity and truth. Let’s refresh our memories on that for it is a big deal. Under the terms of the Second Marriage Covenant we have the gift of the holy spirit to lead us, a Better Covenant with Better Promises.

Ezekiel 22:26, “Her priests have violated My law and have profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and the unholy; and between the unclean and the clean they have not taught; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths; and I am profaned among them.”

Our Creators do not forget this easily. Fast forward to the time of the Millennium, Ezekiel’s Temple times, where God/Elohim cuts to the chase. Ezekiel 44:10-14.

“But the Levites who have gone far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols; even they shall bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers (janitors) in

My sanctuary, overseers at the gates of the house and serving the house. They shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them (all the dirty work). Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, **therefore I have lifted up My hand against them**, declares the Lord Yehovah; (bad place to be) **and they shall bear their iniquity**. And they shall not come near to me to serve as priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the holiest of the holy things; **but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have done**. But I will give them to be keepers of the charge of the house for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it. (Janitors)”

God/Elohim places the blame squarely on the Levites for Israel failing. They did not fulfill what was expected of them when it came to their brethren. There was no love of God/Elohim in them in such pursuits except for the house of Zadok who will be rewarded for their loyalty to the terms and conditions of the First Marriage Covenant. We have a similar task as well as I stated a little earlier. Let’s listen to Paul explain it to the letter. Ephesians 4:7-8, 11 -16. (9 and 10 are not part of the original but added.)

“But to each one of us endowment was given according to the measure (metron; a limited portion thus we need further assistance) of Christ’s/Messiah’s gift. Therefore, He says: When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive (hurray!), and gave gifts to men. And He Himself gave some; apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors, and teachers (not to rule and have dominion over) for the **equipping** (better translation is: with a view to the perfecting) of the saints for the work of ministry (service by all), for the edifying (building up) of the body of Christ/Messiah, till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God/Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ/Messiah; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried away with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in cunning craftiness by which they lie in wait to deceive, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the Head, Christ; from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working, by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for edifying itself in love.”

Yes, dear brethren, we have a task before us, each and every one of us, to accomplish what the Levites did not do under the First Marriage Covenant. We must be working with one another in love to be able to build up the body to a point in which we share in all the attributes of our Husband. This is very important to our understanding because we have opportunity to know things that even the prophets of old longed to know and with that comes accountability.

The result of all this is the Levites have no authority in this time or in the future. They have been defrocked one might say. It has been granted to us now. The Father and the Son knew all too well after the actions of Adam and Eve turned sour, that Israel may follow that same direction. The first Adam did not fulfill his designated role with Eve and neither did the Levites with Israel. Thus, we now have a second attempt to fulfill the count of the second Eve. The Plan

right now is moving through the final week of the seven-week count to Pentecost which starts on the Sunday which falls during the days of UB. The starting of the entire Plan, centers around our Passover Lamb of the Father's household being raised from the dead and being accepted on our behalf to Father. He being the first of the first of the firstfruits on Wavesheaf Day starts that early harvest and also determines when the year starts for all the annual moedim, the appointed times of meeting, which are rehearsals of all the sequential phases of the Plan.

Do we truly understand how important Wavesheaf Day is to the Calendar of God/Elohim which we keep? It is vital to our walk at this time and the end of the age of the calling of the Bride. Without it, nothing starts or is completed. Let's tie a bunch of this together today to see why it is given first position in the start of a new year cycle and the appointed times of meeting with our Creators.

Our opportunity to be part of the Bride, the second Eve, and completing the count to internalize the Lamb of the Father's household is all attributed to our Savior/Husband, the second Adam enduring a terrible crushing on our behalf, so that we could be acceptable to the Father to be used to complete the 144,000: 12,000 from each tribe. We are now able to be grafted into Israel because of what our Christ/Messiah did for us. He healed us!

We are talking spiritual Israel here, those who qualify under the two Marriage Covenants. There are those who have already qualified under the terms and conditions of the First, and those who have done so under the Second. There is an undisclosed number still to be completed at this time. If not, our Husband would have already returned for His bride. Why is this terrible crushing He took so important to the setting of the correct dates of the appointed times we are to be keeping from year to year?

Because it is part of the Key to unlock the door to understanding when to worship God/Elohim on the exact dates of the month and year that They, our Creators, require us to do so. Passover and Unleavened Bread teach us so much about this. We need to do so in sincerity and truth. The calendar of Judaism is a fraud which falls way short of both of these categories.

At the end of the 12th lunar month in the yearly cycle, we are in Israel to inspect the maturity of the volunteer barley crops. If it will be capable of reproducing itself and sustain being crushed and beaten into fine flour by the 15th day of the next lunar month then we declare to ourselves a new year starting at the onset of the first crescent in the region of Jerusalem so that we can renew the proper times for the annual rehearsals, the moedim, or appointed times of meeting with our Creators. That is how Linda and I personally do it. If you do something different, that is between you and God/Elohim.

It is such a blessing to have the means to acquire all the information we need to do so accurately at the end of the age. What we need to ask ourselves is; do we have the will, the desire, the faith to do so? It is a big test for the called at this time. It usually means leaving a comfort zone and subjecting ourselves to ridicule and accusation. Many who supposedly loved us showed their true colors. But there is a price to pay, just as was the case with our Savior. The

alternative is; are we content with being a trouble, a burden, to God/Elohim as Isaiah 1:13-14 so clearly points out?

This brings up a budding problem of our day. Can we go it alone as some are attempting to do? The answer to that is a clear NO! We are a body and we all have different functions in it which are used to build up the whole body by what we are contributing to it. Once again Ephesians 4:16 **“From who the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working, by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”**

Every one of us should be displaying the love we have for one another by effectively working for and with the other members of the body. We can't do this by being a loner. It is not part of the equation of the 11th commandment. If one part of your physical body decided to stop working, it affects the health and wellbeing of the whole body. And guess what? It will become sick itself, because it needs what the other parts supply to it which it can't do on its own. This is all very important to our undertakings in establishing the start of the year in Israel. We all have various functions as we are placed in the Body. We must do them with all our might so they are in fact, **“an effectual working,” to benefit all.**

Romans 12:3-21 is a wonderful and instructive set of scriptures on all of this. “For I say through the favor and acceptance given to me, to everyone who is among you, do not think more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God/Elohim has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we many, are one body in Christ/Messiah, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the favor and acceptance given to us: if prophecy, in proportion to faith; or ministry (service), in ministering (serving); he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Love without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly devoted to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord/Yehovah; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as it depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Brethren, do not avenge yourselves, but give place to wrath; for it is written: vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord/Yehovah. Therefore, if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

If we deny that we have a function in the body, then we are in essence denying Christ/Messiah! Every single part of the body has a function which assists the other parts so that the whole

body is healthy. With that said there is only one head and that is Christ/Messiah. The Nicolaitans tell us; No! No! No! It is we, the self-imposed elite parts, which have dominion and direction over you, the lesser parts, therefore we determine how you are to function and when. As the JP Green Interlinear translation says of this type of thinking in verse 3: "For I say through the favor and acceptance given to me, to everyone being among you, not to have high thoughts beyond what is right to think." And let us not forget verse 16: "minding the same thing toward one another, not minding high things, but yielding to the lowly."

This was the very mindset of our Savior/Husband. We have covered that often in Philippians 2:1-5, "Therefore if there is any console in Christ/Messiah, if any comfort in love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any tenderness's and compassions, fulfill my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, of one accord, of one mindset (just as the Father and Son are one in goals and accomplishments). Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you that was in Christ/Messiah Jesus."

We all have a vital function in the body regardless of what some muckity muck says or how they determine to define it. Our thoughts in such things must be true to our Father and to our Savior/Husband; we do not rule over one another, and we are certainly not to enter into a mindset of false humility which is so pervasive in the churches of this world and the hierarchy of many of the COGs.

The King of kings and Lord of lords humbled Himself and took a massive beating on our behalf. He understood that He had to undergo such for us. It wasn't for Him so that He could be acceptable to our Father. Not in any way shape or form. He did it for us! He was without sin, He had never been defiled by it. He was crushed in the flesh but not broken. Please never lose sight of this fact. He shed His blood so that we could have sin forgiven, however, without Him being crushed on our behalf we could not be acceptable as part of the firstfruit harvest of barley, the humble grain, which bows to the Father as it develops in the head. Christ/Messiah is the First of the Firstfruit harvest which is commanded in Exodus 23:19 and 34:26 "The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of Yehovah your God." His role is clearly defined in the Plan of Salvation. All first fruit offerings are to be crushed and ground into fine flour to be offered in the House of God/Elohim. The Wavesheaf Offering Day which falls during the Days of Unleavened Bread is the primary focus of the timing of when we set the appointed times of meeting with our Creators. There is no excuse for keeping the wrong days any longer. We have been given the understanding and the means of determining these things at the end of the age. We can return to the Land in timely manners to evaluate the criteria necessary for setting the start of the year through the technology that exists now. We are without excuse! We no longer have to be a trouble or burden to God/Elohim in such things.

To be our Wavesheaf, our Savior/Husband He needed to be threshed, winnowed, and crushed, prior to being accepted on our behalf before our Father. He could not have fulfilled or qualified

for that function without it. He needed to represent fine flour of the first of the firstfruits. It is obvious that could not happen after His death so it had to happen prior to it. He was crushed and beaten to fulfill His role as the Wavesheaf prior to undergoing the activities of shedding His blood as the Lamb of the Father's household. What we need to recognize in all of this is the fact that the lamb was to be without blemish to qualify for the Passover sacrifice. Under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant, a physical lamb was used to represent the spiritual application and reality to come. It was symbolic of not having sin in it. A physical lamb can't qualify to be without blemish, sin free, in its mind, its thinking. Animals are not designed to have a spirit in them which can determine moral equivalents, for they have been given instinct at creation. So, the representation of this was achieved through physical perfection, as visually being without blemish. This is all very important to our understanding and awareness of the significance of the Wavesheaf offering on Wavesheaf Day.

As I mentioned earlier this is why I personally look for barley to be mature enough for a first of the firstfruit offering prior to the 14th day of the first month of the year. Keep in mind it is not offered on our behalf until after Passover. However, it can be on any day during the days of UB as long as it is the first day of the week following the weekly Sabbath. The weekly Sabbath does not have to fall during the days of UB, but the first day of the week does. As you know we call it Sunday in western civilization.

Let's now examine some of the facts about all of this crushing and beating as found in Isaiah 53 which is relevant to what our Savior endured on our behalf **and also why**. We know for a fact that the physical lamb could not have received a beating prior to being acceptable as the Passover sacrifice. It would have been disqualified as such for it would have had clearly visible blemishes. It is also a fact that it could not in any way, shape, or form represent the wavesheaf offering of the first of the firstfruits. These were two different categories and functions. One was flesh and blood, while the other was grain. However, our Savior/Husband was to spiritually fulfill both, He represented both functions; thus, He had to qualify for both. It's a pattern of the Second Marriage Covenant. Under the First there was a separate Mediator and High Priest, while under the Second He functions in and as both.

Let's examine a very important part of the pattern of activities prophesied prior to His death as the Passover Lamb of the Father's household. The Hebrew text and Hebrew words are so very instructive in all of this. Please keep in mind, as the spiritual equivalent of the physical Passover Lamb, He has to be completely sin free; in every way, shape, or form, to qualify for His shed blood to be an acceptable spiritual offering. He could have no sin in Him, or on Him, in doing so. We covered this in detail the first day of UB. This is founded in all the patterns of the Law from start to finish. No exceptions! Protestant Theologians have completely suppressed this fundamental truth with their theologically filtered translations of the scriptures. We did cover this on the first day but we will touch on some of this today also.

So, with the understanding that He had to be threshed, winnowed, beaten, and crushed to qualify to be the Wavesheaf on our behalf let's start with Isaiah 53:5. It is very clear as to when He underwent this qualifying process in the Plan of Salvation.

"But He was pierced (#2490) for our transgressions (that would be the shedding of His blood by the soldier while on the cross), crushed (#1792) for our iniquities (that would be prior to His shedding His blood); the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His wounds (#2250) we ourselves are healed (#7495)."

Please remember in all of this, Christ/Messiah was called The Word of God/Elohim. That was, and is, one of His functions and names in the Godhead/Elohim. That has not changed as we see Him returning with His bride on the future reality of the Feast of Trumpets and being known by it in Revelation 19:13. The Elohim are very definitive in words They use to get a point or understanding across to the recipient of it. We need to be able with the spirit of God/Elohim in us, to discern such things for us to grow in favor, acceptance, and knowledge of our Lord/Yehovah, Savior, Jesus Christ/Messiah. That is part of developing an intimate relationship with Him.

Crushed here is #1792 in Strong's; "daka a prime root to crumble, beat in pieces, break in pieces."

The BDB says of it; "verb: crush (make humble, contrite)" It notes this is not #1793 used here which emphasizes contrite more than crush."

Very interesting word used here in describing a condition applied to Christ/Messiah. We know from scripture that He took a very hard beating prior to His shedding His blood as the Lamb. The Second Covenant scriptures give us the details and also Isaiah addresses it in this book. Was He beaten in pieces? Obviously not, for that would have broken the scriptural command that not a bone was to be broken on the Passover lamb (Exodus 12:46, Numbers 9:12, John 19:33, 36). We know for a fact there was a "no broken bone" requirement applied to the Passover sacrifice. So, crush here in Isaiah 53:5 is talking about His flesh (and His mindset), His appearance to all who were watching. Psalms 22:14 and 17, "I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax, it has melted in the midst of My bowels." "I can count all My bones, they look and stare at Me."

So, our Savior was beaten just like barley and wheat are so that they take on a completely different appearance from being kernels. They become fine flour, which is much more desirable for use than kernels of grain are. Please do not lose sight of this. The grain is humbled, transforming from plump grains, which are hard to the touch, unto fine flour which can be sifted and used for many purposes. In Philippians 2:5-9 we are taught by Paul about who our Savior was and who and what He became. In those scriptures Paul instructs us; "And being found in the appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross." Yes, a very humble way to die at the hands of the Romans, at the behest of the leaders of Judaism of the day. He took this threshing, winnowing, beating, and

crushing on our behalf, before He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. So, if the shedding of His innocent blood is used to forgive our sins; for He had none at all in any way, shape, or form, what is the end result of His beatings used for?

Isaiah 53:10 uses this word as well; “But Yehovah pleased to crush (#1792) Him, to make Him sick (#2470), so that He should put His soul as a guilt offering. He shall see His seed; He shall prolong His days; and the will of Yehovah shall prosper in His hands.”

Now why would it please the Father to crush Him? In actuality, He allowed Him to be crushed. Because this humble act that Christ/Messiah endured would bring about the acceptance of those who would be called of the Father to qualify to be the Bride in His household for eternity. It is not just about sin, His shed blood covers that; it is about becoming acceptable to the Father to occupy the functions of the Bride in His household. But prior to that we are acceptable to become children, children of the Father, after His kind spiritually, otherwise, we could not marry His Son. This is a basic rule of creation week in Genesis, the first chapter; everything after its own kind.

Romans 8:16-17 “The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit (two witnesses) that we are children of God/Elohim (the Father), and if children (of the Father) then heirs, heirs of God/Elohim, and joint heirs with Christ/Messiah, if indeed we suffer with, that we may also be glorified together.”

That is how we are able to be married to our Savior. It is a difficult process on our part as we qualify to be worthy of that function. Once again, it is not about the result of the shedding of the blood. That is for all mankind who will repent of their sins, eventually. That is sequenced in the Plan of Salvation. However, the calling of the Bride is not for everyone. It is very specific to the Marriage Covenants. It is very specific to those who qualified under the First and those who have, and are, and still will be under the Second. It will be completed on a future Pentecost as we have addressed so often in the past. This is the mystery or hidden truth that Paul talks about often in reference to the Bride of Christ/Messiah. Our Savior became weak, and afflicted, on behalf of the Bride. That is, those of physical and spiritual Israel, who will be joined or stitched together on a future Pentecost. Exodus 26:1-6 from the JP Green Interlinear.

“And you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains. You shall make them with cherubs, the work of a skilled workman, of twined linen, and blue and purple and crimson. The length of one curtain shall be twenty-eight by the cubit; and the width four by the cubit for the one curtain; one measure to all the curtains. Five curtains shall be joined together, each to her sister. And five curtains joined each to her sister. And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the end to the juncture; and so you shall do at the edge of the last curtain, at the second juncture. You shall make 50 loops in the end of the curtain which is at the second juncture; the corresponding loops each to her sister. And you shall make 50 hooks of gold. And you shall join the curtains, each to her sister, by the hooks. And it shall become one

tabernacle.” This is a depiction of the qualifying members from both Covenants being joined together as the bride on a future Pentecost.

Also, sick here in verse 10 of Isaiah 53 is #2470 “challah, a prime root; properly to be rubbed or worn; hence (figuratively) to be weak, sick, afflicted, etc.”

The BDB says of it; “To be weak, sick.”

Christ/Messiah did not have to do that for Himself to be acceptable, **but for us**. The basic foundation of the command of the wavesheaf offering on Wavesheaf Day is found in Leviticus 23:11 “He shall wave the sheaf/omer before Yehovah, to be accepted **on your behalf**; on the day after the Sabbath (Shabbat not Shabbaton) the priest shall wave it.” This is all fundamental to our understanding of our calling at this time, and our intimate relationship with our Savior/Husband the Second Adam.

Back to verse 5. Wounds (lots of translations say stripes) is #2250 chaburah; “from #2266 properly bound (with stripes), i.e. a weal (or black and blue mark itself).”

The BDB says; “stripe, blow.”

No doubt He was “black and blue” from the beatings He took. His wounds were for our benefit, those who are to be one with Him just as Paul addresses in Ephesians 5:22-33. Verse 30: “For we are members of His flesh and of His bones.” He is the second Adam and we are to be the second Eve. Paul calls this a mystery and it certainly is to the vast majority of mankind. His flesh was beaten but His bones were not broken. The true body of Christ/Messiah will never be broken regardless of the beatings it takes from Satan and from mankind.

Now for healed here in Isaiah 53:5. Strong’s says of #7495; “a prime root properly to mend (by stitching) i.e. figuratively to cure, cause to heal, repair, physician, thoroughly make whole.”

The BDB says of it;

Aramaic: darn, mend, repair, pacify, stitch together as in mended. Heal the hurts of a nation in relation to the consequences of backsliding.”

Vines says of healed #7495; “Common in both ancient and modern Hebrew; used 65 times. To heal may be described as restoring to normal an act which God/Elohim typically performs. A large number of uses of **rapha** express the healing of a nation. Such healing not only involves Gods/Elohim grace [favor and acceptance], but also the nations repentance.”

There is to be no misunderstanding of what and why this word is placed here in Isaiah to instruct us in. Healed here is talking about the repairing, stitching together, mending of an entity after repenting from its backsliding. This is exactly what and where the Bride starts. Look at the state we are in prior to our calling in this Second Marriage Covenant. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; “For consider your calling brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many well-born are called. But God/Elohim has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God/Elohim has chosen the weak things of the world to

put to shame the things which are mighty; and the lowly things of the world and the things which are despised God/Elohim has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ/Messiah Jesus, who became for us wisdom (for we had none of our own) from God/Elohim, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption (on our behalf) that, as it is written, He who glories, let him glory in the Lord/Yehovah.”

That is me and you or simply put every one of us under the Second Covenant. We are Gentiles who are being grafted in. We are being HEALED spiritually so we can be stitched together with those who have qualified to be the Bride, an Eternal Helpmate, under the terms and conditions of the First Marriage Covenant. This count was restored when the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant started. This word for healing also means to pacify; thus, on our behalf.

Under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant it would have been illegal to beat and mar the Passover lamb selected on the 10th day of the first month. It would have disqualified it from being eligible to be used as a sacrifice. But! Under the terms and conditions of the Second Covenant it was acceptable. It is all about us under the Second Marriage Covenant. Our Creators had a contingency plan in place, if Israel failed to complete the count, who would internalize the Lamb of the Father’s household. We have read it often at Passover and in studies related to it, but let’s refresh our memories as to the true intent of this command.

Exodus 12:3-4; “Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb.’”

This is a prophecy and a contingency plan all rolled into one. There was a set number who would internalize the Lamb of the Father’s household. That originally only applied to Israel who were chosen by God/Elohim, Ex. 19:5 “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people (racist talk today); for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

We know that Israel failed to keep this caveat to the promise. Thus, the contingency Plan had to move into place, no longer restricted to the original participants in the household of physical Israel or the lamb would not be completely internalized. What happens to what is left of the Passover lamb if not eaten? Good study to look in to. The number had to be completed but it was now going to include the “neighbors” who fortunately for us were the Gentiles once all of Israel disqualified themselves except those who had actually kept true to the terms and conditions. We could not be included unless we were “healed.” Only then could we be grafted

into Israel as a wild olive branch. In other language meaning the same thing, we would be stitched in, mended in, darned in.

That is the magnificent lesson we learn from when Christ/Messiah died and was resurrected and accepted on our behalf as the Wavesheaf. He died on a Wednesday and was in the grave for 3 days and 3 nights. On the fourth day He was accepted as the Wavesheaf offering by the Father. UB is 7 days representing all those who would be leaven free and thus qualify to be the Bride in the Father's household. They will have kept the household rules as best as a human being can, and then with the help of our Savior/Husband added, to complete what we can't do on our own. That is Him living in us, we become one in our way of doing things (over time). So here we have 3 days representing all those who qualified under the terms and conditions of the First stitched together with those of the Second represented by the last 3 days. That 4th day is when Wavesheaf Day took place during the sequence of days surrounding Christ's/Messiah's death. That is also the sequence of weekly days when Israel kept the first Passover in Egypt.

On that 4th day or the Sunday falling in the Days of Unleavened Bread, the count to Pentecost starts. It is the start of the seven-week barley harvest, the humble grain which bows lower and lower as it matures and represents all those called to qualify to complete the number of the Bride during Second Covenant terms and conditions, and thus, times. This is why we have the 7 Churches of Revelation for our understanding and instruction. This could not have commenced until our Savior/Husband became our Wavesheaf Offering.

When we read in Isaiah 53:5 "the chastisement of our peace was on Him" we are being reminded that He took all of the chastisement or better stated; our moral discipline and correction on our behalf. He paid the penalty for us. He did so by being our peace offering. Thus, our peace is upon Him for doing so, He is the source of it, for without it we could never have been acceptable to the Father.

For these reasons and many others, the start of the Biblical Year is tied directly to the timing of the wavesheaf offering on Wavesheaf Day which falls during the days of UB. That is why I personally look for volunteer barley which will be ready to meet the minimum standards of Leviticus 2:14, prior to the day of the Passover. Without the spirit of God/Elohim working with us we would not know or understand these things. Many today who don't have this understanding look for the barley to be aviv on the first day of the month of Abib. This is a major error purported by those who reject Christ/Messiah as our Savior and being the Son of God/Elohim. They make every effort to deceive us as to keeping the Month of Abib and not just the first day knowingly or not. Deuteronomy 16:1 "Observe **the month** of Abib, and keep the Passover to the Lord/Yehovah your God/Elohim..."

We who accept the truth of these things understand that we do not just observe the first day but the events which happen throughout the month of Abib. This is all part of our healing. Paul understood all about the healing being applied to us, the Gentiles, and conveyed them to us in his writings. Look at an equivalent set of scriptures to those found in Isaiah. 1 Peter 2:24.

“who Himself bore our sins (penalty of them) in (through) His body on the tree, that we, having died to sins (by His actions not ours), might live for righteousness, by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed.”

We discussed at length why this is a bad translation of the patterns and laws of sacrifices the other day. He could not have had our sins in Him or on Him or His righteous blood would have become tainted and it would not have qualified to be used to forgive our sins. That is a simple fact. So, the Protestant theological filter needs to be removed here. He bore the penalty for our sins through His crushed body and His shed blood. Paul emphasizes our being healed by His wounds here. Once again, healed how and for what? Look what the Greek word for healed here means. Healed is #2390 *iaomai*.

Look to Vines to get a more comprehensive understanding of this Greek word; “to heal, is used a) of physical treatment 22 times ... b) figuratively, of spiritual healing, Matt.13:15; John 12:40; Acts 28:27; Hebrews 12:13; 1 Peter 2:24; possibly James 5:16 includes both a) and b) ...”

John 12:40 as an example of its use as such, “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes and understand with their hearts, lest they should turn, so that I should heal them.”

Once they had turned away, were in full backsliding, it had been determined that now the count who would internalize the Lamb of the Father’s household would be completed by the neighbors, the Gentiles, and to insure this, their hearts were hardened to the truth. Because, if they repented, our Creators would take them back in. So never get too puffed up, for the same can apply to us in this Covenant. Our hearts can be hardened so we do not venture into unpardonable sin territory.

John 12:40 is from Isaiah 6:9-10; “And He said, go and tell this people, hearing you hear, but do not understand; and seeing you see, but do not know. Make the heart of this people fat, and make his ears heavy, and shut his eyes, that he not see with his eyes, and hear with his ears, and understand with his heart, and turn and one heals him.” (JP Green Sr.)

The Plan needed to continue as prophesied and that it did. Yippie for us!!! Paul teaches us about these things often and in summing up one of those teachings he says to us in Romans 11:25 “For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that hardening in part (**not all of it**) has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in (to the count to complete the Bride).”

We travel to the Land just prior to the end of the 12th month each year. You are probably aware of those activities. We use the experience we have gained over the past 16 years conducting inspections for aviv stage barley to be available by the upcoming Wavesheaf Day of the next month. If it will not be, we intercalate a month to give it more time to mature. We inspect many fields, but over the years we have established “go to ones” which can be found in the 3 general grain growing areas of the country. These are proven to be early fields which contain

grain which would be acceptable for the first of the firstfruit offering on Wavesheaf Day. We could not even begin to know where all the early fields are located in Israel. During the time of the Levites being spread across the country it was something of a no-brainer. They knew where all the early fields were in their respective regions of the Land. We could only wish it were so today but that is obviously not to be. The Levites abrogated their responsibilities and caused Israel to sin. We have read that often in Ezekiel 44. For now, it is up to us, the grafted in ones whom Peter calls a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a chosen generation, His own special people who have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light to undertake those responsibilities. We need to be diligent in this effectual work and endeavor in service to the body. Our enemy is constantly shadowing us awaiting an opening to strike. He will gleefully do whatever he is allowed to do to us. We must never be silenced as to the hope which is in us or in our efforts to preach the truth by our example. So often in the past we have learned from scripture that this work is not for everyone at this time. We can get a lot of encouragement from reading Revelation 12 to that end but I personally come back to the basics in verse 11 to draw strength.

“And they overcame (past tense) him (our accuser the devil) by the blood of the Lamb (we are no longer bound by Satan to the penalty of our sins and now have the strength to overcome them and him) and by the word of their (our) testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” Yes, we need to be willing to lay down our life just as the Lamb did. We follow Him wherever He goes. That aspect of our calling may become a reality to some of us in the future.

For us the wavesheaf of the first of the firstfruits during the days of UB is the key to recognizing the start of the year, and the commencement of the true appointed times of meeting with our Creators, in rehearsal of the great Plan of Salvation.

Keep the Faith!

Our peace we give to you.

Brian and Linda

