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## Genesis 14

The teachings about the Kings of the North and how they came against the cities of the plains and then captured Lot I have explained in the book the Prophecies of Abraham. For those of you who are not going to purchase a copy you can read the unedited edition of this chapter at [https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon\\_2015/files/Abraham Prophecy Invasion Of Judah.pdf](https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/files/Abraham_Prophecy_Invasion_Of_Judah.pdf) This is the first time I had put this teaching to print and there have been some updates and editing which you can see when you read the book.

For now this will do.

This week I wanted to focus a bit more on the last part of chapter 14.

After Abraham had defeated the kings of the North he gave ten percent of all.

17 And after his return from the defeat of Ked<sup>o</sup>rla<sup>o</sup>mer and the sovereigns who were with him, the sovereign of Sed<sup>o</sup>om came out to meet him at the Valley of Shaw<sup>h</sup>, that is, the Sovereign's Valley. 18 And Malkitsed<sup>eq</sup> sovereign of Shal<sup>m</sup> brought out bread and wine. Now he was the priest of the Most High <sup>l</sup>. 19 And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of the Most High <sup>l</sup>, Possessor of the heavens and earth. 20 "And blessed be the Most High <sup>l</sup> who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tenth of all.

Melchizedek (from Hebrew ??? melech-i-tzedek, literally "righteousness is my king")

As we read in our previous studies from the book of Jasher Abraham dwelt with Noah and Shem for many years. When you look at the year that Shem dies you will see that it is the year 2158 after creation. Abraham died in the year 2123 A.C. 35 year before Shem, Isaac and Jacob are both alive during the time of Shem and would have known him.

Shem is also known in ancient Egyptian Records as Semsem, 7th Pharaoh of the 1st Dynasty. The king of Lower Egypt, which realm was called Shemau (as in Joyce's Shem) and included the Nile delta, was titled bit, "bee" or "he of the bee," usually translated into English as "King of Lower Egypt."

Legends also say that it was Shem who built the Great Pyramids in Giza. In fact in one those pyramids is a curse written on the stone ceiling against Typho whom the builders hated. The reason they hated Typho which has come to mean the President, is because Typho was also known as Shem who executed Nimrod and these people worshiped Nimrod.

In the book The Prophecies of Abraham I show you that Shem executed Nimrod. The Quran says that Esau ambushed Nimrod. But all we have to do is look at the chronology to see that Nimrod is dead in 2047 After Creation and Esau is not even born until after Isaac is married in 2098 51 years later.

Before all of these events mentioned above the year the kings of the north attacked and the year Abraham defeats them and gives this tithe to Shem is 2027 A.C.

Most people are quite content to read and study and listen to teachers until the moment tithing is brought up and then the walls go up and they stop listening. Others say that the tithe is only to come from what one grows. Then once they say that, so as not to send in any money, they do not ever send in anything they grow in the garden. What is the truth of this Brethren?

When I was with the World Wide Church of God I tithed faithfully during the time I was there and I kept a record of how Yahovah blessed me. It was not always with finances. It was in the health of my family and the way we lived.

Last week I was at a meeting that I let someone drag me too. It turned out to be a form of Pentecostalism. Before the meeting got started they were asking for donations. The man asking for those donations told us how god had shown him that he should go to Aruba and stay at the most expensive place and from there go and give out tracks on the beach. The trip cost over \$7000. I was furious to sit there and listen to this con artist justify the spending of so much money on himself and do it in the name of Jesus. I felt sick to my stomach.

I also listen to Christian radio shows as I drive to work each day and all this one fella does is beg for money from the listeners, and he gets it. For half an hour this is all he does, talking about this project and that project and how urgent each one is and he then demands the listeners to give him the cash. I do not understand this at all. He will ask for \$10,000 and he gets it sent to him.

Those who are obviously not teaching the Torah, and those who are obviously spending it on themselves and living in the most expensive places on the backs of those they have conned, are able to get more and more to spend on whatever they want. Yet those who are teaching Torah do not have anything to show for it and others are reduced to selling what they teach in order to survive and they have to copyright it to secure their income. I know of some Torah teachers who are right now losing their house and all that they had, and I consider this teacher very good.

As I researched this subject for this week's Newsletter, I have to admit that I have carried some baggage from my former teachings. After reading the following article I must reluctantly agree with the writer who by the way is in one of COG's. Please do take the time to read this entire article. I am only going to quote a few sections below but the article is important. I think it will show you the truth about tithing. It may not be as you think.

**<http://godkind.org/tithing.html>**

When the Israelites left Egypt, they plundered the Egyptians. They had great wealth with them. Later on in the wilderness, (Exodus 25 and 35) God commands the Israelites to give as they are willing toward the support and construction of the Tabernacle. No mention of them having to tithe on this increase, even for God's Tabernacle. Exodus 36 clearly tells us this was a free will offering, not a tithe. It wasn't until a year later that tithing was instituted by God.

Throughout Exodus and the giving of the law, and Leviticus, all the way up to the very last chapter, chapter 27, and to the last 5 verses, we are given nothing on tithing. Referring back to Jacob's vow to God to give a tithe to God of all of the land... God then seems to be bringing up this vow to the remembrance of Israel and claiming what was vowed to Him... the tithe Jacob vowed.

The title of the LAND was what was holy to God:

Lev 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy to the LORD.

The Levites, while serving in the temple at times, were seemingly also many other things as well; Teachers, judges, medical people, singers, musicians, law enforcement, architects and builders. They certainly had much more to do than occasional temple service. They only ate of the tithes of the temple while serving in the temple.

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Malachi 3:8-10, in context, is clearly speaking to the Levitical Priests... Malachi 1:6-8, 10-13, 2:1, 3:3. It is interesting that Malachi and Nehemiah were written about the same time. In Nehemiah 10 & 13, we see tithing being discussed and the action which Malachi was writing about that needed to take place. Yet Malachi 3 is always pointed to regarding the tithing command...

Mal 3:9 "Ye are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring you all the tithes"... plural...

Does this mean first, second and third tithes were to be brought to the storehouse? Does it mean tithes of ALL things, creating a major storage problem if millions of people were tithing of ALL they possessed into the storehouse,

... "that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, says the LORD of hosts."

This time period was one in which many things were being restored to the people. It was a time of drought and crop failures. Malachi was speaking to this nation, Judah, that was coming back to His laws. The blessing for tithing was on... what? The agricultural elements, not business, money, etc.

One has to ask, is America in any respect of the word, "cursed" regarding abundance and wealth? Of course, we can point to lots of sin and curses regarding breaking God's commands, but America has led the world in wealth and power for 50+ years. How can we use this "curse" to apply to us today, especially since 99% of the population do not tithe, yet many give to their churches and to charities?

Neh 13:10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. 11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries.

Same time frame as Malachi. The temple storage was empty of food stuff... corn, new wine, oil... not money, not clothes, or other items. Nehemiah was addressing the very problem Malachi spoke of regarding tithes in the temple. If tithing was occurring on other items, the Levites could easily have sold these items for the agricultural products.

Levites, working only two weeks a year in the temple, didn't need cloths, baskets, hammers, shoes, etc., but they did need food to eat and it was right to feed them because they served the people during those two weeks and were away from their homes and property. It would be unreasonable to expect them to pay for their upkeep while serving all Israel and serving God. "A laborer is worthy of his hire." God provided for this by providing all the food they needed, and enough for the poor as well.

I have to ask, how many ministers would hang around as ministers if tithing were abandoned as unbiblical? What better tests the true calling of a minister to tend the flock of God... a ready paycheck guaranteed by tithing that provides a standard of living above most in the COG, or having to trust in God, and have faith

that their needs would be provided by the church and living at the same standard as the rest of the church brethren?

Brethren I know many of the teachers you read and listen to do not get any income or tithes from those who are benefiting from those teachings. Yet they do it week over week and they do it from their love of Yahovah.

I myself have a full time job I do 5 days a week. I leave at 5 Am and get home at 6 or 8 each day. 3 to 4 hours is spent in traffic jams each day. With very little support from the many who read this News Letter we have paid for the internet and advertising and the publishing of the materials and the book The Prophecies of Abraham. Most of this money has come from my own pocket and I do not regret one penny of it.

We have just read from Nehemiah 13:10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled everyone to his field. 11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries.

Because the Levites were not taken care of by the Israelites who were to give to them a tithe of their produce, the Levites were forced to go and fend for themselves. This left the teachings and the Temple service undone.

If all of those who call themselves pastors and rabbis were not given a wage, how many of them would stick around. On the other hand you do have a number of brethren who do not receive a wage and week after week they give you the best they can of what they have learned and researched from the Torah for your benefit. Many of you have given to this cause and to that one to raise millions for a cause that never seems to go away no matter how much money you throw at it such as cancer. You have bought this or that from people only to throw it out in a little while.

Have you considered thanking those who have given to you those things you now value most of all. That is the truth of the Torah. Have you offered to pay for any of the printing that cost them or the books they buy to do the research for you? Have any of you considered giving them something once in a while to help offset the cost of the material they give away to those who say they cannot afford it? Have those who have received freely tried to give a thank offering back?

David would not sacrifice to Yahovah even though the Future site was going to be given to him, yet david would not sacrifice unless it cost him something.

Some of you have teachers amongst yourselves and you have taken them for granted. Stop doing this and do something for them; Stop being unthankful. We are told in the last days men would not be thankful and would not care. We read of this in 2 Timothy 3: 1 But know this, that in the last days hard times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, thankless, wrong-doers, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, haters of good, 4 betrayers, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Elohim, 5 having a form of reverence but denying its power. And turn away from these! 6 For among them are those who creep into households and captivate silly women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Read what you are told in Zechariah 13: 4 “And it shall be in that day that the prophets shall be ashamed, every one of his vision when he prophesies, and not put a hairy robe on in order to deceive, 5 but shall say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a farmer, for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.’ 6 “And one shall say to him, ‘What are these wounds in your hands?’ And he shall say, ‘Because I was wounded at home by those who

love me.’ 7 “O sword, awake against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion,” declares Yehovah of hosts. “Smite the Shepherd, and let the sheep be scattered. But I shall turn My hand upon the little ones. 8 And it shall be throughout all the soil,” declares Yehovah, “that two thirds therein are cut off and die, and one third is left therein. 9 “And I shall bring the third into fire, and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My Name<sup>1</sup>, and I shall answer them. I shall say, ‘This is My people,’ while they say, ‘Yehovah is my Elohim.’

IN Mathew we are told this shepherd is Yahshua 26: 31 Then Yeshua said to them, “All of you shall stumble in Me this night, for it has been written, ‘I shall strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.’

Notice in Zechariah in verse 8 we are talking about the end times. These shepherds being struck will be in the end times also.

Right now this next parable is being lived out in front of your eyes. Mathew 22: 1 And Yeshua responded and spoke to them again by parables and said, 2 “The reign of the heavens is like a man, a sovereign, who made a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast. But they would not come. 4 “Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Say to those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle are slaughtered, and all is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5 “But they disregarded it and went their way – this one to his field, that one to his trade. 6 “And the rest, having seized his servants, insulted and killed them.

You brethren are the ones who have been invited to the wedding. But you will not come. You ignore the invitation and go back to your way of life. In the Prophecies of Abraham I show you that this is taking place during this current Sabbatical cycle and at the end of this current 7 years those who have been invited will turn and kill those teachers who are bringing you this wedding invitation.

This is about to happen. There is so much to do to get this message out to as many as possible.

After these messengers are killed then the King sends His army to wipe these ungrateful people off the map. In the Prophecies of Abraham and the DVD the Chronological order of Prophecies I show you that after this current 7 year period beginning in 2017 Yehovah is going to send an army that will defeat the Nations of Israel, who are the UK and USA and smaller nations of North Western Europe.

In Proverbs 31 we can read about the perfect wife. 10 Who does find a capable wife? For she is worth far more than rubies. 11 The heart of her husband shall trust her, And he has no lack of gain. 12 She shall do him good, and not evil, All the days of her life. 13 She shall seek wool and flax, And with delight she works with her hands. 14 She shall be as the ships of Tarshish, She brings in her food from afar. 15 She also rises while it is still night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her girls. 16 She shall consider a field and buy it; From her profits she shall plant a vineyard. 17 She shall gird herself with strength, And strengthen her arms. 18 She shall taste when her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out by night. 19 She shall stretch out her hands to the distaff, And her hand shall hold the spindle. 20 She shall extend her hand to the poor, And she shall reach out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is dressed in scarlet. 22 She shall make tapestry for herself; She is dressed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She shall make fine linen and sell them, And shall give girdles for the merchants. 25 Strength and splendour are her garments, And she rejoices in time to come. 26 She shall open her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the Torah of kindness. 27 She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children shall rise up and call her blessed; Her husband too, and he praises her: 29 “Many daughters have done nobly, But you have risen over them all.” 30 Loveliness is deceptive And prettiness is vain, A woman who fears Yehovah is to be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

Brethren this woman is the house of Israel who is the Bride of Yahshua. It is you and I; it is those of whom answer the invitation to come to the wedding. Read this again and do so carefully. We are told that she is prosperous for her husband's sake. She has flax and wool for clothes which means she has sheep and fields to grow the flax in. We are told she considers a field and buys it and turns it into profit to be able to take care of her own and the needy and poor. She teaches Torah to her young. This woman is Israel and this woman is you and I.

Brethren in the near future the money you have saved up for your retirement will be gone it will be worthless. The toys you have invested in will be rusting and of no use to you or anyone. We continue to maintain that a famine is coming and it will increase and get worse until as we show you in The Prophecies of Abraham ¼ of the earth's population will die from this famine.

There are a growing number of people who are ready to lease some land in Israel and also in Jordan and begin to farm this land and get it into production. This land is also going to be needed to provide a place of refuge to those as they come in during the years ahead.

We need to put up an effort to do what we can to get ready for the times that are about to come. We need your combined help to make this come about. Of the ten virgins only half of them were ready when the Messiah came. The rest went back to sleep. We are trying to get ready.

This News Letter is sent out to between 7000 and 20,000 each week. I am not asking for any tithes at all. If you read the article I suggested you will see we should not tithe. I am asking you to give a small amount for the next little while until we have reached our goal. And like Moses when we have the amount we need we will tell you to stop.

If just 10,000 would give \$500 we would have \$5 Million and we could do a lot in creating 4 farms, 2 in Jordan and 2 in Israel. If just 1000 people would give \$100 a month for one year then we could also meet part of this goal. We know some will give more and others less.

But I know there are many of you who have businesses and large investments who could help if you thought this was a viable investment. These farms will need investment for purchase of trees and water systems and for housing to be built. We would also like to create a few companies to do business in Israel and Jordan. Again capital investment is needed to start this up and to get it going. I know we have people ready to help; we just need the capital to get it going.

I am also in need of advertising money to the sum of \$10,000 to once again advertise The Prophecies of Abraham on another 2 well-read sites.

Last month we asked you for donations to give to a charitable cause in Israel. We had just a hand full of people give. From North America we gave \$3700 Canadian, and from Europe we gave \$2200 Euros. This was all donated to the Maccabee Institute.

Although Don van Brant of Holland could not make it to Israel for Shavuot because of the Ash cloud. He did come the week after and could only give the Euros part of the funds because the rest of the Canadian funds were hung up in transit. The week after Don returned to Holland the rest of the money was wired to the Maccabee Institute.

Now Brethren you know what we did with what you gave us and you now know what we are planning to do as soon as possible. I want you all to know because it has been said in the past that not one penny of any donation has been used to send me back and forth to Israel. Every trip I have made has been paid for from my own work. Your donations have been used to cover the cost of printing and shipping of printed material and books to those who claim they cannot afford it. Even in this the amount sent in does not cover the cost

of what is sent out. These projects in Israel are not so we can get rich, but rather to have something that can look after those who do come and will need help when they arrive. If it were you arriving there for the first time, you would welcome that help. Plan ahead for when you do come and help now before your money is of no value. Those of you who own companies consider what else you can do.

## **Judges 7-8**

Here in judges 7 we read of how Yahovah whittles down the number of people Gideon could use down to just 300 men. They killed that day 120 thousand men of Midian. I found what happened afterwards of great interest. In light of what we have said prior to this it makes it of interest.

[http://jbg.jewishbible.org/assets/Uploads/343/343\\_GIDEON.pdf](http://jbg.jewishbible.org/assets/Uploads/343/343_GIDEON.pdf)

### **SUCCOTH AND PENUEL**

After Gideon succeeded in avoiding conflict with the tribe of Ephraim (8:1-3), his requests for assistance were snubbed by the residents of Succoth and Penuel. Gideon swore that upon his return from pursuing the Midianites, he would torture the elders of Succoth, and tear down the tower of Penuel.

When he returned, he carried out his threats, possibly with a magnitude that exceeded the threats: And he took the elders of the city and, [bringing] desert thorns and briers, he punished the people of Succoth with them. As for Penuel, he tore down its tower and killed the townspeople (8:16-17).

One might try to justify the severity of the torture and the massacre at Penuel. Gideon, as a judge, had king-like status. The people had a responsibility to feed the famished troops as part of the national defense efforts. Abarbanel adopts this argument, viewing Gideon's actions as a national leader's rightful prerogative to punish rebels.

Based on his studies of comparative cultures, Abraham Malamat has argued similarly; that is, that Gideon acted in accordance with the standard practice of that era.

In addition to the historical context, the narrative itself appears to support Gideon's behavior in light of the positive treatment it accords him.

On the other hand, the sheer magnitude of the torture – threshing the people of Succoth with thorns, and massacring the people of Penuel (after he had explicitly promised to destroy only their tower) appears excessive. Radak and Abarbanel (on 8:17) suggest that the people of Penuel must have resisted when Gideon came to destroy their tower, so Gideon was left with no choice but to fight back and destroy the city.

However, it is difficult to blame the people of Penuel for defending themselves against an attack. This negative dimension finds some support in Gideon's surprising justification of punishing the people of Succoth – they had mocked him: Then he came to the people of Succoth and said, 'Here are Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you mocked me, saying, Are Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hands, that we should give your famished men bread?' (8:15). By injecting Gideon's personal feelings instead of an objective claim of authority, the narrative appears to mitigate the rationale of Gideon's punishing these cities solely in the name of national security.

Gideon's response to the cities' non-participation contrasts with that of Deborah, his predecessor. In her victory poem, Deborah condemned those who did not participate in the battle against Sisera (5:15-17, 23), but did not inflict physical harm on them. Surprisingly, Gideon's attacks on Succoth and Penuel bear a closer resemblance to Abimelech's subsequent attacks on those who resisted his authority (Ch. 9).

### **THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE TRAITS OF GIDEON**

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**GIDEON AVENGES THE LOSS OF HIS BROTHERS**

Then he asked Zebah and Zalmunna, ‘Those men you killed at Tabor, what were they like?’ ‘They looked just like you,’ they replied, ‘like sons of a king.’ ‘They were my brothers,’ he declared, ‘the sons of my mother. As the Lord lives, if you had spared them, I would not kill you.’ And he commanded his oldest son Jether, ‘Go kill them!’ But the boy did not draw his sword, for he was timid, being still a boy (8:18-20).

In 8:19, we learn that Gideon’s maternal brothers had been killed in an earlier battle against Midian. This is the first time in Judges that a leader acted from personal revenge, not purely for God and for Israel. Although it is not inherently bad to have personal motivations when engaged in a battle of national defense, Gideon complicated the moral issue by saying if you had spared them, I would not kill you (8:19). If he meant that statement literally, it would cast light on his massacre at Penuel and torture at Succoth. One can imagine a scenario where Gideon would have let the Midianite kings go free, even after severely punishing Israelites cities for not assisting in their capture!

In the final analysis, however, Gideon did help his nation by defeating the Midianites. Even if his actions in the battle may have been tinged with some personal motivations, Gideon appears to receive full support in the narrative.

### **Ps 31-32**

We have here in Psalm 31:20 and Psalm 32:7 mention of the secret place and of the hiding place which is Yahovah. I truly do want to explain this you here. But it is not possible to show you unless you are standing in the Place where the Temple once stood; then and only then will you understand and then and only then will you believe where the secret place it is.

For those of you who want to search this out, here are two clues. One is in the Constellations and is to be found in the stars of Cancer. The other clue is to be found in the Synagogue where old Torah Scrolls are stored.

### **Mat 19 – 20:16**

Mathew 19 begins with the issue of Marriage and Divorce to which we have just added the article at [https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon\\_2015/?page\\_id=646](https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=646) which continues to help heal the many wounds caused by churches who have done the brethren such harm on this subject as this one lady has written.

Well first of all, I have just gone back and re-read last week’s Newsletter and the section on the Judges, as it went right over my head last week, for the following reasons. Please do post it again, when and as you see fit, and as the Ruach leads you, as it is an excellent teaching and we probably all need another crack at it.

Sorry dear cousin/brother – but with the item on divorce and remarriage PLUS the section on the study of the Torah laws 79 – 85; it just paled into insignificance. I marvelled at, and still am, that the word Ruach is a feminine noun in Hebrew. That has opened my mind to a greater understanding, than I ever had understood before.

Be encouraged Joe, possibly it is not so much that no one was interested in your teaching on the time line of the judges, but more to the point that you posted two subjects that dove tailed into each other so perfectly that perhaps you are unaware in what you were doing in helping and healing so many of us regarding this aspect of our earthly lives that we have been bashed over the head with for so many, many years in the WWCG.

Ah dear, dear cousin and brother Joe, can you but imagine just how healing that article was/is on divorce and remarriage? No I suspect not. But Our Father does, and knows how much we all needed to hear and



study His Word and KNOW the infinite love and mercy that he has entwined into all his law. What did David say? Oh how love I thy law, it is my meditation all the days of my life? Well it is..... when we can know and understand it, as Our Father meant us to know and understand it.

I urge you all to read the article on Divorce and remarriage.

In Mathew 19:23 And Yeshua said to His taught ones, "Truly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter into the reign of the heavens. 24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the reign of Elohim."

What is Yahshua saying here. The word for Camel is Gamala and Gamala also refers to a "heavy rope" rather than a Camel which is also spelled gimel-meem-lamed-alap. Greek scholars puzzled over a camel passing through the eye of a needle, which is a physical impossibility. Yahshua is clearly not saying a rich man can't enter, or He would not love this one. The heavy rope lesson teaches about a rich man entering into heaven, after he unravels his fortune strand by strand as Yahshua instructs. If his wealth was bound tightly and strong like a rope, it is to be unwound like threads which will pass through the eye of the needle. Careful attention is required to thread a needle, so are the rich obligated unto Yahovah for how their wealth is acquired and dispersed. This ties right back into our teaching this week on money.

Here Peter asks what will be the reward of those who have followed Yahshua. He Answers them 29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 "But many who are first shall be last, and the last first.

Many of us who currently suffer with unconverted family and feel so all alone. This is to be our reward. Think on these things when things get hard and you have no one to talk to.

Mathew 20 continues with this last thought. We are all considered labourers working for Yahshua. Some started a long time ago and some will be called to work just before the end of this age. We all get one denarius which is eternal life. We all should be happy but those who were called first and work longer expected more. And it is because of this poor attitude that the first will now be last and the last will now be first. This is truly a warning to us who labour now while it is early. Be humble and thankful you get to do the job we do. But do not expect any more than the new person who just come onboard this morning. You are no different than he is.

In Jerusalem I went to Rabbi Machlis home for Sukkot one night and we all dance in a huge circle with our arms wrapped around each other's shoulders. There was no rabbi, no goyim, no elder and no student, there was no child and no old person, there was no leader, it was a circle dance and we all participated and we all enjoyed it. We were all the same and none greater than the other and none lesser than any other. When you next do the dance remember that those who complain will be last and the last will be first, we are equal so be humble and be happy you have a job sharing the word of Yahovah.