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Gen 19

As with last week's study we again are told of the hospitality of Lot and also that he made them unleavened bread. So we know at what time of year this event took place. It was during the Passover season.

Also take note of the word Sodom. This was one of the cities of Canaan. We read in Genesis 9: 20 And Noah?, a man of the soil, began and planted a vineyard. 21 And he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Kena'an, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 So Shem and Yepheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father, but their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. 24 And Noah? awoke from his wine, and he knew what his younger son had done to him, 25 and he said, "Cursed is Kena'an, let him become a servant of servants to his brothers."

Ham went out telling of what he saw with his gossip about Noah. So what is it that Ham did and why was Canaan cursed by Noah? We are not told. But by definition of the word Sodom many have concluded it was that Noah was sodomized. These same people have also concluded that the angels who were at Lot's house were going to be attacked by homosexuals.

When I looked at the site <http://www.wordiq.com/definition/Sodom> they explained that it was not for homosexuality that Sodom was destroyed but for inhospitality. This has shaken one of my long held beliefs'. I urge you to read it and consider the proofs they site. It is challenging what I have always been taught. I will just quote a short section.

First we see hospitality and the way we should act, then inhospitality in that the people of Sodom seek to mistreat the newcomers. Ezekiel 16:49-50 Now this was the sin of Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen.

This Idea is supported in the Gospels when Christ compares an inhospitable reception to Sodom:

Matt: 10:14-15 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

But when I read Genesis and see that Lot even offered his own daughters to satisfy their lusts, I am once again drawn to the conclusion that the men of Sodom wanted to sodomize the angels. In a perverted way having sex with virgins may be better than doing it with men to men.

“Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, and let us ‘know’ them.” KJV In this context, “know” is a euphemism for sexual intercourse.

In verse 14 I would like you to recall Lot went to his family members and warned them of the destruction that was about to come upon the city. His sons-in-laws and his daughters, but to them it was a joke. Lots warnings were not taken seriously.

In verse 15 even though Lot was righteous he too is warned to get out fast or he too would be destroyed. And righteous Lot as we are told he was in verse 16 lingered. He did not want to go. He was not sure what to do, so the angels grabbed him and his family by the hand and led them out of the city, where they are again warned to flee and not to look back. Run for your lives!

Even now Lot is trying to bargain with them to run to a closer place. And for Lots sake Zoar is spared.

In verse 26 Lots wife looked back when the destruction had begun to take place. Why wouldn't she, her two other daughters were there and their husbands and maybe grandchildren. Her family she had left behind was now being destroyed. Her heart is aching for the loss.

This brethren, is what is happening with each and every one of us. We are told right now in 2010 to return to the land of Israel. That by staying out of the land You Are Blaspheming the Name of Yahovah by not going Home!!! IT IS TIME TO GO. You can read this at

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But, we all have family and loved ones and friends who will not go and who think of us as some sort of joke. They do not consider the things of the bible seriously. And just as Lot was warned he too could die if he did not get going, you also can die. But I can identify with Lot's wife and just as I am leaving without my entire family it aches me to know what is about to happen to them. Am I turning back? No, I have told them all that is coming and they have the book. I am leaving.

I have documented the events as they have transpired this year; the hurts, the sorrow, the difficulties in uprooting yourself and the difficult process of moving. Once I have made the move I will share all the emotions of this year with you. It has been and is still an extremely difficult time in my life. So I can easily understand the sorrow Lot's wife felt for her family left behind.

It is a test on us to see what we love more, our family of Yahovah. He can save them from the terrible things that are coming. We need to do our part and obey the calling.

We then read about how the two daughters thought they were the only survivors and how they had intercourse with their father to create the children of Moab and Ammon.

What is not written here is what Shem had just finished doing during this same time period. It was the execution of Nimrod and the disbursement of his body parts to all the major cities of the world at that time as a warning to those who would continue to follow in Nimrods teachings.

The events of Sodom and the angels were so huge in Abrahams life and the trial of Nimrod over 10 years was so long and drawn out that Abraham only recorded what affected him. You can read Shem and the Execution of Nimrod. A Prophecy for Our Time. At **https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=462**

These two events and the flood of Noah all took place in the 3rd year of the 6th Sabbatical cycle. We are currently in the first year of the third Sabbatical cycle in 2010. Just by doing the math you can see that the end of this age will take place at the exact same time it has in the past; in just 23 years from now. But now is the time to leave to avoid the other curses that are coming that lead up the end of this age.

If you are interested I have been to Sodom and Gomorrah many times and have some pictures of the Sphinx and Temple and Phallic Monument that is there. Just go to https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/gallery/ and scroll down to the Gomorrah section.

Again I urge you to order The Prophecies of Abraham which explains these Sabbatical cycles in great detail.

Judges 14-15

I have had to work very hard to find anything good to write about Samson.

Some of the commentaries I looked at have considered Samson the most problematical personality of the Judges; he was captured due to his need for sexual gratification and then died seeking personal revenge.

Samson followed his eyes; therefore the Philistines poked out his eyes. Yet in this I can find solace as most men struggle with their eyes. Today men are tempted at every corner from the women at work who dress nice for work and the sex goddess who is selling everything under the sun wearing next to nothing in order to get your attention. And it works. In fact today the most beautiful woman walked deliberately passed our construction crew. She was stunning and the whole crew stopped to gawk. There was no need for her to dress so provocatively, nor did we all need to stare.

Today as it was then foreign women always seem sexier than those of your same stock.

Dr. James Dobson has stated that 80% of the men in every church group are addicted to pornography to some degree. Be it a little or a lot. And if the men that go to church each week have this addiction, then what does it say to those who do not go to church and are not as restricted by morals. That includes 80% of all men in all Assemblies and Synagogues and churches. All men; so do not think it is not in your group. It is.

Samson is a wild man endowed by nature and Yahovah with enormous strength but equally with a vice; his love and attraction to forbidden women. This vice led him to act foolishly and impetuously in a manner appropriate perhaps to an adolescent.

What theology are we to learn from Samson? I am having trouble with this question.

If a man or woman chooses to make a Nazir vow [for a period of time] he shall abstain from wine or anything coming from wine (Num. 6:2) and no razor shall touch his head for the time of his Nazirhood (6:4-5) he shall not go near a corpse (6:6); he is consecrated to Yahovah (6:8). If he does become defiled his hair becomes unclean and he must shave it on the seventh day and bring a sacrifice and return to his Nazirite vow. The key to being a Nazir seems to be abstaining from wine and the growing and not cutting of Hair (6:21). The only example in the Hebrew Bible is in fact Samson, a poor example for a man consecrated to Yahovah as a nazir.

We are told early in the tale of Samson that he is to be a Nazir with a specific mission: 'No razor is to touch his head for the boy is to be Yahovah's Nazir from his mother's womb and he will start rescuing Israel from the Philistines' (Jud.13:5). He is born as a Nazir to his dying day. (13:7). His mother is to 'drink no wine or fermented liquor and eat nothing unclean' (13:7). One might expect if his mother to refrain from drinking intoxicating drinks before his birth

surely it would apply to Samson. Or is Samson to share his Nazir-hood with his mother? Samson is noted as participating in a long seven day wedding feast (mishteh – to drink) to his Philistine wife in Timneh (noted for its vineyards 14:5) with his male friends (14:10-17); it is highly unlikely that wine was not served. How many people did Samson kill and therefore how many corpses was he in contact with? Samson marries a Philistine from Timneh – one of the enemies; visits a woman noted as a prostitute and finally ‘loves’ (16:4) Delilah who sells Samson to the Philistines for a significant amount of money. While having sexual relations with forbidden women is not explicitly forbidden for a nazir can one consider those actions a man consecrated to Yahovah ought to do? Deuteronomy 7:3 speaking of the Canaanites we are told very plainly 1 “When Yehovah your Elohim brings you into the land which you go to possess, He shall also clear away many nations before you: the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Kenizzites and the Perizzites and the Hivvites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you. 2 “And when Yehovah your Elohim gives them over to you, you shall smite them and put them under the ban, completely. Make no covenant with them, and show them no favour. 3 “And do not intermarry with them – you do not give your daughter to his son, and you do not take his daughter for your son

Samson never seems to have accepted being consecrated to Yahovah and consequently never really began his mission to ‘start rescuing Israel from the power of the Philistines’ (13:5). This despite at the moment of his telling Delilah the secret that will destroy him he finally admits ‘I have been Yahovah’s nazir from my mother’s womb (16:17). In fact since early in his life he chose gratuitous violence against Philistine men (the thirty men he killed because he needed their clothing; the 300 foxes he lit on fire) and cannot resist sexual impropriety with Philistine women, a seeming inconsistency.

Does Samson ever understand that his own flaws brought down his disaster? What kind of story is this for the sacred scriptures? The Rabbis understood ‘Samson went after his eyes, therefore the Philistines poked out his eyes’ (BT Sotah 9b). Is this intended as a form of biblical justice ‘an eye for an eye’? Samson does not seem to learn from previous experience, particularly regarding women. This is more like a Greek tale than about a Hebrew Judge. In an article Dr. Eric Altschaler suggests that based on the evidence in the text – his torching Philistine fields by putting a fire to 300 foxes, refusing arrest, lying to his parents and gloating about killing – Samson can be defined as a psychopath.

TIMNEH:

After reaching maturity Samson noticed an unnamed woman from the uncircumcised Philistines (14:3) and ‘went down [to Timnah] and talked to her and he became fond of her’ (14:1,5,7). Went down implies in biblical terminology going away from Yahovah.

Similar language can be found when Judah ‘went down’ (perhaps out of guilt) from his father’s estate immediately after the brother’s imply to Jacob that Joseph is killed; when in fact they had sold him into slavery. Judah then married a Canaanite woman (Gen. 38:1-2). Judah later goes to Timnah and finds a prostitute, his own daughter-in-law 38:15). Samson ‘became fond of her’ is a euphemism for intimate sexual relations with his unnamed woman. We are beginning to see Samson’s flaw, his unbridled lust of forbidden women. The statement that Yahovah approved of this marriage (14:4) appears inconsistent with the statement that he ‘went down’ and it seems unlikely that Yahovah would approve of sexual relations with a daughter of the uncircumcised; they were the enemies of Yahovah’s chosen people. This appears as an editorial comment to justify Samson’s behaviour.

On his way to visiting and fondling this woman we are told of his strength when a young lion approaches him and he tore a lion to pieces with his own hands. After his fondling he goes back to the carcass of the lion – a non-kosher animal and ate honey that bees had made there; bees do not create honey in a carcass. Perhaps this was a sign of Yahovah’s unhappiness of his Nazir coveting intermarriage.

Before the wedding feasts he feeds his father and mother from the 'unclean' honey which was clearly forbidden to her. Samson's father Manoah then 'went down to the woman'. (Jg. 14:10) rather than the usual 'knew' her. The woman is Manoah's wife (and Samson's mother) but she is not named or even called his wife. His father did not appear to have a close intimate relation with his mother.

Samson tells a riddle for a wager of the clothing of thirty Philistines. After accepting the riddle the Philistines tell Samson's new wife that they will burn her and her family unless she gets the answer from Samson. The woman cried for seven days and Samson tells her and she promptly told the Philistines. Samson lost the wager. Samson understood 'if you had not ploughed with my heifer, you would not have discovered my riddle' (14:18); an interesting sexual innuendo. Samson kills thirty Philistines (in the spirit of Yahovah – can Yahovah approve 'holy rage'? Jg. 14:19), took their clothing and brought the clothing to the thirty winners of the riddle. Even after being married he may have continued living with his parents, called in mid-eastern culture a 'tzadiqah' marriage – a form of prostitution. The Philistines married her to another Philistine.

Samson then visits his 'wife' and discovered she had remarried to his best man. The father offers her younger sister (Jg. 15:2). Samson refused; he caught three hundred foxes, tied them together, put fire on their tails and burnt the fields of the Philistines. In his anger he irresponsibly lit a fire, always dangerous in a dry country; perhaps similar to Absalom lighting the fires of Joab's fields to get his attention (II Sam. 15:30). The Philistines burnt the father and the wife.

PHILISTINES AND SAMSON:

After Samson used the foxes to burn Philistine land the Philistines went to war against the Israelites in Lehi in response. The men from Judah agreed to hand Samson over to the Philistines. Samson accepted and they bound him and handed him over to the Philistines. At the field with the Philistines Samson broke the rope and with the jawbone of an ass killed 1000 Philistines.

This story ends with our being told that Samson Judges for twenty years (15:20). It follows with Samson going to the capitol city of the Philistines Gaza and going to a prostitute (16:1). Again the Philistines awaited to capture him and again in an act of great strength and violence he ripped off the gates of the city and took them with him.

Samson is a very strange personality to be a Hebrew judge and Nazir – a holy man.

DELILAH:

Samson falls in love with Delilah, a presumed Philistine woman. She on the other hand sees him as a source of money. The introduction of Delilah's name is connected with the Philistinian leaders knowing her (16:4-5). The leaders of Gaza agree to give her each eleven hundred shekels of silver, a very significant amount of money. She can be considered a more expensive prostitute than the precious one in Gaza. She asks him three times where lies his strength. Each time he lies to her. Philistine men come in the room to capture him. In an exact symmetry to the riddle he told at his wedding feasts he allows Delilah to cajole the secret that will destroy him. While he will shortly be blinded he is already blind to reality.

She says to him 'how can you say you love me . . . and tell me where your great strength comes from (16:15)? We recall his wife of Timneh screaming at him in attempting to get the answer to the riddle "You only hate me, you do not love me' (14:16). This is the fourth part of what seems like a sexual bondage game being played. We have no information how long the game went, it may for more than a week – 'day after day she pestered him' (16:16).

Samson finally succumbs to Delilah and tells her – in the only time Samson himself used the term Nazir – that by shaving his head he will lose his supernatural power (16:17). With his head in her lap she has his hair cut off. The

Philistines take him and blind him. As the Rabbis said he was blinded because he followed his eyes. Then the Philistines metamorphically castrate the great hero and womanizer by forcing him to do women's work, grinding mill.

Delilah on the other took the money and left.

Why does he finally tell her the secret that indeed dooms him? It seems like a Romantic tragic comedy; Samson does not seem like a nazir-Judge!

At a sacrifice for their god Dagon they bring Samson to their Temple and make fun of him. He prays to Yahovah, puts his arms around the pillar of their Temple saying to Yahovah 'Let me be revenged on the Philistines at one blow for my two eyes. Let me die with the Philistines' (16:28-29). He pleads for vengeance not to begin his mission. In his death we are told he killed more Palestinians than he had killed during his lifetime (16:30).

Samson in the last of the Judges; the last verse in the Judges is 'In those days there was no king in Israel; everyman did that was right in his own eyes' (21:25). Clearly Samson's mission has failed!

CONCLUSION

It appears that Samson may have been suffering from a personality disorder or at least some intra-psychic conflict. In addition there seem to be some problems in the relationship between his father Manoah and his wife (Samson's mother).

Samson's excessive masculinity seems to exclude real intimacy. His father did not appear to have a close intimate relation with his mother. Samson may have been umbilically connected to his father and not known how to relate to women in an intimate manner.

As a Judge one would hope he would display the qualities that would qualify him for his role.

As a Nazir he is violent, seeks out prostitutes and eventually prays not for life ('choose life' Deut. 30:19) but death. Is Samson's bequest yet one more impulsive and impetuous act?

Samson always acts alone out of self-centeredness. His story seems of a man fated to failure in the Greek sense or perhaps of a psychological disorder in the Hamlet sense that he cannot overcome?

The Fruit of the Spirit is Self-Control

Galatians 5: 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

But I am led to the reason we read of Samson when we read Hebrews. Samson in spite of all his failings as a womanizer was still considered a man of faith. Again why??

Hebrews 11: 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. 32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to fight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was

not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect .

As each of you struggles with the sexual beast within you, learn from Samson, that it will consistently get you in trouble and hurt, but when you repent and I do not recall Samson repenting, but when you repent your faith will save you.

When hunting wolves the Eskimos have a trick they employ knowing that the wolves have an satiable appetite for blood. They will take a hunting knife and freeze it in a block of ice; and then layer on coats of blood and let them freeze over the blade. They repeat this pouring of the blood and letting freeze on the blade until the blade is thick with frozen blood.

Then the hunter walks away.

The wolf will smell the blood from far away the same way you the man or the women will sense the opportunity to have sex from a distance.

The wolf will begin to lick the blood and check for others as he can smell the man in the air. But the taste of the blood is contagious and he keeps on licking it. After a while when the wolf is now in a frenzy and no longer worries about the hunter, he begins to lick the knife feverishly.

As the blood is licked away the knife is exposed slowly and then more and more, then the knife begins to cut the tongue of the wolf. But the wolf is in seventh heaven licking the blood that he does not even know he is bleeding. Now with the warm blood from his own tongue adding to the blood on the knife the wolf goes even harder at licking the knife until after some time the wolf's tongue is all lacerated, finally he bleeds to death.

You brethren who have this secret sin are that wolf and your tongues are bleeding. Yet you think you have it safely concealed away where no one will see your secret sin. Yet you bleed more and more each time you see the other person of your desires, or the person at the office or in an ad somewhere on your way home from work or as you watch porn on the computer with the door closed. Your urge to follow through with the act of sex grows stronger each time until the monster finally takes control and you begin to pursue them. This is lust and not love.

This lust of sex is just like the wolf, slowly it will kill you with a great deal of pain. You will watch your life and your loved ones fall away until they and you are no more.

Read what Nathan said to David in 2 Samuel 13; For until David confessed he was about to die at the hand of Yahovah. Do you think you are exempt because you are Torah observant? David was not so why would you be. Think about it King David a man after Yahovah's own heart was about to be executed for his lust of Bathsheba.

1 Then Yehovah sent Nathan to Dawid?. And he came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. 2 "The rich one had flocks and herds, very many. 3 "But the poor one had only one little ewe lamb which he had bought and kept alive. And it grew up with him and with his children together. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom. And it was like a daughter to him. 4 "And a traveller came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 And the wrath of Dawid? burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As Yehovah lives, the man who has done this is a son of death! 6 "Also, he has to repay fourfold for the lamb, because he did this deed and because he had no compassion." 7 Then Nathan said to Dawid?, "You are the man! Thus said Yehovah Elohim of Yisra'el, 'I anointed you sovereign over Yisra'el, and I delivered you from the hand of Sha'ul. 8 'And I gave you your

master's house and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Yisra'el and Yehudah. And if that were not enough, I also would have given you much more!

9 'Why have you despised the Word of Yehovah to do evil in His eyes? You have killed Uriyah the Hittite with the sword, and his wife you took to be your wife, and you have killed him with the sword of the children of Ammon. 10 'And now, the sword does not turn aside from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriyah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 "Thus said Yehovah, 'See, I am raising up evil against you, from your own house, and shall take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 'For you did it in secret, but I shall do this deed before all Yisra'el, and before the sun.' "

13 And Dawid said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Yehovah." And Nathan said to Dawid, "Also, Yehovah has put away your sin, you shall not die. 14 "However, because by this deed you have greatly scorned Yehovah, the child also who is born to you shall certainly die."

Once David confessed only then did Nathan tell him he would not die. But until that moment David a man after the very heart of Yehovah was about to die. 13 And Dawid said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Yehovah." And Nathan said to Dawid, "Also, Yehovah has put away your sin, you shall not die.

I have the following article to help you and then I will tell you what to do at the end of this article.

<http://www.boundless.org/2005/articles/a0001517.cfm>

Why Do I Keep Sinning?

by Kirk Cameron

"You can't stop birds from flying over your head, but you can stop them from making a nest in your hair." – Martin Luther

I occasionally hear professing Christians ask (with a helpless sounding voice), "Why won't Yehovah take this desire away from me so I'll stop sinning?" These are people who say they truly desire to be free from their sexual sin, substance abuse, gluttony, materialism, love for the world, etc. Again they ask, "Why do I keep sinning?" According to Scripture, the answer is simple — because they keep choosing to disobey Yehovah. Yahshua said, "If you love me you will obey my commandments."

We humans are really very smart creatures. We are also very predictable. Our actions show our priorities. We have a conscience to know right from wrong and while we attempt to do good, we also are willing to do wrong in spite of the fact that we know better. We also have the pathetic ability to justify our sinful choices with excuses that make us feel sorry for ourselves. While some do have legitimate trauma to overcome, most of us know that our sin is simply a pathetic choice to give in to our fleshly desires for a moment or two of comfort and pleasure. Who's the culprit?

Why do there remain those few pet sins — those few areas we just can't get a hold of? Here are some questions I've found helpful to identify the culprit of our sinful actions:

- With what and with whom do you surround yourself?
- Are your friends helping you or hurting you when it comes to living right for Yahshua?
- How do you spend your free time?

- What do you find yourself thinking about when your mind is free to wander?
- Do you find yourself making excuses for your sinful actions and then feeling sorry for yourself?

Listen to what the Bible says: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions — is not from the Father but is from the world.” (1 John 2:15-16). It’s pretty clear: If you love the world and the things of the world, Yahovah’s love is not in you.

Is your heart set on worldly things? Do you find yourself longing after things you see and don’t have? Are you financially discontent? Do you notice yourself overly concerned about the way you look? Do you need to feel important in the eyes of all your friends and family? Are you preoccupied with a desire for pre-marital sex or adultery? If your thoughts often fall into one or more of these categories, you may have found your enemy. Jeremiah reveals, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9), and Yahshua said, “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person” (Matt. 15:19-20). Could the problem lie within your own heart? Only you know the answer to that question, but we all can be sure that an unredeemed heart will produce all these things in abundance.

I want to go out on a limb here and say that we all would do well at this point to put our pride in check and examine our hearts carefully. I was just reading a book called *Alarm to the Unconverted* by Joseph Alleine. I was up last night, pleading with the Lord to search and try my heart and bring to mind all the filth and grime that remains, that I might surrender myself still further to the mercy and transforming power of Yahshua Christ. The self-deceived hypocrite is in the worst state of all. He thinks all is well between him and his god (so he sees no need to change or examine himself), when in fact, all is not well. Please, hear my earnest plea for your precious soul. Ask Yahovah to do a thorough work of exposing the inner desires and intentions of your heart. Ask him to awaken your conscience and remind you of all the dominating loves and lusts within. This is the first and necessary step toward finding victory over your sin.

Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff

This popular saying has helped me not worry about things that don’t matter, like spilled milk. But when it comes to transgressing Yahovah’s Law, we ought to sweat heavily.

When Yahshua was in the garden He sweat great drops of blood. He was in agony, tormented by the choice he had to make between doing His own will or His father’s will. He knew that to obey Yahovah would bring Him great difficulty — physically and emotionally. He said, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done... If by any means this cup can pass from me, let it be, BUT — not my will but Thy will be done.” Yahshua knew the great cost of obedience, and paid it. His only choice as the Son of Yahovah was to obey.

Falling vs. Diving

When someone says they have fallen into a serious sin like having an affair (adultery), they didn’t just fall, they dove. They continually worked and nursed their sin until it became fully grown. Think about it. If you commit sexual sin (any sex outside of marriage), you have made dozens of intentional, wrong decisions to get yourself there. The first phone call. The lustful imaginations. The choice of how you dress, how you act, and what you say. With each one of these and following choices, you must actively deny your conscience (Yahovah’s Law written on your heart), ignore Yahovah’s Word, and insist on pursuing what you know is wrong. That is why the Bible says that we will all be “without excuse” on the Day we stand “before the eyes of Him with whom we must give account.” The Bible says, “Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death” (James 1:15). This is why “adulterers ... shall [not] inherit the kingdom of Yahovah.” The difference between a true believer and a false one is that a true convert falls into sin, while a false one dives. Do you ever plan to sin? Do you ever

think of ways to get away with that which you know is wrong in Yahovah's eyes? If so, you should be concerned about the genuineness of your conversion.

Yes, the true Christian will occasionally fall into sin, but how pathetic is that fall! For the Christian to dive into sin, is as wicked and disgraceful as a pardoned murderer allowing himself to be enticed back into his life of crime. Christ died for us. The call of the Christian life is to die to ourselves and crucify the flesh with its unYahovahly desires.

Yahshua has broken the chains that once bound you to sin, but have you walked right back into your comfortable prison and put them back on because you like the way they make you feel? None of us have an excuse when we willingly give in to our favorite sins. Scripture describes the religious hypocrite as a "dog [that] returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire." So the unregenerate will return to his familiar sins and lie down to enjoy the pleasure of his transgressions.

The Antidote

Yahovah is not slack in providing a way out of your sins. He is not holding back the answer to you who are still enslaved to your old nature. Yahovah is willing if you are willing. He says, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." You must get desperately honest with yourself. I must get honest with myself. Yahovah has given us a mirror to see ourselves in truth and we must look into it. So look intently at the Commandments, and then confess and forsake your sin completely. Yahshua said, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of Yahovah." Choose you this day whom you will serve. Yahovah is loving, forgiving, compassionate, redeeming, and all-powerful. But you must choose "whom" you will serve. No excuses, no self-pity parties: only surrender. We must once and for all let go of the deceptive pleasures of our sin and cling to the cross for mercy and a new heart that only Yahovah can give. Yahovah gives strength in abundance to those who repent and trust in him.

Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." If you want to stop sinning, YOU need to stop. Yahovah gives you the strength, but YOU do the stopping. If you struggle with alcohol, don't check out the specials at the liquor store. If you struggle with over-eating, don't drive into McDonald's for the "Big and Tasty." Replace your belly's lusts with a love for honoring Yahovah with your body. If pornography is your problem, stop your monthly subscription to the filthy publications and don't visit those Web sites. It sounds simple because it is. But before conversion, a man (or woman) is a slave to sin, unable to bridle the lust of the flesh, but after true conversion, he is no longer a slave to sin (because he has willingly crucified the flesh) and is a new creature, a servant of righteousness.

In Psalm 90:7 For we have been consumed by Your displeasure, And by Your wrath we are alarmed. 8 You have set our crookednesses before You, Our secret sin in the light of Your face.

First thing each of you must do and this is not going to be pleasant, but you must ask Yahovah to show you your secret sins. Make them plain to you so that even you can see it. Many of your friends may see it but you won't, so ask Him to make it plain to you.

I do not want to expose myself but for the sake of those who are about to be lost, I urge each of you to read **Confessions of a Sex Addict** at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=85

It was not until I confessed my sins publicly that I was able to shake this sin which still to this day haunts me. But once I did confess this sin and dealt with it, instead of hiding it away hoping no one would know, only then did I take back control from Satan. Yes from Satan. I explain this in the article. Satan controls you when you have to hide away your sins.

Once I did this then it was revealed to me about the Sighting of the moon and how to prove it beyond all doubts. Once I began to keep the Sighted Moon for the first of the month which made the Holy day on different day than the Hebrew calendar, then I was shown the truths about the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. After I began to share that information then I was shown the truths about the Prophecies of Abraham as well as the Temple Mount and many other things. But it all began with my confession and resolve to become Holy. To be Righteous just as Noah Job and Daniel.

If you are not righteous as these men were then you need to read what is about to happen to you in Ezekiel 14. Notice what are the idols they have set up.

And some of the elders of Yisra'el came to me and sat before me. 2 And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put the stumbling-block of their crookedness before their face. Should I let them inquire of Me at all? 4 "Therefore speak to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus said the Master Yehovah, "Every one of the house of Yisra'el who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his crookedness before his face, and shall come to the prophet – I Yehovah shall answer him who comes, according to his many idols, 5 in order to lay hold of the house of Yisra'el by their heart, for they have become estranged from Me by their idols, all of them.'" 6 "Therefore say to the house of Yisra'el, 'Thus said the Master Yehovah, "Repent, and turn back from your idols, and turn back your faces from all your abominations. 7 "For anyone of the house of Yisra'el, or of the strangers who sojourn in Yisra'el, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness before his face, and shall come to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I Yehovah shall answer him Myself. 8 "And I shall set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I shall cut him off from the midst of My people. And you shall know that I am Yehovah. 9 "And if the prophet is deceived, and shall speak a word, I Yehovah have deceived that prophet, and shall stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from the midst of My people Yisra'el. 10 "And they shall bear their crookedness, the crookedness of the prophet is the same as the crookedness of the inquirer, 11 so that the house of Yisra'el no longer strays from Me, nor be made unclean any more with all their transgressions. And they shall be My people and I be their Elohim," declares the Master Yehovah.' " 12 And the word of Yehovah came again to me, saying, 13 "Son of man, when a land sins against Me to commit a trespass, and I shall stretch out My hand against it, and cut off its supply of bread and send scarcity of food on it, and cut off man and beast from it, 14 even though these three men, Noah?, Dani'el, and Iyob?, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," declares the Master Yehovah. 15 "If I cause an evil beast to pass through the land, and it shall bereave it, and it shall be a wasteland, so that no man passes through because of the beasts, 16 even though these three men were in it, as I live," declares the Master Yehovah, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the land be a wasteland. 17 "Or if I bring a sword on that land, and I shall say, 'Sword, go through the land,' and I shall cutoff man and beast from it, 18 even though these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Master Yehovah, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, for they alone would be delivered. 19 "Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and I shall pour out My wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast, 20 even though Noah?, Dani'el, and Iyob? were in it, as I live," declares the Master Yehovah, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter. They would deliver their own lives by their righteousness." 21 For thus said the Master Yehovah, "How much more it shall be when I send My four evil judgments on Yerushalayim: the sword and scarcity of food and evil beasts and pestilence, to cut off man and beast from it? 22 "But see, there shall be left in it a remnant who are brought out, both sons and daughters. See, they are coming out to you, and you shall see their ways and their deeds, and shall be comforted concerning the evil which I have brought upon Yerushalayim – all that I have brought upon it. 23 "And they shall comfort you, when you see their ways and their deeds. And you shall know that it was not for naught that I have done whatever I did in it," declares the Master Yehovah.

At the end of this article (Confessions of a Sex Addict) you will read the 12 steps which are adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous and made for sexaholics Anonymous.

You all should read the information found at the following site; <http://www.everymansbattle.com/> Every Mans battle and because men are not the only ones who have this problem I have this site as well <http://www.shannonethridge.com/> Every woman's battle.

For those of you struggling with Homosexuality and any other addictions, I have this site and I do highly recommend it. <http://breakingfree.ucg.org/>

These same teachings on sex apply to both sexes and also to those who are struggling in homosexual relationships and need to get out. Just read the article and learn the truths that are there.

What is the difference between a homosexual sinner and adulterer, or a gossip or a pedophile, or a liar. There is no difference for they have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of Yahovah.

Ps 38-40

At the end of Psalm 38 is the expression 22 Hasten to help me, O Yehovah, my deliverance! Do you grasp the importance of this once verse? You would not if you speak English. You would not if you use the name of Jesus instead of the proper name of a Jew who spoke Hebrew and had a Hebrew name which was Yahshua.

We have just read the riddle of Samson but now we can read another riddle in Proverbs 30: 4 Who has gone up to the heavens and come down? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who established all the ends of the earth? What is His Name, And what is His Son's Name, If you know it?

King David knew the name of the Messiah! And he has just stated it to you. You can go to https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=542 to read the article titled King David A Man After the Heart of Yahweh, Knew who Yahshua is.

After last week News Letter I was sent the following information which you should know.

Delighting in the LORD How to Get What You Want From God

"Delight yourself in the LORD (YHVH) and he will give you the desires of your heart," Psalm 37:4.

Everyone wants to know how to get God to give them the desires of their heart. Delight in the LORD seems easy enough! So, how does one delight in the LORD? There have been many fanciful interpretations of what it means to delight yourself in the LORD, but only one revelation of what this means is found in the Scriptures.

"Delight" here in Psalm 37:4 is the Hebrew word oneg, which means "to treat as a delicacy." There are very few places in the Scriptures where the word oneg is used. Yet, because it is a rarity, it will help us solve a mystery. There is one place, and only one, where it tells us exactly how to delight in the LORD, even using the word oneg. Here is the secret.

"If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will delight (oneg) yourself in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride

on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.' The mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 58:13,14.

Any other interpretation for "delight yourself in the LORD" is useless speculation and the imagination of men. The only way anyone can delight themselves in the LORD is to honor and obey the seventh day Sabbath, which God created. The reward for doing this is "to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance" of Jacob. It is sealed as a promise from "the mouth of the LORD." Also, as it says in Psalms 37:4, the only way anyone is promised to receive the "desires of your heart" is by delighting in the LORD. In other words, if you make His Sabbath a delight, a delicacy in your life, you will receive your heart's desires.

It would seem that all people truly devoted to YHVH and Yeshua would make haste to honor the Sabbath at all costs, what with the great payoff it carries! It would benefit anyone having a difficult time "riding high" in God's favor to examine closely their view and practice of the Sabbath. Test it by getting this part of your life in line with God's will, then see what will happen. I think you will be greatly pleased.

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Mat 24

There is just too much here to cover this in this one study and do justice to you so that you know it and understand it. But let's try.

Mathew 24:5 begins and can be matched up with the four horsemen of revelation. To help you in this often misunderstood passage I am going to refer you to

<http://www.gnmagazine.org/issues/gn50/thehorsemen.htm>

The next verse I want to examine is verse 15 "So when you see the 'abomination that lays waste,'¹ spoken of by Dani'² the prophet, set up in the set-apart place" – he who reads, let him understand . 16 "then let those who are in Yehud³ah flee to the mountains.

The next few verses as we explained a couple of weeks ago are used by those who proclaim the rapture theory and we will not repeat it here.

But concerning the Holy Place and where that is and what is set up I am going to refer you to

https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=258 The Holy Ground and When Michael Stands Down

I know this teaching is going to challenge many of you.

22 "And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the sake of the chosen ones those days shall be shortened

We have been showing you in the Prophecies of Abraham and also in the DVD that Satan would be locked away at Atonement in the year 2033. The 120th Jubilee would be in 2045 so the days being cut short is the 12 years from when Satan is locked away in 2033 until the Jubilee in 2045.

29 "And immediately after the distress¹ of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

Because you will not have the moon to see as Joel has said you need to know that each month when the moon is not seen is a 30 day month. You must keep track of this during all the things that will be going on. It is because of the not seeing the moon that Daniel gives you some big clues in the 1260 days and 1290 days and 1335 days. Each of the appointments of

Yahovah comes on a High day; So each of these numbers in Daniel concludes on a high day. Two of them include an extra month being added. You need to know how to calculate the calendar and from when to when. The 1335 finishes on the Feast of Pentecost or Shavuot.

We next read about 36 “But concerning that day and the hour no one knows, not even the messengers of the heavens, but My Father only

And this is one of the most misunderstood passages of the bible; mostly by those who will not obey Torah and keep the 4th commandment. This is all explained in two article called Conjunction or Sighted Which? and can be read at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=22 and when combined with this article called The return of Yahshua at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=20

Once you have read these two article you will then know that Yahshua is to return on the Feast of Trumpets and it is because this is the only feast that is determined by the sighted moon, that this one fact shows you why you and no one else will know the day or the hour the Messiah is to return. Because we will not know if the moon is sighted or not.

37 “And as the days of Noah?, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be. 38 “For as they were in the days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah? entered into the ark, 39 and they did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also shall the coming of the Son of ad? Am be. 40 “Then two shall be in the field, the one is taken and the one is left. 41 “Two shall be grinding at the mill, one is taken and one is left. 42 “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Master is coming.

In order to completely understand the meaning of this you need to read The Prophecies of Abraham as they explain in detail using charts how the days of Noah and the Days of Nimrod and the days of Sodom as explained above all coincide to the same third year of the 6th

Sabbatical cycle which will be 2033 in our day. You do need to read the Prophecies of Abraham; order it right after Shabbat.

48 “But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant shall come on a day when he does not expect it, and at an hour he does not know, 51 and shall cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites – there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This last scriptures of Mathew 24 are to those who have fallen for the false teaching that is now prevalent amongst Messianic groups that believe we are now in the final 7 years which will end in 2017. When it does not pan out as you have expected read this verse and begin to gnash your teeth. Do not beat on those who were teaching something like the Prophecies of Abraham, but repent quickly and turn from the false teaching you have held so dear for these 7 years.