

Nun - Cycles of Righteousness

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26th day of the 2nd month 5851 years after the creation of Adam
The 2nd Month in the Sixth year of the Third Sabbatical Cycle
The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle
The Sabbatical Cycle of Earthquakes, Famines and Pestilence
The Year of the Tithe for the Widows, Orphans & Levites
The 42nd day of Counting the Omer

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Shabbat Shalom Followers of the Ancient Paths,



In 1979 a large passenger jet with 257 people on board left New Zealand for a sightseeing flight to Antarctica and back. Unknown to the pilots, however, someone had modified the flight coordinates by a mere two degrees. This error placed the aircraft 28 miles (45 km) to the east of where the pilots assumed they were. As they approached Antarctica, the pilots descended to a lower altitude to give the passengers a better look at the landscape. Although both were experienced pilots, neither had made this particular flight before, and they had no way of knowing that the incorrect coordinates had placed them directly in the path of Mount Erebus, an active volcano that rises from the frozen landscape to a height of more than 12,000 feet (3,700 m).

As the pilots flew onward, the white of the snow and ice covering the volcano blended with the white of the clouds above, making it appear as though they were flying over flat ground. By the

time the instruments sounded the warning that the ground was rising fast toward them, it was too late. The airplane crashed into the side of the volcano, killing everyone on board.

It was a terrible tragedy brought on by a minor error—a matter of only a few degrees.¹

Small Errors Can Have a Large Impact on Our Lives

The difference of a few degrees, as with the Antarctica flight, may seem minor. But even small errors over time can make a dramatic difference in our lives.

Suppose you were to take off from an airport at the equator, intending to circumnavigate the globe, but your course was off by just one degree. By the time you returned to the same longitude, how far off course would you be? A few miles? A hundred miles? The answer might surprise you. An error of only one degree would put you almost 500 miles (800 km) off course, or one hour of flight for a jet.

No one wants his life to end in tragedy. But all too often, like the pilots and passengers of the sightseeing flight, we set out on what we hope will be an exciting journey only to realize too late that an error of a few degrees has set us on a course for spiritual disaster.

Keeping the wave sheaf on the wrong day may seem minor, but it will lead you away from the truth of Yehovah and His Holy Days and the keeping of Shavuot on the wrong day. It is no different than keeping Sunday as your Sabbath instead of Saturday which you are commanded. After all it is just one day difference, does it really matter? We all know it does.

The Circles of Righteousness

This past week I was invited to watch a video done by Brad Scott. He explained this verse in Psalm 23:3 which I would like to now share with you.

| Psa 23:3 He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

We are going to look at the word paths to find the proper meaning of what we are being told here.

Psa 23:3 He restorethH7725 my soul:H5315 he leadethH5148 me in the pathsH4570 of righteousnessH6664 for his name's sake.H4616 H8034

H4570 lgum hlgum
ma?ga?l ma?ga?la?h
mah-gawl', mah-gaw-
law'

From the same as H5696; a track (literally or figuratively); also a rampart (as circular): – going, path, trench, way([-side]).

H5696

lgu lwg

?a?go?l ?a?go?l aw-
gole', aw-gole'

From an unused root meaning to revolve, circular: – round.

From our lessons in Eriology we learn that each letter has a meaning.

agol is lgu Lamed, Gimmel, Ayin- lgu each of the letters means l authority g walking u judging.

When I see this word 'walking in a circular manner judging' I am reminded of this word Shanah. It comes from Gen 6:3

Gen 6:3 And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, in his erring; he is flesh. Yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. years.H8141

H8141

hnc sha?neh
sha?na?h shaw-neh',
shaw-naw'

(The first form being in plural only, the second form being feminine); from H8138; a year (as a revolution of time): – + whole age, X long, + old, year (X -ly).

H8138

hnc
sha?na?h
shaw-
naw'

A primitive root; to fold, that is, duplicate (literally or figuratively ()); by implication to transmute (transitively or intransitively): – do (speak, strike) again, alter, double, (be given to) change, disguise, (be) diverse, pervert, prefer, repeat, return, do the second time.

Shanah is a repeating of 120 Cycles of time. 120 Jubilee Cycles.

Returning to Psalm 23....in English it reads...."He leads me in paths of righteousness", but in the original Hebrew it says "He leads me in the cycles of righteousness".....which is an idiom meaning the moedim....the appointed sabbaths and Feasts of the Almighty!

In Paths of Righteousness

*Ps 23:3 He restores my soul: He leads me in **paths of righteousness** for His names' sake.*

This is a pretty typical English translation of this very well-known verse of probably the best known and most oft quoted Psalm of David. We have generally considered it to mean that He will direct us, day by day, as we go about our business, if we are careful to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit within.

That is certainly a valid interpretation and it is true; He does guide and lead us every day both through the written Word, by His example and through promptings of the Holy Spirit (if we are willing to stop and listen).

In the Hebrew text, though, we find a much deeper, older meaning that has been pretty much lost to the church over the last 1,700 years or so, one that I would like to briefly explore. The phrase that is translated "He leads me in paths of righteousness for His names' sake" in Hebrew is "*yanheni bema'geley tzedeq lema'an shemo*".

yanheni – He leads/guides/bestows on me
bema'geley – be=in, ma=out of, galah=circles, cycles, round
paths **tzedeq**=righteousness **lema'an**=heed, purpose, on account
of **shemo**=His Name, authority.

A more literal translation could be, "*He leads me in, guides me from and bestows on me his paths/cycles of righteousness on account of His name and authority.*"

In Hebrew thought life is cyclical; everything is based on cycles that we can observe and see around us in creation. Seed -> plant -> fruit -> seed for example.

Yehovah also gave His people a calendar to keep track of the cycles of days, weeks, months and years and set the sun, moon and stars in place to help us keep track of those "cycles of time" by which he governs the universe. This is His annual calendar and it is also His Jubilee Calendar cycle.

Genesis 1:14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs (l'otot) and seasons (u'le'moedim) and days (u'le'yamiym) and years (v'shaniym).

There are 2 significant words I'd like to focus on here; **signs** (oth, plural. otot) and **seasons** (moedim).

The term signs refers to way markers or sign posts and is spelled in Hebrew Aleph-Tav-Hey. ath-ath

We read of these way markers in Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’ Hebrew is a pictorial language: each letter in Hebrew has a distinct meaning (shown by the picture that the letter represents) and an understanding of the meaning of a Hebrew word can be gained by looking at the meaning of the individual letters making up the word.

Jer 31:21 “Set up for yourself roadmarks, Place for yourself guideposts; Direct your mind to the highway, The way by which you went. Return, O virgin of Israel, Return to these your cities. Aleph is a picture of an ox head and the basic meaning is strength.

Tav is a pair of crossed sticks and represents a cross.

Hey is a picture of a man with his hands raised saying “Behold” and can also mean revealed.

Aleph, Tav, Hey then literally means “the strength of the Cross revealed”. So, Oth, the way markers or sign posts, are **“the strength of the Cross revealed”**. Hold that thought, all will become clear in a minute. (we will be looking at this word Oth next week).

The other word is “moedim” – in Hebrew mem-yod-ayin-dalet-mem. The “im” on the end makes it a plural.

myudm-myudm

ud (Ayin-dalet) means “see the door”, as in coming to a place or a tent of meeting and entering in. It is a place, time or event that is repeated over and over again. It also carries secondary meanings of “eternity” and “witness”.

When we add the “mo” prefix it means “from, out of or for the sake of”, so “moedim” literally means all of *“times and places from, out of, for the sake of eternity/witness”*, or in other words, **“appointed times”** or simply “appointments”.

So, the signs and seasons are **the strength of the cross revealed in the appointed times**.

What are these appointed times?

Lev 23:1-2 And the Lord (YHVH) spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them, The Feasts of the Lord (YHVH), which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations (miqrey qodesh), these are My Feasts(moeday)”.

The words “holy convocations” or “miqrey qodesh” literally mean **“set-apart rehearsals”**. Yehovah says, “these are my appointed times”. They are the times that He set apart for His people to celebrate Him and rehearse the fulfillment of His promises. These are the way markers that we are to follow in order to find our way back to the land of Israel.

Ps 65:11 You crown the year with goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

The word “paths” here again is “cycles”. The cycles of His moedim, His appointed times, drop fatness i.e. leave behind abundance.

So, what are these appointed times that He has promised are abundance and goodness for His people, that the writer to Hebrews told us are shadows of good things to come?

*Lev 23:3 “Six days shall work be done: but the **seventh day is the sabbath of rest**, a holy convocation (set apart rehearsal); you shall do no work. It is the sabbath of the Lord (YHVH) in all your dwellings”.*

OK, so it is holy (set apart from all other days) and it is a rehearsal. Of what? Good things to come.

All of the appointed times both teach us of events in the past (looking back) and teach us of events that are still to be fulfilled (looking to the future). In fact, it is impossible to understand Bible prophecy of the end times without the context of the Feasts of the Lord (note – they’re not Jewish feasts, Yehovah says they’re **His Feasts**).

Sabbath (Shabbat in Hebrew) teaches us firstly that in 6 days, God created all that was made, and on the 7th day he rested from His labours (as it says in Genesis). It also teaches us that man’s time to labour on earth will be 6 days, and that there will be 1 day of rest at the end of days.

Huh? What does that mean? Peter told us in 2 Peter 3:8 (quoting David from Ps 90:4);

“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing; that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day”.

Put back in the context of the creation account and shabbat, man’s days of labour on earth will be 6000 years, and then there will be the “shabbat millenium”, 1,000 years of rest with Christ reigning on earth from Jerusalem.

That is what the sabbath is rehearsing. And that is what the writer of Hebrews was alluding to when he wrote,

“...so there remains a sabbath rest (sabbatismos) for the people of God...thus we must make every effort to enter into that rest, so that no one may fall by following the same pattern of disobedience (apatheia).”

What about the rest of the chapter?

Lev 23:4-21 tells us about the “Spring” Feasts of The Lord – Passover/Unleavened Bread, First Fruits and Pentecost.

Passover/Unleavened Bread – teaches about the redemption of Israel from Egypt, points forward to the crucifixion of Yehshua and also looks forward to the future redemption of exiled

Israel from out of the nations the end of this sixth day. The days of unleavened bread remind us of the 7 days spent walking from Goshen to the Red Sea where they finally left Egypt (remembering that the Sinai Peninsula was still a part of “greater Egypt”) and crossed over into Midian on their way to Mt Sinai. At the end of the 7 days they experienced Yehovah’s salvation (lit. Yeshua) as they crossed over on dry land and then witnessed Pharaoh’s chariots being drowned.

First Fruits – a thanksgiving offering of the first fruits of the harvest, points forward to the resurrection of Yehshua on that Sunday morning during the days of Unleavened Bread.

Pentecost – a memorial of the giving of Torah (“the Law”) at Mt Sinai, points forward to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit after Yehshua’s ascension and also looks forward to the “latter rain” double-portion outpouring of Holy Spirit prior to the return of Yehshua. It also points to the time when the Saints will be raised up and those of us alive will be changed to spirit beings.

In Lev 23:24-44 we see the instructions for the “Fall Feasts” of The Lord.

Trumpets – a memorial of the “Blowing of trumpets” . It is the actual birth day of Yehshua. It is the day yet future when He will return to wage war with Satan’s forces on this earth.

Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement; a day of national repentance, reflection, fasting and prayer. It comes at the end of the 10 days of Awe. At the time when Satan is locked away for the Millennium of rest.

The Feast of Tabernacles: a memorial that when God brought our fathers out of Egypt that they “dwelt in tabernacles” in the wilderness. It is symbolic of the 7 millennium which is then followed by the 8th millennium at which time then Yehovah will dwell with us.(Rev. 21:3, “... Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men...”).

The Paths of Righteousness spoken of in Psalm 23 are the circular paths we walk on each year in keeping the Feasts. They are the circular paths we walk on each week as we keep the weekly Sabbath and they are the circular paths we walk on as we keep the Shmita or Sabbatical years every seventh year and the Jubilee years.

These are the paths of Righteousness that we must walk and each time we pass by the Sabbath or the Holy Days or the Sabbatical years, we learn more that we had not noticed the last time. It is like walking down your favorite path and noticing the flowers that were not there, or at least that you did not see the last time.

For many of you this coming Sabbatical year in 2016-2017 will be the first one you will have ever kept. As you keep it, you will learn things about Yehovah’s righteousness that you will keep for ever. Then when you keep the next one you will learn even more. Enjoy this first Sabbatical year. Do not over-think it. Just do it and enjoy the things you learn along the way. Those who say it is only for the land of Israel will never learn the secrets from the Sabbatical years which can only be learned by doing it. If they are right and it is only for the land of Israel, then you will be ready to keep them in the land because you have been practicing the paths of Righteousness outside the land.

As we said above. You cannot understand prophecy (Shadows of things to come) if you do not keep the Holy Days, the Moedim, the appointed times, the paths. Even more so if you do not keep the Sabbatical years, you cannot understand prophecy. Even if you do keep the Holy Days, you still are ignorant of prophecy if you ignore the Shmitah and Jubilee years.

What begins with you on a lonely path.....

will grow to a well-trodden roadway because

a-cow-blocks-the-way

of your circular or repeatedly keeping the Moedim. This is setting the way markers as you DO the Appointed times.

This in turn will develop in you understanding

cow path

and knowledge and wisdom and become something we do all the time, and that little path will become a road and the things you did not see at first will become clearer each time you walk down this way and notice the beauty of this way of life.

Those who followed Yehshua were never called Christians. They were known as followers of the way, Nazarenes. Followers of the way, the paths of righteousness.

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Pathway

This week Eric is teaching us about the letter paths Nun- n – as we learn just how high we can jump. Here is the first video on the n and the second is here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=1185&v=pl_Doq4tqT8 – Nun Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXGyv7CEnVw> - Nun Part 2