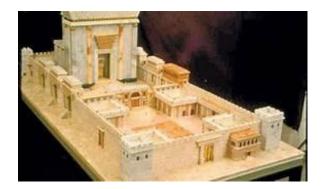
How All of Us Can Serve

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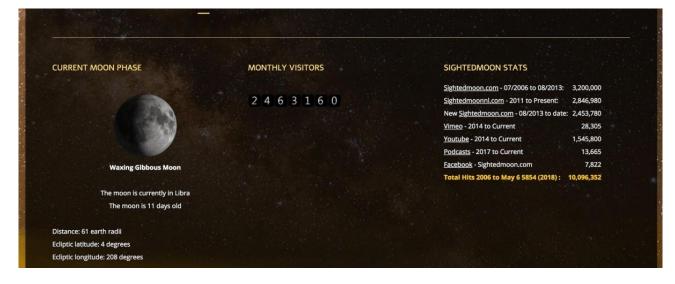
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June 2, 2018

Shabbat Shalom To the Royal Family,

#### Numbers

At the bottom of each Newsletter are our most recent stats. And it is from these stats that I am able to glean where we should be putting out efforts.



From our You-Tube stats, we have 1,568,849 views and 8,124 subscribers. So in the last 20 days, from May 6 until May 26 when I am working on this article, we have had 23,049 more views.

I have been told that if you have 1000 subscribers and 100,000 views you can generate over \$200,000 in ad revenue. Well, we have much more than that and I am wondering what we are not doing. I have taken a bit of a tutorial and learned a few things.

Another stat I have been looking at is our donations. Are you aware that about 50 people in total make it possible for us to do the work we do each month?

Are you also aware that sightedmoon.com is basically written by myself? James Relf has been doing all our website and technical stuff since 2013. And our sightedmoon.com Facebook page is mostly taken care of by Pauline Benjes since December 2016. In recent months Jan Sytsma has been editing all of our newsletters to put them under subject headings. And this she has been doing along with James so that you can look for all our articles on say Passover or Shavuot and find them all in one place.

Our stats from Facebook have shown us that in the past month we have added over 3000 new followers to our sightedmoon.com fb page for a total of over 9100 and growing. Almost all of them are from the Philippines.

In the last two years, Sightedmoon.com has aligned itself with Telesphore Ntashimikiro, a Bishop and former Ambassador from Burundi Africa, and Aike Mesias, Pastor of MLTC in Manila Philippines. Both James and I have gone to check and see what they are doing and we have agreed to work with them and they both have become very excited about learning and teaching the Sabbatical years and all that they reveal.

Bishop Telesphore travels by very rough roads to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where Ebola has once again broken out. He also goes to Tanzania Rwanda Uganda and Kenya and has recently asked some Bishops in Kenya to learn these truths and begun to teach them there. Burundi was, in the not too distant past the place, where millions were killed in a genocide war between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes. And Kenya has sporadic attacks from Islamists from Somalia and Sudan on the other boarder. Burundi is one of the poorest nations on earth.

Eastern Africa has a desire to learn the truth but they have no teachers and Telesphore constantly says to us about the heresies he has to address all the time before he can teach the truth.

Pastor Aike has been infiltrating many Christian Churches and invited to speak at them. Once he is there then he begins to teach them about the Hebraic Bible they all use but do not understand. Many are converting and beginning to keep the Sabbath and the Holy Days, although they do not always know what it all means. After this Shavuot weekend we now have about 8 more teachers across the Philippines that are now teaching Torah and in need of prayers and continued guidance as they go forward. And we have placed some people there to do just this.

I have seen this first hand, these new eager hearts for the truth, and so are those who are there now helping Aike with our Shavuot campaign in Manila and Davao City. Pastor Aike is assisted by; Pastor Pike and Pastor Alvin (who recently became ill and is in need of our prayers). And there are other groups aligning themselves with MLTC and wanting to learn these Hebraic truths.

Sightedmoon.com has been supporting the work in the Philippines as well as the work in Burundi and East Africa. This is where your donations have been put to use. From covering the airfare and expenses of travel in Africa to advertising and supporting campaigns in the Philippines. James is constantly uploading teachings edited by Jan while Pauline is answering questions and posting relevant information on sightedmoon.com Facebook.

We are also talking with Pauline's husband about setting up our website in Asia in multiple countries.

But we have come to a stage in which we are going to need help if we are going to rise up and excel past the next levels in front of us. We must now organize to carry on this work on a much bigger scale.

We are in need of the following people:

- Youtubers who can help us monetize and generate income from our existing accounts and to increase the subscribers by 20, 30 and 50 fold.\
- Google Analytics experts who can take our info and help direct us.
- Torah teachers who understand the Sabbatical and Jubilee cycles and can teach them one on one. And also have a good understanding of the Holy Days and what they reveal and mean.
- Graphic Artists who can help with our memes, advertising, and educational material, for online and print publication.

 Fundraisers who can navigate the realm of grant applications and multi-streamed fundraising projects.

I am not looking for people who need me to hold their hands in all things. No, I am looking for people who can step in and take control and do the work that must be done in the back rooms of this organization. It is not the glamorous work out front for the most part. I am not looking for people who want to tell me how I can do this or that. I am looking for people who want to be a part of this end-time work and can take direction and then do the work. If you have ideas then, can you implement them? I just do not have the time to do all this work anymore.

- If you are skilled in your field and want to use your ability for Yehovah.
- If you can work autonomously while being part of a global team with a single goal of promoting the Kingdom of Yehovah through the Sabbath, Holy Days and Sabbatical and Jubilee years.
- If you have the passion for our Creator and want to help others know about the Truth Hehas revealed in these last days about His Sabbatical and Jubilee cycles, His Commandments and how that is salvation through Messiah... then please consider partnering with us at SightedMoon.com

I know that my timing of this article comes right after I have deleted my E-mail list. But now only the those who want to see this work move forward are there.

### Ideas

For the past few weeks, I have been trying to figure out how we can continue to help this work in the Philippines and Africa and maintain this website. One of the ideas was to include Pauline's artwork in a store she runs and to allow people to purchase things from her through that store. We have now added that link to our main page. We are also in process of adding other teaching sites that I have approved of in order for you the brethren to continue to grow. I have found the teachings of Nehemia and of Alpha Beta to be most beneficial even though we do not agree on all points. Iron Sharpens Iron. And no I am not planning to include a whole lot of others to this list.

But I do want you the brethren to grow in your knowledge and understanding and wisdom as one of our e-mails said this week. So will be adding shortly a few other links that you will be able to learn from. As Yehshua told Peter, feed my sheep. And that is what we try to do each week.

Then Pauline sent me the following note partly in jest. I liked it but there is no way we could do this.

Joe, really random thought... A replica Temple of hwhy built in Manila. Big enough to walk thru. Guided teaching tours. Separate area (as you're already talking about...) for teaching and gatherings on Shabbats and Feasts. A school for teachers & Levitical Priest training. Am I thinking too big?

So I dismissed it as idle talk.

Then on Shavuot, I read about the events that took place on Shavuot in Jerusalem.

# First Fruits' Ceremony Reenacted Overlooking Temple Mount [PHOTO SPREAD]

#### By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz May 22, 2018, 11:30 am

All the choice first fruits of every kind, and all the gifts of every kind—of all your contributions shall go to the kohanim. You shall further give the first of the yield of your baking to the kohen, that a blessing may rest upon your home. Ezekiel 44:30 (The Israel Bible<sup>TM</sup>)



Kohanim (priests/ descendants of the first High Priest Aaron), conduct a reenactment of the Temple ceremony on Shavuot (Feast of Weeks)(Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)

On Monday, at the promenade in Armon Hanatziv overlooking the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, a group of Kohanim (Jewish men of the priestly caste descended from the Biblical figure Aaron) recreated the ritual of the first fruits as it was performed in the Temple.

The event was organized by the Mikdash (Temple) Educational Center, the United Temple Movements and the nascent Sanhedrin, an initiative to reinstate the Biblically mandated court of 71 elders.

Rabbi Baruch Kahane led a group of four priests dressed in the Biblically mandated garments required for the Temple Service. Rabbi Kahane has played a central role in

educating Kohanim in all aspects of the Temple service. The reenactment was intended as part of this essential stage of preparing for the future when the Third Temple will be built and these rituals will again be performed.

The Torah commands the bringing of the first fruits from the period between the pilgrimage festivals of Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles).

Thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which thou shalt bring in from thy land that Hashem thy God giveth thee; and thou shalt put it in a basket and shalt go unto the place which Hashem thy God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there. Deuteronomy 26:2



The Bikurim (First Fruits) (Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)

Bikurim (first fruits) are brought from the seven species that have a special significance to Israel: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olive oil and dates (honey).

A land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey Deuteronomy 8:8

A model of the ark of the covenant, the menorah (seven-branched candelabrum), a model altar and a rack for the show-breads were arranged also as an educational illustration.



Model of the Ark of the Covenant (Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)



A model of the Menorah (Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)



Model of the Temple's Altar (Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)



Model rack of show-breads (Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)

The models were made from wood, however, full-size versions made of gold and silver have been constructed and are ready for use in the Third Temple.



Two sheep were brought as an illustrative example but were not slaughtered. Instead, the proper cuts of meat were brought and arranged on the model altar. Show-breads were presented as were loaves of bread specially baked and presented as the two loaves of bread that are to be brought as a wave offering in the Temple on Shavuot.



# The two sheep and loaves in the reenactment of the Shavuot offering ceremony (Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)

Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto Hashem. Leviticus 23:17

#### At the end of the ceremony, the Kohanim performed the priestly blessing.

May the LORD bless you and guard you, May the LORD make His face shed light upon you and be gracious unto you, May the LORD lift up His face unto you and give you peace. Numbers 6:23-27



Kohanim (priests/descendants of the first High Priest Aaron) performing the priestly blessing (Photo: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz)

A number of years ago in about 2006 or 2007 I went to the Tabernacles in the Wilderness in the Judean desert in Israel.



<u>At Timna Park, 20 miles (32 km</u>) north of Eilat in the Arabah, a life-size replica of the biblical tabernacle has been constructed. While no original materials (e.g., gold, silver, bronze) have been used, the model is accurate in every other way based upon the biblical description.

It was while reading the article above about the practice at Shavuot that it hit me. Sometimes I am slower than mud to understand things.

I have just been speaking in the Philippines and shared with you the role of the Filipino people in these end times. Let us read it again from Isaiah.

Isaiah 66:19-22 "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and **I will set a sign** among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

In the exact same way that a grain offering is made at the wave sheaf day and Shavuot so will these people from the Islands in the Far East bring the survivors of Israel and offer them, the first fruits, which again is a clear reference to the two wave offerings at Passover and Shavuot.

And again who is it that Yehovah is going to make into Levitical Priests? Some of these from the nations and from the Isles.

Just as the Sanhedrin is now training Priests to do the Sacrifices at the Temple, so too aught these people from these other nations and from the Isles Far off be taught and be ready to make an offering as though they were Levitical Priests which Yehovah is going to make some of them.

#### And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

What better way to train them than to have a replica sized compound for training and teaching and for tourists to come and watch and learn as well. In each and every Gilgal site I have seen the ceremonies were all conducted so that the huge crowds could all watch from the hillsides, as if in an amphitheatre.

And with a hands-on approach, many more teachings would come to life and to our understanding.

## **The Levitical System**

By now, some of you are no doubt thinking I have absolutely lost my mind. And you may be right about that.

I have since 2005 been telling people that all 12 tribes of Israel are about to be wiped out and only a remnant will be saved. And if I am correct in my understanding then that time is starting at Shavuot in 2020. Two years from this past Shavuot.

We have this year been telling you that one of the places that this remnant will be found in is the Philippines. One of the other places is at the ends of the Nile or Eastern Africa.

So what is about to happen to the tribe of Judah as well as the other 11 tribes. The tribe of Judah does not keep the Holy Days at the proper time. They use the postponement rules which change the Holy Day dates by one two or even three days and they do not go by the Barley to begin the year but use the Metonic cycle and so they could be off by 30 days on all the Holy Days.

If it makes no difference then, why do we all not go back to keeping Sunday instead of Saturday for unities sake? It is just off by one day. You all know and agree that it's wrong to do that. We must meet Yehovah on the days and at the times He has set out. No postponing allowed except for Passover if you have touched a dead person or on a travel. But the Jews keep them knowing they are off, on the wrong days and do it for unity's sake and not for Yehovah's sake. The Ten Tribes, Israel do not keep the Holy Days or the Sabbath at all. Judah keeps them at the wrong time. Both or all 12 tribes are going to suffer for ignoring this law. When that happens there will be a need for some group to be learning the Torah and training to be priests.

As I think about this the story of Elijah comes to mind.

1 Kings 19:1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

The Lord Speaks to Elijah

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Yehovah preserved a remnant of those who had not bowed to Ba'al. Yehovah is going to preserve a remnant that will not break the Sabbath, that will guard it and who will keep the

Holy Days at the proper time. They will not compromise. Are you compromising now with the Sabbath or the Holy Days? Time to smarten up.

It is no different now at the end of this age with Jezebel, the European Union looking to control all trade and kill those in opposition to her.

Yehovah has told us in Isaiah that He will take some of those who survive from the Isles and make them Levitical Priests.

We have a duty to help get them ready because we seem to know just how close this time is from our understanding of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years.

Sightedmoon has never considered ourselves worthy to be called Levitical Priests. As such we have never asked for tithes. We have accepted donations in any amount and it is from those donations that we have done the video teachings and our travels to various places to teach and it is how we have afforded to be able to give books away when the need arose. And I do thank each and every one of you who have been supporting us in this way.

Now we have an opportunity to teach and train those who will be selected to be Levitical Priests.

Let us read what is said about how those Levitical Priests were to earn a living.

Number 18:1 So the Lord said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your father's house with you shall bear iniquity connected with the sanctuary, and you and your sons with you shall bear iniquity connected with your priesthood. And with you bring your brothers also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may join you and minister to you while you and your sons with you are before the tent of the testimony. They shall keep guard over you and over the whole tent, but shall not come near to the vessels of the sanctuary or to the altar lest they, and you, die. They shall join you and keep guard over the tent of meeting for all the service of the tent, and no outsider shall come near you. And you shall keep guard over the sanctuary and over the altar, that there may never again be wrath on the people of Israel. And behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to the Lord, to do the service of the tent of meeting. And you and your sons with you shall guard your priesthood for all that concerns the altar and that is within the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood as a gift, and any outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

Then the Lord spoke to Aaron, "Behold, I have given you charge of the contributions made to me, all the consecrated things of the people of Israel. I have given them to you as a portion and to your sons as a perpetual due. This shall be yours of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every offering of theirs, every grain offering of theirs and every sin offering of theirs and every guilt offering of theirs, which they render to me, shall be most holy to you and to your sons. In a most holy place shall you eat it. Every male may eat it; it is holy to you. This also is yours: the contribution of their gift, all the wave offerings of the people of Israel. I have given them to you, and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual due. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it. All the best of the oil and all the best of the wine and of the grain, the firstfruits of what they give to the Lord, I give to you. The first ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring

to the Lord, shall be yours. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it. Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours. Everything that opens the womb of all flesh, whether man or beast, which they offer to the Lord, shall be yours. Nevertheless, the firstborn of man you shall redeem, and the firstborn of unclean animals you shall redeem. And their redemption price (at a month old you shall redeem them) you shall fix at five shekels in silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. But the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar and shall burn their fat as a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the Lord. But their flesh shall be yours, as the breast that is waved and as the right thigh are yours. All the holy contributions that the people of Israel present to the Lord I give to you, and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual due. It is a covenant of salt forever before the Lord for you and for your offspring with you." And the Lord said to Aaron, "You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the people of Israel. "To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of meeting, so that the people of Israel do not come near the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin and die. But the Levites shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the people of Israel they shall have no inheritance. For the tithe of the people of Israel, which they present as a contribution to the Lord, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said of them that they shall have no inheritance among the people of Israel." And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Moreover, you shall speak and say to the Levites, 'When you take from the people of Israel the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present a contribution from it to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe. And your contribution shall be counted to you as though it were the grain of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the winepress. So you shall also present a contribution to the Lord from all your tithes, which you receive from the people of Israel. And from it you shall give the Lord's contribution to Aaron the priest. Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every contribution due to the Lord; from each its best part is to be dedicated.' Therefore you shall say to them, 'When you have offered from it the best of it, then the rest shall be counted to the Levites as produce of the threshing floor, and as produce of the winepress. And you may eat it in any place, you and your households, for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting. And you shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have contributed the best of it. But you shall not profane the holy things of the people of Israel, lest you die.""

Ask yourself the following questions. Write down all the groups that fulfil the following.

- 1. Who is teaching about the Crescent moon to begin the month?
- 2. Who is teaching about the Barley being Aviv in time to make the wave offering at Passover?
- 3. Who is teaching you about the Sabbatical years and how to keep them?
- 4. Who is teaching you about the Jubilee years and when they are?
- 5. Who is teaching men to learn how to teach others?
- 6. Who is doing this for free and not forcing you to pay a subscription fee in order to get the information?

- 7. Who is teaching you to pray in the Name of Yehovah?
- 8. Who is teaching you about the deep meaning of each Holy Day and that you are to guard them and the Sabbath at all costs?

Whoever that group is that is doing all of the above is the group you should be supporting. Now if that group is also teaching Priests to work in the Temple, then you should consider sending your tithes to the help in the work of the Temple.

I have always said that we do not have a Temple nor do we have a Levitical priesthood working in that Temple. Therefore we ought not to tithe to any one organisation. We can donate, but we are to tithe to the Levites and to Aaron. Until now I have not seen any group that is working to support the work of the Temple.

Not until I read Isaiah 66 and even after reading it not until this past Shavuot did it dawn on me.

#### And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

This is the very thing they are doing in Israel. They are getting ready. And yet even some of those from the Isles will be made into Priests to present the survivors of Israel as a wave offering when they bring them back.

I have a problem. I am teaching men to teach Torah in the area they live in. They are being kicked out of the church groups they used to attend. They have families and they are going from place to place teaching. They have no income, they have next to little support. Some do not have access to the internet or computers but have to go to internet cafes and pay for each minute they are online. They are looking to sightedmoon.com for help. After all, we were the ones who taught them these truths. How do I or how can I support this work? How can all of us support this work?

It is today much the same as it was Nehemiah's day. They were coming back and learning the truths and rebuilding the system of Yehovah after the captivity they went through. We today have been called just before this world is to go into major wars at the end of this age.

Nehemiah 13:10 I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field. So I confronted the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations. Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses. And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, for they were considered reliable, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

Now if you are still with me, read what happened in Hezekiah's days. There is nothing new going on here. Since the Days before the destruction of the temple, this has not taken place and we are asking you to consider this.

2 Chron 30-31 Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem to keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel. For the king and his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem had taken counsel to keep the Passover in the second month— for they could not keep it at that time because the priests had not consecrated themselves in sufficient number, nor had the people assembled in Jerusalem— and the plan seemed right to the king and all the assembly. So they decreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that the people should come and keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it as often as prescribed. So couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with letters from the king and his princes, as the king had commanded, saying, "O people of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may turn again to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the Lord God of their fathers, so that he made them a desolation, as you see. Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the Lord your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him."

So the couriers went from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them. However, some men of Asher, of Manasseh, and of Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the Lord.

And many people came together in Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great assembly. They set to work and removed the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for burning incense they took away and threw into the brook Kidron. And they slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed, so that they consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings into the house of the Lord. They took their accustomed posts according to the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests threw the blood that they received from the hand of the

Levites. For there were many in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves. Therefore the Levites had to slaughter the Passover lamb for everyone who was not clean, to consecrate it to the Lord. For a majority of the people, many of them from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than as prescribed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, "May the good Lord pardon everyone who sets his heart to seek God, the Lord, the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness." And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people. And the people of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness, and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with all their might to the Lord. And Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good skill in the service of the

Lord. So they ate the food of the festival for seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to the Lord, the God of their fathers.

Then the whole assembly agreed together to keep the feast for another seven days. So they kept it for another seven days with gladness. For Hezekiah king of Judah gave the assembly 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep for offerings, and the princes gave the assembly 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep. And the priests consecrated themselves in great numbers. The whole assembly of Judah, and the priests and the Levites, and the whole assembly that came out of Israel, and the sojourners who came out of the land of Israel, and the sojourners who lived in Judah, rejoiced. So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. Then the priests and the Levites arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to his holy habitation in heaven.

# Hezekiah Organizes the Priests

31Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and broke down the high places and the altars throughout all Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the people of Israel returned to their cities, every man to his possession. And Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and of the Levites, division by division, each according to his service, the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and peace offerings, to minister in the gates of the camp of the Lord and to give thanks and praise. The contribution of the king from his own possessions was for the burnt offerings: the burnt offerings of morning and evening, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, the new moons, and the appointed feasts, as it is written in the Law of the Lord. And he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the Law of the Lord. As soon as the command was spread abroad, the people of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything. And the people of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of the dedicated things that had been dedicated to the Lord their God, and laid them in heaps. In the third month they began to pile up the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord and his people Israel. And Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites about the heaps. Azariah the chief priest, who was of the house of Zadok, answered him, "Since they began to bring the contributions into the house of the Lord, we have eaten and had enough and have plenty left, for the Lord has blessed his people, so that we have this large amount left."

Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord, and they prepared them. And they faithfully brought in the contributions, the tithes, and the dedicated things. The chief officer in charge of them was Conaniah the Levite, with Shimei his brother as second, while Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers assisting Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the chief officer of the house of God. And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, keeper of the east gate, was over the freewill offerings to God, to apportion the contribution reserved for the Lord and the most holy offerings. Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah

were faithfully assisting him in the cities of the priests, to distribute the portions to their brothers, old and young alike, by divisions, except those enrolled by genealogy, males from three years old and upward—all who entered the house of the Lord as the duty of each day required—for their service according to their offices, by their divisions. The enrollment of the priests was according to their offices, by their divisions. The enrollment of the priests was according to their offices, by their divisions. The very service and upward was according to their offices, by their divisions. They were enrolled with all their little children, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, the whole assembly, for they were faithful in keeping themselves holy. And for the sons of Aaron, the priests, who were in the fields of common land belonging to their cities, there were men in the several cities who were designated by name to distribute portions to every male among the priests and to everyone among the Levites who was enrolled. Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and faithful before the Lord his God. And every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking his God, he did with all his heart, and prospered.

Again in Lev we read;

Lev 27:30 "Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it. And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman's staff, shall be holy to the Lord. One shall not differentiate between good or bad, neither shall he make a substitute for it; and if he does substitute for it, then both it and the substitute shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed."

These are the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.

In Nehemiah's Day, they took oaths from the people that they would do their part in this system.

#### Neh 10:28 The Obligations of the Covenant

"The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his rules and his statutes. We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons. And if the peoples of the land bring in goods or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on a holy day. And we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

"We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. We, the priests, the Levites, and the people, have likewise cast lots for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Law. We obligate ourselves to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord; also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor. And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. We will not neglect the house of our God."

Many Churches quote Malachai, but I would like to quote the sections they do not read to you.

Mal 3: "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. Robbing God

"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

"Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."

The Book of Remembrance

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

So are you willing to put Yehovah to the test that He has challenged you on?

We are also told that we are to tithe faithfully to ourselves so we can take our families to the Feasts.

Deut 14:22-28 Tithe to yourself first

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

And then in the third year, we are to take our tithe and take of the widow and the orphan and the Levite.

Deut 14:28 "At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

#### Right after I announced Where we are to Flee

I heard from many people who had never written nor helped this ministry in the past as far as I know. But they were looking for how I could help them escape what is coming. Here we have been shown where to go and when to get there by. And now I think Yehovah is showing us how to make this work for all of us for the next number of years. But to get it up and running and working is going to take some effort.

I am now wondering how many will put out the effort. We have never charged for our information. You have never had to pay in order to read our newsletters. it has always been free and will remain so. But if you do not plan for your future then who is going to do that for you.

Ecc 4:8 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

We can do much together and little if we work alone. You get to decide.