

The Seventh Commandment - Part 1

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The 9th Month in the Third year of the third Sabbatical Cycle

The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle

The Sabbatical Cycle of Earthquakes Famines, and Pestilences

This is also the end of the Thirty-Fifth week of this the Third Tithe Year for the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow - Deuteronomy 26:12

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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

The Seventh Commandment

“You do not commit adultery” Exodus 20:14

This commandment is short and yet the topic is vast. What we are going to do in order to cover as much as we can that is needed, and not to make the article so long that you would not be able to get it read in a month of Sabbaths, we are breaking it up into 3 parts.

Part 1 will cover the commandment itself, definitions, examples, and the standard of Yehovah’s Word. This one is the convicting one which is the purpose of the Law and Truth – to show us our sin.

Part 2 will cover teaching our children, prevention, words of encouragement to specific situations, how God has used the sinners in Scripture despite their situations of sin, how He honored them and chose them. There is hope for each of us, no matter our situation.

Part 3 will cover forgiveness. When we break this commandment, we leave a path of destruction and devastation behind us in the lives of others whom we have affected. Part 3 will speak to both the offenders and the offended.

We begin with the Standard and convicting portion – Part 1

Everyone just stay right where you are and do not run away! This is a commandment of Yehovah, just the same as all the others. All the commandments are equal in the Eyes of Yehovah aren’t they? We are told by Yeshua Himself the following, “Whoever then, breaks one

of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens, but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.” Matthew 5:19

And in the book of James, Ya’aqob writes:

“If you truly accomplish the sovereign law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well, but if you show partiality, you commit sin, being found guilty by the Torah as transgressors. For whoever shall guard all the Torah, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of Torah. James 2:8-11

As these commandments have been covered over these past weeks in the newsletters, it is clearer than ever how they indeed overlap one another on infinite levels. This particular commandment not to commit adultery is truly all encompassing of so many other aspects of commandment keeping. Topics such as coveting, murder, theft, loving one another, envy, lust — this one sin of adultery literally causes us to be guilty of all these and many others not named here. It is my testimony to a very strong extent, that if you can come to terms with adultery, and master your walk with Elohim in righteousness concerning this ONE command... You have done a mighty mighty work in Him! Beloved, it is worth it. It is worth all the work, pain, injury, self-denial, tears, shame, and brokenness... to get yourself healed of this transgression. The life of joy, freedom, and true love and relationship awaits you!

This discussion will present the truth in the commandment first and there will be a purposeful thread of love, hope, instruction, and forgiveness throughout.

As with so many of our Messiah’s Words, His Words in Matthew from above are full of meaning. However, I would like you to focus on one aspect of it at this time and throughout the reading of this discussion of the seventh commandment. Focus on this from Messiah’s Words above: there is no more weight given to this commandment than to any of the others. If someone is guilty of breaking this commandment, they are NOT more guilty than others who break other commandments. They are not MORE guilty than a person who calls their brother a fool, or curses their mother or father. An adulterer is not more guilty than a person who is guilty of not helping, feeding, or clothing someone in need.

Breaking this commandment is called one thing – sin and trespass. The results are the same whether breaking this commandment or any other – sin and death. The solution is the same for breaking this commandment as with any other – repentance (not a sorrowful heart, but a change in one’s actions).

This commandment and topic will go through more than just this week of discussion because it is that important to the Body of Messiah and His people. It would be a great idea, to stop reading right now, say a prayer to Yehovah for your heart to be touched, softened, melted – and ask your Father to open the eyes of your heart, open your spiritual ears to hear, cause you

to be humble and sober as these discussions move forward. Ok, everyone pray and then come back.

Now, let us consider the commandment from our Loving and Forgiving and Merciful Father – who wants us to be blessed, successful, healthy, and full of joy and life. That is the purpose of the commandments! We all know that – agreed? He has commanded us not to commit adultery. As you may know by now, the writer of these commandment's discussions for sighted moon really does enjoy getting the original Hebrew down into our hearts first for the purpose of limiting and prayerfully removing any confusion of understanding that has crept into the Body with traditions and false teachings. This is so important.

Take a look at the entire commandment in the Hebrew. It is two words!

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na'aph {naw-af'} a primitive root; TWOT – 1273; v AV – adultery 17, adulterer 8, adulteress 4, adulterous 1, women that break wedlock 1; 31 1) to commit adultery 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to commit adultery 1a1a) usually of man 1a1a1) always with wife of another 1a1b) adultery (of women) (participle) 1a2) idolatrous worship (fig.) 1b) (Piel) 1b1) to commit adultery 1b1a) of man 1b1b) adultery (of women) (participle) 1b2) idolatrous worship (fig.)

Seed – continue, heir, son

Ox – strong, power, leader

Mouth – blow, scatter, edge

Yehovah does not want us to take our strong, powerful, and “leadership of the nations” seed – and have it scattered all over creation. But this is the exact result and consequence of adultery. Consider what He Himself did to Israel due to spiritual adultery, and consider what physical adultery does to families. He commands us not to do this and not to let this happen. He desires: one man living in covenant with Him, one woman living in covenant with Him, in a marriage covenant with each other. A solid relationship, focused on Him where He can then provide offspring into that secure and faithful home to be raised in. For that home to remain together and not be broken, stable, protective and all the good and wonderful blessings that brings. We can easily see how adultery does not fit into this equation. The act of adultery just simply tears all of the things to pieces that we just mentioned. Let us remember right now at this moment again... why did Yehovah give us this commandment? To bless us. Remember that. He did not give this commandment to curse anyone or to terrorize anyone. He does not command us to do things we cannot do or do not have the ability to keep. He gave it for proper order and blessing to those who obey Him. He created us and He very well knows what kinds of things we do to mess up His Order and Good Plans for our lives. Imagine for a moment not having this commandment! What would society look like? Much like what it looks like today...

Continuing on. Notice that this commandment seems to be concerned primarily with “married” women. Please, we are not yet talking about fornication or sexual misconduct of anything else but adultery for now. In order for the act of adultery to have been committed, one or both of the persons involved would be in a marriage covenant relationship. Not to worry, we are going to discuss those other aspects of sexual impurity too, but need to focus on the plain

commandment for now. We must start with the truth first for teaching's sake, presentation of the standard, then talk about what to do and how to move forward in life in relationship with Yehovah and others.

Adultery is the sexual intercourse with the wife or betrothed (engaged) of another man. Adultery is the violation of a marriage vow. Adultery is seen as a transgression against Yehovah, man, and society. This act is one of those that if a person or persons are found in the act is punishable by death for both the man and/or the woman (depending upon the elements of the situation). The reason for the strict and immediate punishment is for the benefit of a righteous society, and putting evil and keeping evil outside of this society and house. Whether we see or do not see, realize or do not realize, our Faith community is the House of our Father. What we do while in the "House of our Father" matters. We may appear to be isolated family units scattered here and there, but in Spirit, we are under His Roof at all times. Remember, the wages of sin... all sin... is death. It is not as if this particular transgression is way worse than other transgressions, but this particular transgression causes extraordinary chaos on a society and therefore God instructs severe and immediate punishment. He again does this out of mercy and love for the whole of His people and family. He really does know best.

For the sake of teaching Torah, we will take time to cover the situations and instructions concerning the matter of adultery from the scriptures in the Torah first.

Lev 20:10 "And a man who commits adultery with the wife of another man, who commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor: the adulterer and the adulteress shall certainly be put to death."

Much of chapter 20 of Leviticus is instructions on sexual purity of all kinds.

Deuteronomy 22:22-30

"When a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman. Thus you shall purge the evil from Israel. [notice the word: found. The couple were witnessed being together and there was obvious agreement between the two of them]

When a girl who is a maiden is engaged to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and shall stone them to death with stones, the girl because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he has humbled his neighbor's wife. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst. [This situation is the same as in v. 22 but this time the girl is betrothed/engaged and not yet consummated her marriage. Explain this to your children as you read along here. In the eyes of Yehovah, an agreement is as good as the actual fulfillment of the agreement.]

But if a man finds the girl who is engaged in the field, and the man seizes her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. [Here we see strong reference to what we today would call "rape". However notice too, that this girl was betrothed/engaged. She was indeed another man's wife of promise, only the man is sentenced to death because it is assumed the girl cried out for help, but no one heard her or came to rescue her]

But you shall do no matter to the girl. The girl has no sin worthy of death – for the matter is like a man who rises against his neighbor and kills him – for he found her in the field, and she cried out, the engaged girl, but without anyone to save her.

When a man finds a girl who is a maiden, who is not engaged, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out, then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty pieces of silver, and she is to be his wife because he has humbled her. He is not allowed to put her away all his days.

Parents, please share this last verse with commentary with your children if they are not too young. In the eyes of Yehovah, a male and female lying together are to be married. The boy is not allowed to break up with her, divorce her, send her away... ALL his days. This is the right ruling of God. He has already ruled on this issue. Tell your daughters, that lying with a boy or man is an eternal commitment. Scripture uses the phrase, "he has humbled her." Let us explore this meaning for the sake of teaching our daughters.

The Hebrew word for "humbled" is "anah". A primitive root (possibly rather identical with H6030 through the idea of looking down or browbeating); to depress literally or figuratively, – abase self, afflict (-ion, self), answer [by mistake for H6030], chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise, force, gentleness, humble (self), hurt, ravish, submit self, weaken, X in any wise.

We need to teach our daughters, that outside of their will, outside of desire, outside of pleasure, peer pressure, or "want to" – that lying with a boy or man renders her as submitted to another man. She becomes under the authority of that person and is weakened in her ability to serve Yehovah in freedom. She is no longer "free" There is a sense of "ownership" that is now over her. The Apostle Paul spoke about this in our last Torah Portion last week in 1 Corinthians Chapter 7. My Dad used to tell me, daughters are like kittens, they should never grow up and always remain pure, sweet, and innocent. There is no doubt that virgins are held in high regard for their chastity and wholeness.

If there is a parent reading this article right now, and in the situation of adultery – do not allow your sin to prevent you teaching your children the proper Ways of God. Put your guilt and sin aside for their sake. Don't allow your mistakes to cheat them out of the truth. Deal with yourself and your sin between you and Yehovah (and another adult person if need be), but do not neglect teaching your children. It just may be that this convicts you enough to get yourself straight before the eyes of God and heal your family relationships.

Now these are the primary instructions for how to handle adultery in our society, and we can see easily, that this is serious business with Yehovah. There can be no continuation of His Order, His Way of Life, His Torah in broken homes. The Image of Him is broken and scattered, just as this word "na'aph" shows us in the word picture. There is nearly no single adult person reading this article that is not guilty of adultery. There are some who would be taken aback by this accusation, but let's talk about it shall we? Who among us has heard of spiritual adultery? Think in your minds: Christmas, Easter, Halloween, New Year's. Think about prayer beads, ceramic images of saints, talismans, good luck charms, horoscopes. Think about gluttony,

materialism. This is just a short list. We find ourselves in adultery the minute we put anything above Yehovah or His Word. These things are not mentioned to cause purposefully anyone to feel badly, but is mentioned for the sake of those persons reading this article who, at this very moment, are in the act of adultery and need to repent and be healed. But for whatever reason feel ashamed, trapped, judged, and for those of us who find ourselves judging others and will not forgive them! This is the goal of all the commandments – awareness and repentance. We have all been guilty of breaking this commandment. Here is an important point... the repair for ALL these and EVERY kind of adultery is the same! We get down on our knees, talk to our Father who – when we turn towards Him, He turns toward us. We repent and are healed. This repentance, though, is more than just being sorry. Please don't fall into that trap. Feeling sorry for something in the continuum of repentance is like holding a seed is to having a full groan oak tree. Feeling sorry is only the beginning. Repentance is a change in actual behavior.

Getting on our knees and talking to Him is a huge step. Some of us fall so far down into discouragement and self-loathing over our sin – to simply talk to Him is huge. Also, no matter of our confidence in our ability to stand back up on our feet and be completely changed, we must MUST talk to Him and open the communication. Share your heart with the Father of all Mercy. It is very important to open the lines of communication with Him with a contrite heart. Contrite means broken and smashed into bits.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psalm 34:18

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalm 51:17

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabited eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isaiah 57:15

For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Isaiah 66:2

If you are not feeling repentant over your adultery – PRAY FOR A HEART OF REPENTANCE. We know adultery is sin. Enjoying our sin is not an excuse to stay in it. Pray for a broken heart, pray for pain, pray for eyes to see, pray for realization of what we are involved in and how it is affecting the lives of others.

Consider for a moment. What was it that got the Northern and Southern kingdoms chastised, expelled, and scattered? Think about that for a moment and consider the consequences of adultery. Israel did not realize their wrong either, and actually declared to Jeremiah they would stay in their adultery. This did not stop Yehovah from His judgment upon them.

There may be some reading this article now who are currently deep into an adulterous situation and thinking of all the reasons and excuses as to why it is all right for you to be doing what you

are doing. Please know that you are deceiving yourself. The Word of Yehovah and His command stands alone in its truth. He does not attach to His commands loop holes or “buts” to fit you. You need to understand and tell yourself this truth. If you cannot be honest with another person right now, at least be honest with yourself and admit that what is going on in your life is defined as sin and trespass in your life against Him and His Holy Word. If there is nothing else you can do at this time but admit it – do that! Spend some time in the black and white and not the gray. Reach into your mind and capture your thoughts concerning this word to you. The path you are on does indeed end in destruction and death – there is no argument about that. Without a recognition and coming to terms with what you are doing in the eyes of Yehovah there is no hope of cleansing and right standing. There is no hope of true repentance. So many people have been through this and you are not alone. Talk to anyone who is out of it and been healed and forgiven and they will tell you... that now that their mind is “clear” on the situation, they can look “back” and see the truth of the matter. Their actions were actions of a person without self-control, full of physical desires, full of lies to themselves, God, and others, and great turmoil. This is not the way of life, but the way of death.

Let’s take a look at a picture of us being in adultery and thinking or believing everything is going to work out, even though we are living in trespass. Jeremiah chapter 44. I will add some commentary so that we can all see ourselves in the writing and truly see, that it is written of us. There is a time in every adulterous situation where the persons involved tell themselves that what they are doing is acceptable, or “I will get by with this.”

The context of this chapter is a time after Nebuchadnezzar had taken Jerusalem the second and final time, along with the Temple items. Jeremiah was spared and not taken as slave along with some of the people living out from Jerusalem in the countryside. Now Jeremiah was continuing to admonish these people and tell them the Will of Yehovah and what to do to make things right with Him. In earlier chapters, Yehovah made it clear that He did not want these people to be running back to Egypt for comfort, food, and safety. He was very very clear about this through Jeremiah. But, the people said, “no, we will go to Egypt.” So here is what God says, Jeremiah speaks, and these people say. Take note, these people are as we are when we are in our sin, in adultery, and we make excuses.

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who were dwelling in the land of Egypt [which is where we are in our agreement and bondage with sin] who were dwelling at Midol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the land of Pathros, saying,
Thus said YHWH of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, ‘You yourselves have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem and on all the cities of Judah. [Do we not see what adultery does in the lives of other people? Ruined families, ruined careers, financial debt, addictions, disease? We act as if we don’t because we follow right behind and do the same things]
And see, this day they are a ruin, and no one dwells in them. [we have fathers living without their children, mothers going to work as single moms to support the children, the children being raised by schools, baby-sitters, governments, etc. The home ends up empty of life and cohesion, a ruin no one dwells in].

Because of their evil which they have done to provoke Me, by going to burn incense by serving other mighty ones whom they did not know, they nor you nor your fathers. [this is adultery] And I sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, “Please do not do this abominable matter that I hate!” [We have Moses and all the prophets and we have friends and family who many times try to tell us and warn us of the dangers of adultery.]

But they did not listen or incline their ear, to turn from their evil, not to burn incense to other mighty ones. [We say things like, “I deserve to be loved, that person makes me feel good, I deserve to be happy, no one will find out, and all the other things we say to ourselves in our deception.]

But please know, Yehovah is not moved by all our excuses. Here is what He says,

“So My wrath and My displeasure were poured out and burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, and they became a ruin and a wasteland, as it is this day.’

And now, thus said YHWH, the Elohim of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, ‘Why are you doing this great evil against your lives [adultery is a sin against our own bodies, against God, against our families, and against our society], to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from the midst of Judah leaving none to remain [the scattering that is caused by adultery],

By provoking Me with the works of your hands [creating our own definitions of pleasure – not approved by Yehovah], by burning incense to other mighty ones in the land of Egypt where you have gone to dwell, to cut yourselves off and be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? [surely we all know of the mocking we read of in the divorce rate, fornication, and adultery in the church. There is no difference today between professed believers and the world. A ruinous testimony of our God before the nations]

Have you forgotten the evils of your fathers, and the evils of the sovereigns of Judah, and the evils of their wives, and your own evils, and the evils of your wives, which they have done in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? [This is a question for all of us believers... have we not read His Word, the example of Israel and Judah, how their actions produced judgment, captivity, and exile?]

“To this day they have not been humbled, nor have they feared, nor have they walked in My Torah and in My laws that I set before you and your fathers.” [many in adultery convince themselves there will be no judgment upon them. All is well, they are pursuing their own happiness, they feel no humility or fear that anything of payment will result in what they are doing. But that is not true is it? Yehovah has set forth a declaration and a law as natural as $E=mc^2$ or gravity... We shall reap what we sow. And He does not change]

Therefore thus said YHWH of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, ‘See, I am setting My face against you for evil and for cutting off all Judah.

And I shall take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there. [we take sojourns into bondage and think we are going to come out of it unscathed, undamaged, that God is overlooking our sin somehow] But this is what Yehovah says: And they shall all be consumed in the land of Egypt – fall by the sword, consumed by

scarcity of food. From the least to the greatest they shall die, by the sword and by scarcity of food. And they shall be an oath and an astonishment and a curse and a reproach!

And I shall punish those dwelling in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by scarcity of food, and by pestilence.

“And none of the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there shall escape or survive, lest they return to the land of Judah, to which they are longing to return to dwell there. For they shall not return, except those who escape.” [This is the person who willingly and knowingly hardens their heart to rebellion, goes into bondage of sin {of adultery} and thinks they are going to live in God’s House. He will not allow this. There are thousands sitting in congregations everyone involved in adultery. They may be breathing, but they are cut off from Him. They look like everyone else and can even fake a relationship, but they do not have it, just as Yehovah stated above... “except those who escape” – the escape is made by repentance]

Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other mighty ones, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, and all the people who dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah saying,

“We are not going to listen to you in the matter about which you spoke to us in the Name of YHWH!” [This is the believer who reads and knows the commandments of Yehovah, and yet commits adultery anyway]

But we shall do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the sovereignty of the heavens and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our sovereigns and our heads, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. And we had plenty of food, and were well-off, and saw no evil. [The adulterer says ‘I am doing just fine, I am getting by with what I am doing and enjoying it. I am finding great pleasure in my sin]

But since we ceased burning incense to the sovereignty of the heavens and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all and have been consumed by the sword and by scarcity of food. [It is interesting to find that most of the time we are in the sin of adultery and things start falling apart in our relationships, work, family, marriage... finances... that all these become to blame for our adultery or for the excuse of it. We do not admit that our sinful pleasure is to blame and the cause of the problems]

And when we burned incense to the sovereignty of the heavens and poured out the drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to idolize her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our husbands? [God sees what we are doing and He is not sending a plague, He has not struck us down dead in our tracks, He is not causing me to be sick, therefore He is all right with what I am doing – this is another lie adulterers may tell themselves. This also greatly portrays a situation of husbands or wives tolerating sexual impurity in their mate, i.e. pornography, movies, videos, tv shows, magazine, and books]

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the people – to the men and to the women, and to all the people who had given him that answer, saying,

As for the incense that you burned in the cities Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your sovereigns and your heads, and the people of the land, did not YHWH remember them? And it came into His heart!

And YHWH could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your deeds and because of the abominations which you did. Therefore your land is a ruin, an object of astonishment, a curse, and without an inhabitant, as it is this day.

Because you have burned incense and because you have sinned against YHWH and did not obey the voice of YHWH or walk in His Torah, in His laws or in His witnesses, therefore this evil did befall you, as at that day. [God does not change, He sees sin and deals with sin the same way, now or later, wherever we dwell. His eye is always upon us]

And Jeremiah said to all the people and to all the women, “Hear the word of YHWH, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt!

Thus spoke YHWH of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, saying, ‘You and your wives have spoken with your mouths, and have filled with your hands, saying, “We shall perform our vows that we have made, to burn incense to the sovereignty of the heavens and pour out drink offerings to her.” Then confirm your vows and perform your vows!’ [continued willful rebellion will end up in a turnover of the soul to sin. The conviction of the Holy Spirit will dim until it is no longer heard, the conscience will sear, and there is a cutting off of the soul. Paul talks about this also in 1 Corinthians 5. This is a place none of us need to be. This is where we beg for a broken heart and a contrite spirit from Yehovah!]

Therefore hear the word of YHWH, all Judah who are dwelling in the land of Egypt, “See, I have sworn by My great Name,’ declares YHWH, ‘My Name shall no longer be called upon by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, “As the Master YHWH lives...”

‘See, I am watching over them for evil and not for good. And all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by scarcity of food, until they come to an end.’ [There is no more God in the life, no protection, and no conviction of the Holy Spirit. This branch is broken off]

Please know brethren... we are not talking right now about the believer who is broken over the condition they find themselves in already. This is concerning the one who no longer feels any conviction and goes on with justification for what they are doing.

Job 24:15 And the eye of the adulterer watches for dusk, saying, ‘No eye sees me.’ And he puts a covering on the face.

Proverbs 30:20 This is the way of an adulterous woman: She shall eat and wipe her mouth, and say, “I have not done wickedness.”

More from Jeremiah 3:8-9

Yehovah speaking: "And I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and committed whoring too. And it came to be, through her frivolous whoring, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and wood.

And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with all her heart, but falsely," declares YHWH. And YHWH said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

"Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, O backsliding Israel,' declares Yehovah, 'I shall not look on you in displeasure, for I am kind,' declares YHWH, 'and I do not bear a grudge forever.

'Only, acknowledge your crookedness, because you have transgressed against Yehovah your Elohim, and have scattered your ways to strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice.' Declares YHWH

"He who commits adultery with a woman lacks heart; He who does it destroys his own life."
Proverbs 6:32-33

This brings us to an end to this portion of discussion on this commandment against adultery. There is a lot more to cover on this topic. Please do come back for Part 2 and part 3. We are going to show how Yehovah chose servants involved in these sins and sexual impurities, how He healed them, blessed them, and honored them. We are going to talk about some ways to teach our children ways of prevention of adultery without using the topic of sex explicitly. In part 3 we are going to discuss nothing but healing, forgiveness, and restoration of not only adultery, but incest, rape, pedophilia, homosexuality. All of these are in this category of the seventh commandment.

I want to leave you this Sabbath with these words of Truth and Great Encouragement

All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of Elohim. If we have broken one commandment, we have broken them all. So what to do? It is the very same for every sin and for every person:

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Stop doing evil!

Learn to do good! Seek right-ruling, reprove the oppressor, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together," says YHWH. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you submit and obey, you shall eat the good of the land... Isaiah 1:16-19

Humble ourselves towards Him, ask Him for a heart of flesh. Ask Him to begin working on us in our hearts and spirits to break us and do whatever it takes to bring us to perfection in Him. Begin the conversation with Him today. Begin the confession to another person if you know

that is what it is going to take, so they may hold you accountable and help you in support and prayer. To the Body of Messiah – support one another. Let us stop judging others and instead pick them up and help them. As we are judging another person we very well may be heaping coals upon our own heads. This makes no sense. Yeshua came to heal, save, comfort, love, and bring peace... and that to the sinners and sick. We MUST do the same for one another.