

Wave sheaf offering, Thief on the cross and going to Heaven when you die, Pentecost's Hidden Meaning

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Shabbat Shalom Family,

It has been an interesting week. I have received some feedback from the News Letters that have gone out and the general comment has been that the things I am saying have caused those reading them to be Overwhelmed, Causing their Heads to spin with so much information. Another said I don't always understand what you are talking about but I am compelled to keep on reading to find the answer. I must now go back and reread the other Letters. Another has said to keep charging forward, we like it.

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Family, it is not my intention to overwhelm you with information. I am trying very hard not to go on for very long, but it is difficult not to. But I am encouraged and emboldened when I am given these sorts of comments. I hope those things I am saying will encourage you to search out the truth to come to a deeper understanding of our Father and His Holy Days. You can send your comments or ask questions at admin@sightedmoon.com

As I prepare to write this News Letter, I am pleasantly surprised by the number of other sources that have arrived today talking about the same subject matter. I have also surprised myself at just how much information is needed to explain the thief on the tree.

In the last News Letter 5843-007, we were showing you how the Millennium was compared to the days of the week. How the Messiah died on the fourth day, a Wednesday and was raised from the grave on the seventh day, Saturday. Three days and three nights later. In the Millennial point of view this would be Him Dying in the Fourth Millennium and coming back at the end of the seventh millennium, just before the eighth millennium was to start. This flies in the face of many who think as I did, that the Messiah is to return very soon at the beginning of the seventh Millennium. We will know by 2045, the next Jubilee Year which will mark the beginning of the seventh Millennium whether or not what I just said is correct.

As we explained in the last Newsletter the first day was 980 years in length. The second day was also 980 years in length, giving us 1960 years after creation (AC). The third day, then ended in 2940 AC. The fourth day began in 2941 and ended in 3920 AC.

3920 AC was shown to be the same as 84 Common Era (CE).

The reason we are addressing the Thief going to Paradise with Yahshua, is because it confronts a basic teaching that most of the world holds dear and true to their faith. That teaching is that upon the day you die you will go to heaven or hell, depending on how you have been in this life whether good or bad. Or depending on whether or not you were saved before you died. Or whether or not you made the walk to the front of the assembly and "gave yourself to God by way of the altar call.

I am not going to get into the many and various erroneous teachings justifying the beliefs that we all go to heaven the day we died. Instead I will focus on the truth and let all false teachings die the slow death they all deserve as you too come to realize these things.

Take note, Yahshua said in John 3:13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

No one has gone to heaven. Not King David, not Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob. Not Moses! Not Elijah or Elisha nor any of the Holy Men. None of the Prophets. Yet today so many think and believe that the day they die they are going to heaven. Are they Holier than Moses? I think not. Are they Holier than Abraham, or King David? No they are not and neither are you and me.

As you argue with me in your mind, read once again what Yahshua Himself said. John 3:13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

Your belief that you will go to heaven the day you die, is another example of a lie you have been taught and swallowed without checking the scriptures to see if it is true. To help you in your understanding if you want to pursue this subject is to go to www.ucg.org and look up Heaven and Hell. It is one of many good sources explaining Enoch and Elijah whom many believe went up to heaven. But do the scriptures really say that. Take some time and go and read this article Heaven and Hell.

The question we are addressing is how did the thief on the tree get to paradise the same day as Yahshua, as He said the thief would be. The simple answer is, as you may have already figured out, that Yahshua was speaking about the millennial day. This fourth millennial day did not end until the year 84 CE.

We have noted before Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 62 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord

In this verse is this one line "To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord". Michael Rood in his teachings on the 70 Week Prophecy shows the year of the crucifixion to be 28 CE.

Which is also a Sabbatical year.

But we are going to focus on another part of this verse one and in particular to the line, To proclaim liberty to the captives. What does it mean to proclaim Liberty and who are the captives?

Before we answer these questions we must look at Mathew 27: 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Why were the graves opened when Yahshua died, and why were the bodies raised? Why did they come out of the graves after His resurrection three days and three nights later? And why did these saints then go into the Holy City? And what has all this to do with the thief on the tree going to paradise as Yahshua promised?

A lot of questions. This subject is covered in detail in Pentecost's Hidden Meaning at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=21

Here is the answer to all these questions. It also tells us why Mary was not allowed to hug Yahshua on the 1st day of the week very early in the morning.

From Pentecost's Hidden Meaning;

The Wave Sheaf Offering seems to have been waved at 9 a.m. on the Sunday morning within the feast of the Passover. The general wave offering was brought by the worshipper and made in conjunction with the priest (Ex. 29:24-25). We know that the Samaritans and the Sadducees kept a Sunday Wave Sheaf and a Sunday Pentecost. That is an important factor in history. The Jews do not keep the Wave Sheaf because they keep a Sivan 6 Pentecost, which came from the traditions of the Pharisees in rabbinical Judaism, after the Temple was destroyed. We know that the Samaritans keep the 14th and 15th and the concept of the Wave Sheaf and count the omer from Sunday within the feast. So from the Temple period and right throughout, including the Samaritans, Pentecost has been kept on a Sunday. The early church kept Pentecost on a Sunday. Only the Jews kept a Sivan 6 and only after the Temple was destroyed.

The Wave Sheaf Offering needs to be kept in order to understand the full implications of Yahshua's sacrifice, and the power that he was given in terms of his resurrection from the dead. The Wave Sheaf Offering is an ancient requirement of Israel within the Torah. The ordinance is found in Leviticus 23:9-14 and also in Exodus 29:24-25 and other texts. It is poorly understood by scholars and ignored by many. It is a mandatory ordinance associated with the feast of the Passover and controls both the timing of Pentecost and the consumption

of the new harvests (Lev. 23:9-14). To put it in its modern perspective, we should look at the significance of the timing of Yahshua's death.

The Wave Sheaf Offering was known as *sfirot haomer*, that is, "the counting of the omer", because on this day we begin to count the fifty days to Pentecost. It is described in Lev. 23: 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. 11 He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12 And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the Lord. 13 Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the Lord, for a sweet aroma; and its drink offering shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin. 14 You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

This cutting of the first barley sheaf was a lively ceremony. The sheaf was cut the evening before on the edge of the city in front of a small crowd of worshippers. And they would do as they are told in Duet. 26:1 "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. 3 And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us. 4 Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. 5 And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God: "My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. 7 Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. 8 So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. 9 He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; 10 and now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me. Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God. 11 So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

But it should be duly noted that the sheaf had to be prepared before it was waved in front of the Lord. Because it reads in Leviticus 2: 11 "No grain offering which you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the Lord made by fire. 12 As for the offering of the first fruits, you shall offer them to the Lord, but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet aroma. 13 And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be

lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt. 14 ~If you offer a grain offering of your first fruits to the Lord, you shall offer for the grain offering of your first fruits green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads. 15 And you shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it. It is a grain offering. 16 Then the priest shall burn the memorial portion: part of its beaten grain and part of its oil, with all the frankincense, as an offering made by fire to the Lord.

So here we see that the first fruits were a grain offering; an offering of Green Ears, or green heads. It was to be roasted. The grain was to be beaten from the husks of the barley. And it was to have salt added to it, as well as Frankincense.

If we ignore the wave sheaf offering we are missing out on a significant part of the Passover Sacrifice. Yes we all understand that Yahshua was the Passover Lamb. And we can connect the dots in this. But answer this question. When was the Lamb ever beaten? When did the lamb have its body beaten so badly that the flesh was exposed so that the bones of the ribs could be counted? It was not. Not a bone was to be broken. But the Barley Sheaf was to be beaten. It was to be beaten until the grain was exposed and fell from the husk. The Lamb was never beaten. The lamb in one sense represented Yahshua and in another sense the Barley also represented Yahshua. Yahshua would then have to be killed as the lamb and beaten as the barley and presented before Yahweh.

Each and every detail that was foretold in scriptures was to be fulfilled on that Passover day. Beaten is foretold in Isaiah 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

The consecration of the first fruits sanctifies the whole harvest, since the part stands for the whole. As Paul puts it, " If the dough offered as first fruits is holy , so is the whole lump" (Rom. 11:16) By the symbolic gesture of consecrating the first fruits, the whole of the harvest was consecrated to Yahweh.

The idea that the consecration of a part exercises a sanctifying influence on all is applied in the bible to the plan of salvation "Israel was holy to the Lord, The first fruits of His harvest" (Jer. 2:3 Hos. 9:10), because it was called by Yahweh to exercise a sanctifying influence on all nations. Similarly, as Christians, we are " a kind of first fruits of His creatures : (James 1:8) , because we are called to be a sanctifying influence in the world. Those who arose from the dead at the time of Yahshua's resurrection became the first fruits, that is, the pledge of all those who will rise at the time of Yahshua's return (Matt. 27:52-53; Eph.4:8; 1 Thes. 4:1318). The 144,000 saints who follow the Lamb are : the first fruits for Yahweh and the Lamb" (Rev. 14:4). Paul specifically calls Yahshua's resurrection the first fruits of those who will rise from the dead. "20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in

his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power." (1Cor.15:20-24)

In this passage, Paul speaks of Yahshua twice as "the first Fruits," not only to indicate that He was the first to rise bodily from the grave, but also that by so doing He fulfilled the offering of the first fruits. At Passover and Pentecost. We have noted that the omer of the sheaf of Barley was waved before Yahweh, by the priest as a pledge of the full harvest that would follow. The ceremony was performed on the day after the weekly Sabbath at about 9 AM, Sunday Morning. " The wave sheaf offering, specifically the roasted omer of grain, with salt and frankincense, was a type of Christ, the first fruits or pledge, of the great harvest that will follow when all the righteous dead are raised at the second coming of Yahshua (1Cor. 15:23, 1 Thes. 4:14-16). Yahshua rose from the dead on the eve of the very day that the wave offering was presented in the Temple (Lev. 23:14, Luke 23:56, 24:1) As the first sheaf was a pledge and assurance of the ingathering of the entire harvest, so the resurrection of Yahshua is a pledge that all who put their trust in Him will be raised from the dead.

Please take note. The Priest did not present before Yahweh just one head of grain, but a whole omer of Barley. Salted and Frankincense were also added. Similarly Yahshua did not come forth from the grave alone, for "many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised" (Matt. 27:52) Paul tells us that when Yahshua "ascended on high he led a host of captives" (Eph. 4:8 RSV). Those who were raised at Yahshua's death and came "out of the tombs after His resurrection" (Matt 27:53) ascended with Yahshua to heaven as trophies of His powers to resurrect all who sleep in the grave. Just as the Omer of Barley was a pledge of the coming harvest, so the saints that Yahshua raised at the time of His death are a pledge of a future harvest of Saints.

It is with this understanding of the Wave Sheaf offering that we can now understand that the thief on the tree died that Wednesday after having his legs broken. When those in the graves were resurrected at the end of the Saturday Sabbath, just before sunset as the 1st day of the week was approaching, so was the thief that died on the tree. He too was raised from the dead, three days and three nights later, on Sabbath after noon. That thief was then led from the grave where he was a captive and ascended at 9 AM when the wave sheaf offering was made, to heaven on the first day of the week.

That thief is no longer a thief but a King in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Does this mean that the dead will be raised at the end of the seventh millennium? I believe this is what is being represented in this millennial picture. These dead were a sample of the whole lump as Paul says. But before you jump to the conclusion that this is also the time of the saints resurrection, let interject.

There are three Festival seasons. Passover in which is the First Fruit offering of Barley. Second is Pentecost in which is the end of the first fruits offering which is now wheat. This is the counting of the omer we are doing each week. Third and last is the Feast of Tabernacles

when all the rest of the fruits of the land are harvested. This resurrection of the dead at the end of the seventh Millennium is represented in the third Festival. This is when all mankind that has ever lived will be raised. This is just before the Great White throne judgement.

You will notice that the second harvest which in reality is still part of the first harvest of First Fruits of Passover is not yet taken place. The second Harvest or Festival is Pentecost. If the saints are to take part in the Millennial rest then it is my opinion that this harvest will take place just before the next millennium starts. Just before 5880 AC Just before 2044 CE.

Will you be a part of that First Fruits offering to Yahweh? Something to think about.

Shalom Family,

May Yahweh bless your understanding in these matters as well as satisfy your physical needs.

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