

What is the Gospel of the Kingdom?

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Shalom Brethren,

As we are about to begin our study this week in preparation for Passover I want you all to stop and write down on paper: what exactly is the Gospel of the Kingdom. You are commanded to go and preach this to the world, so what is it?

The Gospel of the Kingdom

What is the Gospel? by Craig and Lori Zulaff

Traditionally we have been taught that the Gospel is:

- The death, burial and resurrection of the Messiah.
- You just have to “invite Jesus into your heart” and you will be saved because He died for your sins.
- If you accept Jesus as Lord and Savior your sins are forgiven and you will live eternally in Heaven after you die.

But is this the Gospel or the Good News that Yeshua taught?

Yeshua spoke of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Mat 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mar 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Not only did Yeshua preach the gospel of the kingdom, but He taught His disciples to do the same.

John the Baptist preached the gospel of the kingdom.

Mat 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Yeshua sent out His disciples and told them to preach this same Gospel.

Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

To understand what the gospel of the kingdom is, we must go back to the beginning. The Patriarch Abraham is the beginning of Yehovah's called out people.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

-Yah calls Abram out of a pagan nation.

-Yah promises to bring forth a great nation from Abram.

-Yah will bless those who bless him and curse those who curse him.

-All the families of the earth will be blessed through Abram.

Abraham was an uncircumcised Gentile and the first of Yah's people to be called out. When Abraham crossed over, he became the first Hebrew.

Yehovah called Abraham and set him apart, that He might create, through him, a people who would bring the nations of the world out of darkness and into Yah's light.

Isa 49:6 And he said, it is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Act 13:47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Now Yah shows Abraham the land and promises it to him and his descendants forever. Why would Yehovah do this for Abraham? Gen 26:5- because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My Laws.

This land is the Kingdom of Israel. The land and the nation of Yehovah, which He gives to His people. This is our inheritance. Yah's people, in Yah's land, operating under Yah's principles.

Every kingdom must have a King, land and subjects.

Gen 13:15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Eventually Israel achieved this goal; but because of disobedience to the Covenant they were expelled from the promised land; also known as "The Kingdom."

What was Israel's disobedience?

She played the harlot with other gods and committed spiritual adultery through their King Jeroboam. 1Kings 12:25-33, 1Kings 13:33-34

Therefore Yehovah divorced His bride, Israel, the Northern ten tribes.

Isa 50:1 Thus saith the LORD, Where *is* the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

Jer 3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

This is a difficult situation as Yah has stated (in His Torah) that a man is not allowed to remarry his wife if she has gone to be another man's wife, which is what Israel did in going after other gods.

Deu 24:1 When a man hath taken a wife and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*. 3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife; 4 **Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD:** and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

This defiles the land or, more specifically, The Kingdom.

Jer 3:1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

Israel is unable to return to her husband, Yehovah, unless He dies. This leaves Israel with no hope to return to the Kingdom of Yehovah. It is Yehovah who spoke these words and His word is forever established in the Heavens and no one, not even Yehovah Himself, can change it. He said it, He must do it. Unless you understand the Torah/Law, you cannot understand the Re-Newed Covenant. You will also not understand, but will, instead, misinterpret what Paul is saying to the Romans in 2 Peter 3:15, 16.

Rom 7:1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? 2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. 3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Therefore the Gospel or the *Good News* to Israel is this: Yehovah is Yeshua in the flesh and He had to die to release her from that law of divorce. She can now be restored to the Kingdom when she repents and returns to the Kingdom principles.

Israel is observed in the Scriptures as playing a central role in Yehovah's redemptive plan. This is why Yeshua was sent *only* to the *lost sheep of the House of Israel*.

Mat 10:5 These twelve Yeshua sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mat 15:24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Have you ever wondered why the people were so excited to hear Yeshua preach? They knew now that they could be restored to the Kingdom!

Mat 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. 10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? 11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Yahovah is getting His people, otherwise known as “His house” in order – as an example to the world. If the world does not see a difference with the people of Yah, they will not see what it is that they need to repent from.

1Pe 4:17 For the time *has come* for the judgment to begin from the house of God. And if *it* first *begins* from us, what *will be* the end of those disobeying the gospel of God?

Those of us who have decided to go back to the roots of our faith, turning from man-made doctrines, are being awakened to the fact that when we follow Yeshua, we are following Yehovah, and we are grafted into His people and the commonwealth of Israel.

Exo 12:49 One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

Lev 19:34 *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

Deu 29:9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do. 10 Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Israel, 11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that *is* in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water: 12 That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: 13 That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; 15 But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with *him* that *is* not here with us this day:

If you are a believer, you are Israel. There are only two kinds of people in the world: those in Covenant with Him and those who are not in Covenant with Him.

Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; 18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Eph 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in times **past**, Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “uncircumcision” by that which is called the “circumcision” in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Joh 11:51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; 52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

Isa 56:1 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. 3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree. 4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my Sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. 6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

Therefore, we see that through our repentance of pagan practices and returning to Yehovah and all His ways, we are promised that we can be accepted again into the Kingdom because Yeshua died and paid the penalty of our spiritual adultery, thus freeing us to return to our first Husband.

If the Gospel is only the death, burial and resurrection of Messiah, then why were all the disciples shocked at His death and burial?

Mat 26:56 But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

After spending 3 ½ years with the Messiah, wouldn't His disciples have been joyous to see His death and wouldn't they have known that He would be raised up if this was the “gospel” that He was preaching?

This is the Gospel of the Kingdom that Yeshua preached. **Repent, return, and restore.**

Deu 30:1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God **hath driven thee**, 2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; 3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. 4 If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: 5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. 6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. 7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. 8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. 9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: 10 **If** thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

We were scattered because of disobedience and we will be re-gathered because of our repentance, obedience and trust in Yeshua.

This is the Good News!

Repent:

Repent from sin, which is the transgression of the law. (1John 3:4) With true repentance comes action. Repentance is not merely turning away from sin, but to return to the Father and His ways. If we just turn away from our sin, we may just turn to another sin. We must turn back to The Way that was set out by our Father.

Return:

Teshuvah, which means to return to Yehovah's, teachings, instructions and direction (Torah) and stop going your own way and doing what is right in your own eyes.

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, says Yehovah; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword; for the mouth of Yehovah has spoken.

Jer 6:16 So says Yehovah, Stand in The Ways and seek, and ask for the old paths where the good way *is*, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk *in it*.”

Restore:

Once we have been granted repentance through the vehicle of the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua and we have repented from our sin, then Yehovah will restore us into His Kingdom and return us to His land. We are not to “down play” the death, burial and resurrection of the Messiah. It is a critical part of the gospel of the Kingdom and the means by which Yehovah fulfills His plan of redemption of mankind.

The Gospel of the Kingdom, (Repent, Return, Restore) pattern can be found throughout the Scriptures. It is the message of all the true prophets, and it is important to note that the messages of the prophets were never very well received.

Why should the message be any different today?

During the second and third centuries, the church fathers compromised the message/gospel for the pagans, to more easily gain converts into the church.

The true *Gospel of the Kingdom* was never meant to be an easy message; it will scare off potential converts because there is the element of dying to your own ways. It is designed to be this way, because the Truth of the Gospel keeps the body (assembly or congregation) pure, holy/set apart. Obedience to the Gospel of the Kingdom keeps us from being conformed to this world.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what *is* that good and pleasing and perfect will of God.

When we preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, we need to also explain that you must count the cost.

Luk 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and his *own* life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me, he cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first *and* count the cost, whether he may have *enough* to finish it;

The path is narrow and **few** will find it.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it

Isa 10:22 For though Your people Israel are like the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return; the full end which is decreed shall overflow *with* righteousness.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

Rev 22:14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

(The following article had no author nor contact address included with it.)

We see that the Father states He was a *husband* to the House of Israel.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, says YAHWEH, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt (which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was to be a husband to them, says YAHWEH).

We also know that, because of Israel's disobedience in following other gods, YHWH divorced Israel. Remember folks, this is the House of Israel.

Jer 3:6 YAHWEH also said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen what the apostate Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every green tree, and has fornicated there. 7 And after she had done all these, I said, She will return to Me; but she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 And I watched. When for all the causes for which the apostate Israel committed adultery, I sent her away and I gave the writ of her divorce to her. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she also went and fornicated.

We also see in the verses following that Judah went astray also...

Jer 3:9 And it happened, from the wantonness of her harlotry she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with pieces of wood. 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but with falsehood, says YAHWEH. 11 And YAHWEH said to me, The apostate Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

We have a merciful Father who will not hold His anger toward Israel forever! Praise Abba Yah!!

Jer 3:12 Go and cry these words toward the north, and say, Return, O apostate Israel, says YAHWEH. I will not cause My face to fall on you, for I am merciful, says YAHWEH; I will not keep anger forever. 13 Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have rebelled against YAHWEH your Elohim and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says YAHWEH.

In Hosea we see a beautiful story of the love the Father has for the House of Israel and the mercy He extends!

Hos 2:1 Say to your brothers, A people; and to your sisters, Mercy. 2 Strive! Strive with your mother, for she is not My wife, and I am not her husband. Therefore, let her put away her harlotries from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts, 3 that I not strip her naked and set her out as in the day that she was born, and make her as the wilderness, and place her like a dry land, and kill her with thirst. 4 And I will not have pity for her sons, for they are the sons of harlotries. 5 For their mother has committed adultery; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, I will go after my lovers who give my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink. 6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge your way with thorns, and I will wall up her wall, that she shall not find her paths. 7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them. And she shall look for them, but she shall not find them. Then she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then it was better with me than now. 8 For she did not know that I gave her grain and wine and oil, and I multiplied her silver and the gold they made for Baal. 9 So I will return and take My grain in its time, and My wine in its season. And I will take back My wool and My flax she uses to cover her nakedness. 10 And now I will reveal her shamefulness to the eyes of her lovers, and not a man shall deliver her out of My hand. 11 I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. 12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, They are my rewards that my lovers have given me. And I will set them for a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. 13 And I will visit on her the days of the Baals in which she burned incense to them. Yea, she adorned herself with her nose rings, and her jewels, and she went after her lovers and forgot Me, says YAHWEH. 14 Therefore, behold, I will lure her and bring her to the wilderness, and speak to her heart. 15 And from there I will give her vineyards to her, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope. And she shall answer there as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. 16 And at that day, says YAHWEH, you shall call Me, My husband; and you shall no more call Me, My Baal (Lord). 17 For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth; and they shall no more be remembered by their name. 18 And in that day I will cut a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and the creepers of the ground. And I will break the bow and the sword, and the battle out of the earth, and I will make them to lie down securely. 19 And I will betroth you to Me forever. Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in mercy, and in compassions. 20 I will even betroth you to Me in faithfulness. And you shall know (Aleph/Tav) YAHWEH. 21 And it shall be in that day, I will answer, says YAHWEH. I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth. 22 And the earth shall hear the grain, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall answer Jezreel. 23 And I will sow her to Me in the earth. And I will have mercy on No Mercy. And I will say to Not My People, You are My people! And they shall say, My Elohim!

In YHWH's instructions He states the following for a writ of divorce.

Deu 24:1 When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found a thing of uncleanness in her, and he writes her a bill of divorce and puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; 2 and if she goes out from his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, 3 and the latter husband hates her, and writes her a bill of divorce, and puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house or if the latter husband who took her to be his wife dies; 4 her former husband who sent her away is not to take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled. For it is an abomination before YAHWEH, and you shall not cause the land to sin which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving to you as an inheritance.

We see that if a husband writes his wife a bill of divorcement, presents her with it and sends her out of his house; if she marries another, and he divorces her or he dies, her first husband cannot re-marry her. It states IT IS AN ABOMINATION before YAHWEH and causes the land to sin.

We also see the following states that a covenant is only in force as long as the person(s) is living. After the person dies, the covenant is no longer in effect.

Rom 7:1 Do you not know, brethren, (for I speak to them who know the Torah), that the Torah has authority over a person for as long as he lives? 2 Just as the married woman is bound by the Torah to the living husband; but if the husband dies, she is set free from the Law of her husband. 3 So then, if the husband is living, she will be called an adulteress if she should be married to another man. But if the husband dies, she is free from the Law, so as for her not to be an adulteress by becoming another man's wife.

Yeshua (unified with the Father) died in the flesh which will allow the Father to re-marry the House of Israel who went astray and played the harlot. Although Israel didn't actually marry a second time, she played the harlot with many different lovers. This makes sense that the Father made a way to be able to forgive and re-marry the House of Israel after her repentance and returning to Him.

We also find it very interesting that Revelation speaks of a future prophecy of water becoming bitter.

Rev 8:10 And the third cherub trumpeted. And a great burning star, like a lamp, fell out of the heaven. And it fell onto the third part of the rivers, and onto the springs of waters. 11 And the name of the star is said to be Wormwood. And the third part of the waters became changed into wormwood. And many men died from the waters, because they were bitter.

This reminds us of the instructions given in the laws regarding the "law of jealousy".

Num 5:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be taken *with the manner*; 14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: 15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. 16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD: 17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water: 18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse: 19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse: 20 But if thou hast gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband: 21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; 22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. 23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water: 24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter. 25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar: 26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water. 27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that*, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. 28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. 29 This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* instead of her husband, and is defiled; 30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. 31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

Although the woman did not die, she was judged with a curse that seems to be of infertility, this seems to fit with Wormwood making the waters bitter and many men dying...judgment from a jealous husband. Has not Yehovah Himself said, "I am a jealous God."