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**The Sabbatical Cycle of Sword, Famines, and Pestilence**

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**Shabbat Shalom to the Royal Family of Yehovah,**

## **Leviticus 1**

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**Before we sing the Shema, let's open our bibles to the passage**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

**4** Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.<sup>[a]</sup> **5** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

As we open up this new book of Leviticus, this is the book most people avoid. It is hard to understand, it is full of rules for the Priesthood, so we think it doesn't apply to us. **But this book expresses the heart of Yehovah. I want to show you an overview of how this whole book is a Chiastic structure, all pointing to the focus point of Leviticus Chapter 16**, the chapter about the Atonement Sacrifice and the service inside the Holy of Holies. One of the beauties of a Chiastic structure is that it helps people memorize the scriptures. If you know the form of the book, you know where to find the portion you are looking to reference.

These rituals, like the sacrifices we are about to look at in depth in a moment are given to us at both the beginning and end of the book of Leviticus, then we have instructions about the priesthood, and then instructions about how the people are to behave in purity. All this instruction is so that we can be found the Pure Spotless bride when our Bridegroom comes for us. We don't want to be told "away from me, I know you not".

Let's begin our reading. Please read all of **Leviticus 1**

[1] The LORD called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, [2] "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock.

[3] "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. [4] He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. [5] Then he shall kill the bull before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. [6] Then he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into pieces, [7] and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. [8] And Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar; [9] but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

[10] "If his gift for a burnt offering is from the flock, from the sheep or goats, he shall bring a male without blemish, [11] and he shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. [12] And he shall cut it into pieces, with its head and its fat, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood that is on the fire on the altar, [13] but the entrails and the legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall offer all of it and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

[14] "If his offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or pigeons. [15] And the priest shall bring it to the altar and wring off its head and burn it on the altar. Its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar. [16] He shall remove its crop with its contents and cast it beside the altar on the east side, in the place for ashes. [17] He shall tear it open by its wings, but shall not sever it completely. And the priest shall burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

The Hebrew name for Leviticus is Vayikra. It means And He Called. Notice the first word is And. The letter Vav which begins this word Vayikra is a picture of a nail. It connects things. So from this clue we see that this book Vayikra is connected to the previous book Exodus, or Shemot, which means Names. Vayikra continues the instructions, now that we have the Tabernacle constructed, now we teach the Priests and the People how to engage with Yehovah within the Tabernacle.

We are instructed to bring an offering, a sacrifice. This word in Hebrew is Korban. In pagan cultures, a sacrifice is to appease an angry god and beg for good weather, or for fertility, but that is not what this Korban is about. The word Sacrifice is NOT a good translation, because it gives this connotation that we are "buying favour". An offering is a better translation, because even when you approach a King, A President, or a Prime Minister, you bring a gift as a sign of respect and honour, so an offering is a better understanding. But Korban means to approach a Holy God, the emphasis is on the approach. When we want to approach our Heavenly Father, there are certain ways to do this. Leviticus 1 tells us we are to bring a burnt offering. Again, this translation leaves much of the understanding lost. This first Approach, this first Korban is a Korban Olah. Olah is sometimes translated as free will offering. It is the picture of lifting up the yoke to put it on your shoulders. The root word Ol is the word for yoke, and means "to experience the staff". The staff is for correction, so

when we bring Korban Olah, we are approaching Yehovah to willingly put ourselves under His Yoke and His correction.

Verse 4 tells us this is an atonement offering. The word for atonement is Kaphar. We know the Feast of Atonement is called Yom Kippor, and Kaphar is the same word with different grammar. Kaphar means to cover, to cancel, to cleanse, to forgive, to be merciful, to pardon, to purge, to reconcile. Oh that we would all have the courage to bring a freewill offering that we may be cleansed and pardoned and forgiven, wawacho ne (Luo Language) Amen!

We have three different options of what to bring for this Olah offering. It can be from the Herd, the Flock or Fowl.

- The herd animals till the soil, break up the ground. Are we coming because we need the ground in our hearts broken up, tilled, prepared for the seed to be planted?
- Flock animals migrate, they move from one place to another to feed. Are we approaching Yehovah because we are migrating, being moved in our spirit to chew on the meat of the word?
- Fowl are birds who spread their wings and take flight. Are we approaching Yehovah to spread our wings and take flight with what has been deeply planted in us and born fruit, so that we may go off and share it with others?

Notice too, once the herd animal is cut into pieces, the head and the fat are to be arranged on the fire. The head represents Authority and the Fat represents glory. When we bring our free will offering, this yoke we have willingly submitted to, we need to place Yehovah as our only authority and not seek our own glory, but Glorify Yehovah, we need these things correctly placed in our mind and in our heart. Why are the entrails and the legs washed? What picture is that portraying for us? The entrails are our inward parts. We must clean our insides, our heart and our mind, of all the filth of this world. The legs represent the bowing of the knee, kneeling... or subduing our hearts. The washing of the legs is a picture of being willing to die to self and be resurrected holy in submission to Our King.

Let's move on to **Leviticus 2**

[1] "When anyone brings a grain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour. He shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it [2] and bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests. And he shall take from it a handful of the fine flour and oil, with all of its frankincense, and the priest shall burn this as its memorial portion on the altar, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. [3] But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the LORD's food offerings.

[4] "When you bring a grain offering baked in the oven as an offering, it shall be unleavened loaves of fine flour mixed with oil or unleavened wafers smeared with oil. [5] And if your offering is a grain offering baked on a griddle, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil. [6] You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering. [7] And if your offering is a grain offering cooked in a pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. [8] And you shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to the LORD, and when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. [9] And the priest shall take from the grain offering its memorial portion and burn this on the altar, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. [10] But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the LORD's food offerings.

[11] “No grain offering that you bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey as a food offering to the LORD. [12] As an offering of firstfruits you may bring them to the LORD, but they shall not be offered on the altar for a pleasing aroma. [13] You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

[14] “If you offer a grain offering of firstfruits to the LORD, you shall offer for the grain offering of your firstfruits fresh ears, roasted with fire, crushed new grain. [15] And you shall put oil on it and lay frankincense on it; it is a grain offering. [16] And the priest shall burn as its memorial portion some of the crushed grain and some of the oil with all of its frankincense; it is a food offering to the LORD.

Now we are looking at a grain offering. What is this Korban? What is the Hebrew word we translate as grain? Or does your Bible say it's a meat offering? Or a meal? How confusing! And what does it mean? This offering is called a Korban Minchah. The root of Minchah word is Nach. The pictograph nun is a picture of a seed representing continuance, the chet is a picture of a wall that separates the inside from the outside. Combined these mean "continue outside". The shepherd would guide his flock to a place of water. Here is water for drinking as well as green grass for pasturing. Once the flock arrives, they are free to rest after the long journey. A guided journey to a place of rest. A sigh of rest.

With the Offering from Leviticus 1 we did work! We had to plow our hearts, to till the soil, we had to chew the meat, we had to spread our wings and fly. But this offering is about resting. We approach our Abba Father to rest with him. We are refreshed from this approach, strengthened, encouraged. In other teachings I have said the Minchah was a meal, a conversation, an opportunity to develop a relationship. Think about your own family, your own community. When you work hard together the focus of the conversation is on the work, but when you rest, you can spend that time sharing concerns and struggles and achievements. You can confess one to another, encourage one another, forgive one another. This is the meaning of this approach with the Holy One, that all your burdens are laid at His feet.

If we read on, the verse says “this offering it is to be of fine flour” in Hebrew flour is Soleth. This word flour is related to the word Sal which means a basket which is lifted up. It is related to Sebal which is a burden to carry, a load to bear. When we are in this rest state we are bearing one another's burdens and lifting one another up. And this we can also get from and with Yehovah in this Leviticus 2 approach. Oh my friends, it gets better. Not only does it say the offering is fine flour, it also says it is to be mixed with oil and frankincense. Oil is richness, fruitfulness, anointing, and Frankincense is related to restoration of the purity, white, clean! Is this not the greatest “sacrifice” we can make! To approach our Father and gain rest and be lifted up and enriched and restored!

I want to look at honey and salt for a moment. We are NEVER to make our offering with honey, but we are ALWAYS to make our Korban Mincha with salt. What do these two things represent?

The Hebrew word for honey is Debash. It means something sweet and sticky, slow moving. Honey is generally seen as a good thing. It pictures a delicacy rather than a necessity, abundance and prosperity, something desirable. It can be good medicine. But it can also be seen as a curse in judgment. Isaiah 7:15: “He will eat cheese and honey until he knows how to reject evil and choose good.”, too much honey will make us sick, so in this scenario honey is a picture of scarcity and judgment. So adding honey to our offering would be a little like gloating, our approach is not to be

about glorifying ourselves, even though the whole purpose of approaching Yehovah is to draw nearer to Him and to elevate Him in our holiness, we do not come with an attitude of “hey look at me, I’m so holy I Approach you to elevate You Yehovah” NO NO! We must never come with this arrogant attitude! And putting honey in our Korban Mincha would do just that!

Salt in Hebrew is Melach, a seasoning, easily pulverized, easily dissolved. Land that is salty is barren. From this we can see we are to bring our offering empty of ourselves, humble, barren of our own arrogance. It is a contrast to the concept of honey. There is no glory in salt, and yet, salt is necessary for life, it is not extravagant, it is necessary, without salt our body can not hold water, the organs shut down and we die. Bringing salt as a part of our korban is showing we have died to self. It also shows how absolutely vital coming before our King is. We need to be in relationship with Him or we die.

The last word I want to look at comes from verse 16; it is the word Memorial. In Hebrew that word is Azakharah. Similar to the name Zachary, it means a remembrance, to remember, or like a storyteller, or one who reminds us of the history. When we come into this Mincha relationship, sometimes we engage in reminiscing of things in the past, remembering how faithful our Father has been to us, how He has protected and provided for us. When we reminisce like this, it builds trust, for we know our God never changes. If he was faithful to protect us in the past, He will be faithful to protect us in the future. It is we who have the ability to change, and our desire is to change to benefit the relationship, to become more righteous, more steadfast, more honourable, more caring and compassionate, more at peace. Remembering His goodness changes us. HalleluYah!

Are we ready to move on to the next chapter? It’s so exciting. How could anyone think this book is boring! What could we possibly find in this next chapter that will surpass these first two chapters?

Let’s read **Leviticus 3**

**3** “If his offering is a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offers an animal from the herd, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord. **2** And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and kill it at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons the priests shall throw the blood against the sides of the altar. **3** And from the sacrifice of the peace offering, as a food offering to the Lord, he shall offer the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, **4** and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins, and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys. **5** Then Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering, which is on the wood on the fire; it is a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

**6** “If his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering to the Lord is an animal from the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. **7** If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the Lord, **8** lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it in front of the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. **9** Then from the sacrifice of the peace offering he shall offer as a food offering to the Lord its fat; he shall remove the whole fat tail, cut off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails **10** and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys. **11** And the priest shall burn it on the altar as a food offering to the Lord.

**12** “If his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the Lord **13** and lay his hand on its head and kill it in front of the tent of meeting, and the sons of Aaron shall throw its blood against the sides of the altar. **14** Then he shall offer from it, as his offering for a food offering to the Lord, the fat

covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails **15** and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys. **16** And the priest shall burn them on the altar as a food offering with a pleasing aroma. All fat is the Lord's. **17** It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, in all your dwelling places, that you eat neither fat nor blood.”

Ah, sweet! A peace offering. Easy peasy right, we all know what peace is, right? Or do we. Let's look at peace in Hebrew. Shalom. Simply said, it is a state of completeness. But how are we made complete? Shalom means “to destroy the authority of Chaos”. It is an action word, not a feeling. Our action is about giving complete authority over to God, no matter what the chaos is going on in our lives, we need to realize that nothing holds any authority over us other than Yehovah. It's only by our own choosing, that we ALLOW chaos to control us. We all know Chaos exists, it will always exist, but we do not need to give it control over us.

One thing we have not looked at yet, which we see in all these sacrifices is that the one bringing the offering is to put his hands on the head of the animal. Remember the head represents the authority, and laying your hands on the head is transferring your authority to this animal. If you are offering an Olah, free will offering, you are transferring your free will to this animal. If you are bringing a Shelem, a Peace offering, you are laying your own peace, your destruction of the authority of chaos, onto this animal. If we never lay our hands on these animals, it's not a sacrifice, it's just a slaughter. The whole picture of this is that we know these animals are only standing in for Yeshua. If we never lay our hands on Yeshua and give Him the authority to take from us, our free will, our peace; and next week we'll see our sin and our purity; if we don't give it over to Him and allow Him to do this for us, then His sacrifice is for naught in our lives. We can't do anything ourselves. We can't save ourselves. We need Him to do it all for us. And how we do that is pictured in this laying on of hands. This is our Peace, when we lay it all on Him, and trust in Him, and Him alone.

We do not need to fear. We look at the world around us, the droughts, the earthquakes, the super storms, the fires, we know the Abomination that makes desolation is coming soon. We are heading for 10 years of hard times. But WHO IS IN CONTROL? Yehovah is in control and when He is in control, His plan will bear good fruit! We need to trust Him, laying our hands on Him and giving Him the authority to deal with all our fears. Let's remind, memorialize, Azakharah, for ourselves of the plagues in Egypt and the plague of death that passed over the Children of Israel. With the story of Passover, we know the end of the story! They made it to the promised land! Wawacho ne Amen! We also know that there is an 8th great day that we are headed to the crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised Land. We need to endure until the Wedding Feast of the Lamb is complete and then we will be United with our Bridegroom for eternity. AMEN!

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## Kaphar

After reading Sombra's teaching on Leviticus, and her explanation of the word Kaphar I was reminded of one of my early articles at sightedmoon.com and with some people going to Noah's Ark before Sukkot this year, I thought this might be a great time to add it. This is just one of about 5 articles on Noah's Ark. This one is connected to Yom Kippur though.

*June 30th 2007*

Greetings Brethren,

1) I have just finished visiting with my Dad who has flown in to celebrate his Uncles 100th birthday. Today we drove up to visit his sister and on the way there, he asked me about Noah's ark and my trip to Turkey.

I love my Dad, but I know how much he hates religion. His whole life has been surrounded by Catholic Nuns and Jesuit priests. After the many abuses that have happened in our family, I can understand his disdain of all things religious. I myself can not stand those holier than thou, sanctimonious types who say one thing and do another.

So in light of this, I have always been very careful of what words I said to my Dad, that in any way might sound religious at all. I did not mention it until he asked me, although I was dying to tell him.

I told him about Moses being 40 years in Egypt and compared it to him learning the metric system here in Canada versus the imperial one he was raised on. That part made complete sense to him so he could understand how the Ark was 515 feet long and not 450 as some bibles say. I also explained the golden section of .6180 and how everything from snails and the crest of a wave to the spiraling circle of a galaxy was made using this ratio. Then I told him about the ratio in the design of the Ark. This he found fascinating.

When he asked me how Noah knew that, and I reminded him that Noah was the builder and God the Designer, he again approved of that.

I felt I was on a roll so I kept on going. I explained the width and then explained about Gilgamesh and the many other place names of those mountains around the ark. Mt Judi, Kurds, Uzengili, Mount Masher, the one Nimrod said were like breast. And how all of these although they were not in the bible they were in other flood legends. "Hmm" he said.

So I then went for the final explanation which you are about to read, and my Dad said "Is that so. Hmmm"

My Friends and Family, I am 49 year old and soon to be 50. Even at this age I live and die on the things my Dad still says to me, or does not say. I do not understand why I do this, but I do. Even though he has not done all things right during our life time, and there have been some tough times, I still love my Dad, who is now 70. I dread the day he will not be here to answer my phone call.

He asked some other questions and then changed the subject a couple of times, so I stopped explaining any more.

When we arrived at my Aunts she too, wanted to know about the Ark and my trip to Turkey. As I began to explain why the Ark was not on Mount Ararat and not made of wood, my uncle would speak up and shake his head in disbelief."No that is not what the bible says" He would say.

Before I could offer an explanation, my Dad spoke up and began to repeat those things I had said in the car ride up. I was dumb founded, shocked and in disbelief. He had listened and had heard what I had said and it made total sense to him the way I explained it. And he explained it as though he had been there himself. My uncle offered another objection, and again my Dad explained the reason why it was this way and not the other. I was thrilled.

Later we went for a walk and I wanted to ask my Dad a question about religion but I was afraid of what he might say. 49 and I tremble at the very words my Dad might say to me.

My question was this, "When I talk about these things such as Noah's Ark, from the bible do I sound like those holy rollers and holier than thou types that make him sick."

I braced myself for the rebuff. My Dad said "No not at all. When you explain things," He said, "I am not trying to convert or shove my way down some ones throat. I was seeking to know the truth that all these other \_\_\_\_\_s are lying about and who are always trying to get your money. You are searching and proving those things in the bible to be true or false. And the false ones are those dam priest and pastors controlling things"

No better compliment could I ever receive from a man. I love my Dad.

2) Venus and Saturn are rapidly approaching one another in the twilight sky. This is a reminder that they will be less than a degree apart on the evening of July 1, and will be a spectacular sight either with the naked eye or in a small telescope at low magnification.

You won't believe until you see it how much larger and brighter Venus is than Saturn, both because of its closeness and its higher reflectivity. Don't miss this!

3) This News letter should be one of the most interesting ones you will have read. It connects many myths that we all know and shows where they all started. At Noahs Ark.

Genesis 6:14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood.

What is gopher wood?

While my attempt to put forth the truth of the matter on both gopher wood and its covering may be simple to understand, it most likely will be over the heads of those who hold most dear, their childhood memories of Noah cutting down trees and sawing them up to build the ark.

Again From David Fasold's The Ark of Noah pages 262-274

In the early 1900's wooden ships reached their maximum length at which they would not buckle under the stress of going over the undulating waves. The 329 foot long Wyoming was still 186 feet short of the length of the Ark. These ships could only travel along the coast in calm seas. They would break up in the high open seas or in storms.

So to suggest that Noah's Ark was totally made of wood and that it could survive the tumultuous and catastrophic deluge shaped like a box is insane.

The Ark was not constructed of wood. It was not made from cypress. It was not made from wood from a resinous tree, oleander, teak or pine.

No one can find any evidence of an ark on Mount Ararat because there is no such ark on that Mountain. In the same fashion no wood will be found on the outside of the boat shaped object on Mount Judi, because there is no wood to be found. Yet people continue to search on the ark for wood, when there is none.



The only wood in Noah's Ark was the decking and those hogging-truss support poles, and the beams. Noah's Ark was made from reeds.

John Metcalfe wrote in his book Noah and the flood " It is just another case of clerical bungling ecclesiastical translators being unable to resist the temptation to interpret what they thought the word might imply, rather than translate what it actually says"

He goes on to say " Gopher Wood? What that is no one knows, they only guess"

Genesis 6:14 "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

The last part of this verse should be read cover it inside and outside with cover. The old King James says to "pitch it within and with out with pitch"

The Hebrew word for cover is kaphar, and it is used over one hundred times in scripture. It is also translated into English using over twenty alternate words. They refuse to use the literal meaning of the word, which is simply "cover".

Gopher Wood is # 1613 "go-fer"; in the Strongs Concordance (SC) "From an unused root, prob. mean to house in; a kind of tree or wood (as used for building), appar. The cypress;-gopher.

It is interesting to note that SC # 1614 is gophriyth' gof-reeth; prop. Fem. Of 1613; prop. Cypress-resin; by anal. sulfur (as equally flammable):-brimstone.

This is extremely interesting as we can see how Strong was trying to make this word fit his understanding of what it meant. At the same time we can see also that he did include two clues as to the true meaning of the word.

In the first we see the meaning as "to house in" in the second we see brimstone and sulfur.

Now lets look at kaphar. (kaw-far) It is SC # 3722 a prim. Root; to cover (spec. with bitumen); fig. To expiate or condone, to placate or cancel;-appease, make (an) atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).

This is the most amazing word. Do you not see what it is saying. The Ark is the life saving object that saved mankind. It is representative of Yahshua the Messiah. And just as the Messiah was pierced in the side so is the Ark of Noah. The housing that Noah lived in was his covering. Kaphar is the covering. It is the atoning , or cleansing of sin from the world.

Look at Sodom and Gomorrah. Their sin was covered with brimstone. Genesis 19:24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens.

The word brimstone here is SC # 1614 as explained above. I have brimstone in my collection from when I visited Sodom and Gomorrah. It does not look or smell like any type of wood.

In Isaiah 30:33 For Tophet was established of old, Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made it deep and large; Its pyre is fire with much wood; The breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, Kindles it.

Here brimstone is the same word as SC # 1614 and a stream of brimstone would be lava. Lava is in liquid form as it bubbles up from the ground or shoots out of a volcano and falls back to the earth, as in Sodom. When it cools it solidifies into a rock form.

Also note that in Genesis 14:10 and 11:3 they are both talking about the slime, and slime pits. This word is Chemar (khay-mawr); from # 2560; bitumen (as rising to the surface)-slime #2560 chamar (khaw-mar) prim root ; to boil up; hence to ferment (with scum); to glow (with redness); as denom. To smear with pitch; daub, befoul, be red, trouble

This word is also translated in bibles as asphalt.

I could go on here for some time on this side line, but I will stick to the main point.

SC # 3723 is the word kaphar (kaw-fawr) from 3722 ; a village (as protected by walls);-village

SC # 3715 kephiyr (kef-eer) as covered by walls

This now leads us to the next word which is SC # 3724 kophar (ko-fer) from 3722; prop. a (spec.) bitumen (as used for coating), and the henna plant (as used for dying); fig. a redemption-price;- bribe, camphire, pitch, ransom, satisfaction, sum of money, village

The Akkadian word for kaphar, is KPR and it is a mixture of pumice and bitumen, practically an asphalt cement mixture.

The word kaphar is interpreted in most twenty alternatives as “atonement”. If in over seventy cases it is sacrificial blood that is said to cover as an atonement or bring about reconciliation, the altar obviously was “covered”, but not with tar or tree sap! The covering seen as an atonement against judgement, and those under the “covering” in a state of reconciliation because of the atonement, is beautiful and meaningful in its relationship to the believer but is not telling us the material we should expect to find literally covering the ark.

Utnapishtim says to Gilgamesh , “I smeared it with pitch inside and bitumen without” The Sumerians and Akkadians knew the difference. Bitumen would be a petroleum product and inside would be harmful to those inside. Pitch would then be a wood resin for preservation of the reeds and wood inside the ark.

In the Egyptian book of the Dead, the Papyrus of Ani gives a hieroglyphic account of unguents carried aboard the divine boat of Nu.

To sum this up the Ark of Noah, had built upon it, walls which covered over the deck. As if in a dome shape. This dome shaped wall was then covered in bitumen, which hardened into a brimstone, (cement) hard surface.

The Persian legends called Noahs Ark “Varunas House of Clay”

The Amerindians called it a stone canoe while the Japanese legends describe it as a stone or camphor wood boat. (camphor is defined as Whitish translucent crystalline substance with aromatic smell and bitter taste, used in pharmacy and as insect repellent)

Notice that the Arabic of Camphor is kafur which is similar to our kaphar. I also found some whitish substance which encrusted what I thought was petrified wood. Specimens were also collected and given to Anchor stones for assessment.

Again from the Papyrus of Ani (plate XXII, line 20) the boat of Nu is said to be the color green (reed?), for the divine chiefs. Make a heaven of stars washed and purified with natron and incense.

Natron is an important part of the composition of this mixture. It is in fact a catalyst in the hardening process. The cement like mixture could not turn as hard as stone if not for the bitumen, pumice, silicon, alumina, calcium, manganese, natron, and copper that was shaped over the reeds.

The alumina is chemically activated by adding the soda ( natron and lime), forming an aluminate of sodium, which reacts with the sodium silicate to form a zeolite or feldspathoide, a natural cement.

This whole process is called agglomerating stone. It has been reproduced and patented by Dr. Joseph Davidovits of the Geopolymer Institute, and is explained in detail in his book *The Pyramids An enigma solved*.

If we have any chemists, with a desire and ability to reproduce those things I have said here I would love to hear from you.

I have on a number of occasions said the ark was made from reeds. We shall now address this, briefly. The traditional vessel which was incised onto the earliest seals was of the divine boat of Nu. It was an "ēlep urbati"™ which is Babylonian for reed ship. The Egyptian book of the dead refers to the reed ship which was used in going from one age to another. That is from Death to new life. It is referring to going from before the flood, death, to a new life after the flood.

At <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atra-Hasis> you can read another flood story.

Tablet III of the Atrahasis Epic contains the flood story. This is the part that was adapted in the Epic of Gilgamesh, tablet XI. Tablet III of Atrahasis tells how the god Enki warns the hero Atrahasis ("Extremely Wise") of Shuruppak, speaking through a reed wall (suggestive of an oracle) to dismantle his house (perhaps to provide a construction site) and build a boat to escape the flood planned by the god Enlil to destroy mankind. The boat is to have a roof "like Apsu " (a fresh water marsh next to the temple of Enki), upper and lower decks, and to be sealed with bitumen. Atrahasis boards the boat with his family and animals and seals the door. The storm and flood begin. Even the gods [priests?] are afraid. After seven days the flood ends and Atrahasis offers sacrifices to the gods. Enlil is furious with Enki for violating his oath. But Enki denies breaking his oath and argues: "I made sure life was preserved." Enki and Enlil agree on other means for controlling the human population.

Take special note that Atrahasis is listening through a reed wall which he is to then dismantle and build a boat with a roof like Apsu. This temple was built in the marsh and built of reeds.

To learn more on these reed boats I have posted the following;

For Further Reading

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From **Alexander Hislops Two Baylons** on page 74-75 we learn that Semiramis is the same as Aphrodite of Greece and Venus of Rome and is none other than Astarte of Babylon.

You are no doubt familiar with the artist Sandro Botticelli, who painted *The Birth of Venus* c. 1485-1486. It is the classic painting of a beautiful naked woman who is standing on a sea shell on the sea. She is the embodiment of everything attractive, the perfection of the female beauty.

Hislop says on pages 103- 110. Astarte was the Queen of Heaven and whose name in Ninevah was known as Ishtar. Ishtar is the name from which we get the modern pagan celebration of Easter.

Prior to Easter is lent in which is 40 days of fasting. Hot cross buns are still eaten on this Feast of Ishtar to which Jeremiah refers to it in chapter 12:18. The Easter egg is just as clear in its origin.

Hislop goes on to say; In the Babylonian mysteries of Bacchus, as celebrated in Athens, one part of the nocturnal ceremony consisted of an egg. The Hindu fables celebrate the mundane egg as of a golden colour. The people of Japan make their sacred egg to have been brazen. In China, at this hour, dyed or painted eggs are used on sacred festivals, even as in this country. In ancient times eggs were used in the religious rites of the Egyptians and the Greeks, and were hung up for mystic purposes in their temples. From Egypt these sacred eggs can be distinctly traced to the banks of the Euphrates. The classic poets are full of the fable of the mystic egg of the Babylonians; and thus its tale is told by Hyginus, the Egyptian, the learned keeper of the Palatine library at Rome, in the time of Augustus, who was skilled in all the wisdom of his native country: "An egg of wondrous size is said to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves having settled upon it, and hatched it, out came Venus, who afterwards was called the Syrian Goddess"—that is, Astarte. Hence the egg became one of the symbols of Astarte or Easter; and accordingly, in Cyprus, one of the chosen seats of the worship of Venus, or Astarte, the egg of wondrous size was represented on a grand scale.

The occult meaning of this mystic egg of Astarte, in one of its aspects (for it had a twofold significance), had reference to the ark during the time of the flood, in which the whole human race were shut up, as the chick is enclosed in the egg before it is hatched. If any be inclined to ask, how could it ever enter the minds of men to employ such an extraordinary symbol for such a purpose, the answer is, first, The sacred egg of Paganism, as already indicated, is well known as the "mundane egg," that is, the egg in which the world was shut up. Now the world has two distinct meanings—it means either the material earth, or the inhabitants of the earth. The latter meaning of the term is seen in Genesis 11:1, "The whole earth was of one language and of one speech," where the meaning is

that the whole people of the world were so. If then the world is seen shut up in an egg, and floating on the waters, it may not be difficult to believe, however the idea of the egg may have come, that the egg thus floating on the wide universal sea might be Noah's family that contained the whole world in its bosom. Then the application of the word egg to the ark comes thus: The Hebrew name for an egg is Baitz, or in the feminine (for there are both genders), Baitza. This, in Chaldee and Phoenician, becomes Baith or Baitha, which in these languages is also the usual way in which the name of a house is pronounced. \*

\* The common word "Beth," "house," in the Bible without the points, is "Baith," as may be seen in the name of Bethel, as given in Genesis 35:1, of the Greek Septuagint, where it is "Baith-el." The egg floating on the waters that contained the world, was the house floating on the waters of the deluge, with the elements of the new world in its bosom. The coming of the egg from heaven evidently refers to the preparation of the ark by express appointment of God; and the same thing seems clearly implied in the Egyptian story of the mundane egg which was said to have come out of the mouth of the great god. The doves resting on the egg need no explanation. This, then, was the meaning of the mystic egg in one aspect. As, however, everything that was good or beneficial to mankind was represented in the Chaldean mysteries, as in some way connected with the Babylonian goddess, so the greatest blessing to the human race, which the ark contained in its bosom, was held to be Astarte, who was the great civiliser and benefactor of the world. Though the deified queen, whom Astarte represented, had no actual existence till some centuries after the flood, yet through the doctrine of metempsychosis, which was firmly established in Babylon, it was easy for her worshippers to be made to believe that, in a previous incarnation, she had lived in the Antediluvian world, and passed in safety through the waters of the flood. Now the Romish Church adopted this mystic egg of Astarte, and consecrated it as a symbol of Christ's resurrection.

#### The Meaning of the Name Astarte

That Semiramis, under the name of Astarte, was worshipped not only as an incarnation of the Spirit of God, but as the mother of mankind, we have very clear and satisfactory evidence. There is no doubt that "the Syrian goddess" was Astarte (LAYARD'S Nineveh and its Remains). Now, the Assyrian goddess, or Astarte, is identified with Semiramis by Athenagoras (Legatio), and by Lucian (De Dea Syria). These testimonies in regard to Astarte, or the Syrian goddess, being, in one aspect, Semiramis, are quite decisive. 1. The name Astarte, as applied to her, has reference to her as being Rhea or Cybele, the tower-bearing goddess, the first as Ovid says (Opera), that "made (towers) in cities"; for we find from Layard that in the Syrian temple of Hierapolis, "she [Dea Syria or Astarte] was represented standing on a lion crowned with towers." Now, no name could more exactly picture forth the character of Semiramis, as queen of Babylon, than the name of "Ash-tart," for that just means "The woman that made towers." It is admitted on all hands that the last syllable "tart" comes from the Hebrew verb "Tr." It has been always taken for granted, however, that "Tr" signifies only "to go round." But we have evidence that, in nouns derived from it, it also signifies "to be round," "to surround," or "encompass." In the masculine, we find "Tor" used for "a border or row of jewels round the head" (see PARKHURST and also GESENIUS). And in the feminine, as given in Hesychius (Lexicon), we find the meaning much more decisively brought out. Turis is just the Greek form of Turit, the final t, according to the genius of the Greek language, being converted into s. Ash-turit, then, which is obviously the same as the Hebrew "Ashtoreth," is just "The woman that made the encompassing wall." Considering how commonly the glory of that achievement, as regards Babylon, was given to Semiramis, not only by Ovid, but by Justin, Dionysius, Afer, and others, both the name and mural crown on the head of that goddess were surely very appropriate. In confirmation of this interpretation of the meaning of the name Astarte, I may adduce an epithet applied to the

Greek Diana, who at Ephesus bore a turreted crown on her head, and was identified with Semiramis, which is not a little striking. It is contained in the following extract from Livy: “When the news of the battle [near Pydna] reached Amphipolis, the matrons ran together to the temple of Diana, whom they style Tauropolos, to implore her aid.” Tauropolos, from Tor, “a tower,” or “surrounding fortification,” and Pol, “to make,” plainly means the “tower-maker,” or “maker of surrounding fortifications”; and P53 to her as the goddess of fortifications, they would naturally apply when they dreaded an attack upon their city.

Semiramis, being deified as Astarte, came to be raised to the highest honours; and her change into a dove, as has been already shown, was evidently intended, when the distinction of sex had been blasphemously attributed to the Godhead, to identify her, under the name of the Mother of the gods, with that Divine Spirit, without whose agency no one can be born a child of God, and whose emblem, in the symbolical language of Scripture, was the Dove, as that of the Messiah was the Lamb. Since the Spirit of God is the source of all wisdom, natural as well as spiritual, arts and inventions and skill of every kind being attributed to Him (Exo 31:3; 35:31), so the Mother of the gods, in whom that Spirit was feigned to be incarnate, was celebrated as the originator of some of the useful arts and sciences (DIODORUS SICULUS). Hence, also, the character attributed to the Grecian Minerva, whose name Athena, as we have seen reason to conclude, is only a synonym for Beltis, the well known name of the Assyrian goddess. Athena, the Minerva of Athens, is universally known as the “goddess of wisdom,” the inventress of arts and sciences. 2. The name Astarte signifies also the “Maker of investigations”; and in this respect was applicable to Cybele or Semiramis, as symbolised by the Dove. That this is one of the meanings of the name Astarte may be seen from comparing it with the cognate names Asterie and Astraea (in Greek Astraia), which are formed by taking the last member of the compound word in the masculine, instead of the feminine, Teri, or Tri (the latter being pronounced Trai or Trae), being the same in sense as Tart. Now, Asterie was the wife of Perseus, the Assyrian (HERODOTUS), and who was the founder of Mysteries (BRYANT). As Asterie was further represented as the daughter of Bel, this implies a position similar to that of Semiramis. Astraea, again, was the goddess of justice, who is identified with the heavenly virgin Themis, the name Themis signifying “the perfect one,” who gave oracles (OVID, *Metam.*), and who, having lived on earth before the Flood, forsook it just before that catastrophe came on. Themis and Astraea are sometimes distinguished and sometimes identified; but both have the same character as goddesses of justice. The explanation of the discrepancy obviously is, that the Spirit has sometimes been viewed as incarnate and sometimes not. When incarnate, Astraea is daughter of Themis. What name could more exactly agree with the character of a goddess of justice, than Ash-trai-a, “The maker of investigations,” and what name could more appropriately shadow forth one of the characters of that Divine Spirit, who “searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God”? As Astraea, or Themis, was “Fatidica Themis,” “Themis the prophetic,” this also was another characteristic of the Spirit; for whence can any true oracle, or prophetic inspiration, come, but from the inspiring Spirit of God? Then, lastly, what can more exactly agree with the Divine statement in Genesis in regard to the Spirit of God, than the statement of Ovid, that Astraea was the last of the celestials who remained on earth, and that her forsaking it was the signal for the downpouring of the destroying deluge? The announcement of the coming Flood is in Scripture ushered in with these words (Gen 6:3): “And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.” All these 120 years, the Spirit was striving; when they came to an end, the Spirit strove no longer, forsook the earth, and left the world to its fate. But though the Spirit of God forsook the earth, it did not forsake the family of righteous Noah. It entered with the patriarch into the ark; and when that patriarch came forth from his long imprisonment, it came forth along with him. Thus the Pagans had an historical foundation for their myth of the dove resting on the symbol of the ark in the Babylonian waters, and the Syrian goddess, or Astarte—the same as Astraea—coming forth from it. Semiramis, then, as Astarte, worshipped as the dove, was regarded as the incarnation of the Spirit of God.

I have gone a little bit long in this explanation. The Ark of Noah was coated on the outside with brimstone. It had a whitish-yellowish colour to it. The house that was on the ark was like a dome in which Noah and all those that survived the flood lived. It looked like an egg on a raft. Or it was the typical egg in a basket, which is now a tradition of pagan origin. These myths help to show how the Ark appeared to those who had known what it looked like and past the information down to their children.

As has been shown, Nimrod also known as Gilgamesh was obsessed with the female being able to give life. Nimrod wanted to have eternal life as Noah seemed to have. Nimrod's fascination with the woman grew into an all out lust of the flesh, as many myths clearly show. It is this fascination that has caused him to deify his wife and mother and grandmother who came through the flood. Placing on them the spirit as a dove. By doing this he has negated the righteousness of Noah, and began the paganization of the dove as the emblem of the spirit. He has also incorporated the Eater egg in a basket as a symbol of the house of Noah covered in a cement like brimstone. As well in this very beginning he has made his own grandmother the mother of all mankind. The Queen of Heaven, who later was the virgin who gave birth to him the messiah of mankind. The False Messiah, that is. Lastly I want mention that the Egyptian word for Ark is the same as coffin or sarcophagus. Knowing this and understanding those things I have presented thus far makes the Egyptian book of the Dead more understandable. It along with the many religious beliefs and historical myths of the after life are derived from Noah entering the ark or coffin and coming back to life this side of the flood. Most coffins are in the shape they are because of the Ark of Noah. There is so much more I want to share. But I shall save the rest for another time.

Thank You all for reading this. If you want to read past issues please go to the Forum area under the

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On Tuesday July 18, 2023, began new moon of the 6th month. This Sabbath July 29 is day 11 of this 6th month. We all need to be thinking about Teshuvah. We all need to fast more than just on Yom Kippur once a year. We all want to be forgiven and we all need to forgive. So allow me to share this article from a few years back.

**“Teshuvah – Turning back to Yehovah”**

As we approach the High Holy Days the theme is **Teshuvah**. This is why we have been sharing with you the 40 days of repentance. Some of you do not see this in your bible as one of the commandments of Lev 23 and therefore will not do it.

How bizarre?

Teshuvah is often translated as repentance, although it is more properly understood as turning back to Yehovah. (Shuv) This is where we get the expression Shabbat Shuva. The Sabbath of return found during the 10 days of Awe leading up to and climaxing with the Day of Atonement.

The Torah reading for Shabbat Shuva is;

**Hos 14:1** O Israel, return to Jehovah your God, for you have fallen by your iniquity. 2 Take with you words, and turn to Jehovah. Say to Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously, that we may repay *with* the calves of our lips. 3 Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses. Nor shall we say any more to the work of our hands, Our gods, for in You the fatherless finds mercy. 4 I will heal their backslidings; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned away from him. 5 I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast out his roots like Lebanon. 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. 7 They who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive like the grain, and grow like the vine. Their scent *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon. 8 Ephraim *shall say*, What *have* I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him* and watched him; I *am* like a green fir tree. Your fruit is found from Me. 9 Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these things? Understanding, and he shall know them? For the ways of Jehovah are right, and the just shall walk in them; but sinners shall fall in them.

Mic 7:18 Who *is* a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not keep His anger forever, because He delights *in* mercy. 19 He will turn again; He will have pity on us. He will trample our iniquities. Yea, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will give faithfulness to Jacob, mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Last week we wrote to you about forgiveness, and how you had to forgive those who had offended you. Many of you still hold on to the hurt of your parents and spouses and you will not forgive.

Recently the news has been about the disclosing of the many secret names on the Ashley Madison list that was hacked and publicly displayed. The article says there are over 400 Church leaders on this list. That means there are at least 400 church leaders who wanted to have an affair and keep it secret so as not to be found out.

Is your name on this list? More importantly is your name on Yehovah's list of those who want to commit sexual sins? Forget Ashley Madison. Where are you in relationship to Yehovah?

[“One evangelical leader](#) was skeptical of survey findings that said 50% of Christian men have looked at porn recently. So he surveyed his own congregation. He found that 60% had done so within the past year, and 25% within the past 30 days.” (*Porn's Stranglehold*, by Timothy C. Morgan)

I often share that between pornography and sports we've lost a good portion of our dads and men. Throw in work and hobbies and our fatherless and man gap grows even more. Unfortunately, we are now an online culture that thrives on pornography and we've hit a critical mass point. To do nothing is not an option.



How many of you righteous people are going to forgive those caught in this act of adultery?

Our society promotes sexual liaisons everywhere we turn. But should anyone get caught doing so, we kick into hyper righteous mode and execute them to hell on the fastest train possible.

How many of you watched any of the James Bond films? Does not our hero in these films have many a sexual affair with some of the most beautiful women, both good guys (women) and bad ones? Yes he does and many of us were envious if we are honest.

Are not most of the films out of Hollywood based on affairs outside of marriage and we support this by watching them?

Do you recall the story of David and Bathsheba. Today people call it a love story. Is it? It is an act of lust and adultery by the nations leader and one of our heroes of the bible. Yehovah was going to execute David for this sin. Do you realize that?

Yehovah was going to execute the man who was after Yehovah's own heart.

**2Sa 12:1** And Jehovah sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said to him, There were two men in one city, one rich and one poor. **2** *The* rich one had exceeding many flocks and herds, **3** but the poor one had nothing except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished up. And it grew up together with him and with his sons. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him like a daughter. **4** And there came a traveler to the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd to dress for the traveler that had come to him. But he took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man who had come to him. **5** And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. And he said to Nathan, *As* the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die. **6** And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. **7** And Nathan said to David, You *are* the man! So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. **8** And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if that *was* too little, I would have given to you such and such *things* besides. **9** Why have you despised the Word of Jehovah, to do evil in His sight? You have stricken Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon. **10** And therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. **11** So says Jehovah, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor. And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. **12** For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun. **13** And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against Jehovah.

***And Nathan said to David, Jehovah also has put away your sin; you shall not die.***

**14** Only, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of Jehovah to blaspheme, this child born to you shall surely die.

Yehovah said He would have given David even more wives and more of anything he wanted. David's sin was lust. He coveted and that led him into these other sins of murder and adultery.

Do you realize that coveting is the greatest cause of most sins and yet it is considered the least of the commandments?

- They covet other gods so as not to have to obey Yehovah.
- They covet other days of rest for their own convenience.
- They covet what others have so they murder.
- They covet sex so they commit sexual sins and adultery.
- They covet people possessions so they steal.
- They want people to not think bad of them so they lie.
- They covet the appearance of godliness.

David lusted and did not contain it.

How many of you lust after careers, status, sex, food, cigarettes, drugs, attention and you can fill in the blank if I omitted your lust factor. We all cross the line at times and replace Yehovah with something physical and we all want and need to be forgiven. We hope we will never be exposed for our secret sins.

And yet we do keep them secret because of our vanity. Our desire to appear before others as righteous and good when in fact we are not.

Jas 5:16 Confess faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous one avails much.* 17 Elijah was a man of like passion as we are. And he prayed earnestly *that it* might not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for the time of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout. 19 Brothers, if anyone among you err from the truth, and if anyone turns him back, 20 know that he who turns back the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Two things to note from this passage of James. One: Elijah had like passions. Two: when you confess to trusted friends your weaknesses they can help you, much like the 12 step of Alcoholics Anonymous. When you're weak they can talk to you and help you come back from the ledge.

This week's News letter is a result of a conversation I had with a sister about this subject of sex. It is time to turn back to Yehovah. But many men & women are stuck on repeatedly going to the porn sites or to bars looking to meet that someone for a one night stand. As you just read, between 50% and 60% of Christian men are trapped in this addiction. Those numbers will be the same for those who call themselves Messianic Torah observers. Sadly.

And many of the rest of you want to stand on the sidelines of righteousness and point the finger and wag the head. But in fact what you are doing is expressing how you are better than they are because you have not done that sin. It is self righteousness.

Do you not recall what we said last week about fasting? Did you not get the point of the article? Are you really that thick? Let me now explain it again to you.

Isa 58:6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed ones go free, and that you break every yoke? 7 Is it not to break your bread to the hungry, and that you should bring home the wandering poor?*

***When will you see the naked and cover him; and you will not hide yourself from your own flesh?***

8 Then shall your light break out as the dawn, and your health shall spring out quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of Jehovah shall gather you. 9 Then you shall call, and Jehovah shall answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Here I *am*.

***If you take the yoke away from among you, the pointing of the finger, and speaking vanity; 10 and if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul;***

then shall your light rise in darkness, and your darkness *shall be* as the noonday.

Yehovah is telling you to get in there and get dirty as you help those who are afflicted by their sins. He is telling you to stop pointing the finger at them, condemning them, and to show them their sins and help them to return to Him. To Shuva to Yehovah. To have empathy and say there but for the grace of Yehovah go I.

The Day of Atonement is to kaphar, to cover over the sins of the people who have shuva'ed back to Yehovah. So why do you not cover over the sins of those around you when they repent?

Not to hide the sin, no, we are to expose it. But once exposed as David's sin was, then to forgive as Yehovah did and move on. The consequences will come for the sin. You will have to deal with it.

Each one of us used to worship idols and never kept the Feasts. Now we do keep Torah and now some of you accuse and condemn those who still keep the false feasts you used to. You are no different than them. You just got off that merry-go-round before they have, so show some empathy.

Jim Staley of Passion for Truth Ministry has recently been found guilty of crimes committed many years ago. And yet many of you today are pointing the finger and saying aha. How many of you are guiltless of past sins? And how many of you would be mortified to have them exposed for the world to see?

I do not agree with all of Jim Staley's teachings, nor he with mine, and yet he is a brother who like me, has sinned. Where is your atonement for him? Yehovah will cover his sins once he has repented. So why do you want to send him to hell? You are the one that needs to repent of the gossip that you have been spreading.

Have you forgotten the example Yehshua had for the woman caught in adultery?

Joh 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman taken in adultery. And standing her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, Teacher, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses in the Law commanded us that such should be stoned. You, then, what do you say? 6 They said this, tempting Him so that they might have *reason* to accuse Him. But bending down, Jesus wrote on the ground with *His* finger, not appearing *to hear*. 7 But as they continued to ask Him, He lifted Himself up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her. 8 And again bending down, He wrote on the ground. 9 And hearing, and being convicted by conscience, they went out one by one, beginning at the oldest, until the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 And bending back up, and seeing no one but the woman, Jesus said to her, Woman, where are the ones who accused you? Did not one give judgment against you? 11 And she said, No one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, Neither do I give judgment. Go, and sin no more.

King Solomon at the Feast of Dedication on the Eighth day of Sukkot said the following prayer. Read it slowly and remember even Solomon fell victim to the sin of sex and because of it he was lured into building temples to other gods on the Mount of offense.

1Ki 8:33 When Your people Israel are crushed before the enemy because they have sinned against You, and shall turn again to You and confess Your name, and pray, and cry to You in this house, 34 then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again into the land which You gave to their fathers. 35 When the heavens are restrained, and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, if they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them, 36 then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, for You shall teach them the good way in which they should walk, and give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance. 37 If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blasting, mildew, locusts; if there are stripping locusts; if their enemy encircles them in the land of their cities, whatever plague, whatever sickness, 38 any prayer, any supplication from any man of all Your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house, 39 then hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart You know. For You, You only, know the hearts of all the sons of Adam. 40 Do this so that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You have given to our fathers. 41 And concerning a stranger who *is* not of Your people Israel, but who comes out of a far country for Your name's sake; 42 for they shall hear of Your great name and of Your strong hand and of Your stretched-out arm; and if he shall come and pray toward this house, 43 hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You, as Your people Israel *do*, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name. 44 If Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You shall send them, and shall pray to Jehovah toward the city which You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name, 45 then hear in Heaven their prayer and their cry, and maintain their cause. 46 If they sin against You (for *there is* no man who does not sin), and if You are angry with them, and have delivered them up before the enemy, and they have been led away captive to the land of the enemy, far or near, 47 yet if they shall think within themselves in the land where they are carried captives, and repent, and pray to You in the land of their captors saying, We have sinned and have done perversely, we have done wickedly, 48 and *so* return to You with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and if they pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, to the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name, 49 then hear their prayer and their cry in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and maintain their cause, 50 and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, even all their sins which they have done against You, and give them pity before their captors, so that they may have pity on them. 51 For they *are* Your people, and Your inheritance, which You brought out of Egypt, from the middle of the furnace of iron, 52 for Your eyes shall be open to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call for to You. 53 For You have separated them from among all the people of the earth *to be* Your inheritance, as You spoke by the hand of Moses Your servant, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord Jehovah. 54 And it happened as Solomon finished praying all this prayer and petition to Jehovah, he rose from before the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55 And he stood and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed *be* Jehovah, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant. 57 May Jehovah our God be with us as He was with our fathers. Let Him not leave us nor forsake us, 58 to incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments which He commanded our

fathers. 59 And let these my words, with which I have prayed before Jehovah, be near Jehovah our God day and night, so that He may maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel of each day in its day, 60 for all the people of the earth know that Jehovah *is* God; *there is* no other. 61 And let your heart be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

When I first began this [web site](#) I wrote an article titled [Confessions of a Sex Addict](#). This link will give you 6 articles that have come up out of that one about our lusts and the lack of control we give them.

Lust is like this old Indian trick to kill a wolf. They would take a sharp knife and cover it in blood and then freeze it and place it in a block of ice. The wolf would smell the scent of the blood and go and find it. He would then begin to lick the blood. The more blood he tasted the more he wanted. So he would lick more fervently. With each lick the blade of the sharp knife would reveal more of itself and thus cause the tongue of the wolf to bleed more and more each time. This then caused the wolf to taste more of the warm blood from his own mouth and lick even more. A perpetual cycle that only leads to the death of the wolf, who eventually bleeds to death.

It is the same with porn and with all other sexual gratification methods out there. Those gratification methods are not just sexual. They can be cigarettes or chocolate cake. Workaholics seek the praise of their bosses and peers for their gratification. These will all lead to your death if you do not curb them.

Sex with others or porn is never satisfactory. Even after using the prostitute or paying for the lap dance with the stripper, you are left with this painful empty feeling. The one you wanted to get filled when you went to the whorehouse is still there. Sex never filled that hole.

Chocolate cake never fills that hole. Drugs or sports or anything else you shove into this hole will never ever fill it. The reason they can never fill that hole is because it can only be filled by Yehovah. He is the only thing that fills that void you are feeling and heals the other problems of your life caused by you trying to fill this hole with the wrong things. Square peg in the round hole syndrome.

Enough with the generalities. Let me get specific about sex and how it works.

All young girls seek the attention of their father and also of young men when they are hoping to find a husband. They will dress up to make themselves look attractive to the potential beau. Sometimes this goes too far and becomes sexier in trying to attract a man. It is, after all a very competitive time as everyone is seeking to land the same guy or so it seems.

Women know men are attracted through their eyes. In fact women in the sex industry also know this very well. We are going to begin to compare these two methods to help you women understand your men.

Men also want to attract a wife so they excel in sports and work to show off their talents. Muscular abs and rugged features are enhanced. All through the childhood of a boy he is told over and over how good he is and how strong he is. They are made to feel like big men even while they still have on their diapers.

But men do not get it. They do not understand that women are not attracted by vision as like men are. Yes, to a degree but not nearly as much. A woman wants to yield herself to someone who romances her and appeals to her emotionally & intellectually, as well as physically.

But grown up men never grow up. They always do need that affirmation from their wife and daughters about how much you appreciate the things they do for you. The same as when they were patted on the head as a child.

Those women in the sex trades also know this. This is why they tell the men how great they are, how muscular they are, or how handsome they are or how virile they are. It can be the biggest lie ever and both of them know it, but the man is in need of hearing this and feeling the attraction from a female because of it. With the prostitute or stripper it is all an act to lure you to give them your money. And many men are willing to do just that in order to be praised up for a few moments by any women.

Ladies, you all need to read that last statement again.

I again challenge each and every women right now to go and tell your spouse how awesome they are. And to say nothing else and leave the room. In less than a minute your spouse will come running after you like some lost puppy dog wanting to hear more of your praising them.

WE MEN ARE STARVED FOR THIS FROM OUR WIVES!!!!

Do you get it?

So in a man's mind, if he is not getting the praise at home then when it does come from somewhere else, no matter where it comes from, he will seek to go back to get more of that praise to soothe his ego, whether this comes from the woman down the street or the one at work or the one in the strip club. It is more powerful than anything else out there.

But if you provide this at home then he will seek it at home. If he is not starving for some attention and then your spouse will not be attracted to it when it comes from other places.

Now it's the same thing for sex. If a man is starving for sex at home and his wife is withholding it because of this or that reason, then understand his sexual drive is starving to be satisfied. I am not condoning him seeking it elsewhere, but I am advising you it is there. You can control it as his wife and partner or you can let others control it.

Dr James Dobson has written that the men's sexual urge is ready to go every 3 to 4 days. Yes, every 3 -4 days. And many women are saying "we just did it the other day". I want to urge all men and all women to read this [short article by Dr. Dobson](#). In fact, I would urge you all to do more research into this subject from Dr. Dobson.

**1Co 7:1** Now concerning what you wrote to me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 But, because of the fornications, let each have his *own* wife, and let each have her own husband. 3 Let the husband give to the wife proper kindness, and likewise the wife also to the husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over *her* own body, but the husband. And likewise also the husband does not have authority over *his* own body, but the wife. 5 Do not deprive one another, unless *it is* with consent for a time, so that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer. And come together again so that Satan does not tempt you for your incontinence. 6 But I speak this according to permission, not according to commandment.

Many women today say it is their body. They say this in order to justify the abortion of the child in them. And this has rubbed off on all of us. Yet the Apostle Paul wrote that your body belongs to your spouse, both men to the women and women to the men. Think about this for a long long moment.

That word incontinence in verse 5 means without self control, want of self restraint, and powerless to the temptations of the other sex.

You withholding your sexuality from your spouse is, according to Paul, contributing to their temptations and weakness.

Let me now give you an extreme example.

Women under Sharia law are commanded to wear a burka so as not to tempt men. The Burka removes all the curves that make a women attractive and it also covers the face. What do we hear now about this religion of peace over the entire news? How they wage jihad so they can capture other women and rape them as often as they want.

I am telling you that these Islamic men have pent up sexual desires which they vent on captured women.

Yes, an extreme example. But I say it as lead up to this. Many women who seek to be modest remove those things that make them beautiful to others including, their husbands. Taking their God given curves and hiding them. Be careful you are not helping Satan by leaving your spouse in a position that they will be tempted by Satan.

I was always very proud to take my wife out when she was all dolled up. To have her hold my arm.

I have had many women write me asking for help with their husband. One lady said she had all the right curves in all the right places and could not understand why her husband still looked at porn.

The husband then told me he had a high sex drive, (3-4 days, remember) and she was only willing once or twice a month. Am I describing any of you?

Another lady wrote me. She was very shapely and was sexually abused all her life because of it. She is now walking this walk and every group she attends wants her to stop coming because the men can't stop looking at her. The problem is not her beauty, it is that the men looking are starved in their own homes.

If you want to stop the porn industry, if you want to stop the sex industry, then start to make your spouse feel important at home. Give them every reason to look forward to coming home to you. It does not matter if your curves have disappeared and turned up in other places.

In the late summer of 1981, I was coming home from working out of town for a number of weeks. In fact, it was near the end of July. I have never forgotten this one event.

I was tired and looking forward to time with my wife. As I pulled in the driveway, the sun was setting and she was standing in the door with a fur coat on. The sun made the whole front of our house and her shine in this red glow. I started to get very angry as I was opening the door of the truck. Where did she get the money for this fur coat. We could not afford it. What is she thinking.

Sometimes I am such an idiot.

As I opened the door and just as I was about to say something really, really stupid, my wife opened up the fur coat to reveal to me all her beauty and all her curves in her birthday suit. I immediately shut up and no longer cared about this fur coat. It might have cost a million dollars and it did not matter. My sexual starvation from working away for those weeks was now about to be taken care of. My wife got it and new what I needed. We had another baby as a result of that. Go figure!

And to this day I have never forgotten it. Not one detail. I am telling you all this for a reason. To show you how powerful this sex thing is, if you use it as Yehovah has given it to you. Not to abuse it and not to withhold it from our spouses.

Years ago we had a lady as a neighbour who would always be dressed up and looking her best. She dressed up to go out shopping and to work all the time looking her best. She was middle aged and her curves showed up in other places at this time. I commented on this to my wife one time when my wife was wearing sweat pants to the mall. She told me that her husband was always happy when my wife talked to him. That was the end of the sweat pants.

Brethren, many of you will not agree with me about those things I am saying. You will blame the person doing the sin and not admit your part in it. So be it. Continue to perpetuate the problem and not help solve it. For others it is too late. You are already divorced or separated and still have not forgiven them for what they did to you.

I have some women come up to me after I relate this to them and they said they drove their husband into the arms of another woman. They then say they always bitched at him and never told him how much he meant to them and it would then spiral into an endless fight. These ladies are now living alone.

Again I dare you all to tell your spouse how much they mean to you, or how much you appreciate them fixing the toilet and then walk away. When they come after you, if you play your cards right you could get them to buy you anything you wanted. But you will also see how deprived for attention they are and then realize how close to temptation they are. Read [Love and respect](#) by Dr. Emmerson Eggerich. Read the difference [between men and women by Dr Dobson](#). Get educated on this subject and do it right away.

The sexual exploitation is everywhere being advertised for everything. The temptation to find gratification elsewhere, as demonstrated by Ashley Madison, shows you it is real and growing and not even being hidden from the public.

In this short article I have by no means addressed the entire issue of sex between men and women. I do urge you all to read Dr. Dobson and Dr. Eggerich's books on the differences and love and respect.

Sure you can go ahead and write me. Just do not expect me to take advice from those on their third and fourth marriage telling me how to be happily married, even though I am in my 37th year with my first love. I am not a saint by any measure. I have much to learn, but have already learned a great deal. Study what these two doctors have to say and help your spouse, both men and women.