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Numbers Chapter 3b

The Designation And Ordination

Before we get started in our study this evening, I'd like to take just a few moments to recap some of what we've already spoken about concerning Numbers chapter 3 in our previous studies.

During our last study we talked about the sons of Aaron who had defiled the temple, and the sons of Aaron who were put in their place. And we spoke in some detail about how dangerous it is to bring unauthorized fire before our Father's altar which leads us right back to not adding to or taking away from his spoken word.

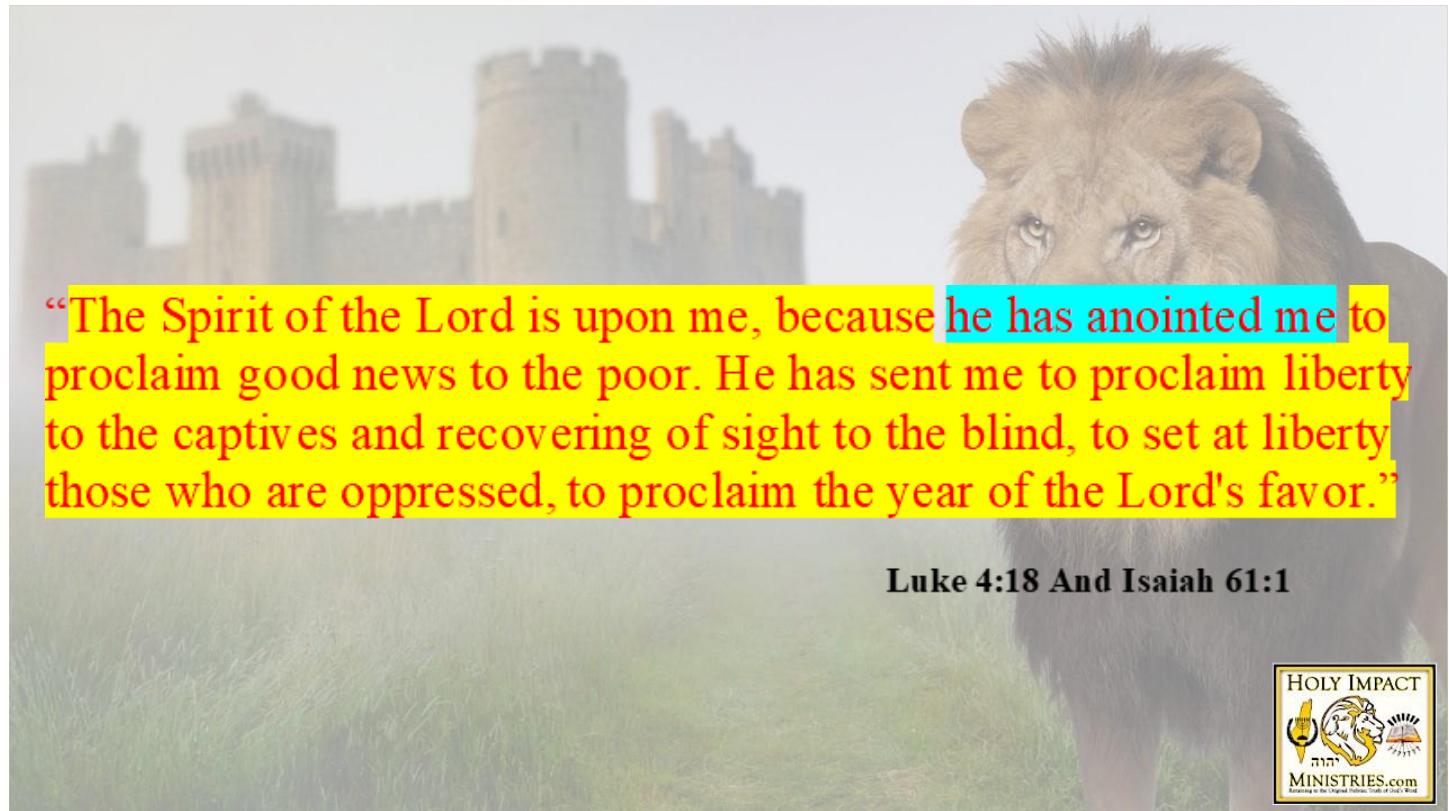
We also spoke about how the word "anointed" in the Old Testament is actually where we get the term "Mashiach" or "Messiah". And we talked about how the word "Christ" derives from the original Hebrew word "Meshach" which once again means to be anointed or to be consecrated. And we spoke about how when Matthew in the very first sentence of our New Testaments tells us that this is the genealogy of the "Jesus Christ" the Son of David the Son of Abraham... what Matthew is actually telling us is that this "Yeshua Hamashiach" ... this "Jesus Christ" in the Greek... was the "Mawshach"... the "Messiah"... the "anointed one" of God. And of course Matthew's largely Jewish audience would have immediately grasped and understood what it would have meant for this Yeshua Jesus to be the "Christ" ... the "Messiah"... the "Anointed One"... that had been prophesied about long ago to come forth from the city of David also known as Bethlehem.

And so, the point that needs to be made here is that there are a whole host of things that we as modern-day Christians need to understand before reading the New Testament. You simply cannot just pick up the New Testament without first reading the Old Testament because if you do, you will be greatly disadvantaged in your understanding of what the very Jewish Apostles already knew and already understood because they had of course... read and studied the Old Testament first. And the writers who were the Apostles of the New Testament would have assumed that their readers would also have been well studied in the Torah, the writings of the prophets and the Psalms. The Apostles do not re-teach the Torah, the writings of the prophet

sand the Psalms all over again in the New Testament because that's what the Old Testament was for. To teach these things all over again to them would have been redundant and unnecessary. The problem that most modern-day Christians today have, is that they have no idea of what is written in their Old Testaments because of today's modern day Pharisees and Scribes who have all but annihilated the word of God by adding to... and taking away from the word of God much like the Pharisees and Scribes of our Messiah's time had done. And here in lies the dilemma that we face today in our time.

It is essential... it is foundational... it is monumentally important for all modern-day Christians to read the book from the beginning and not to simply read it from the middle. You simply cannot know, or understand what was prophesied or promised, or what even qualifies our Messiah to be our Messiah without first reading the first half of the book, and this is why I am so glad that you have decided to slow down... to sit down... and to read the book from the beginning with us as we uncover these prophecies and promises and the foundational skill sets that are needed to properly understand what the love of God even is and what it is that he expects from his chosen set apart people today in our time.

And one of the things that we see time and time again in the New Testament... are these quotes and guidance points if you will that come directly from the Old Testament. And to make that point as sharp as it possibly can be... our Messiah when standing before his people in the Synagogues told them who he was by simply reading from the prophet Isaiah back in the Old Testament. (**scrn 1**)



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Luke 4:18 And Isaiah 61:1



Notice that our Messiah did not stand up and read Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John to prove who he was to his people. Those books had not even been written yet at the time that our Messiah was standing in the Synagogue reading that day. But he chose from the book of the prophet Isaiah to point out exactly who he was. And the people in his audience that day would have immediately known who it was that he was claiming to be that very day because they would have been well acquainted with the writings of the Prophet Isaiah unlike most modern-day Christians today in our time.

And so, the point that we're attempting to get across here is that almost a third of the New Testament is nothing more than quotes from the Old Testament that must be read and understood before attempting to understand the New Testament. And this is exactly why we continuously teach and preach that the Bible must be read like any other book. It must be read from the beginning of the book because if it is not... the understanding of those who are attempting to shortcut the beginning of the book will be greatly diminished, and thy will be left weighed and wanting in the end because they will have willfully and intentionally rejected the knowledge that has been given them in the first half of the book. And the Devil will be all to happy to fill in the blanks for you when it comes to not knowing what the truth is. And so, let always remember that everything that we're reading about here in the book of Numbers is extremely important to our understanding of who our Messiah was going to be and what actually qualifies him to be our Messiah, as well as what we as his chosen set apart people are expected to do... to honor... and to obey.

We also spoke about how it is that all of us are called to be "Priests" in training and a holy nation. We must remember that our Messiah calls us to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to walk as he walked and to do as he did. Our Messiah "became" the word of God his Father because he grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with both God and man according to Luke 2:52. And our Messiah became our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek because our Father in heaven appointed him as High Priest according to Hebrews 5:9-10 and again in Hebrews 7:15-17.

The point is that we... are to pick up our crosses and to do... and to be all that our Messiah was.
(scrn 2)

We Are All To Become... Priests!

Exo 19:6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the sons of Israel.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book and to open its seals, for You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.

Rev 5:10 And You made us kings and priests to our God, and we will reign over the earth.



And we also spoke about how each and every one of us has indeed been “anointed” ... just as we see the priests being anointed here in the book of Numbers. (scrn 3)

The Sealing of The Chosen...

2Co 1:21 And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,

2Co 1:22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.



Make no mistake about it my friends... each and every one of us has been anointed. Each and every one of us has been called as an anointed child of Yehvoah God to be part of his Holy set apart nation of Priests just as we've already seen in Exodus chapter 19, 1st Peter chapter 2 and Revelation chapter 5. And so, these things are a big deal for us to understand. Picking up our crosses and following our Messiah means more than just being a good person in our own eyes. It means more than simply helping little old ladies across the street or holding the door open for an elderly person. The book of Numbers is in no way shape or form disconnected from the New Testament and should never be thought of as separate or apart from what we read in the New Testament. And this is something that the church today would do well to remember. The book of Numbers is laying out for us what it means to be "anointed" and what it means to be "chosen" and "set apart" by God... for God.

We also spoke in some detail about what the biblical definition of the "love of God" truly is and why it is that we are called to keep his commandments to this very day... in the New Testament by the New Testament Apostles. (**scrn 4**)

The Biblical Definition of The Love of God...

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.



The very definition of the love of God according to Scripture and Scripture alone, is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not a burden to us. If this is true... and this is the very biblical definition of the love of God according to Scripture... then how is it that the church today can so shamefully proclaim that the commandments of God are all done away with and some kind of curse? What do they even know of the biblical definition of the love of God? Once again... we find the truth in the Scriptures and the Scriptures alone and not... and I repeat not... in the wisdom of men.

Moving forward, we also spoke in some detail about how the tribe of the Levites were to represent the first born of all of the house of Israel according to Numbers chapter 3 verses 12 and 13... (**scrn 5**)

The Firstborn Belong to God...

Num 3:12 "Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the people of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the people of Israel. The Levites shall be mine,

Num 3:13 for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for my own all the firstborn in Israel, both of man and of beast. They shall be mine: I am the LORD."



And so, before we go any farther, I would like to once again go back, and I'd like for us to re-read Numbers chapter 3 just so that we can once again see all that there is to see within this very important chapter of the book of Numbers. Let's just take a few minutes to go back and re-read **Numbers chapter 3 E1**

The Sons of Aaron

Num 3:1 These are the generations of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

Num 3:2 These are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Num 3:3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he ordained to serve as priests.

Num 3:4 But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests in the lifetime of Aaron their father.

Duties of the Levites

Num 3:5 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 3:6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him.

Num 3:7 They shall keep guard over him and over the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, as they minister at the tabernacle.

Num 3:8 They shall guard all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and keep guard over the people of Israel as they minister at the tabernacle.

Num 3:9 And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the people of Israel.

Num 3:10 And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall guard their priesthood. But if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death."

Num 3:11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 3:12 "Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the people of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the people of Israel. The Levites shall be mine,

Num 3:13 for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for my own all the firstborn in Israel, both of man and of beast. They shall be mine: I am the LORD."

Num 3:14 And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

Num 3:15 "List the sons of Levi, by fathers' houses and by clans; every male from a month old and upward you shall list."

Num 3:16 So Moses listed them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

Num 3:17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and Merari.

Num 3:18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their clans: Libni and Shimei.

Num 3:19 And the sons of Kohath by their clans: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

Num 3:20 And the sons of Merari by their clans: Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites, by their fathers' houses.

Num 3:21 To Gershon belonged the clan of the Libnites and the clan of the Shimeites; these were the clans of the Gershonites.

Num 3:22 Their listing according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward was 7,500.

Num 3:23 The clans of the Gershonites were to camp behind the tabernacle on the west,

Num 3:24 with Eliasaph, the son of Lael as chief of the fathers' house of the Gershonites.

Num 3:25 And the guard duty of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting involved the tabernacle, the tent with its covering, the screen for the entrance of the tent of meeting,

Num 3:26 the hangings of the court, the screen for the door of the court that is around the tabernacle and the altar, and its cords—all the service connected with these.

Num 3:27 To Kohath belonged the clan of the Amramites and the clan of the Izharites

and the clan of the Hebronites and the clan of the Uzzielites; these are the clans of the Kohathites.

Num 3:28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were **8,600**, keeping guard over the sanctuary.

Num 3:29 The clans of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle,

Num 3:30 with Elizaphan the son of Uzziel as chief of the fathers' house of the clans of the Kohathites.

Num 3:31 And their guard duty involved the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the vessels of the sanctuary with which the priests minister, and the screen; all the service connected with these.

Num 3:32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was to be chief over the chiefs of the Levites, and to have oversight of those who kept guard over the sanctuary.

Num 3:33 To Merari belonged the clan of the Mahlites and the clan of the Mushites: these are the clans of Merari.

Num 3:34 Their listing according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward was 6,200.

Num 3:35 And the chief of the fathers' house of the clans of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to camp on the north side of the tabernacle.

Num 3:36 And the appointed guard duty of the sons of Merari involved the frames of the tabernacle, the bars, the pillars, the bases, and all their accessories; all the service connected with these;

Num 3:37 also the pillars around the court, with their bases and pegs and cords.

Num 3:38 Those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, were Moses and Aaron and his sons, guarding the sanctuary itself, to protect the people of Israel. And any outsider who came near was to be put to death.

Num 3:39 All those listed among the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron listed at the commandment of the LORD, by clans, all the males from a month old and upward, were 22,000.

Redemption of the Firstborn

Num 3:40 And the LORD said to Moses, "List all the firstborn males of the people of Israel, from a month old and upward, taking the number of their names.

Num 3:41 And you shall take the Levites for me—I am the LORD—instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the cattle of the people of Israel."

Num 3:42 So Moses listed all the firstborn among the people of Israel, as the LORD commanded him.

Num 3:43 And all the firstborn males, according to the number of names, from a month old and upward as listed were 22,273.

Num 3:44 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 3:45 "Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle. The Levites shall be mine: I am the

LORD.

Num 3:46 And as the redemption price for the 273 of the firstborn of the people of Israel, over and above the number of the male Levites,

Num 3:47 you shall take five shekels per head; you shall take them according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel of twenty gerahs),

Num 3:48 and give the money to Aaron and his sons as the redemption price for those who are over."

Num 3:49 So Moses took the redemption money from those who were over and above those redeemed by the Levites.

Num 3:50 From the firstborn of the people of Israel he took the money, 1,365 shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary.

Num 3:51 And Moses gave the redemption money to Aaron and his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

One of the very first things that we see here in Numbers chapter three is that God said that the Levites were his instead of... the firstborn of the house of Israel. In other words... the Levitical tribe of Levi represented the first born of the house of Israel as God's property. The Levites who had become God's property... were then given to Aaron so that the Levites could minister to Aaron and his sons. And notice also... that the Levites were also to be guards over the whole congregation.

Yehovah God who owned the Levites and had taken them for himself... then gave the Levites to Aaron and his sons. And so, what God had taken and called his... he is now giving back to the house of Israel as servants to serve and to protect Aaron and his sons and the wilderness Tabernacle.

And so, the duties of the tribe of Levi were enormous in scope and they were literally put into place in order to guard the tent of meeting and Aaron and his sons. And it's important to understand that not just anyone could be of service in the way that the Levites were. Anyone who came near without being specifically authorized and ordained by Yehvoah was immediately executed. Once again, we see the importance of not adding to, or taking away from his spoken word.

Yehovah had caused the house of Israel to build this wilderness Tabernacle at the foot of Mount Siani and now... he was teaching his children to guard and to protect the holy things of God and how to disassemble and pack things up and be able to move across the wilderness to where Yehvoah God had promised to take the house of Israel. But first... they had to understand the importance of obeying his instructions because without the strict adherence to his instruction... they would never make it into the promised land that he was trying to lead them to.

"Obedience" would be the name of the game. Obedience is what the book of Numbers is all about. "Obedience" would become the very first and most important concept that the house of Israel would have to learn before they could become a light to the world and seen as "God's

chosen set apart people”. And “obedience” was not an easy thing for the house of Israel to learn. And I would submit to you my friends... that “obedience” to this day is the number one biggest obstacle for today’s modern day professing Christian as well. Nothing has changed. The house of Israel was grossly negligent and faltering in their obedience and so to is the so called “church” today grossly negligent and faltering in their obedience to this very day. And this is what always causes God’s people to wonder in the wilderness instead of being able to enter directly into his kingdom.

What do we think that this life is? I tell you the truth my friends... this life is us... wondering in the wilderness. We’re still attempting to learn the importance of “obedience”. We still don’t get it. We’re still wondering aimlessly in a fallen Babylonian world who simply doesn’t get it. A world that is lost and degenerate, and dumb, deaf, and blind and will be destroyed because it has rejected knowledge just as the prophet Hosea had so long ago warned against.

What’s important to understand is that it did not take 40 years to get from Mount Siani to the promised land. The only reason that it took the house of Israel 40 years to reach the promised land is because of their “disobedience”. The actual treak... the actually journey across the wilderness would have only taken a fraction of that time if the house of Israel had been obedient to God in the first place, but as we’ll soon see... the house of Israel was lacking in their ability to be obedient, and this is exactly what caused them to be wondering around in the wilderness for 40 years. And I would submit to you my friends that nothing has changed today in our time.

People will often times ask me why our Messiah has not yet come? People will do just as it was prophesied that they would do in **2nd Peter chapter 3 (scrn 6)**

God's Patience...

2Pe 3:4 They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

2Pe 3:5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,

2Pe 3:6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

2Pe 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

2Pe 3:8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



You see... just like the house of Israel was not allowed to enter into the promised land until they had learned obedience... so too... will it be for the house of Israel today. Our Messiah will not come again until they once again are obedient to the one that God has sent to them to sit upon the throne of David and to rule over them with the ruler's staff between his feet. (**scrn 7**)

You Will Not See Me Again Until..

Mat 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”



Just as the house of Israel was made to wonder in the wilderness for 40 years so too will we wonder in the wilderness until we come to the acknowledgement of “obedience” and what it means to truly love God and who he is. And so it is that the world wonders aimlessly through the abyss of willful and intentional ignorance to this very day because it refuses to acknowledge the truth that has been given to them and just as it is written in the book of Hosea... “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because they have rejected knowledge”.

Man, today willfully and intentionally chooses to continuously follow after his own so called “early church fathers”, “Babylonian rabbinical sages”, “prestigious Bible commentators” and “denominational empires of dirt” rather than holding fast to “Sola Scriptura” ... “Scripture only”. And it is for this reason that the world lacks direction and will continue just as our Messiah has told us to grow more wicked by the day because of the lawlessness that is growing in the world today. It is indeed because lawlessness has grown in the land that the hearts of many have grown cold and will continue to grow cold and before it’s all over... if our Messiah does not return... it is written that there would be no flesh left alive on the earth to save. And why? All because of mans wicked and innate desire to be his own god and to make “do as thou wilt the whole of the law”.

Make no mistake about it my friends... there is no difference between the house of Israel wondering in the wilderness here in the book of Numbers... and the house of Israel wondering in the wilderness today. And the reason is exactly the same. It is because of their disobedience that they wonder. It is because they have rejected the knowledge that has been given them. It is because of their willful and intentional appetite for sin... that the world today wonders in the

wilderness without direction. It is because lawlessness has increased and will continue to increase that the love of many will indeed continue to grow cold. And this... is the fight that we fight each and every day. “Obedience” is key my friends. It always has been and it always will be and until we get that through our thick sinful skulls... we will always be... wondering in the wilderness.

Moving forward I'd like to go back and take a closer look at what it means to be the “firstborn” and why this idea... this concept of the firstborn is so vitally important.

As we've already seen God has said that every firstborn that opens the womb among the people of the house of Israel are to be his. What does it mean to be “his”? What does it mean to belong to God? This concept goes clear back to the book of Exodus 13 (**scrn 8**)

Consecration of the Firstborn

Exo 13:1 The LORD said to Moses,

Exo 13:2 “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”



The concept of the firstborn son belonging to Yehovah God was important because it was “Israel” itself that God had always seen and identified with, as his “firstborn”. Out of all of the people on the earth... it was Israel that God pointed to as his firstborn! (**scrn 9**)

Israel Is My Firstborn Son!

Exo 4:21 And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.

Exo 4:22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son,

Exo 4:23 and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son”



This concept of the “firstborn” is a concept that we are commanded to keep each year during the Feast of the Passover. Exodus 12:12-15 (**scrn 10**)

The Passover Feast A Statute Forever!

Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

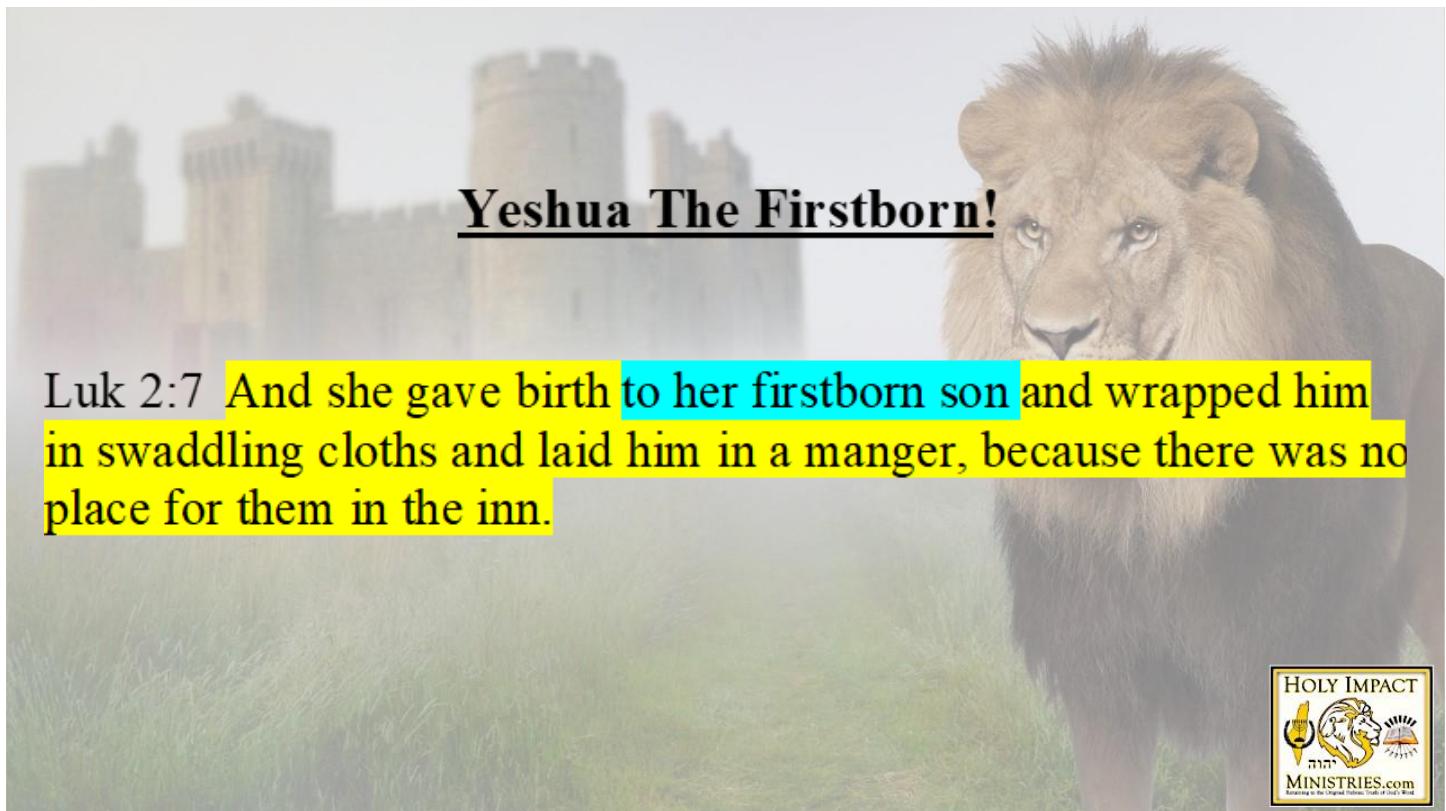
Exo 12:13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exo 12:14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Exo 12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.



And our Messiah who came from the very body of David was also seen as the “firstborn”. (scrn 11)



Luk 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



Our Messiah was also the firstborn of the resurrection and was also known as the “first fruit”.
1st Corinthians 15:20-24 (scrn 12)

Christ The Firstfruits!

1Co 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.



The “firstborn of the resurrection” ... the “first fruit of the new harvest” ... the “only begotten Son of God” are all titles that point directly to the first born who is Yeshua Jesus in the Greek and the fact that it would be that first born of the resurrection... that would belong to Yehvoah God himself. Yeshua Jesus was the first born of the resurrection, the first fruit of the new harvest and the only begotten Son of God... our Passover Lamb the only one who could qualify as the ransom... the propitiation for our transgressions. And just as we've already seen through God's giving of the tribe of the Levites to Aaron and his sons (who represented the firstborn of the house of Israel) ... God has once again given the first born of the resurrection... Yeshua Jesus to the house of Israel to be their king who would sit upon the throne of David forever.

And we... who now have chosen to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to do as he did and to walk as he walked will also become like him in the fact that we will all be sons of God and a nation of priests who will rule and reign with him upon the earth. Everything that our Messiah was... he has called us to be. Everything that he has been given he has in turn given to us. Everything that he became, we are called to become, and just as he became the word of God made flesh... we also are called to become... the word of his Father made flesh and the book of Numbers is just the beginning of this most important Gospel message.

Here in the book of Numbers we are being shown the duties of the High Priest and the Levitical priesthood because this... is what we are called to do and to be. As we see the obedience of the Levitical priesthood, we too should be making note of how we also should be obedient to the things that God has given us to do as well! Just as the Levitical priesthood will always be in charge of the Temple of Yehvoah God... so too will we always be in charge of keeping his

word... his law... his Torah... the very essence of who he is written across our hearts and in our minds, and it is this service... this obedience... this love that we show for him that separates us... from the goats.

All of this touches us. All of this has to do with who we are. All of this is about where we're going and the hope that we have in him who has called us out of the darkness and into his marvelous light in order to proclaim his truth... his righteousness... and his righteous word to the world.

The world will always do all that it can to take what is honorable and holy, and just in the sight of God and to make it darkness and confusion and a false truth that is no truth at all. The little "g" god of this world will do all that he can to confuse and to blur the lines where good and evil intercede. He will continuously do all that he can do to get us to touch the unclean thing... to get us to wink in the eye of sin and transgression, and to turn what is good into what is evil.

Take for example what we find in **Numbers chapter 3 verse 38: (scrn 13)**

Camping On The East Toward The Sunrise...

Num 3:38 Those who were to camp before the tabernacle **on the east, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise**, were Moses and Aaron and his sons, guarding the sanctuary itself, to protect the people of Israel. And any outsider who came near was to be put to death.



Just as we saw with the tribe of Judah... we also see Moses and Aron and his sons were also commanded to camp towards the east which was once again a badge of honor. Camping towards the sunrise was an honor not a curse. And we'll come back to this later in our studies to see why camping with our backs to the Temple and our faces towards the sun has been turned into a curse as we move forward... but the point that needs to be made here is that we must always remember that THE LAW OF MOSES WAS NOT MOSES LAW BUT GOD'S LAW.

And Moses could write nothing that did not agree with the word and mind of God that God gave Moses to write.

The Pharisees wrongly called the law of Moses the “Law of Moses” because Moses was the mediator between God and man back in that time. But it was always clearly understood that the law of Moses did not belong to Moses the man, nor was it given by Moses the man. The Law belonged to God, and Moses was simply the mediator between God and man that had brought the remembrance of the law back to mankind. We must always remember that it was Moses that the people wanted to be the mediator between God and them. When Yehvoah God came down from Mount Siani to thunder his “Testimony” to his people... the people begged Moses to become the mediator between them and God, and so it was. **Exodus 20:18-21 (scrn 14)**

Moses... The One Mediator Between God And Man...

Exo 20:18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

Exo 20:19 and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”

Exo 20:20 Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

Exo 20:21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.



And so it was that Moses had become the one Mediator between God and man and Moses left that honored position to his brother Aaron and those of Aarons sons who would come after him. Each one of them would become Mediators between God and man until the arrival of a greater High Priest in the order of Melkizedek who would be our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach who would then become... the one and only... mediator between God and man. (**scrn 15**)

Yeshua The One Mediator Between God and Man...

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.



And this is why it was written that Yeshua Jesus would be likened unto Moses in Deuteronomy chapter 18. (scrn 16)

A New Prophet like Moses

Deu 18:15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Deu 18:16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Deu 18:19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.



And so, as we walk through the book of Numbers... or any one of the books of the Torah, the writings of the prophets or the Psalms... we must always be keenly aware of what it is that is being shown to us today in our time and how all of these things fit together for the good and benefit of all who have been given this hope that we have been given. We... must have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. We must acknowledge the similarities of the past with the future and we must always remember that our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow and that he does not change. He is not a man that he would change what he has promised or spoken. And we must always remember that God is God, and we are not. He has mercy on whom he has mercy, and he chooses whom he will for the tasks that he has ordained them and anointed them with.

And so, as we close our study for this evening... let us always remember to worship his holy name in both sickness and in health and in both good times and bad as it should be worshiped and then let us be thankful that he is still to this very day pouring out his Spirit upon his people and that he is still in the process of choosing whom it is that he will have mercy upon and that he is God and that we are not. Let us be thankful for these things and for having been given the measure of understanding that we have been given. And let us always pray that the windows of his understanding will always be opened to us forever and for always so that we might finally become... just as our Messiah became... the word of God made flesh. (**scrn 17**)



Mat 5:48

And with that being said... we will pick up next Thursday evening at 7pm Eastern Standard Time and we'll talk more about why Moses and Arron were placed towards the east towards the Sunrise, and what the Devil has done to turn what was meant to be an honor into a curse. We'll

also talk more about what the names of the tribal leaders of the Levites actually meant. And we'll talk about what the three screens of the tabernacle meant, and exactly who Moses and Aaron were and where they had been originally taken from in order to do the will of Yehvoah God according to the book of Numbers. All this and much, much more next Thursday evening at 7pm Eastern Standard time as we continue our journey into the book of Numbers.

But until then... I will do as I always do, ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.