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Numbers Chapter 15b And 16a The Reality of Duality!

Last weeks study into the 15th chapter of the book of Numbers was a rather interesting study in the fact that we are clearly told in Numbers chapter 15 that the Gentiles who were indeed traveling with the house of Israel were welcomed by Yehvoah to enter into the house of Israel as his children if... if... they agreed to do as the house of Israel was commanded to do. And this once again, according to both Numbers chapter 15 and Exodus chapter 12 did indeed include the act of circumcision.

From the very beginning... a gentil could be grafted into the house of Israel if he and all of the males in his household did exactly as the house of Israel was commanded to do, and once again just to refresh our memories, we can find that in Numbers chapter 15 verses 14 through 16. Let's go back and read it again so that we can refresh our memories as to where we can find this most important commandment (E1)

Num 15:14 And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.

Num 15:15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD.

Num 15:16 One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

Once again, we can also find this exact same commandment given in Exodus chapter 12 where we also read that in order for a Gentil to be grafted into the house of Israel the Gentil had to do as the house of Israel was commanded to do and that there would be one law (which is the word "Torah" in the Hebrew language) and

one rule for both the native of the land and the Gentil stranger who traveled with them.

And so, once again... we find that because circumcision was part of Yehovah's "law" (which is his Torah) the gentles also were commanded to be circumcised just as the house of Israel was from the very beginning. (E2)

Exo 12:48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

Exo 12:49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

Exo 12:50 All the people of Israel did just as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

Exo 12:51 And on that very day the LORD brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

And this is extremely important for every modern-day professing Christian to know and to understand. The question of whether or not a Gentil was to be circumcised or not had already been answered clear back in Exodus chapter 12 and again in Numbers chapter 15, and is also answered in the New Testament in places like Acts chapter 15, and Acts chapter 21, and Romans chapter 11 which I would also like to turn to this evening so that we can get an even better look at exactly what a modern day Christian today has been grafted into. And so, let's now turn to **Romans chapter 11 E3**

The Remnant of Israel

Rom 11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

Rom 11:2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

Rom 11:3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life."

Rom 11:4 But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

Rom 11:5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.

Rom 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Rom 11:7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

Rom 11:8 as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see

and ears that would not hear, down to this very day."

Rom 11:9 And David says, "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them;

Rom 11:10 let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever."

Gentiles Grafted In

Rom 11:11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

Rom 11:12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Rom 11:13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry

Rom 11:14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

Rom 11:15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

Rom 11:16 If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,

Rom 11:18 do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

Rom 11:19 Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

Rom 11:20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.

Rom 11:21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

Rom 11:22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.

Rom 11:23 And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

The Mystery of Israel's Salvation

Rom 11:25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Rom 11:26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob";

Rom 11:27 "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

Rom 11:28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Rom 11:30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

Rom 11:31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

Rom 11:32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Rom 11:34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

Rom 11:35 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

Rom 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Here in the 11th chapter of the book of Romans we find a treasure trove of information that has everything to do with Numbers chapter 15. And the very bedrock foundation that was set clear back in the book of Exodus chapter 12 and again in Numbers chapter 15 of the Old Testament, has everything to do with Romans chapter 11 in the New Testament.

What the apostle Paul is clearly telling us here in Romans chapter 11 is exactly what we are reading in Numbers chapter 15 when we read that the Gentile stranger who is traveling with the native of the land Israelite shall do as the native Israelite and that... there shall be one statute for both the native Israelite and the Gentile, and I quote, "forever". Furthermore... once again, our Father in heaven tells us that there shall be one law and one rule for both the native Israelite and the Gentile not two different laws... but one law which once again means "Torah" which is the instruction from God to his chosen set apart people.

We must remember once again as we learned last week, that the word "law" in our English translated Bibles is actually the Hebrew word "Torah" in the Hebrew language which once again refers to the first five books of the Bible sometimes referred to as the law of Moses.

Here in the 11th chapter of the book of Romans in the New Testament we essentially see the apostle Paul telling us the exact same thing. The Gentiles are once again being grafted into the olive tree that is the house of Israel. The only difference is, that in the beginning Yehovah God was explicitly calling the house of Israel as his

chosen set apart people. And yes the Gentiles were being grafted in but Yehovah was not calling them specifically at that point in time. But upon the arrival of Yeshua who Yehvoah God points to as his only begotten Son... Yehvoah is now calling the Gentiles specifically to also once again stand up and be grafted into the house of Israel that is the olive tree that Paul speaks of here in Romans chapter 11. And just to be clear, the apostle Paul once again makes it explicitly clear that the newly led grafted in Gentile should not be arrogant towards the branches who are the Jews. Because if the Gentiles are arrogant towards the branches who are the Jews... and if the Gentile becomes proud and does not fear God, the Gentile will be cut off just like the Jews were cut off because of their pride and insolence. And there is a whole teaching that we could get into just on Romans chapter 11, but my hope and my prayer is that we as modern-day Christians will have the eyes to see and ears to hear exactly what it is that the apostle Paul is proclaiming here in the New Testament in Romans chapter 11. And so the question is... what is the main context of Romans chapter 11?

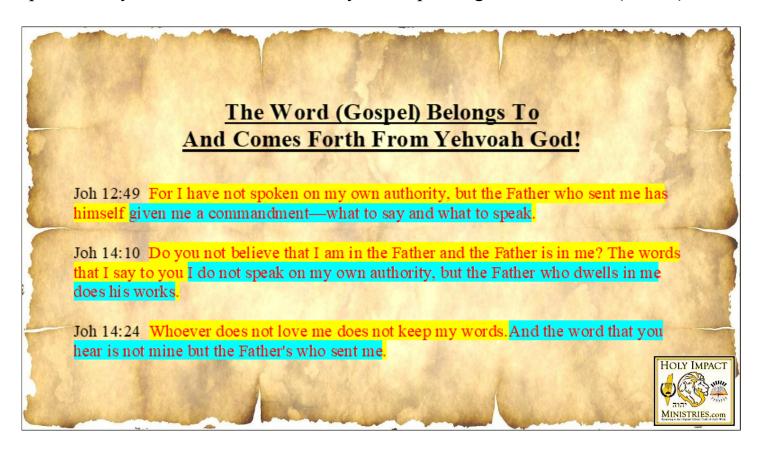
The main context of Romans chapter 11 is that the Gentiles are once again now being both called... and grafted into the remnant of Israel and the mystery of Israel's salvation is being laid out before us right here in Romans chapter 11 where the apostle Paul once again tells us in verse 29 that the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. What does that mean that the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable? Paul answers that very question right here in Romans chapter 11 in verse one when he tells us that God has not rejected his people the Israelites because God has chosen for himself a remnant... get that my friends... "a remnant" of the house of Israel just like he did in the days of Elijah. And it is this remnant of the house of Israel that the Gentile is grafted into provided... provided... that we continue in his kindness otherwise we too will be cut off just like the original bloodline of the house of Israel and the Jews were cut off.

What's important to remember here is that what Paul is preaching here in Romans chapter 11 is not a new concept or a new theory or a new gospel. What the apostle Paul is preaching right here in Romans chapter 11 is the exact same concept and theory and gospel that we are reading about in the book of Numbers and have been reading about since the book of Genesis.

When we read clear back in Exodus chapter 12, and again in Numbers chapter 15 that there shall be one rule and one law, one Torah for the native and for the Gentile forever... we must understand as modern day Christians that this commandment has

not been done away with nor should it be ignored. Nor should it be twisted and turned into a whole new gospel in order to appeal to the vanity and willful ignorance of today's denominational empires of men.

You see, everyone wants to turn the gospel of our Messiah into the gospel of our Messiah. And that's the problem that we face today in our time. The gospel of our Messiah is not the gospel of our Messiah but the gospel of his Father in heaven. The very words that he spoke to us were not his own words they were the words of his Father in heaven. Not says I but says the very red-letter words of our very Messiah spoken of by our Messiah with his very own lips, tongue, and breath. (scrn 1)



Once again, I ask you plainly, whose gospel is this that our Messiah is delivering? Whose word is this that our Messiah is speaking? Our Messiah tells us very clearly in John chapter 12 verse 49 that his Father has given him a commandment what to say and what to speak. In John chapter 14 verse 10 our Messiah says that he does not speak on his own authority, and in John chapter 14 verse 24 he once again tells us very clearly that the word that you hear is not his... it is his Fathers who sent him. And therefore... whose gospel message is this? Whose unfolding plan of salvation is this? Once again, our Messiah makes it extremely clear that he did not come by his own authority to deliver his own gospel message. This gospel message

that our Messiah was sent to deliver to us belongs to his Father in heaven. It was Yehvoah God's unfolding plan of salvation that our Messiah had come to deliver not a gospel message that he had created by his own authority or through his own devices and this is extremely important for us to grasp and to know and to understand without doubt or confusion. Because if we do not understand this biblical concept and these biblical facts... we will make it extremely easy for our adversary to sift us. And I tell you the truth, the devil has already sifted many of us through this demonically inspired deception which was created generations ago.

There is no such thing as the gospel message of Jesus Christ my friends. There is only the gospel message of Yehovah that he gave to his only begotten Son Yeshua Hamashiach to deliver to us.... let's be clear.

This grafting in of the Gentiles in of itself was not the doing of our Messiah. This grafting in the Gentiles is part and parcel of the gospel message that Yehovah God had established from the very beginning and anyone who has read the Bible from the beginning of the book (which does indeed begin in the book of Genesis)... should already be well educated in knowing these things. The problem is once again that most modern-day professing Christians do not read their Bibles from the beginning of the book because they have been maliciously maligned and coaxed into only reading their Bible from the middle of the book and starting in the New Testament rather than starting in the Old Testament at the beginning. And once again, once we do read the Bible from the beginning of the book from the book of Genesis, we begin to see the demonstrative and malicious wickedness of those who teach and preach to us that all we have to be concerned with is the New Testament because the Old Testament has all been done away with and is now a curse according to them and according to their wicked denominational empires of men. My hope and my prayer is that we can all now see why it is that these wolves in sheep's clothing do not want us to read the Bible from the beginning. And by the way my friends this is not a new trick but an old one.

It has long been taught by the Roman Catholic Church that the Bible is destructive to salvation and that those who read the Bible are full of heresy. They have for thousands of years done all that they can to remove the Bible itself from existence. During the dark ages the Roman Catholic Church murdered millions of people and whole societies of people like the Waldenses and the Albigenses and the Hussites for even owning a Bible and they would publicly murder anyone who was found translating the Bible into their own native tongue. This is part of our church history.

This is part of the history of what many know as "Christianity". And we ought to know it by now and we ought to be leery of anyone who tells us not to read the Bible from the beginning for they are nothing more than the daughters of their mother church of Rome. And do not be fooled by their title of "protestant churches" my friends. Because today's protestant churches protest against absolutely nothing and are indeed nothing more than the daughters of their mother church of Rome who is indeed the devil's counterfeit church, and we need to make sure that we shout these things from our rooftops because the day is soon coming when this harlot and all who follow after her will indeed experience the wrath of Yehvoah God himself. Listen very closely once again to the similarities between what is written in the Old Testament and what is written again in the New Testament... Let's begin with **Revelation chapter 18 verses 4-10 E4**

Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;

Rev 18:5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Rev 18:6 Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

Rev 18:7 As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, 'I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.'

Rev 18:8 For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her."

Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning.

Rev 18:10 They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come."

Once again, we hear the warning given to come out of her my people lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues for her sins are heaped as high as heaven and God has remembered her iniquities. This queen my friends that rides and is in control of the beast is indeed the whore that sits atop of the beast of Revelation. She will ultimately be in full control of the end time scenario that is being played out right before us today in our time. This harlot is the exact same harlot that is in the news repeatedly because of her sexual immorality and her pedophile priests who command you and your children to call them "holy fathers". She is full of luxury beyond belief and her vaults are packed full of priceless jewels and gems and paintings and historical documents and her basilicas are full of gold

and frescoes and priceless works of art that adorn her pomp and pageantry. She is indeed clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet adorned with gold and jewels and crowns of pearls and precious stones. She is the harlot that all of the presidents and the Prime Minister's and the kings and queens of the earth rush to every single solitary year to pay homage to her because of her strength and her power and her Majesty around the globe and the secrets that she holds in the palm of her hand because of her Jesuit henchmen adds legitimacy to the power that she wields to this very day. She owns property all around the world and there are no borders to her wickedness and debauchery and blasphemy that she speaks daily against the Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And there is an endless study that we could do, and will do concerning this harlot that does indeed ride and is in control of the beast. Keeping these things in mind now that we have read these things in the New Testament, let's now go read them again in the Old Testament. Jeremiah chapter 51 verses 44 through 49 E5

Jer 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and take out of his mouth what he has swallowed. The nations shall no longer flow to him; the wall of Babylon has fallen.

Jer 51:45 "Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let every one save his life from the fierce anger of the LORD!

Jer 51:46 Let not your heart faint, and be not fearful at the report heard in the land, when a report comes in one year and afterward a report in another year, and violence is in the land, and ruler is against ruler.

Jer 51:47 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming when I will punish the images of Babylon; her whole land shall be put to shame, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

Jer 51:48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall sing for joy over Babylon, for the destroyers shall come against them out of the north, declares the LORD.

Jer 51:49 Babylon must fall for the slain of Israel, just as for Babylon have fallen the slain of all the earth.

Today in our time there are many hucksters not only on YouTube and on social media outlets but also standing behind our modern-day pulpits today who are doing all that they can to proclaim that this harlot is someone or something else. They are doing all that they can do to take our eyes off of Rome and to put them on someone else or something else or some place else. They are doing all that they can to hide the blood that is all over the hands of the Roman Catholic Church and her earthly little "g" god in order to take our attention away from her and to point to someone or something else. Do not believe it my friends. She is the harlot. And she is in control of the beast, and it is through her power and through her pomp and through

her pageantry and through her riches and through her institutions that she has installed throughout the whole earth that she will indeed ultimately control the coming beast system that is already on our horizon.

Do not think that presidents and prime ministers and kings and queens visit her for no purpose. Do not think that the nations of the world do not sit in awe of her listening to her speak at the United Nations and even in the very Congress of the United States of America. Do not take your eyes off of her my friends and don't allow anyone else to relinquish her of the blood that is on her hands and the prophecy that is spoken of her. And once again... this is another whole teaching that we could get into and are now working on as we speak... but for now... let us concentrate on the book of Numbers at hand and our study for this evening.

The point I'm trying to make here in the book of Numbers is that there really is nothing new today in our time. The gospel message that was delivered in the Torah is the exact same gospel message that is being delivered in the New Testament by our Messiah who was sent with that gospel given to him by his Father to deliver to us today in our time. The only thing that is new in this gospel that our Messiah came to deliver to us is that Yehovah the Elohim of Israel is now not only calling back all 12 tribes of the house of Israel... but he is also explicitly calling to the Gentiles to join him in his new coming kingdom. Where sin abounds, the mercy and grace of Yehvoah both abound more. And even though we as humanity have broken every covenant that our Father in heaven has made with us... our Father in heaven will not break his side of those covenants for he is indeed... greater then we are.

The Torah that we are reading right here in the book of Numbers is not a curse. The Torah that we are reading right here in the book of Numbers has not been done away with. The Torah that we are reading right here in the book of Numbers has everything to do with the gospel message that our Messiah was given by his Father to deliver to us. The Torah that we are reading from the book of Numbers has been given to us today in our time so that we might have the eyes to see and ears to hear the truth in these last days. And if we are blessed enough to have the eyes to see and the ears to hear what it is that our Father in heaven is giving to us as manna to nourish us... this manna will indeed strengthen us and not only us, but our children and our children's children. As the skies turn dark and the earth begins to tremble, and good is being turned into evil and evil is turned into good we will ultimately need this manna in order to preserve our very souls. I tell you the truth... those days are now upon us even as we speak and for those who don't know what the true

gospel message of our Messiah was, is, and always will be... they will indeed fall prey to the little "g" god of this world. Make no mistake about it... those days are not coming... they are not on the horizon... they are not just imminent... they are upon us.

As we turn our attention back to Numbers chapter 15 verses 20 and 21, we see that the house of Israel is commanded to bring the first of their dough. It was the first of their dough that was to be presented as a loaf of contribution like a contribution from the threshing floor. It was the first of their dough that they were commanded to give to Yehvoah as a contribution throughout their generations. What does that mean... the first of your dough?

What we need to understand is that the first of everything that we have should be given to God for God's purpose. The first of our dough, the first of our crops, the first of our income, the first of our orchards, the first of our herds, the first of our harvest should be used for Yehvoah God's purpose and not our own.

Every sacrifice that the house of Israel ever brought into the temple was turned around and used to supply the temple and to feed the Levitical priesthood so that... the Levitical priesthood could continue to run the temple. And because these sacrifices and these offerings were brought to Yehvoah... they were to be the first, the best, the unblemished. Nothing but the best was to be brought. And as Yehvoah blessed your flock and new sheep were born in order to expand your flock, you were required to bring the first fruit of that flock that were indeed the very best, the unblemished, the perfect... not what was left over at the end of the month. And this is extremely important for us to learn from.

And what is even more important to learn from is the fact that Yehvoah is not in need of any of our earthly treasure. He has no need of our money or our flocks or our dough, or our wine, he has no need of a man-made temple to live in, he has no need of fine gold or milk or honey or any of these earthly things. But he knows full well that because we are still of the flesh, that all of these material earthly things mean everything to us. And this is exactly why he calls us to let them go and to trust in him, and that he will bless us even more abundantly because we did let them go and we were not afraid to bring the first of our harvest to our Father in heaven who is more than worthy to accept them.

What our Father in heaven is looking for my friends is not our earthly junk. What

our Father in heaven is looking for is complete surrender. He's looking to see where our heart is. He's looking to see if we will give him... the only thing that we can give him... which is... our hearts. It is a broken spirit and a contrite heart that are truly worthy sacrifices. The sacrificing of bulls and goats does nothing but show our willingness to truly worship our Father in heaven above anything and anyone else. Yehvoah can create all the bulls and all the goats that he desires. He can create a land full of milk and honey any time that he wants to. He could build another whole earth out of nothing but gold if he chose to. And so, it's important for us to understand exactly what it is that our Father in heaven was looking for from the very beginning. What was he looking for from his children? Was it all this earthly treasure and these earthly things? Was it bulls and goats and grains and fine wine? Was it a place for him to live because he has no other?

David knew what was important to our Father in heaven. And it was because David did know what was important to our Father in heaven that our Father in heaven chose David to be the one that that Yehvoah would bring our Messiah forth from. And it was because David knew what was important to our Father in heaven that our Father in heaven promised David that he would never lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel. And I would submit you my friends that we... just like David... should know what is most important to our Father in heaven. And it is not bulls and goats and grains and fine wine. It is a broken spirit and a contrite heart that he seeks. It is a commitment of love and adoration. It is a binding of heart and soul. A heart transplant that removes our hearts of stone and replaces them with a true heart of flesh that beats forever for one reason and one reason alone and that is for the glory and the honor worship of the Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Without a broken spirit and a contrite heart all the sacrifices and all the gifts in the world mean nothing to our Father in heaven. And both David and his offspring who is our Messiah knew these things full well.

The first of everything should be his before we ever even think of it being hours. Which brings us right into the topic of willful sin versus unintentional sin.

In Numbers chapter 15 verses 22 down to 31 we read about the difference between unintentional sin and what is known as "high-handed sin". High-handed sin is a sin that is done intentionally. High-handed sin is willfully and intentionally deliberately sinning... (which is defined as breaking God's Torah) even though you know that it is a sin (a transgression).

There is no doubt in my mind that today's modern-day professing Christian has no concept of the difference between unintentional sin and willful and intentional sin. There is no doubt in my mind that the last thing that a modern-day professing Christian is concerned with... is committing willful and intentional sin. And why are they not concerned about committing willful and intentional sin? Because they have been lied to for generations concerning this very commandment.

Today's modern-day professing Christian has fully purchased the snake oil teaching that proclaims that they are once saved always saved no matter what they do or how they live or how they walk or how they treat others, or what they say with their tongue. Today's modern-day professing Christian is completely ignorant of the difference between the clean and the unclean. Today's modern-day professing Christian has no idea what the biblical definition of "sin"... even is according to the Bible which is our God breathed Scripture. Today's modern-day professing Christian has by in large never read, let alone pondered Romans chapter 11 verse 22, or Hebrews chapter 6 verses four through six, or Hebrews chapter 10 versus 26 through 31, or any of the seven letters to the seven assemblies in the book of Revelation when it comes to the manmade declaration of being "once saved always saved". And if they have... because of what they have been taught by wolves in sheep's clothing, they can no longer understand what it is that their reading, and because of their pre-programing... just as our Messiah had long ago told the Pharisees and Scribes of his time... they would see but never perceive and hear... but never understand.

What is important for us to understand is that even in the Old Testament willful and intentional high-handed sin (also known as transgression) was not forgiven. If someone despised the word of Yehvoah and broke his commandment, that person was utterly cut off from his people and his iniquity remained upon him. This is how important it is for us to understand willful and intentional high-handed sin.

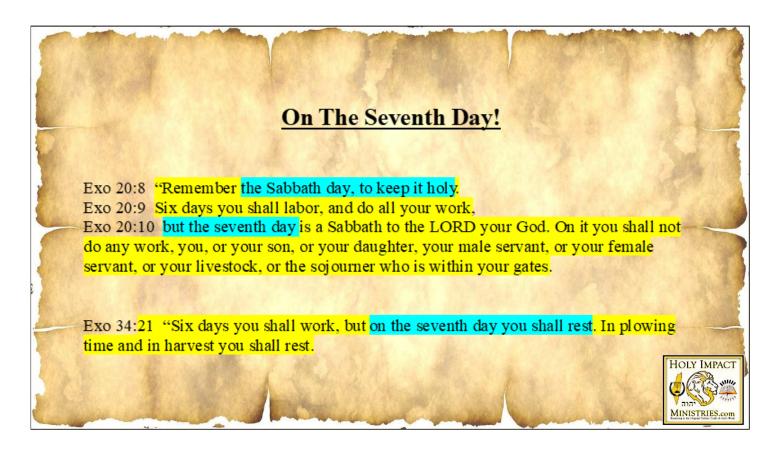
Knowing and understanding how our Father in heaven feels about willful and intentional high-handed sin... you would think that the modern-day Christian today would be far more concerned with willful and intentional high-handed sin. But I would submit to you that the exact opposite is true.

Once again what's the cliché that man has perpetuated for himself? It's easier to ask forgiveness than it is permission...

It's easier to ask forgiveness than it is to ask permission has become the motto of today's modern-day culture and society. Once saved always saved which is nothing more than "do as thou wilt is the whole of the law" which comes right out of the devil's Bible itself has become the mantra of the church today who follows after her mother church of Rome and believes even still today... that it is easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to ask for permission. Because for them, it's all about asking for forgiveness on the church not our Messiah who tells us that he does not know those who are lawless.

In Numbers chapter 15 verses 32 through 36 we find a man who was gathering timber and firewood on the Sabbath day because apparently, he also thought that it was easier to ask for forgiveness than it was for permission. And the commandment was handed down to stone him to death because of his willful and intentional high-handed sin. And in your English translated Bible it may say that this man was out gathering "sticks". But this once again, this is a terrible translation. The English word "sticks" is actually the Hebrew word "ates" (ets) and it means "wood, timber," or "plank". And so, it is written that this man was actually out collecting firewood instead of resting on the Sabbath day. And we can rightly assume that this firewood was going to be used for work. Fire was often used for work back in those days in order to cast iron, or to make jewelry, or any number of things.

But the point is... that this man was willfully and intentionally committing a high-handed sin against Yehvoah who had commanded the Israelites to rest and not to work on his seventh day Sabbath. It is clearly written that you shall work six days but you shall rest on the seventh day. (scrn 2)



Now my friends, you can twist the Scripture inside and out. You can flat out deny what the Scripture says, and I know many that have. You can rent your clothes... you can kick your pulpit, and you can dance with the devil in the pale moonlight. But what you cannot do... is to turn the truth into a lie.

The truth will always remain the truth and a lie will always remain a lie. It is clearly written without stutter that we shall work six days and rest on the seventh day. Is this hard to understand? Does this require mathematical equation? Does this require science or philosophy to understand? Does this require a new moon or a full moon to substantiate?

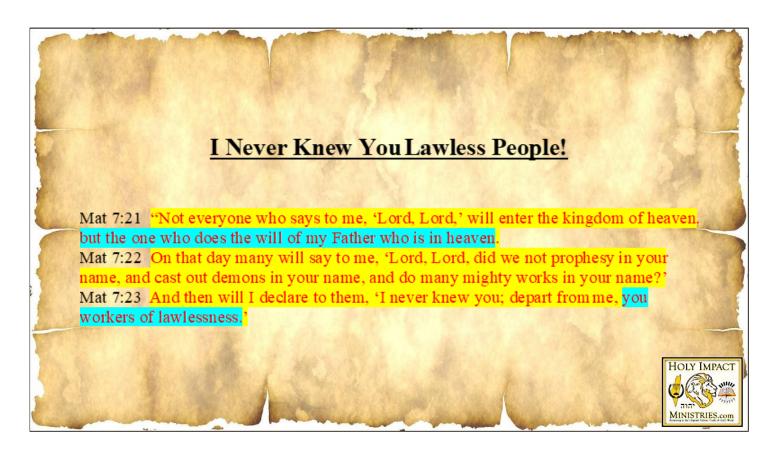
I would submit to you my friends that the simplest among us can understand this most important commandment that we are to work six days and that we are to rest on the seventh. But even this most important commandment that marks us as his people has been twisted by the philosophy and the traditions of wicked men who teach wicked things that they ought not to teach. And I tell you the truth my friends, many have done just this thing here on this earth thinking that they have the ability to trade the truth for a lie and a lie truth. But the truth is, that those who trade the truth for a lie and a lie for the truth have done nothing more than to build their houses upon the sand. For them it is far more important to follow a man than it is to

follow the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For them it is far easier to purchase the snake oil that comes from those who love to dress themselves up like Angels of light in order to fool if possible... even the very elect.

But for those of us who have read our Bibles four ourselves... and trust in the word of Yehvoah God the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and his word and what his word says... we will always choose Yehvoah over following after a man who seeks nothing but fame and fortune for himself rather than seeking after the truth of what our God breathed Scripture truly proclaims and commands. We who truly do love the Elohim of Israel will always abide in his spoken word that our Messiah became in the flesh and that we should also be striving to become in the flesh by picking up our crosses following our Messiah and doing as he did in walking as he walked.

And as we move on down into Numbers chapter 15 verses 37 through 41 our Father in heaven once again reminds us of this very fact. As Yehvoah himself commands his children to wear blue cords on the corners of their hips he reminds us once again how dangerous it is to follow after our own hearts and our own eyes which we are inclined to whore after. It is clearly written in verse 40 and I quote, "so you shall remember and do all my commandments and be holy to your God. I am Yehvoah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God; I am Yehvoah your God."

Let there be no mistake about it my friends, those who follow after a man and the wisdom of men will indeed be without excuse when it comes to the day of judgment. If we are not following these God breathed Scripture's, these God breathed words, this God breathed Torah, this God breathed law that our Messiah became in the flesh because of his obedience to these God breathed Scripture's, these God breathed words, this God breathed Torah, and this God breathed law... then our Messiah will indeed not even know who we are. Not says I, but says the very red letter words of our Messiah. Once again Matthew chapter 7:21-23 (scrn 3)



And once again just for anyone who has been sitting in a church pew being lied to for any number of years... in your English translated Bible especially in your King James version of the Bible Matthew chapter 7 verse 23 might say "Ye that work iniquity". But once again, the original Greek word being used for "iniquity" is the Greek word "anomea" and once again... it does indeed mean illegality and violation of the law. And so, there just simply is no way around the fact that if we are not doing the will of our Father in heaven not only will we not gain entrance into his kingdom, but our Messiah clearly will not even know who we are.

This in a nutshell is exactly what Numbers chapter 15 verses 37 through 41 is all about. The very context of wearing blue cords or tassels on the corners of our hips as God's children to remind us to do his will and not our own will and to obey his commandments and not the commandments of men and to follow after him not to follow after men has everything to do with the gospel message that our Messiah came to deliver to us that originated right here in the book of Numbers. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture and the very red-letter words of our very own Messiah.

Which once again leads us right on into Numbers chapter 16 and the rebellion of Korah which once again shows this stubborn stiff necked rebellion of humanity in

great detail.

After all of these things have happened, and after the first generation of the house of Israel was not being allowed to enter into the promised land because of their willful and intentional rejection of the Elohim of Israel... and after all of the rebellion against Moses from even his own brother and sister Aaron and Miriam... we now see another rebellion on the horizon. And so, without further delay let us go read Numbers chapter 16 so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly what it does not say. **E6**

Korah's Rebellion

Num 16:1 Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men.

Num 16:2 And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men.

Num 16:3 They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

Num 16:4 When Moses heard it, he fell on his face,

Num 16:5 and he said to Korah and all his company, "In the morning the LORD will show who is his, and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he chooses he will bring near to him.

Num 16:6 Do this: take censers, Korah and all his company;

Num 16:7 put fire in them and put incense on them before the LORD tomorrow, and the man whom the LORD chooses shall be the holy one. You have gone too far, sons of Levi!"

Num 16:8 And Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi:

Num 16:9 is it too small a thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do service in the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister to them,

Num 16:10 and that he has brought you near him, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you? And would you seek the priesthood also?

Num 16:11 Therefore it is against the LORD that you and all your company have gathered together. What is Aaron that you grumble against him?"

Num 16:12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and they said, "We will not come up.

Num 16:13 Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you must also make yourself a prince over us?

Num 16:14 Moreover, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men?

We will not come up."

- Num 16:15 And Moses was very angry and said to the LORD, "Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, and I have not harmed one of them."
- Num 16:16 And Moses said to Korah, "Be present, you and all your company, before the LORD, you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow.
- Num 16:17 And let every one of you take his censer and put incense on it, and every one of you bring before the LORD his censer, 250 censers; you also, and Aaron, each his censer."
- Num 16:18 So every man took his censer and put fire in them and laid incense on them and stood at the entrance of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron.
- Num 16:19 Then Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.
- Num 16:20 And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
- Num 16:21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment."
- Num 16:22 And they fell on their faces and said, "O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry with all the congregation?"
- Num 16:23 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 16:24 "Say to the congregation, Get away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram."
- Num 16:25 Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him.
- Num 16:26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away with all their sins."
- Num 16:27 So they got away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, together with their wives, their sons, and their little ones.
- Num 16:28 And Moses said, "Hereby you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, and that it has not been of my own accord.
- Num 16:29 If these men die as all men die, or if they are visited by the fate of all mankind, then the LORD has not sent me.
- Num 16:30 But if the LORD creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the LORD."
- Num 16:31 And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart.
- Num 16:32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods.
- Num 16:33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.
- Num 16:34 And all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up!"

- Num 16:35 And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.
- Num 16:36 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 16:37 "Tell Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to take up the censers out of the blaze. Then scatter the fire far and wide, for they have become holy.
- Num 16:38 As for the censers of these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar, for they offered them before the LORD, and they became holy. Thus they shall be a sign to the people of Israel."
- Num 16:39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned had offered, and they were hammered out as a covering for the altar,
- Num 16:40 to be a reminder to the people of Israel, so that no outsider, who is not of the descendants of Aaron, should draw near to burn incense before the LORD, lest he become like Korah and his company—as the LORD said to him through Moses.
- Num 16:41 But on the next day all the congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD."
- Num 16:42 And when the congregation had assembled against Moses and against Aaron, they turned toward the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.
- Num 16:43 And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting,
- Num 16:44 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num 16:45 "Get away from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces.
- Num 16:46 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer, and put fire on it from off the altar and lay incense on it and carry it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them, for wrath has gone out from the LORD; the plague has begun."
- Num 16:47 So Aaron took it as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had already begun among the people. And he put on the incense and made atonement for the people.
- Num 16:48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped.
- Num 16:49 Now those who died in the plague were 14,700, besides those who died in the affair of Korah.
- Num 16:50 And Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the tent of meeting, when the plague was stopped.

The very first thing that I want us to notice here in Numbers chapter 16 is the reason that Korah and the sons of Levi were rebelling against Moses and Aaron. If we will notice in verse three, the very reason that Korah and the sons of Levi were rebelling against Aaron and Moses was because of human vanity. Unadulterated human vanity is what caused Korah and the sons of Levi to be sifted by our adversary.

Korah and the sons of Levi, the very people that Yehovah himself had chosen and

separated from the congregation of Israel to bring them near to himself to do service in his tabernacle were the very people that the devil had sifted. Think about that for just a moment.

How important is this to understand? If the devil could even sift the Levitical priesthood... how much danger do you think you and I and our children are in when it comes to the wonderfully brilliant snares that our adversary has set for us?

Even the Levitical priesthood itself was attacked by our adversary who successfully sifted them by using one of the weakest links of humanity. And what was that weakest link of humanity? Clearly... it was vanity. Vanity and the fleshly yearning for power. And let me ask you this my friends... is this vanity and this fleshly yearning for power not exactly what we are seeing today within the halls of our governments around the world and in our halls of justice? The very people that are writing laws... the very people that are sitting as our judges... the very people that are forming and constructing legislation are the exact same people that the devil has gone after using this exact same snare of... vanity and power. And of course, vanity and power if stolen... leads to riches beyond measure and the worship of the people who they tower over.

This evening as we close the books and contemplate what it is that we have learned during this evening study my hope and my prayer is that each and every one of us would pause to reconsider and to think about how it is that the devil would be able to wield the alluring carrot of vanity and power in front of us in order to sift us.

Vanity and narcissism and power and worship are things that the devil has used for thousands of years to incite wars and division even within the body of our Messiah and the children of Yehovah. It's all about the me, myself, and I. Today in our culture and in our societies around the world the lure of vanity and power knows no bounds. And as time marches on it is this exact same lure of vanity and power that will indeed bring forth a one world government and a son of perdition who will rule over that one world government. And it is this very beast that will be ridden by the harlot who is full of vanity and power. She will indeed be in control of the beast, and she will indeed fuel the beast with all of the vanity and power that the beast needs in order to eradicate the world of true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians. The question is not are these things going to happen. Nor is the question when are these things going to happen. The question is... are you ready for these things to happen and are your children ready for these things to happen? Are

we well studied enough? Do we have a strong enough personal relationship with both our father in heaven and his only begotten son Yeshua? Have we put on the full armor of God? Do we know with the full armor of God is? These are personal questions that each one of us need to ask ourselves within the confines of our own prayer closets. And I tell you the truth my friends, for those who have not asked themselves these questions... know this... the sand is now leaving the hourglass.

And with that we will once again close the books for this evening and pick up where we left off in Numbers chapter 16 next Thursday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard Time.

Until that time... I will do as I always do, and I will once again 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.