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Numbers Chapter 21

Salvation And The Serpent Pole

Last week during our study into Numbers chapter 20 we spoke about some very spiritual things that only people with spiritual eyes would be able to see. And this week as we venture into Numbers chapter 21, we're going to once again see some things that are very spiritual in nature and so, my hope and my prayer is that through our journey from the book of Genesis to the book of Numbers we have all picked up on the undeniable fact that the Bible is not just written by the letter and cannot be properly understood by the letter alone.

The Bible that we have today is indeed a spiritual book just as the apostle Paul tells us that it is in Romans chapter 7 of the New Testament. And it is because the Bible is written as a spiritually discerned work... that many people around the world today simply do not have the eyes to see or the ears to hear what it does and does not say. And of course, this was the problem from the beginning, even in our Messiah's day with those who were standing behind the pulpits of his time who had no eyes to see and no ears to hear.

And I think that what is difficult for a true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christian to understand is that there are very few people who have the eyes to see and ears to hear what these God breathed Scripture are actually saying. It is written that many will be called but only few will be chosen. And it is written that straight is the gate and narrow is the path and few there be that find it. And we as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians need to always remember these things.

It even took the apostles and the disciples of our Messiah a period of time to understand what it was that he was attempting to tell them because he spoke in parables and because he spoke in spiritual ways. They were constantly asking him,

“what does this mean” or “what does that mean”, or to explain this parable or to explain that parable to them which he did in an attempt to get them to think in the spiritual and not just to think in the physical.

And because we spoke a lot about this during our last study, I don’t want to go back all over these things again except to once again say, that as we get into Numbers chapter 21 and the rest of our Father’s Torah and the writings of the prophets and the Psalms and even on up through the New Testament, we are not even going to understand 10% of what we are reading unless we are able to have the eyes to see and ears to hear what is being shown to us. And so, this is very important to keep in mind not only when reading through these God breathed Scriptures, but also when we are trying to convey what these God breathed Scriptures are saying to others who do not have the spiritual understanding to grasp what it is that we are trying to tell them and to show them.

If it took some time for the apostles and the disciples to be trained up and to think spiritually... we should also afford the people that we are teaching to also have some time to let these things sink in and to become acclimated to what it means to think in spiritual terms which simply cannot be done without our Father’s Spirit being involved in the process.

With that in mind, let’s now turn to Numbers chapter 21 and let’s read it for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Numbers chapter 21 E1**

Arad Destroyed

Num 21:1 When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive.

Num 21:2 And Israel vowed a vow to the LORD and said, “If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction.”

Num 21:3 And the LORD heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah.

The Bronze Serpent

Num 21:4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.

Num 21:5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water,

and we loathe this worthless food.”

Num 21:6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

Num 21:7 And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

Num 21:8 And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.”

Num 21:9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The Song of the Well

Num 21:10 And the people of Israel set out and camped in Oboth.

Num 21:11 And they set out from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness that is opposite Moab, toward the sunrise.

Num 21:12 From there they set out and camped in the Valley of Zered.

Num 21:13 From there they set out and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

Num 21:14 Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD, “Waheb in Suphah, and the valleys of the Arnon,

Num 21:15 and the slope of the valleys that extends to the seat of Ar, and leans to the border of Moab.”

Num 21:16 And from there they continued to Beer; that is the well of which the LORD said to Moses, “Gather the people together, so that I may give them water.”

Num 21:17 Then Israel sang this song: “Spring up, O well!—Sing to it!—

Num 21:18 the well that the princes made, that the nobles of the people dug, with the scepter and with their staffs.” And from the wilderness they went on to Mattanah,

Num 21:19 and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

Num 21:20 and from Bamoth to the valley lying in the region of Moab by the top of Pisgah that looks down on the desert.

King Sihon Defeated

Num 21:21 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

Num 21:22 “Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into field or vineyard. We will not drink the water of a well. We will go by the King's Highway until we have passed through your territory.”

Num 21:23 But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. He gathered all his people together and went out against Israel to the wilderness and came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

Num 21:24 And Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as to the Ammonites, for the border of the Ammonites was strong.

Num 21:25 And Israel took all these cities, and Israel settled in all the cities of the

Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its villages.

Num 21:26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.

Num 21:27 Therefore the ballad singers say, "Come to Heshbon, let it be built; let the city of Sihon be established.

Num 21:28 For fire came out from Heshbon, flame from the city of Sihon. It devoured Ar of Moab, and swallowed the heights of the Arnon.

Num 21:29 Woe to you, O Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh! He has made his sons fugitives, and his daughters captives, to an Amorite king, Sihon.

Num 21:30 So we overthrew them; Heshbon, as far as Dibon, perished; and we laid waste as far as Nophah; fire spread as far as Medeba."

King Og Defeated

Num 21:31 Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.

Num 21:32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who were there.

Num 21:33 Then they turned and went up by the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

Num 21:34 But the LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon."

Num 21:35 So they defeated him and his sons and all his people, until he had no survivor left. And they possessed his land.

As we continue to move through the book of Numbers and on up through the book of Deuteronomy, we are going to begin to see the conquest of the house of Israel. And we're going to begin to see that Israelite army that Yehovah God had put together back in the beginning of the book of Numbers finally coming into fruition.

We must remember that back in Numbers chapter 13... both God and Moses had sent the fathers of each one of the tribes of the 12 tribes of Israel into the land of Canaan to spy it out and to see whether or not the people who dwelt there were strong or weak and whether they were few or many. And so, each one of the fathers from each one of the 12 tribes of the house of Israel went to spy out the land of Canaan but... when they returned they gave a frightening report to Moses and to the rest of the house of Israel, telling them that there was no way that they could go to war with the land of Canaan because the people in it were the descendants of Anak and that there were giants in the land that made them look like grasshoppers. And if we will remember correctly, it was only Caleb that spoke up and was ready to overtake the land as Yehovah God had commanded.

But here in Numbers chapter 21 we see that the Canaanite king Arad, had heard that Israel was coming, and that he fought against Israel, and that he had taken some of them captive. And because the king of the Canaanites had done this, the house of Israel made a vow to Yehovah that if he gave the Canaanites into their hand, they would devote their cities to destruction which is what Yehovah God wanted from the very beginning because once again these giants in the land were indeed evil civilizations. And so, it is written that Yehovah heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites to them and that they finally did devote the Canaanites and their cities to destruction which is why that place was called “Hormah” in the Hebrew language which means, “broken rock”, or “banded” or “devoted to destruction”.

And so it was, here in Numbers chapter 21 that what God had commanded in Numbers chapter 13 finally had taken place. And we must also remember why it was that our Father in heaven wanted many of these kingdoms irradiated and wiped off the face of the earth.

These giants that the house of Israel saw in the land of Canaan that made them look like grasshoppers were indeed a hybrid race of human beings that were created clear back in Genesis chapter 6 when the fallen angels had found human women beautiful and came down to mix their race with them. And this created somewhat of a human hybrid that was indeed innately evil. And this is exactly why our Father in heaven wanted many of these civilizations that were a mixing and mingling of his creation to be removed from the face of the earth. And we can even read about these fallen angels who did not keep their position of authority but left their proper dwellings in the New Testament in **the book of Jude. E2**

Jud 1:5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Jud 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

Jud 1:7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

In the 10th chapter of the book of Luke we even have our Messiah telling us that he saw Satan falling like lightning from heaven. And in Matthew chapter 25 our

Messiah makes a distinct difference between those who will be gathered on his left side and those who will be gathered on his right side. And he tells us that those who were gathered together on his left side at the end of the age would be cursed and sent into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

The apostle Peter in second Peter chapter 2 also mentioned these angels that were cast into hell and that he had put in chains and in gloomy darkness to be kept until the day of the judgment. Revelation chapter 12 also tells us that the serpent who is called the devil and Satan the deceiver of the whole world was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him. We are also told in Revelation chapter 12 that it was these same angels along with the devil who had made war in heaven against God and that Michael, and his angels had fought back against the devil and his angels and had thrown them down to the earth.

In the second chapter of the book of Job it is written that there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yehovah and Satan also came among them and present himself before Yehovah. And so, when we read in Genesis chapter 6 that it was the sons of God that saw that the daughters of men were attractive and took as their wives any that they chose... there should be no doubt in our minds who the sons of God were. And I would like to once again reiterate the fact that man is not born a son of God. Man is born the son of Adam who willfully and intentionally high handedly sinned against God. Man does not become a son of God until he is born again through the watery grave of baptism because of his faith for the only begotten Son of God.

It is only when we have faith in the only begotten Son of God, and we obey his commandment by being baptized by going down into the watery grave of baptism signifying that we are leaving the flesh behind and are reborn again spiritual beings... that we are given the right be called sons of God. Let's be clear here.

The church today often times teaches that the sons of God that saw the daughters of men attractive and took as their wives any that they chose... were simply the sons of Seth who was the third son of Adam. But there is no evidence of the sons of God being human beings when we look at the earliest sources of documents and information found before the birth of our Messiah. All of the earliest sources interpret the "sons of God" as Angels. And these references can be found in the book of Enoch, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Genesis Apocryphon, the Damascus document, jubilees and again in second Baruch, and also from the Jewish historian

Josephus, and we can include the book of Jude, second Peter, Job, and the Septuagint that all tell us that the term “sons of God” in the Old Testament all refer to angels and not men. Man does not become a “son of God” until he has faith and truly believes and his faith is justified by his obedience according to Scripture. And so there really is no doubt that the sons of God were indeed fallen angels for those of us who have actually done our homework and are not simply sitting in a church pew on the wrong day of the week calling it the Sabbath listening to some huckster standing behind the pulpit.

Once again, it is not written that a man becomes the son of God until... until... he has faith in the only begotten Son of God and has gone down into the watery grave of baptism to be reborn a new creature. It is at this point in time and this point in time only that a man has the right to be called “a son of God”. And we need to be keenly aware of these things because if we are not, the world will once again lead us astray by taking our attention off of what the truth of Scripture actually says and putting our attention on the traditions of men and the very same rabbinical Pharisees that had led the world astray during our Messiah’s time. Once again... it is a red-letter commandment from our Messiah found in Matthew chapter 23 that no man is to be called... “Rabbi”.

And so, I say all of that to once again help us to better understand why it is that our Father in heaven was telling the house of Israel to go in and to eradicate these giants from the land. Many of these evil civilizations were brought forth by the devil himself and this is exactly why Yehovah God told the devil in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 that he would put enmity between Devil’s offspring and the offspring of the human woman. All of this needs to be properly understood in order to understand why our Father in heaven wanted many of these civilizations to be removed from the face of the earth. And it is only now in Numbers chapter 21 that the house of Israel had finally found the courage to go in and to do as Yehovah God had commanded them to do by removing these wicked civilizations who were the offspring of the serpent and taking back that land that God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Joseph.

You see, from the very beginning our Father in heaven had purposefully selected the land that was occupied by his adversary... to give to the children of Abraham. It was the very land that the devil himself had taken possession of... that Yehovah had in turn promised the children of his faithful servant Abraham. Once again... we can clearly see Yehovah check mating the devil and his angels.

And so once again, if we are going to understand these God breathed Scriptures, we need to understand the Bible as a whole. We need to be able to see the whole picture not just half of it. We need to know what the rest of Scripture says and not just the cherry-picked Scripture that we find interesting. Once again, this book is a spiritual book and must be understood by the spiritual. Human eyes will never understand these God breathed Scripture because human eyes only see the letter of the text. And therefore, let us always be in prayer asking for the discernment of our Father in heaven to have these spiritual eyes that are so desperately needed in order to help us see, and to find, and to identify the truth that can only be found within the confines of these God breathed Scripture.

Moving forward, as we continue on in Numbers chapter 21 verses four through nine, we read about the infamous bronze serpent. And I want to stop right here for just a moment because this spiritual discernment that we have been talking about literally for months now is going to once again become extremely apparent to us as we see once again the reality of duality and the shadow pictures that are being given to us right here in the 21st chapter of the book of Numbers.

Once again, the house of Israel begins to rebel against Moses and Aaron. But I want us to think about what it is that the people are rebelling against. They are rebelling against not having food and water. But... the fact of the matter is... that the house of Israel already had food and water. Yehovah was clearly raining down manna... bread from heaven... so that they would have food to eat. And we just saw in the previous chapter, in Numbers chapter 20 that the house of Israel did indeed have water that came from the rock that Moses had struck with his staff.

And so therefore... we need to understand that the house of Israel had no need to grumble about food and water because these things were already being supplied to them by our Father in heaven in very special ways that once again represented Yehovah's unfolding plan of salvation for the house of Israel.

The manna that fell from heaven was provided to the house of Israel in order to make bread. Once again... if we have spiritual eyes... we should be able to see the significance of this spiritual bread coming down from heaven. Who was it that is said to be... the bread of life? In order to allow the Scripture to answer that question, I'd like us to turn to **John chapter 6 verses 30 through 59 E3**

Joh 6:30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?"

Joh 6:31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Joh 6:32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Joh 6:34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Joh 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Joh 6:36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

Joh 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Joh 6:39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

Joh 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Joh 6:41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

Joh 6:42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Joh 6:43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.

Joh 6:44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

Joh 6:46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Joh 6:47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

Joh 6:48 I am the bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

Joh 6:50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Joh 6:52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Joh 6:53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

Joh 6:54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Joh 6:56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

Joh 6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Joh 6:59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

Once again, we find our Messiah speaking in very spiritual terms to a very spiritually dead generation. And I want to be clear here... our Messiah makes the clear and concise statement that he is the bread of life in John chapter 6 verse 48. He also says that in John chapter 6 verse 35, and he repeats it again in John chapter 6 verse 41 and therefore, when we are reading about the house of Israel complaining here in Numbers chapter 21 about the bread of life that was coming down from heaven... we should be able to clearly see why it was that our Father in heaven was so angry with them.

This manna... this bread that was falling down from heaven in order to give the house of Israel life giving food to sustain them was once again a reality of duality... a shadow picture of his only begotten Son just like the rock that Moses had struck twice with his staff. We must remember that our Messiah is also known as the rock of stumbling that would cause many to fall and that he is also known as the cornerstone and we also see this exact same rock in the book of Daniel that smashes the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream that represents all of the major earthly kingdoms of the world at the end of the age.

And I also want to be very clear here about what our Messiah tells us in John chapter 6 verse 51 through 58, where our Messiah tells us that we must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood. Once again, my friends... these are spiritual words that are speaking of spiritual things. Our Messiah is not talking about his physical flesh and his physical blood... our Messiah is speaking spiritually about us taking on his form and having his spirit within us. At no time does our Messiah ever tell of his apostles to eat his flesh at the last Passover meal that they had before his crucifixion. He broke bread, and he gave them wine, which were again symbols of his flesh and his blood... his spirit. And the proper understanding of these things is that we would take our Messiah into ourselves. The proper understanding is that we would accept his spirit within us and that we would weld our spirit together with his

allowing him to live within us to lead us and to guide us back to his Father in heaven where we belong.

Those who do not have the eyes to see and ears to hear always wind up lost and rebellious. And this is exactly why the Roman Catholic Church through her demonically inspired transubstantiation that she performs during every one of her demonically inspired Roman Catholic masses is nothing more than wicked sorcery that she does in defiance of the truth.

And for those of you who do not know what transubstantiation is... transubstantiation is when a Roman Catholic priest who wrongly calls himself “father” takes a round sun shaped wafer... (because they’re all about worshiping the sun God)... out from a sun shaped monstrance... is said to have the supernatural ability to turn that around sun shaped wafer into the real flesh of our Messiah and the wine into his real blood.

This whole devilish sorcery that the Roman Catholic church calls its “mass”... is nothing more than a devilish cannibalistic sorcery that they do in order to slap our Messiah in the face. It is because they do not have the eyes to understand and the ears to hear the truth that they have indeed become children of the devil just as the Pharisees and the Scribes of our Messiah’s time had become the children of the devil.

Make no mistake about it... this whore of Babylon and her little horn power along with her daughter Protestant churches who no longer protest against anything... will indeed be dealt with at the end of the age. But until that time... we who are the wheat are still indeed growing up amongst... the weeds. And we need to keep this in mind if we are ever going to be able to properly navigate our way through the evil days that are still yet to come.

But the point that we need to make here in Numbers chapter 21 is exactly what it was that the house of Israel was rebelling against. By rebelling against the bread of life that came down from heaven, they were literally rebelling against God’s bread of life that he would send down from heaven which would finally divulge his unfolding plan of salvation for the world that would indeed not just sustain us for a period of time, but that would sustain us forever offering to us an everlasting life and the ability to return to the tree of life that we were banished from so long ago in the garden of Eden. And this is exactly why our Father in heaven was so angry with

the house of Israel.

And so it was, because of the anger and the wrath of God that he had sent serpents upon the house of Israel to bite them and to kill them so that they would hopefully get the message. It was indeed the serpent that was causing them to be filled with this narcissistic vanity time and time again. It was indeed the serpent who was causing them to stumble and to fall. And so it was that our Father in heaven allowed the serpent to have his way with them.

And once again... once the house of Israel began to repent and to turn back to Moses and to Aaron for help... Yehovah tells Moses to make a fiery serpent and to set it on a pole and to raise it up so that everyone who is bitten and sees this serpent on a pole will live. And once again my friends we are seeing spiritual things being delivered to the house of Israel that should be jumping off of the page of Numbers chapter 21 to those of us who have the ability to see these things spiritually.

What was this fiery serpent on a pole all about? What did this fiery serpent on a pole represent? The serpent represents sin. It represents transgression. The pole represents the pole that our Messiah would be crucified upon. We must remember that it is written that he who knew no sin became sin. Our Messiah took on the sins of the world and actually became the sins of mankind... and this is exactly why he had to go to the cross and this is exactly why he rebuked Peter by calling Peter Satan when Peter tried to tell him that this would never happen. Keeping these things in mind I would like us to now turn to the book of **John chapter 3 verses nine through 15 E4:**

Joh 3:9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Joh 3:10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

Joh 3:11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

Joh 3:12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

Joh 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

Joh 3:15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Once again, according to the very red-letter words of our Messiah this serpent that was lifted up in the wilderness was indeed a shadow picture of the Son of Man who would also be lifted up that whoever believes in him may have eternal life and be saved. We must remember that here in the book of Numbers chapter 21 it was only those who looked up at that serpent on that pole and realized their sin... that would be healed from the bite of the serpent. And I would submit to you my friends that nothing has changed today in our time. (scrn 1)

He Who Knew No Sin... Became Sin...

2Co 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



There should be no doubt in our minds whatsoever what this serpent on a pole represented. There should be no doubt in our minds whatsoever what sin is. There should be no doubt in our minds whatsoever that our Messiah who knew no sin actually became the sin of the world... and that this is exactly why it was our Father's will to crush him.

It's important that we understand the mission of our Messiah. It's important that we understand the mission that he came to complete. Because if we do not understand that this mission that he was sent to complete... we will never truly understand what salvation is all about nor will we understand the unfolding plan of salvation that our Father had laid out for his children from the very beginning. In order to better understand the mission statement of our Messiah and what he came to do...

I'd like us to turn not to the New Testament... but to the Old Testament in **Isaiah chapter 53 E5**

Isa 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Isa 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

Isa 53:9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

What's important to understand here is that the majority of Jewish rabbis absolutely hate Isaiah chapter 53. In fact... most Jewish people are forbidden to read Isaiah chapter 53 by their wicked rabbis. This particular chapter of the prophet Isaiah has been literally banished by rabbinical Judaism specifically because it so radically points directly to Yeshua Hamashiach as being the only begotten Son of Yehovah God and the only way to return to Yehovah God.

But what is important to understand here in Isaiah chapter 53 is exactly what we just read in second Corinthians chapter 5. Here in Isaiah chapter 53, it is written that he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. It is written that he was pierced for our transgressions, and he was crushed for our iniquities. It is written that it is through his wounds that we are healed. It is written that it was Yehovah's will... to crush him and to put him to grief why?... So that his soul could make an offering for guilt. And I want us to pay particularly close attention to Isaiah chapter 53 verse 12 where we are told that it was because... it was because... he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors and that he bore the sins of many.... that he was able to make intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah chapter 53 very nicely lays out the mission statement that our very human Messiah was sent to carry out. Once again, our Messiah was a human man who had both a human father and a human mother. His human father was David just as we have already been told in second Samuel chapter 7, and this is why he was referred to as the Son of David in the very first sentence of the New Testament. and his human mother was Mary just as we read in the first chapter of the book of Matthew. And this very human man who had both a human father and a human mother was immaculately conceived by the very hand of Yehovah God in the womb of a virgin human woman so that he as a man... could... atone for the sins of man. And this is extremely important for us to know and to understand not according to the wisdom of men, not according to the tradition of the church, not according to a rabbi not according to a Pope, but according to our God breathed Scripture and our God breathed Scripture alone.

At any point in time our Messiah as a human man could have rejected this mission. We see our Messiah crying out to his Father in the garden of Gethsemane that it would be his Father's will to take away this cup... this mission from him. But our Father in heaven could not take away this cup... this mission from him. Man had sinned against him, and it was because man had sinned against him, that a man would have to offer himself in a perfect and unblemished form as a sacrifice to Yehovah God so that man's sins... man's transgressions... could be removed from him. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture.

Numbers chapter 21 is a stunning chapter for those who have the eyes to see and ears to hear what is being revealed to us through these God breathed Scriptures as a whole. And I tell you the truth... it is only the anointed of God... the chosen...

those who are his set apart remnant people that will be able to see and to know and to understand these things. Those who have made themselves friends of the world have made themselves enemies of God. And those who have made themselves enemies of God are not given the keys needed to unlock these spiritual things. It is the very spirit of Yehovah that dwells within us that allows us to see and to know and to believe and to have faith in these spiritual things that are being divulged to us through our God breathed Scripture.

Never has there been a time that is more important than today. Never has there been a time or a generation that has been able to see the whole mosaic laid out before us. The house of Israel back in the days of Moses were completely oblivious to what this serpent on a pole meant. They were completely oblivious to what the bread from heaven meant. They were completely oblivious to what the rock that Moses struck meant. They had no idea the ramifications of what they were doing or the magnitude of what these things stood for. Nevertheless... to rebel against these things was indeed to rebel against the very word... the very commandment... the very Torah of Yehovah and this much... they did know.

And so, even though the house of Israel may not have understood the reality of duality that we understand today... they did understand what it meant to disobey God. Yehovah had made it extremely clear to them that **if** they lived in obedience... **then** he would bless them abundantly. And it is once again this “if equals then” concept that we must understand today.

If we are obedient to him... **then** he will bless us abundantly. And that same “if equals then” concept is indeed alive and well today in our time regardless of what the “do as thou wilt is the whole of the law” church teaches today.

We must remember that what the church taught in our Messiah’s time was evil. What the church taught in our Messiah’s time was demonic. Our Messiah told the Pharisees and the scribes who were the pastors and the priests of his time that they were indeed the children of the devil who had crossed over land and sea to make one follower and when they made him a follower, they had made him a twofold child of hell more so than themselves!

And so, it should not be so surprising to us today that our churches today in our time are also by in large... evil. There is no difference between the churches during our Messiah’s time and the churches during our time. For the most part, neither one

of them are teaching and preaching the truth and only the truth. Both the church back in our Messiah's time and the church today in our time are both teaching human traditions and denominational dogmas and man-made philosophy. They honor our Messiah with their lips while their hearts are far from him worshiping him in vain because they are teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men. Make no mistake about it my friends. If you are truly interested in true salvation, then you must understand the unfolding plan of salvation that comes from Yehovah our Father in heaven that begins in the book of Genesis and not in the book of Matthew. And I cannot expound upon that biblical truth enough.

The bottom line is that if we want the truth then we need to open the book. If we want the truth, we need to seek the truth. The bottom line is that if we want to become one with him... then we cannot become one with the world, we cannot become one with our human pastors, or our human priests, or our human rabbis, or our human popes who are not teaching the truth. We must set it in our minds to attain the same goal that our Messiah once attained, and that is to become... the word of God... made flesh.

Our Messiah did not command us to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to do as he did and to walk as he walked for no apparent reason. Our Messiah commanded us to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to do as he did and to walk as he walked so that we would also become the word of God made flesh. And the word of God is not simply some text written on parchment or paper. The word of Yehovah God is indeed spiritual and this is exactly how it is spiritually written across our hearts and in our minds just as our Father had promised us through the prophet Jeremiah in the Old Testament and again in the book of Hebrews in the New Testament.

My hope and my prayer is that as we continue to walk throughout our Father's Torah, that we will continuously remember to not only read the letter of the text and attempt to clarify it through our own understanding... but that we will continuously pray as we read the Torah and ask for his discernment to understand his word that he so desperately wants us to understand.

Let us always remember the mission statement of our Messiah as a human man. And let us always remember that the mission that our Messiah came to complete was given to him by his Father in heaven. And let us always remember that we too have a mission... and that mission is to indeed pick up our crosses and to follow our

Messiah back to our Father in heaven where we belong.

And until we meet again... 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.