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LIVING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

*"I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel.
There will be one king over all them and they will never again be two
nations or be divided into two kingdoms."*

(Ezekial 37:22)



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Kingdom Restoration

"Abraham was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is Elohim."
(Hebrews 11:10)

To understand this verse, we need to know that Elohim set Abram aside for the restoration of all humanity. Remember Yehovah said to Abraham, "through your seed (Yeshua), all nations of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 22:18)

There are multiple levels of revelation locked up in Scripture for the specific times of revelation. When Yeshua was crucified at the time of Passover, the biggest party in Hell exploded into celebration only to be halted on the third day with the resurrection from the dead. (Firstfruits)

Our creator is opening the windows of heaven over His people, and nothing will stop Yehovah's plans for fulfillment.

Today's good news is that Yehovah wins, and a set-apart people will enjoy eternity married to Messiah. We have read the end of the book and rejoice. Yeshua made it clear that the Torah and the Tanakh are all about Him.

Hence, our job is to recognize Him and share the good news of the new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31), so all will sing the song of our salvation.

*"Yehavoh is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. He is my God,
and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him."
(Exodus 15:2)*

Our motivation is to know the will of Yehovah as we aim to live the destiny He created us to live in line with the bigger plan of Elohim in our generation.

We don't need all the answers as Yeshua is the answer, but we do need the confidence to know His voice and that we are walking in His steps. What revelation we walk in determines the obedience we live out, so our pursuit of Yeshua is everything.

On our last zoom call, Gerry and Jenny shared a few verses from Psalms 1 emphasizing 3 points of blessings, **Walk, Stand, and Sit**. "Blessed is the one who does not **walk** in the step with the wicked or **stand** in the way that sinners take or **sit** in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of Yehovah, and who meditates on His law day and night." (Psalms 1:1-2)

The Scriptures say, "Elohim makes a way where there is no way," so it is no surprise that we are on a journey of pursuit and discovery. Imagine the children of Israel standing in the place of impossibility, standing before the red sea with Pharaoh and his army's mission to destroy them? No way back and no way forward but Yehovah.

We serve a God of the impossible. No matter what obstacles the enemy puts before us there is a hope, we understand and have confidence Yehovah will carry us through. Yeshua brought us out of darkness into the marvelous light. "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the intentions of Yehovah that will stand." (Proverbs 16 :9)

Yeshua said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 15:24) This declaration is an essential point concerning the mission of Yeshua. He came to Galilee because it was the location the northern tribes of Israel were taken into captivity by the Assyrian army and expelled from the land of Israel.

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(Isaiah 9:1) says; "Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those in distress. In the past, He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future, He will **honor** the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations:"

In Matthew we are shown the 'honor' which comes the way of the sea is in the Messiah. This is very significant concerning the Gospel. Yeshua taught how salvation would be opened up for all who call on His name.

"Leaving Nazareth, He (Yeshua) went and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." (Matthew 4:13-16)

The Gospel is about the whole house of Israel, not just one tribe, Judah. When we read in John 3, we can see the heart of Yehovah is for the entire world, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." (John 3:16-18),

The way of salvation is "ONE WAY"

You can only come to the Father through the Son, and the only covenants in the Scriptures are for the whole house of Israel. We all need to be grafted into the olive tree, as we read in (Romans Ch11) It looked like an impossibility for the whole house of Israel to be restored when the northern kingdom was divorced. But the Scriptures are a ministry of restoration. In the book of Hosea, it speaks to a people who are not my people, specifically put, the northern tribes coming home and it is also confirmed in 1Peter. "Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1Peter 2:10)

In this passage, we see that the scripture includes every person from every nation separated from Elohim. A key to remember is that when Yeshua died on the crucifixion stake, the marriage covenant with Judah also ended.

This is why the new covenant is with the house of Israel AND the house of Judah.

The message of the two kingdoms becoming one is not explained with proper understanding to many believers today. Unfortunately, not understanding this concept takes us away from the Gospel of the Kingdom and leads us to the "just say the prayer after me for salvation gospel."

I love the sermon of Stephen, who, because of his boldness and detailed message, painted the picture of who Yeshua is to his listeners, becoming the first martyr in the assembly because the hearers did not want to embrace the truth. We have discovered that we cannot be a gentile Christian as the Gospel preached to Abraham is the same Gospel Yeshua brought, and only in us being grafted into Israel can we belong to Yeshua.

As we share the scriptures in this newsletter, may you be truly blessed.

Kenny

"Let me take you on a journey..."

HISTORY OF THE KINGDOM (Acts 7:2-50)

'Sermon of Stephen'

2 "To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran.
3 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'
4 "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living.
5 He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.
6 God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated.
7 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.'
8 Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.
9 "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him
10 and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.
11 "Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our ancestors could not find food.
12 When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers on their first visit.

13 On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family.
14 After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all.
15 Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died.
16 Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.
17 "As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt had greatly increased. 18 Then 'a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt.'
19 He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our ancestors by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die.
20 "At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family.
21 When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.
22 Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.
23 "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites.
24 He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian.
25 Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.
26 The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?'



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27 "But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us?

28 Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?

29 When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

30 "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai.

31 When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to get a closer look, he heard the Lord say:

32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.

33 "Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.

34 I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.'

35 "This is the same Moses they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

36 He led them out of Egypt and performed wonders and signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the wilderness.

37 "This is the Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your own people.

38 He was in the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai,

and with our ancestors; and he received living words to pass on to us.

39 "But our ancestors refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt.

40 They told Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don't know what has happened to him!' 7:40 Exodus 32:1

41 That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and reveled in what their own hands had made.

42 But God turned away from them and gave them over to the worship of the sun, moon and stars. This agrees with what is written in the book of the prophets:

" 'Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel?

43 You have taken up the tabernacle of Molek and the star of your god Rephan, the idols you made to worship.

Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Babylon. (Amos 5:25-27)

44 "Our ancestors had the tabernacle of the covenant law with them in the wilderness. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen.

45 After receiving the tabernacle, our ancestors under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of David,

46 who enjoyed God's favor and asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.

47 But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

48 "However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:

49 " 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.

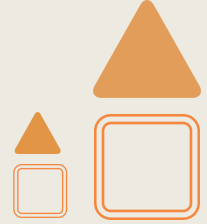
What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord.

Or where will my resting place be?

50 Has not my hand made all these things?'

"don't stop..."

TWO KINGDOMS



During Solomon's reign as King of Israel, he was described as king of the United Monarchy as Israel was one kingdom the same as it was under King David. After Solomon's death, the nation of Israel was split into two kingdoms, the **northern kingdom of Israel** and the **southern kingdom of Judah**. This was the work of Yehovah. *(For the full account of all these events please read 1Kings 11-14)*

"The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command. So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates. Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen." (1Kings 11:9-13)

Rehoboam, the son of Solomon became King of Judah and lived in Jerusalem. Jeroboam who was one of Solomon's officials became the King of Israel and lived in Shechem, Ephraim.

To Jeroboam (Israel), the Lord said to him through the prophet, Ahijah,

"However, as for you, I will take you, and you will rule over all that your heart desires; you will be king over Israel. If you do whatever I command you and walk in obedience to me and do what is right in my eyes by obeying my decrees and commands, as David my servant did, I will be with you. I will build you a dynasty as enduring as the one I built for David and will give Israel to you. I will humble David's descendants because of this, but not forever.'" (1Kings 11:37-39)

To Rehoboam (Judah), the Lord said to him through a man of God called Shemaiah,

"Say to Rehoboam son of Solomon king of Judah, to all Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, 'This is what the Lord says: Do not go up to fight against your brothers, the Israelites. Go home, every one of you, for this is my doing.' So they obeyed the word of the Lord and went home again, as the Lord had ordered." (1Kings 12:23-24)

You would have thought Jeroboam would have been a very happy man, he was King over the majority of the tribes and the God of Israel had promised him a 'dynasty' if he would only do what was right in God's eyes by obeying His decrees and commands.

But insecurity set in and Jeroboam was so focused on not losing his kingdom back to Rehoboam and the House of David, that he came up with a plan to keep them away from the temple practices in Jerusalem because he was convinced their worship in the temple would be the thing that would convert them back. So he made the people two golden calves for them to worship, (like they did at Mt Sinai) and very boldly said, "...It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who bought you up out of Egypt." (1Kings 12:28) So the Israelites kept sinning as they worshipped the golden calves.

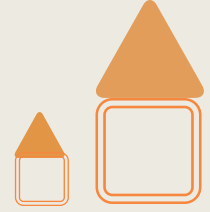
Jeroboam didn't stop there. He also built shrines in high places and appointed priests who were not Levites. He instituted his own festivals to replace the festivals of Yehovah; to be celebrated at a time he chose and offered sacrifices on the altar to the golden calves he had made. Jeroboam was doing what was right in his own eyes, not Yehovah's as he was instructed to do. But more than that it was blatant disobedience to God's commands. He was breaking Torah and led Israel to do the same. Such was the extent of his sin that God said that he had done more evil than all who lived before him. (1Kings 14:9)

"This was the sin of the house of Jeroboam that led to its downfall and to its destruction from the face of the earth." (1Kings 12:34)

Jeroboam was set to lose everything because of his defiance to Yehovah and Israel's exile from the land was foretold.

"almost there..."

TWO KINGDOMS



To Jeroboam (Israel), the Lord said to him through the prophet, Ahijah via Jeroboam's wife, "The Lord will raise up for himself a king over Israel who will cut off the family of Jeroboam. Even now this is beginning to happen. And the Lord will strike Israel, so that it will be like a reed swaying in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land that he gave to their ancestors and scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, because they aroused the Lord's anger by making Asherah poles. And he will give Israel up because of the sins Jeroboam has committed and has caused Israel to commit." (1Kings 14:14-16)

Rehoboam (Judah), didn't do any better than Jeroboam in leading God's people the right way but Yehovah had a plan of redemption for all humanity that was not dependant on man's ability to remain faithful.

"Judah did evil in the eyes of the Lord. By the sins they committed they stirred up his jealous anger more than those who were before them had done. They also set up for themselves high places, sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree. There were even male shrine prostitutes in the land; the people engaged in all the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites." (2Kings 14:22-24)

There was continual warfare between the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah

1005 BC - 965 BC	968 BC - 928 BC	928 BC	Jeroboam (Israel) 928 BC - 907 BC	722 BC	598 BC	586 BC	538 BC
King David	King Solomon	Israel splits into two kingdoms	928 BC - 911 BC Rehoboam (Judah)	Fall of the kingdom of Israel to Assyria, kingdom of Israel is taken into captivity and exiled	Fall of the kingdom of Judah to Babylon, people are exiled	Nebuchadnezzar destroys Jerusalem, final exil	Kingdom of Judah returns to land of Israel by decree of Cyrus

"But the Lord was gracious to them and had compassion and showed concern for them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. To this day He has been unwilling to destroy them or banish them from his presence." (2Kings 13:23)

We can see here Yehovah is a merciful and forgiving God who desires connection and a relationship with His people but the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah provoked the Lord too far for too long.

"The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets. But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their ancestors, who did not trust in the Lord their God." (2Kings 17:13-14)

"...They bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they worshiped Baal. They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sought omens and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger." (2Kings 17:16-17) The things they were doing were detestable and grotesque in the eyes of Yehovah and He eventually sent Israel away from His presence.

"I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery. Because Israel's immorality mattered so little to her, she defiled the land and committed adultery with stone and wood. In spite of all this, her unfaithful sister Judah did not return to me with all her heart, but only in pretense," declares the Lord. The Lord said to me, "Faithless Israel is more righteous than unfaithful Judah." (Jeremiah 3:8-11)

Even though we can see that Yehovah exiled both Israel and Judah from the land of Israel, it was only the house of Israel who was divorced and was no longer a people belonging to Yehovah. The marriage covenant made on Mt Sinai between Yeshua and the house of Israel was now void. Over time the house of Israel was scattered out to the nations never to return to the land of Israel and reestablished as a kingdom. Judah did eventually return from exil back to Israel in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. The temple in Jerusalem was rebuilt and all the temple practices were reestablished but Judah did not remain faithful.



ONE KINGDOM OF GOD-EZEKIEL 37

The Valley of Dry Bones

- 1 "The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.
- 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.
- 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."
- 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!'
- 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.
- 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'
- 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.
- 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.
- 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'
- 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.
- 11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'
- 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
- 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.
- 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'

One Nation Under One King

- 15 "The word of the Lord came to me:
- 16 'Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, 'Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.' Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, 'Belonging to Joseph (that is, to Ephraim) and all the Israelites associated with him.'
- 17 Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand.'
- 18 When your people ask you, 'Won't you tell us what you mean by this?'
- 19 say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim's hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick. I will make them into a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand.'
- 20 Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on
- 21 and say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.
- 22 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.
- 23 They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.
- 24 'My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees.
- 25 They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever.
- 26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever.
- 27 My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.
- 28 Then the nations will know that I the Lord make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever."

*So, how did Yehovah bring His Kingdom back together as **ONE NATION UNDER ONE KING** and redeem all mankind at the same time?*

Through Yeshua of course; it is the greatest love story ever told...and one we will share in next months Newsletter!

GOSPEL OF LOVE

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love."

"But the greatest of these is love"

(1 Corinthians 13: 1-13)

Mission almost impossible

A week or so before Sukkot, God showed me a vision where I saw myself with different people in different situations and for no particular reason and then he told me that I would be there because He had 'led' me there.

We planned another camping trip for Sukkot again this year the same as last year which was a great success. We were all really looking forward to what the Father was going to do and just being together as a family. The trip didn't go as planned and we had no choice but to leave early but God had a purpose for that trip and He intended to see it through.

We had only been there a day or two and things started to get uncomfortable in the camp. It's hard to say why things sometimes can turn so quickly. I always put it down to the enemy causing trouble and it is something I need to work on getting better at responding to with prayer. Anyway, I drove to the beach on my own that day and set myself up at a table overlooking the ocean. The view was amazing and the sky was the clearest blue. I was in my happy place and began working on the Newsletter which I had been struggling to finish.

The table I was sitting at was the only table in sight as it's quite a remote location, attracting mainly families in 4WD's that drive on the beach. Several different couples came and sat at my table, each time staying only long enough to eat their lunch and we all chatted each time.

Then out of nowhere an older man sat down directly opposite me, pointed to my laptop and asked me what I was working on like he had known me forever...lol

I told him I was working on a newsletter for an online ministry based in Israel and shared a little about BulldozerFaith. He assumed it was a Jewish ministry and began to share a story with me. He told me when he was nine, he shared a bed one night with a young Jewish boy who was staying with his Uncle and Aunt in the Netherlands during the war. He didn't know it at the time as he was only a kid as well but found out many years later they were hiding him and had eventually saved his life during the war. To this day their families are still connected. It was a beautiful story and I could sense his compassion for the boy and love for his family in what they had done.

He and his wife then left and went for a long walk on the beach and I continued to work, finishing the page I had been struggling with. It was like God had released the blockage and it just flowed.

I was sitting there about to pack up and go back to camp; thinking about life and family and what a mess we get ourselves into when the same couple came back and sat down again right in front of me. This time the wife said to me, "What a mess we have made of this world" and started asking me all these questions about what happens when we die, what Bible I read, and many more. I felt the Holy Spirit confirming to me they were the ones I was here for. I was able to share the truth of the Word and really impress that we have to know Jesus personally ourselves and we have to make a definite decision to follow him and walk in His ways or we won't be there with Him at the end. "And no, we don't die and go to heaven!" I explained how Revelations talks about the restoration of all things. It's always hard when you are put on the spot but I am learning that is when the voice of the Holy Spirit is the clearest and it's ok to not have all the answers.

They got up to leave, thanked me for explaining everything to them and then said to me, "We will never forget you." I asked for their names and told them I would pray for them and they were so grateful. I prayed in the Spirit all the way back to camp for them.

I believe I was there for the man because the whole time we were talking he wouldn't look at me when I talked about God and his wife kept looking at him and smiling....I sensed she knew the struggle he was having within. She shared a little with me about her faith and walk with God. The husband told me the last time anyone had spoken to him about Jesus was four years ago when his Aunty shared her faith with him.

But he was the one who approached me and sat down opposite me and started talking to me; like he was 'led' lol. It was so special to a part of that interaction as I have been wanting so much to start sharing about Yehsua to ones whose hearts He has prepared.

I didn't know it at the time but the next morning I would be gone, having packed up and heading for home, talk about being in place at just the right time. It was just as if I was 'led.'

Esther

In memory of Barbara McGinnis, passed away early October 2021

We lost a cherished member of the Crossing Point Family this month. Our comfort is knowing how much Barbara loved the Lord and dedicated her life to serving Him and caring for others.

We will miss Barbara being a part of our group but will continue to pray for her son and their family.

It was such a blessing as a group to be a part of praying for her nephew's son, Finn, who was born premature. We watched his progression as he grew in strength with his great Aunty Barbara standing in faith for his life.

We all praised Yehovah with every update that Barabara posted and stayed encouraged as he continued to grow and eventually was able to go home after 100 days.

Our hope is in Yeshua knowing that one day we will all be together in Him along with all the people we love and have lost.



"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

(Revelation 21:4)



Your Body Is A Temple (SAVED - Part 4)

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God's timing is always perfect! This will be the last part of the *Saved* series, and it just so happened that Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, also occurred this week! As I'd prayed about where the Lord wanted to take me with this post, I kept hearing Him say that all will be revealed on Yom Kippur. As usual, the day was filled with many insights and new understandings, which I'm so excited to share with you all!

The Day of Atonement is the holiest day of the year. During the Israelites time in the wilderness, this was the day that they would gather to the Tabernacle to sacrifice and make atonement for their sins (*Leviticus 16*). To this day, Jews gather in synagogues and spend twenty-six hours asking for forgiveness, abstaining from food and drink, and doing good deeds to assure that their names will be written in the Book of Life.

Shockingly, BELIEVERS have also adopted these practices during Yom Kippur. They ask their friends to forgive them of any past hurts, they pray for the rebuilding of the Temple, and send well wishes to everyone with the phrase, "May your name be written in the Book of Life." It stuns me that believers have taken on these mindsets, considering that the Bible clearly states that the inheritance of eternal life comes only through Yeshua and following the Lord's commands (see: everything we've been discussing in the last four weeks)!

Interestingly enough, the idea of this series came to me after reading *2 Chronicles 7*, the dedication of the First Temple, which occurred during the Fall Feasts (Feasts of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles). Talk about coincidence! Today, because Yeshua paid the ultimate sacrifice on the cross, we no longer have to sacrifice animals to atone for our sins.

If you were raised in a Christian home, like me, then you would know the saying, "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." (*1 Corinthians 6:19*) We were brought up to ask Jesus into our hearts and live pure lives; however, as we grew older, these teachings began to fade, and the desires of our hearts began to overpower the voice of our parents and God's counsel. It's only when we come back to the Lord that we see the truth in what we were taught and have more wisdom about what the Bible says about looking after our bodies and keeping ourselves pure before the Father.

The purity movement continues to cause a lot of pain in the Christian world. People are hurt by the teachings they grew up learning, and shame has overtaken their lives after the Christian community has shunned them for giving into the things that are deemed "impure." The root of this pain and conflict, I believe, comes from Christians abusing the passage found in *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*. The purity movement spends all of its time using this Scripture to warn the Christian youth about the sin of having sex outside of marriage, rather than focusing on what purity and intimacy really mean. In contrast to the teachings of the purity movement, what does the Bible imply when it says that we are to keep our bodies pure, and how does the Temple compare to our bodies being called the living temple of God? (*2 Corinthians 6:16*)

From the beginning of the earth's creation, God has desired to have a relationship with His people. He wants to dwell amongst us, yet we continue to reject His advances. The Lord first dwelt with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and then again with the children of Israel in the wilderness.

Before instructing Moses to build His dwelling place, the Tabernacle ([Exodus 23](#)), God gave the Israelites a chance to speak directly to Him. However, they trembled in fear and refused to go near His presence, stating that they wished Moses to continue to be God's spokesperson.

When Solomon built the First Temple, the Lord was given a new dwelling place amongst His people. After spending the Fall Feasts dedicating the Temple to the Lord, the Lord came to Solomon with words of warning:

2 Chronicles 7:12-22, *"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open, and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.' **But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and say, 'Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple?' People will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshipping and serving them—that is why he brought all this disaster on them.'**"*

Last week, I wrote about the meaning of forgiveness, humility, and the role grace plays in our lives as believers. (**2 Chronicles 7:14-16**) This week, I'm focusing on the second part found in verses 19-22 (in bold). Though God was speaking to Solomon about the physical temple that had just been dedicated to Him, I believe that God's warning can still apply to us today.

The teachings surrounding the significance of Yeshua/Jesus' death on the cross tend to focus on the forgiveness of our sins and the ability to have a personal relationship with God, but is there something we're missing?

Before Yeshua's death on the cross, He made His first reference to His body being the temple while visiting the Temple in Jerusalem and finding that the people were selling animals and exchanging money within its courtyard! Flipping the tables in outrage, Yeshua rebuked the people, and the Jews responded by saying, *"What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"* Jesus answered them, *'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'* They replied, *'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?'* But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken." (**John 2:18-22**)

In [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#), Jeremiah prophesied about the renewed covenant of God. *"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"* (**Jeremiah 31:33**) The moment Yeshua died on the cross, this prophecy was fulfilled, and the veil that separated the temple from the Holy of Holies ([Exodus 26:31-35](#), [Hebrews 9](#)), the place where the Lord's Spirit dwelt, was torn. ([Matthew 27:50-51](#)) The veil was a symbol of how man was separated from God due to sin. ([Isaiah 59](#)) Only the high priest was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place once a year to atone for the sins of the people of Israel; however, when the veil was torn, our separation was taken away, and those who accepted the Holy Spirit, Ruach HaKodesh, into their hearts became the living stones ([1 Peter 2:4-10](#)) and the temple of the Lord!

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.” 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

I encourage you to study the whole chapter of [Ephesians 2](#) because it shows how Yeshua’s death fulfilled the prophecy written in [Ezekiel 36:24-28](#) about Israel’s return and receiving a new heart. Because the chapter is too much to paste in this blog, here are the last four verses:

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Messiah Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19-22

As people await the rebuilding of the third temple, we have the ability to enter into YHVH/the Lord’s rest ([Hebrews 3-4](#)) and be secure in the knowledge that together, the body of the Messiah **IS** the Temple of the Lord/YHVH! The physical building was only a temporary place for the Holy Spirit to dwell! There is no longer a need for Him to take residence in another building because Yeshua nailed the Law of Sin and Death to the cross so that we can have His Spirit dwelling within our hearts! ([Revelation 21:22](#)) I don’t know about you, but this revelation has excited me! Being a part of the Kingdom of God and having the Holy Spirit living in me has made me feel more alive than in the season where I was following the desires of my heart. Through all this excitement, however, there is also a warning. As the Lord warned Solomon in [2 Chronicles 2:14-16](#), so I am warning you! We need to continue to walk in God’s ways and keep our hearts pure ([Psalm 51:10, 119:9; Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8; 1 Timothy 5:22; John 15:1-4](#)) for the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. If we do not heed these teachings, then we will not be part of the Kingdom or the Body of the Messiah!

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Gottalife Ministries is blessed to have a growing partnership base standing with us. We want to encourage newcomers to consider partnering with BulldozerFaith, monthly or as the Ruach HaKodesh leads.

We have been serving the global community of believers for over 28 years through media, online, and traveling ministry. For us, it is not only about people listening to teachings and attending ministry events but also joining together with other like-minded people to engage in missions. Today, we are connected with a growing group of passionate believers from different nations who desire to gather in one designated online space for prayer and encouragement in the Messiah. This has inspired us to launch Crossing Point Global Community to support the calling the Father has placed on our lives and create an environment for us to unite in faith and purpose.

The positive takeaway from the events of 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic is that we have enjoyed more frequent interaction and online fellowship. Our daily devotional times have been a great source of encouragement and faith-building as we focus on edifying and supporting many on their daily faith walk. Through BulldozerFaith, get ready for more spiritual growth and consider playing a part in our mission to develop ways to interact and build a strong faith community. Crossing Point's focus is to be a new platform developed within Bulldozerfaith as an outreach tool to share with our families and friends, bringing Yeshua's truth through the Torah and the Gospel of the Kingdom. We will be providing better access for personal ministry, prayer groups, and discipleship training to equip and operate more as a faith community where we can serve each other and function better as the body of Messiah, making a difference in others' lives.

Our direction in outreach is in three steps for ministry growth: friendship, relationship, & partnership.

1. **Friendship** – Outreach through caring for the needs of others and hands-on personal ministry.
2. **Relationship** - When we spend time together around the Word in the presence of Elohim, bringing us all to closer relationships, as a family, being one in the Messiah.
3. **Partnership** - When we establish mutual trust and desire unity together in outreach and fellowship, partnering becomes easy for seeking His Will and being dedicated to giving in time and finances to support the ministry.

We are prayerfully seeking Elohim to bring new partners to join us as the Spirit leads us to continue maintaining the ministry and expanding into the areas of greatest need.

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*"My Father's house has many rooms; if that was not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"
(John 14:2)*

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