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WORKBOOK

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Revelation 14:4

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"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto Yahweh and to the Lamb."

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Session I:-





"Passover Promise"

SESSION 1 KEY POINTS:

- There are four Passover Promises of Yahweh (Exodus 6:6-7), which are: 1) that He will FREE YOU from bondage, 2) that He will DELIVER YOU from the plagues, 3) that He will REDEEM YOU from Satan's kingdom into sonship, and 4) that He WILL TAKE YOU to the ultimate Promised Land.
- In Scripture, Covenants are formalized and confirmed with special meals like **Passover** and **the Marriage Supper of the Lamb**. Partaking of these meals signifies being a partaker in the Covenant blessings of *Yahweh*.

Today's Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:20-27

Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread. Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

For **Yahweh** will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and <u>when He seeth the</u> <u>blood upon the lintel</u>, and on the two side posts, **Yahweh** will pass over the <u>door</u>, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And <u>ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons</u> <u>for ever</u>. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which **Yahweh** will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, 'What mean ye by this service?' That ye shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of **Yahweh's** Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses'..."

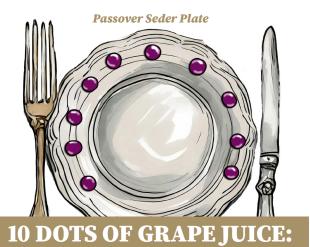
The Promise of Passover

The word "Passover" is translated from the Hebrew word **Pesach**, which means:

To what is this referring?

How is this message represented in the Passover Seder?

According to 1 Corinthians 10, why is Israel's Passover-Exodus Journey, from Egypt to Canaan important for us today?



"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even **Christ (Messiah) our Passover is sacrificed for us**." 1 Corinthians 5:7

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the Cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink... Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 11

In Exodus 23, there are 9 Passover Blessings. The Hebrew letter for the number 9 is the **chet**, meaning:





Blessings of the Passover:

What are the 9 (*chet*) blessings of *Yahweh* upon His Passed-over people, found in Exodus 23?



"I will **FREE YOU** from the labors of the Egyptians and **DELIVER YOU** from bondage. I will **REDEEM YOU** with an outstretched arm, and I will **TAKE YOU** to be My people, and I will be your *Elohim*." Exodus 6:6-7 (NRSV)

"The **Cup of Blessing** which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ? For we being many are one Bread, and one Body: for we are all partakers of that one Bread." 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 According to Exodus 6:6-7, there are four blessings of *Yahweh* represented in the Four Cups of Passover. These blessings are:

What is the third Cup called?

Partaking of this Cup signifies spiritually *having communion* in (*being covered under*) what?

Partaking of the Passover *Matzah* (unleavened Bread) represents:

What does "communion" mean?

Sacred Meal of the Abrahamic Covenant

Covenants are formalized and confirmed with sacred Meals.

How did *Yahweh* confirm the Abrahamic Covenant with Moses, the priesthood and the 70 Elders (spiritual leaders) of Israel?

Read Exodus 24:7-11 and answer the following:

Every saved Child of *Yahweh* is a partaker of the Abrahamic Covenant. As did every Israelite participant in the Abrahamic Covenant, we too, formalize and confirm our participation in the Abrahamic Covenant. Of course, baptism is a part of confirming our participation in the Covenant (Galatians 3:27). *Another Covenant re-confirmation is keeping Passover.*

 How was the Covenant presented?
 How is the Covenant portrayed in the Passover Seder?

 What did Israel vow?
 What vows do we make at Passover?

 How was the Covenant "sealed"?
 Image: Covenant Seder in the Passover in the Passov

"And he took the **Book of the Covenant**, and read in the audience of the people: **and they said, All that** *Yahweh* **hath said will we do**, and be obedient. And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people**, and said, Behold the blood of the Covenant, which *Yahweh* hath made with you concerning all these words. **Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel**: And they saw the *Elohim* of Israel: and there was under His Feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel He laid not His Hand: also **they saw** *Yahweh*, **and did eat and drink**." Exodus 24:7-11

Session 1 - Notes:



Session 1 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

-Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-30, in which Paul explains the spiritual significance of the Passover Cup of Blessing/Redemption and the Unleavened Bread.

Discussion Questions:

-Typically, people do not attach much "real life" meaning to symbolic items or ceremonies. But is this true of Passover Seder emblems? Are these food items just traditional menu items? Or do they bear a deeper significance? Why or why not?

—What is your most memorable "take-away" point from Session 1? Share with the group...

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1 Corinthians 11:23-30 -

 ...The Master *Yahshua* the same night in which He was betrayed took Bread. And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, 'Take, eat: this is My Body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.' After the same manner also He took the Cup, when He had supped, saying, 'This Cup is the New Testament in My Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Sovereign's Death till He come.'

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Master, unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of *Yahshua*. **But let a man** examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Master's Body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (*have died an early death*)."

Session 2:-





"Be Unleavened"

SESSION 2 KEY POINTS:

- Bread the the basic food to sustain life. For this reason, in Scripture, Messiah is called the Living Bread and the Word, which was made
 Flesh. Our spiritual Life is sustained by being partakers of Christ and by daily eating of His Word.
- Bread without leaven represents a person without sin. *Yahweh* wants His people to be cleansed and unleavened from the sins of the world.
- Unleavening our lives and homes is both a physical and a spiritual process.

Today's Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:14-19

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a Feast to **Yahweh** throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a Feast by an ordinance for ever. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

And ye shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land."

The Promise of Passover

Unleavened Bread is called **Matzah** in Hebrew. **Matzah** is a wonderful reminder of the Messiah. It is bread without leaven. Leaven is an agent, so powerful that only a small amount affects the whole lump of dough.

What does leaven represent in *Matthew 16:6; Luke 12:1; and 1 Corinthians 5:6-8*?

What does does the lump of dough represent in 1 Corinthians 5:7?



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Yahweh told Moses to have the Table for the Bread of the Presence built for the Tabernacle and stacked with twelve loaves as a way to signify what (*Exodus 25:23-30; Leviticus 25:4-9*)



"Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? **Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump**, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the **leaven of malice and wickedness**; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

"Then *Yahshua* said unto them, Take heed and **beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees**." Matthew 16:6

"...He began to say unto His disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy**." Luke 12:1



Blessings of the Bread:

In Scripture, Bread is a metaphor of what (*John 6:51*)?

What is meant by this fitting symbol?

What other meaning is found in the Bread? (*Matthew 4:4; John 1:14*)



"I Am the Living Bread which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: and the Bread that I will give is My Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51

"...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of** *Yahweh***." Matthew 4:4**

"And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth." John 1:14



The **Bread of Presence**, also known as the **Shewbread**, was made by the Levites. The full recipe was kept as a closely-guarded secret. But, we may know the basic recipe for this special unleavened Bread, from Leviticus 24:5-9 and 1 Chronicles 9:32:

- 2/10 of an ephah of whole wheat flour (finely sifted)
- **salt** (Leviticus 2:13 states that all grain offerings are to be seasoned with salt)
- **1/3 of an hin of olive oil**—shhh! This part of the recipe is a secret, which was passed down verbally only (this is also the amount specified for a ram offering—Numbers 15:6).
- **Water**—sufficient to moisten the dough to knead it.

What do these ingredients in the Bread of Presence signify for Israel?

Identifying Leaven

Before we can unleaven our homes and hearts, we must first recognize and correctly identify what is leaven.

We will examine both physical and spiritual leaven, in order to rightly identify it, as we need to do in keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Leaven in Food:

The following pantry items are raising agents, which qualify as leaven:

Perhaps surprisingly, the following pantry items are not leaven:

Leaven is usually present in the following foods:

Leaven in food is fairly straightforward, although finding it all in a thorough manner involves an indepth cleaning out of the cupboards, pantry, refrigerator and freezer. But, leaven in the home can be harder to identify. Let's take a Biblical look at what objects are "cursed" and are included as "leaven".

The Leaven of Cursed Objects:

According to Deuteronomy 7:26, what happens to a family when leavened objects are in the home?

According to Acts 19:19 and Deuteronomy 27:15, what kinds of objects are cursed?

"Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto *Yahweh*... and putteth it in a secret place." Deuteronomy 27:15

"Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing." Deuteronomy 7:26

"Many of them also which used **curious arts** (*witchcraft and occult*) brought their **books** together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver." Acts 19:19 (AKJV)

Session 2 - Notes:



Session 2 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

—Read Matthew 16:1, 6 and 12, Mark 8:15, Mark 12:15 and Luke 12:1.

Discussion Questions:

—What is the leaven of the Pharisees and Herod (the Herodians)? And how does it manifest in people today?



THE HERODIANS:

The Herodians were noted opponents of *Yahshua*. At the time of *Yahshua*, there were certain groups—the Pharisees, the Herodians, and the Sadducees—that held positions of authority and power over the people. Other groups were the Sanhedrin, the scribes, and the lawyers.

The Herodians believed in many of the pagan ideas from the Hellenistic culture, promoted by Herod. Additionally, they supported Herod, and therefore Rome. This support of Herod undercut the plan to restore independent Jewish government in the minds of the Pharisees, making it difficult for the Herodians and Pharisees to unite and agree on anything.

But one thing did unite them—opposing *Yahshua*. Herod himself wanted *Yahshua* dead (Luke 13:31), and the Pharisees had already hatched plots against Him (John 11:53), so they joined efforts to achieve their common goal.

The first appearance of the Herodians in Scripture is Mark 3:6, where it says: "Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill *Yahshua.*"

Session 3:





"Two Leavens"

SESSION 3 KEY POINTS:

- In Scripture, leaven represents an agent which is so influential in the life, that even a small amount affects the whole soul of the leavened person.
- During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, leaven represents sin, which must be confessed and removed from the life.
- After the leaven of sin is removed, the soul-Temple is releavened with the righteous leaven of the Kingdom, represented in the two leavened barley loaves which were ceremonially waved at Shavuot (Pentecost).

Today's Scripture Reading:

I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire... and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see." *Revelation 3:18*

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Corinthians 2:11

"...Be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36

"Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." *1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" *2 Corinthians 6:14*

Unleavened, So We Can Be... Re-leavened?

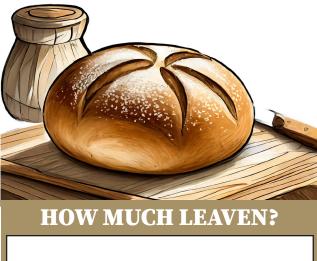
In the Spring Feasts, we find the lesson that there are two kinds of leaven. One is wicked. The other is righteous. These two leavens are found in the ceremonies of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread and Shavuot (Pentecost).

As we studied in Session 2, what does leaven represent at Passover?

Notably, according to Leviticus 23:15-17 and 2 Kings 4:42, what kind of bread is ceremonially presented at Pentecost?

Clearly, in removing the leaven at Passover and then bringing it back into our homes after Unleavened Bread, we are not returning to our former sins! **Yahweh** is not signifying that we can let the sin back into our lives for readiness to receive the Pentecost Outpouring of His Spirit!

According to Matthew 13:33 and Luke 12:1-2, what the spiritual leavening agents?



"And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the Day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh. **Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven**; they are the firstfruits unto **Yahweh**." Leviticus 23:15-17

"And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of **Yahweh** bread of the firstfruits, **twenty loaves of barley**, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat." 2 Kings 4:42

"Another parable spake He unto them; **The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven**, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." Matthew 13:33

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Galatians 5:9

The Lump of Dough:

Scripture compares soul-ties or bondings between people, including the Body of Christ (*Yahweh's people*), to being joined into a lump of dough together. When we become joined to others within a "body" we are leavened by the same leaven, through the close association of being in the same "lump of dough".

There are several ways to become spiritually joined to another person or persons, given in Scripture. These joinings are represented as what?

And the spirits at work in the others to which we are joined (*same dough*) is represented as what?

Using Scripture, list the ways that we become "bread-dough", or spiritually joined, with others:



1 Samuel 18:1; Colossians 2:2



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Genesis 44:30

5.

Judges 20:11; Romans 12:5

6.

Judges 20:11; Romans 12:5

7.

1 Cor. 10:17; Romans 6:4-5

8.

Psalm 119:63; Proverbs 28:24

9.

1 Corinthians 10:20

10.

Matthew 5:28

Leavened Dough Receives Corporate Judgment:

In Genesis 18:17-33, we read the story of Abraham and the doomed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. **What was the joining "dough" in this story?**

What was the small amount of "leaven", which would have saved these cities from destruction?

How does this story demonstrate corporate Judgment in the leavened dough?





According to Revelation 18:1-4, why must the End-time saints leave the "dough" of Babylon? In Joshua 7, we read the story of Achan and Israel. What was the joining "dough" in this story?

What was the small amount of "leaven", which brought Yahweh's Judgment upon Israel?

How does this story demonstrate corporate Judgment in the leavened dough?

Session 3 - Notes:



Session 3 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

—Read Hebrews 10:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Isaiah 35:3-4; Proverbs 27:17; and Matthew 18:18-20

Discussion Questions:

-Considering how influential leaven is and the warning of corporate Judgment should believers isolate themselves, avoiding all the "dough" dangers? Why or why not?



"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the Day approaching." *Hebrews 10:25*

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your **Elohim** will come with vengeance, even **Yahweh** with a recompense; He will come and save you". *Isaiah 35:3-4*

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so *a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*" Proverbs 27:17

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven. Again I say unto you, That *if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them* of My Father which is in Heaven. For *where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them*." *Matthew* 18:18-20

Session 4⊨



"Counting the Omer"

SESSION 4 KEY POINTS:

- First Fruits is a Feast Day which falls on the day after the Seventh-day Sabbath (Sunday) during the Feast of Passover-Unleavened Bread.
- On the Day of First Fruits, a sheaf (omer) of First Fruits barley grain was waved. This grain represents Christ and the 144,000.
- From the Day of First Fruits to Pentecost is 50 days, which is the time of "Counting the Omer".
- Counting indicates measurement which signifies Judgment. Judging the "grain" is the process of determining who will be sealed during this grain harvest.

Today's Scripture Reading: Leviticus 23:9-17 & Deuteronomy 32:2

And *Yahweh* spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the FirstFruits of your harvest unto the priest. And he shall wave the sheaf before *Yahweh*, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it... It shall be a Statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto *Yahweh*.

Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto *Yahweh*." Leviticus 23:9-17

"My doctrine shall drop as the rain, My speech shall distil as the dew, **as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass**."

Deuteronomy 32:2

Measuring the Grains

The Day of First Fruits is deeply connected to Pentecost (Shavuot). During Passover-Unleavened Bread, the First Fruits grain for the Omer Wave Sheaf is what kind of grain?

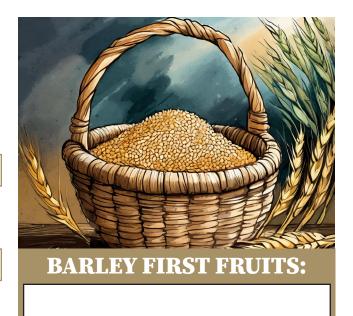
Grass/grain harvests are connected to Feast Days and represent what?

According to Jeremiah 2:3, who does the First Fruits grain represent?

Who was the *(barley)* First Fruits in the time of Christ (Matthew 27 & 1 Cor. 15)?

Who is the *(barley)* First Fruits in the Last Days (Revelation 14 & 1 Cor. 15)?

"Yahshua, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and **the** earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after His Resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Matthew 27:50-53



"Israel was holiness unto *Yahweh*, and **the firstfruits of His increase**: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith *Yahweh*." Jeremiah 2:3

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him **an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's Name written in their foreheads... These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto** *Yahweh* **and to the Lamb**. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the Throne of *Yahweh.*" Revelation 14:1-5

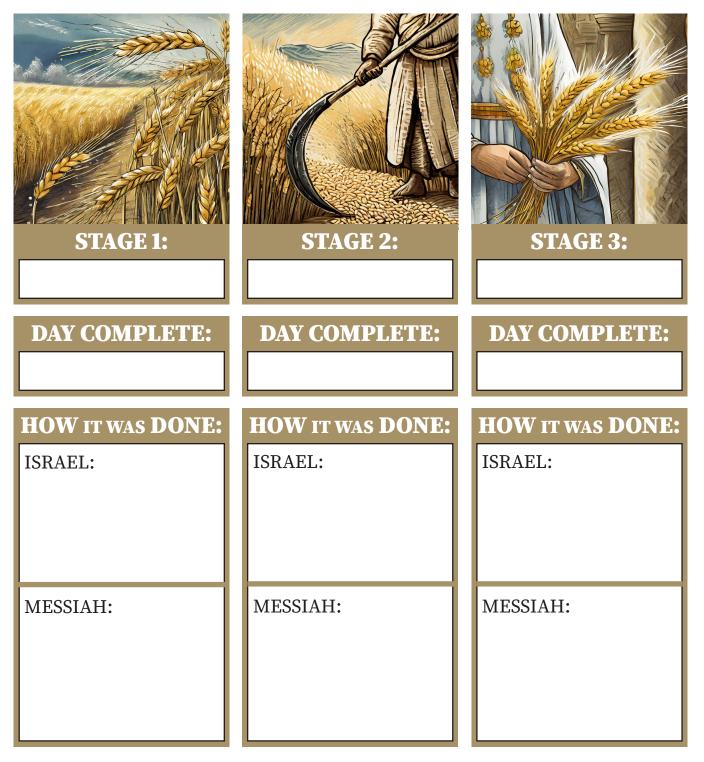
"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept... But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His Coming."

1 Corinthians 15:20 & 23

"...In the time of Harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but **gather the wheat into my Barn**." Matthew 13:30

The Three Stages of First Fruits

The Feast of First Fruits takes place in three stages. Only the third stage of the First Fruits ceremony actually happens on the Day of First Fruits. **What are the three Stages of First Fruits? And how were they fulfilled in the Time of Christ?**



Counting the Omer for 2024

In Leviticus 23:11, First Fruits was symbolized in a "sheaf" of First Fruits grain being ceremonially waved. **What does** "sheaf" mean? What does this signify?



Mark off the dates on the following calendar, day-by-day, to **Count the Omer** from First Fruits (*Sunday, April 28*) to Pentecost (*Sunday, June 16*). Complete the daily Bible readings to spiritually count (*prepare for*) **Shavuot**.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
	FIRST FRUITS	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	SABBATH 1
.(🖉 DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
	APRIL 28	APRIL 29	APRIL 30	MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4
	JN 14:15-26	ACTS 1:5-9	ACTS 2:1-4	ACTS 2:5-13	ACTS 2:14-21	ACTS 2:22-28	ACTS 2:29-36
	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	SABBATH 2
	DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14
	MAY 5	MAY 6	MAY 7	MAY 8	MAY 9	MAY 10	MAY 11
	ACTS 2:37-41	ACTS 2:42-47	LUKE 11:9-13	JOHN 16:4-13	ISAIAH 11:1-2	MATT 5:1-8	MATT 5:9-12
	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	SABBATH 3
	DAY 15	DAY 16	DAY 17	DAY 18	DAY 19	DAY 20	DAY 21
	MAY 12	MAY 13	MAY 14	MAY 15	MAY 16	MAY 17	MAY 18
	MATT 5:13-16	MATT 5:17-20	MATT 5:21-26	MATT 5:27-30	MATT 5:31-37	MATT 5:38-42	MATT 5:43-48
	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	OMER	SABBATH 4
	DAY 22	DAY 23	DAY 24	DAY 25	DAY 26	DAY 27	DAY 28
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Session 4 - Notes:



Session 4 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

-Read Exodus 19:1-6 & 10-11 & 15-16; and Acts 1:8-14

Discussion Questions:

-There have been two epic Pentecost fulfillments in the past: Israel meeting with Yahweh at Mount Sinai and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. How did Israel and the upper room apostles prepare for these epic Pentecost fulfillments? What insights can we gain for the upcoming **Feast of Pentecost?**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: -

"In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai... and there Israel camped before the Mount. And Moses went up unto *Elohim*, and *Yahweh* called unto him out of the Mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My Voice indeed, and keep My **Covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people**: for all the earth is Mine. And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation... And Yahweh said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third Day: for the third Day Yahweh will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai... And he said unto the people, Be **ready against the third day: come not at your wives**. And it came to pass on the third Day in the morning, that there were Thunders and Lightnings, and a thick Cloud upon the Mount, and the Voice of the Trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled." Exodus 19:1-6, 10-11, 15-16

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8





"Increase with Yahweh"

SESSION 5 KEY POINTS:

- Light represents Truth, which radiates from the Torah and from there, throughout the entire Word (Isaiah 8:20).
- Every believer begins as a spiritual infant, whose nourishment comes in the form of the milk, of the Word.
- But we must not be content to remain in spiritual infancy. We are called to Grow in Grace. Our level of enlightenment is to increase.
- The stages of spiritual growth are listed in "Peter's Ladder" of character development.
- The model for a spiritually mature believer is found in Christ and the Proverbs 31 woman.

Today's Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-8

Now these are the Commandments, the Statutes, and the Judgments, which Yahweh your Elohim commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest fear Yahweh thy Elohim, to keep all His Statutes and His Commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Yahweh Elohim of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim is one El:

And thou shalt love *Yahweh* thy *Elohim* with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes."

FIRST FRUITS WORKSHOP

Growing in Grace

The Spiritual Life is one of continued growth. Our Spiritual Life is likened to physical growth with our level at conversion being compared to infancy (1 Peter 2:2). In this first stage of Spiritual development, what level of Scripture is needed?

In 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Paul refers to various levels of Spiritual development requiring differing levels of spiritual food. The first level of Spiritual development needs the nourishment of the "milk" of the Word. **What is "milk"**?

According to 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Isaiah 28:9 and 2 Peter 3:18, believers are not meant to remain at the same level of spiritual growth. We are to continue to Grow in Grace —or increase—in **Yahweh**. As we grow, we will become able to eat the "meat" of the Word. **What is "meat"?**

Can we be spiritually healthy and stay at the same level of spiritual growth? (*Proverbs* 4:18, *Psalm* 115)



"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." 2 Peter 2:2

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, **even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able**..." 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

"Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." Isaiah 28:9

"But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge** of our Solvereign and Saviour Yahshua Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

"Ye that fear **Yahweh**, trust in **Yahweh**: He is their Help and their Shield. **Yahweh** hath been mindful of us: He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel... He will bless them that fear **Yahweh**... **Yahweh shall increase you more and more**, you and your children..." Psalm 115:11-15

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, **that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.**" Proverbs 4:18

Peter's Ladder for Growing in Grace

In 2 Peter 1:5-7, we are given a stepby-step "ladder" listing of the steps for developing a Christ-like character, which is the ultimate purpose of Growing in Grace. **Complete the ladder and list what Scripture says to do to increase each "rung's" character qualty.** "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your **faith virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; and to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**; and to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**." 2 Peter 1:5-7

Growing Like a Tree Planted by Rivers of Water...



"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of Yahweh; and in his Law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalm 1:1-3

Psalm 1:1-3 is the formula for true success and blessing. What are the instructions for growing like a tree by the waters? Explain the meaning:

HOW TO GROW AS A TREE:	WHAT THIS MEANS:

To what are the ungodly compared? And what is their end? (*Psalm 1:4-6*):



Session 5 - Notes:



Session 5 - Discussion:

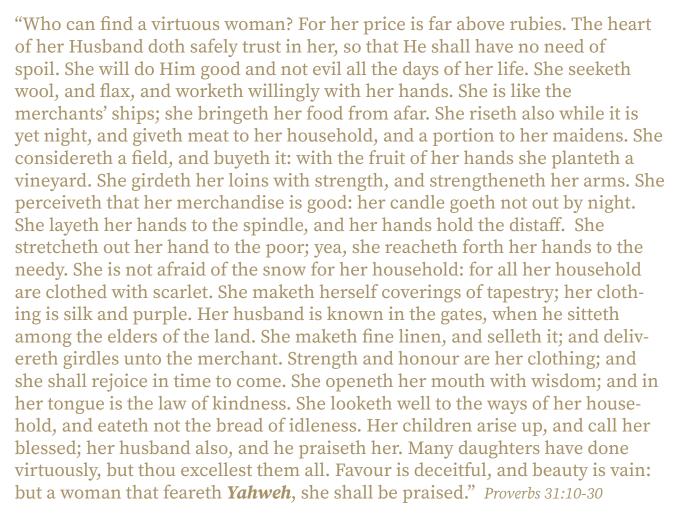
Getting the Point of Reference:

-Read Proverbs 31:10-31

Discussion Questions:

—The Proverbs 31 Woman depicts the End-time Bride of Christ. Her characteristics are to be the character traits of us all. This ruby woman is the model (in Christ) of full spiritual maturity. **What details do you find most inspiring in this woman's characteristics? What can we learn from "her" for increasing in Yahweh?**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:



Session 6:



"Seeking the Righteous Rain"

SESSION 6 KEY POINTS:

- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is likened to a Rain Storm. And the "striking" of a believer with the Spirit's Fire is like spiritual lightning. But lightning doesn't strike the ground randomly. It strikes through a channel, which is prepared from the ground to recieve it. Similarly, those who receive the Latter Rain will have prepared their hearts to receive this blessing.
- Only those who have prepared will ultimately receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit involves our total devotion to *Yahweh*.
 We are to seek Him whole-heartedly and in full surrender to His Will, not our own.

Today's Scripture Reading:

And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto My Commandments which I command you this day, to love *Yahweh* your *Elohim*, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the Latter Rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil." Deuteronomy 11:13-14

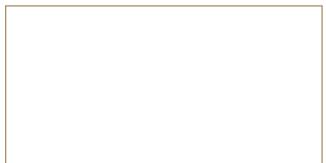
"Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; **And then** *Yahweh's* **Wrath be kindled against you, and He shut up the heaven, that there be no rain**... Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes." Deuteronomy 11:16-18

"If ye walk in My Statutes, and keep My Commandments, and do them; **Then I** will give you Rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." Leviticus 26:3-4

The Preparation

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 was epic. 3,000 people were converted in one place, in one Day on that Pentecost! **How does the Bible decribe the Latter Rain?**

(Haggai 2:9; Joel 2:23-29)



The Latter Rain is like spiritual Lightning! A lightning bolt is about five times hotter than the surface of the sun. It moves about 30,000 times faster than a bullet! Lightning strikes appear random, but actually, when lightning strikes the ground it does so through what:

What spiritual application can we make regarding preparing for the final Pentecost Latter Rain?

We are not to just wait for the Latter Rain. According to Hosea 10:12, how can we receive it?



"**The glory of this latter House** (House of Israel) **shall be greater than of the former**, saith **Yahweh** of hosts..." Haggai 2:9

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Yahweh your Elohim: for He hath given you the former Rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former Rain, and the Latter Rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten... And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I Am Yahweh your Elohoim... I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit." Joel 2:23-29

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek *Yahweh*, till He come and Rain Righteousness upon you." Hosea 2:10

To Prepare for Pentecost, Make Ruth's Committment

The story of Ruth is set in the time of the barley harvest. Pentecost is the Feast which divides the harvests of barley and wheat. At this Feast time, the barley is fully harvested and the first fruits of the wheat

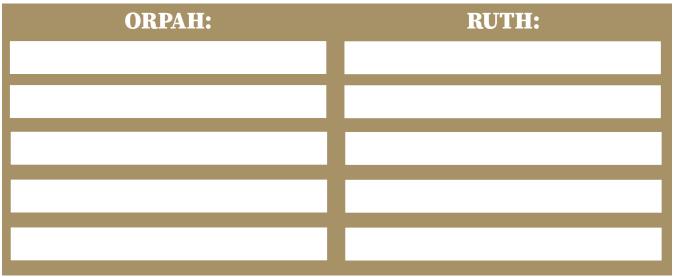
harvest is brought in. The wheat harvest

concludes in the Fall Feasts (representing the people who will be saved at the End of the world).

Because of it's barleyharvest setting, the Book of Ruth has long been known to possess lessons for Pentecost...



Naomi represents the Mother Church (*true Israel from times past*). In the table, show which End-time groups Orpah and Naomi represent:



"And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me?... And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law." Ruth 1:10-15 "And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy *Elohoim* my *Elohim*: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: *Yahweh* do so to me... if ought but death part thee and me." Ruth 1:16

The Sinai-Pentecost Connection...



The Scripture record of the Exodus story gives us inescapable clues which help us to see that the Day *Yahweh* came down upon Mount Sinai and began speaking the Ten Commandments was Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, known as Pentecost in the New Testament. To see this, let's gather the clues... According to Exodus 19:1-2, in what month were the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai?

According to Deuteronomy 18:16, on what Day did *Yahweh* come down?

What is the Feast of Weeks called? (Lev 23:21)

"In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the Mount." Exodus 19:1-2

"According to all that thou desiredst of *Yahweh* thy *Elohoim* in Horeb **in the Day of the Assembly**, saying, Let me not hear again the Voice of *Yahweh* my *Elohoim*, neither let me see this great Fire any more, that I die not." Deuteronomy 18:16

"And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame Day (Feast of Weeks), that it may be an holy Convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations." Leviticus 23:21

WHAT IS A "HOLY CONVOCATION"?

HOW DO THESE CLUES PROVE SINAI HAPPENED ON PENTECOST?

Session 6 - Notes:



Session 6 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

–Read Psalm 119:10-11; Deuteronomy 4:29-30 and Jeremiah 29:13

Discussion Questions:

— Today is the Day of Firstfruits, which starts the 50-day Counting of the Omer. Based upon this reading and today's study... what can we do now to prepare for Pentecost?



SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: -

"With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy Commandments. Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin (*have the strength not to sin*) against Thee."

Proverbs 31:10-30

"But if from thence thou shalt seek *Yahweh* thy *Elohim*, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy

soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the Latter Says, if thou turn to **Yahweh** thy **Elohim**, and shalt be obedient unto His Voice. (For **Yahweh** thy **Elohim** is a merciful **Elohim**;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the Covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them." *Deuteronomy 4:29-31*

"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." *Jeremiah 29:13*

Session 7⊱



"In Spirit and Truth"

SESSION 7 KEY POINTS:

- When we seek the Holy Spirit, as we are instructed to do on Pentecost (especially), we "ask amiss" unless we seek the Blessing in Truth.
- The revelation of Truth, centered in Torah, is the main purpose and work of the Holy Spirit.
- Truth is the only protection against the deceptions of the enemy.
- For those who do not love the Truth, a curse of "strong delusions" will be sent upon them.
- Since Truth is the only protection against deception—and all who are deceived will be destroyed—loving Truth is Salvational.

Today's Scripture Reading:

For the Commandment is a Lamp; and the Law is Light; and reproofs of Instruction are the way of Life." Proverbs 6:23

"To the Law and to the Testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no Light in them." Isaiah 8:20

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

"But the path of the just is as the shining Light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect Day." Proverbs 4:18

""And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with His Glory." Revelation 18:1

Torah Truth and the Latter Rain

As we saw in Session 6, *Yahweh* came down upon Mount Sinai on the Feast of Weeks (*Pentecost*). By Heaven choosing that Day to remind Israel of the Ten Commandments, we can see a connection between *Torah* Truth and the Pentecost outpouring of the Spirit. **How does receiving and** *keeping Torah relate to receiving the Latter Rain?* (*Deuteronomy 32:2*)

What does **"Doctrine"** mean in Deuteronomy 32:2?

What does **"Speech"** mean in Deuteronomy 32:2?

How does this early Rain of Truth prepare the soul for the Latter Rain? (*Micah 5:7, Zechariah 10:1 & Isaiah 55:10-11*)



"My Doctrine shall drop as the Rain, My Speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:" Deuteronomy 32:2

"And the Remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from *Yahweh*, as the showers upon the grass..." Micah 5:7

"Ask ye of Yahweh Rain in the time of the Latter Rain; so Yahweh shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zechariah 10:1

"For **as the rain cometh down**, and the snow from heaven, and... watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud... **So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My Mouth**: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please..." Isaiah 55:10-11

Spirit of Wisdom and Truth

Believers today think of many things when they think of worshiping **Yahweh**. Many would say that worship involves music and that the music is needed for setting a "mood" and getting into the "emotional space" for worship. We often think we are worshiping when we "feel something" tangible.

Even the pursuit of the Holy Spirit, (as in the Latter Rain), is thought to be about miracles, manifestations, and—again—feeling or witnessing something **tangible**.

But, according to Scripture, true worship and the real purpose of the Holy Spirit are far from this common myth. **How does John 4:23-24 tell us to worship Yahweh?**

According to John 15 and 16 and 1 John 4, **what is the purpose of the Holy Spirit** (and the primary reason to seek the full Outpouring)? Understanding this connection and purpose of the Holy Spirit, **what is the End-goal of the Holy Spirit in our lives** (John 17:17-19; 1 Thessalonians 25:23)?

"...The **true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. *Yahweh* is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." John 4:23-24

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of Truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me." John 15:26

"**Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all Truth**: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come." John 16:13

"**Sanctify them through Thy Truth. Thy Word is Truth**... And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the Truth." John 17:17-19

"And the very **Yahweh** of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray **Yahweh** your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the Coming of our Sovereign **Yahshua** Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23

The Sinai-Pentecost Connection...

Sanctification is a vital part of the Sealing. As we have seen, we are sanctified in the Spirit—in Truth. According to Isaiah 8:16, **how does this connect with Torah and the Sealing**?

Regarding the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, **what are we to seek**, **especially at Pentecost?** (*Psalm 51:6: Proverbs* 23:23)

Not only is Truth the true Purpose and Work of the Holy Spirit, it is also the one and only Safeguard - the Shield - against deception (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 & Zechariah 8:19; Romans 13:12). **How does Truth** (Light) **protect from deception?**

What is the guaranteed Judgment for not loving Truth?



"Bind up the testimony, **seal the Law among My disciples**." Isaiah 8:16

"Behold, **Thou desirest Truth in the inward parts**: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom." Psalm 51:6

"**Buy the Truth, and sell it not**; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." Proverbs 23:23

"And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; **because they received not a love of the Truth, they they might** (would have strength) **be saved And for this cause** *Elohim* **shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**. That they all might be damned who believed not the Truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11

"...Therefore, love the Truth and peace." Zechariah 8:19

"The night is far spent, the Day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, **and let us put on the Armor of Light**." Romans 13:12

Session 7 - Notes:



Session 7 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

-Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and John 3:19-20

Discussion Questions:

— Light, in Scripture (Psalm 119:105) represents Truth, found in Yahweh's Word. Truth is vital. If we do not love it, we will be lost, in the Last Days, especially... How can we love Light/Truth? What can we do to pursue Truth and have it as a Heavenly Shield against the winds of demonic deception in these Last Days?



SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: =

"Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh: And thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." *Deuteronomy* 6:4-9

"And this is the condemnation, that Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the Light, neither cometh to the Light, lest his deeds should be reproved." *John 3:19-20*