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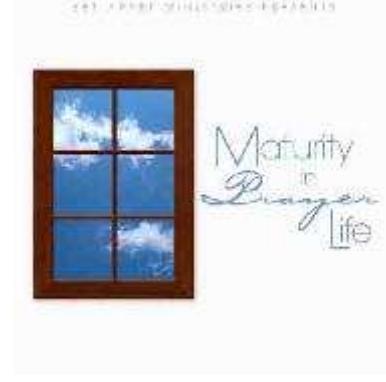
--Encouragement from SAM

**November,
2007**

Shalom!

This month of November finds our SAM community reviewing Scripture on spiritual warfare, and putting it into a Torah pursuant focus. It seems that many people may have been "put off" by some of the "eccentricities" or "extremes" of evangelicals in the area of deliverance and have left this area of study behind as they pursue the Living Torah. As we review and study in light of our Hebraic heritage, we find greater confirmation for the authority He has given His people, as well as for the "echad" that exists in YHWH and we are to be entering in with one another. "Echad" in community; unity in Messiah. In this position, under His tallit, we are strong in Him and will hear His voice.

\When we have truly "gone through the gates" and made the transition to be in Messiah, we are in position to stand firm, no matter what schemes the evil one may set to snare us.



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this resource made
known to others would be



November's Teleconference For All Women Only will be held on November 25th at 9 am CST. Our subject this month will be part two on how we "prepare the people." Is this before, during or after we "go through the gates?" As we prepare the way for the people, what rocks or barriers have you found most challenging to clear out of your way and others? If you haven't received the information for these teleconferences, please contact us at our office as soon as possible.

We are back from the **conference with others interested in developing Messianic communities** which would include nearby or shared housing arrangements, cottage industry, cooperative financial arrangements and the practical strategies needed to establish order, stability and maturity to do so.

We had smooth uneventful travel and opportunity to marvel at the landscape, so different from ours in Wisconsin. Old Paths Assembly is doing

a marvelous work in creating their facility, complete with a green oasis around a pond. The concept of creating and developing Sukkoth campuses for our communities to celebrate the Feast without worry about intrusion, schedules of other facilities or other unexpected costs is proposed, and in fact, even in process by many. Our contribution is to help lay the ground work for solid YHWH honoring relationships and structure in these Torah pursuant communities. I will be offering a teleconference in the next few weeks to discuss leadership concerns and planning in this area.

We were blessed by those in attendance as well as by the materials provided for us. One especially has caught out attention. We suggest you check out www.danielstimeline.com for an eschatological discussion that includes awareness of the moedim and the Hebrew identity of our Messiah. I have been in email correspondence with the presenter, Dewey Bruder, and have been pleased to hear his humility and awareness of the danger of pride when the Ruach has given such important understanding to share. Your discerning feedback would be welcome as well!

And our YHWH's words through the prophet Ezekiel are an encouragement again this month.

greatly appreciated. Our time to do this marketing has been severely curtailed as we need to focus more fully on generating regular income.

Our prayer and hope is that the material found here will encourage the development, joy and growth in prayer for those who hear.

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"Therefore, thus says the Lord God: 'Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.' "

Ezekiel 11: 16

In Service to Him, the Gatherer of the Flock;

Barb Klika

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FOR WOMEN ONLY

Our next monthly teleconference will be held on November 25, 2007 at 9:00 am CST. Watch for the announcement in your email box or contact us if you'd like to receive an invitation. info@setapartmingb.org and ask to be included!

Go Through the Gates!

Prepare the Way for the People!

Our discussion last month moved very quickly from the simple pshat level to the prophetic meaning of these words. This month, we will continue on with the discussion, focusing on the last portion about preparing the way for the people and raising a standard.

Please join us to add your thoughts and understanding of this directive from the set apart prophet, Isaiah/Yesheyahu. The cost to record this teleconference is about \$50 and would include free long distance call-ins for up to 10 people. We intend to provide this service so that the long distance fee doesn't keep anyone away. If you

are able to help us with this fee, we would be grateful. Recording of the conference allows us the option to edit and present it on our website.

MESSIANIC FELLOWSHIP LEADERS TELECONFERENCES

Tentative plans are to host a teleconference Nov. 27, 29 or Dec. 2. The subject will be the stages of development of a Messianic fellowship and/or Understanding the Dynamics between leaders and members when a perceived wrong has occurred.

If you would like to participate in this meeting, please email us at info@setapartmingb.org and let us know. These are not a part of a regular ongoing series.

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Exploring the Meaning of: Go

Through the Gates

Part 2

***Go through, go through the gates;
Prepare the way for the people.
Cast up, cast up the highway;
gather out the stones;
lift up a standard for the people.***

Isaiah 62: 10

These few words have generated a number of viewpoints. Going through the gates as we enter fully into Messiah is involved; both figuratively now and physically in the greater Exodus that is to come.

There is also the sense of **going back out** "through the gates" to prepare the way, smooth it, be a forger of paths, once we have drawn our strength, discernment and equipping from Messiah. In some ways it seems imperative that we actually have gone in so that we are equipped to look back and encourage those who come after. Yet it is also true, that our obedience to **just go in at all** is a witness to others and is actually being a part of the highway of return itself! What an awesome responsibility He has given us to be alive at this point in time, as the exile ends, the fullness of the gentiles comes in and He provides sanctuary and the return call. (Lev. 26: 44; Ezekiel 11: 16-17)

Prepare is Strong's # 6437 **pa nah**

This word is from a primitive root: to turn, by implication to face; i.e. appear, look, appear at [even-]tide behokd, cast out, come on, x corner dawning, empty, go away, lie, look, mark, pass away, prepare, regard, have respect.

the way is Strong's # 1870 **darek** a primitive root adn 1869 to tread, by implication to walk, a road, as trodden, figuratively for acourse of life or mode of action, adv.

Englishman's concordance also notes the concept of being bent as in *bent the bow*.

the people is Strong's # 5971 **am** a

people as a congregated unit; specifically a tribe as those of Israel, troops or attendants, figuratively, a flock. Folk, men, nation, people.

The word translated as prepare, **pa nah**, seems to us to carry with it great significance, not evident in English. To hold in high regard, to turn or to face seems to confirm the need to turn away from our own ways or those of our manmade traditions and to turn back toward His ways and His Word. Particularly during this exile, though He scattered His people, He also confirmed that He would not loathe us so as to utterly destroy us because He is still our Elohim (Lev. 26: 44)

This confirms to me that during this time of our exile, He has allowed the errors to continue because He is working on His timetable; not ours. Yet, His mercy has been extended to us, even during the disciplinary process that caused us to eat defiled bread among the gentiles for the duration. Now, as we draw more near than ever to His return, the concept of **Teshuvah**, repentance

and turing back to the ancient paths stirs up a longing within me at least, that speaks of the desire to return "home" though I have personally only visited Jerusalem once.

The desire for the fulfillment of His covenant promises in our generation is powerful and perhaps can be understood in the spirit long before it can be reasoned. This seems to confirm to me that the verse is referring to more than just belief in Messiah, but to the written Torah as well. This involves rediscovering that He is the Living Torah, which has been partially disguised by the translations that say He is the Living Word. (All those who have studied the Hebrew roots of our faith are no longer surprised at the sort of "sanitizing" of Hebraisms usually accepted in the major translations.)

The way is confirmed in Strong's as both literal and figurative; meaning an actual path or highway as well as a way of life. Y'shua used the metaphor so often of the way we should walk; and to walk as He showed us. Until our eyes are opened to the unity of the message

from Genesis to Revelation, we **have** thought that we were walking in His ways and would quickly take offense if anyone implied otherwise. The spiritualizing away of the need to **Shema**, hear and obey, and the relegation of Torah to the "obsolete" file, confirms the impression that though we may have been observing much of Torah in terms of not killing, stealing or committing adultery and so forth, we were far from His *moedim* and His prescribed ways to honor Him. Thankfully, as noted above, in His mercy, He now appears to be drawing back the scales and veils that have obscured our vision; both houses of Israel; Yehudah and Ephraim and those companions of each.

"The way" is again becoming evident as we see that it is not necessary for Jewish and Christian people to view one another as enemies or mutually exclusive groups. Because we were dispersed among the nations, we did fall into their ways and need to be called back to THE way.

NOTE: the KJV uses the word "of" the people, while others use "for".

Prepare the way of/for the people. Compel the people to turn and face YHWH so that they can walk in His ways. Perhaps the Scriptural use of "of" implies that those who go before are preparing the understanding for them to learn it. "For" would seem to imply that the way is laid out so that they can just begin to walk it out, whether or not they have deeply developed their personal understanding.

As a therapist, I am concerned that His teachers would not fall into a trap of setting up rules and regulations that people can just begin to do; a type of enabling which could lead to either the personalization of the meaning and motivation through doing OR short circuiting the desire or motivation to learn, reducing the need for relationship with Messiah to a simple formula for performance.

In both instances of use, the "people" refers to a group as a tribe of Israel, a people, a nation, a flock. The words translated as nation, goy , sojourner, ger are all related

and present a fascinating study alone.

TO BE CONTINUED

Blessings of strength and peace to you all!

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