

### VAYEILECH - AND HE WENT

Deuteronomy 31:1-30 Hosea 14:2-10 Micah 7:18-20 Joel 2:15-27 Philippians 1:1-2:30

Hebrews 13:5-8

#### Joshua to Succeed Moses

At one hundred and twenty years old, Yahweh directed Moses to publicly confer his spiritual authority and leadership of Israel into Joshua's hands. It was Joshua son of Nun of the tribe of Ephraim who would lead the twelve tribes of Israel into the land of their Covenant and inheritance.

Joshua is a prophetic picture of Yeshua as his name in Hebrew is *Yeshua* and means He will save, Yahweh is Salvation, to be saved, be delivered, give victory, help; be safe; take vengeance, preserve, rescue, defend cause, and savior (Strong's H3091).

Moses exhorts Joshua to.

"Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that Yahweh swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. Yahweh himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged" (Deuteronomy 31: 7-8).

Moses, as a prophetic picture of the Messiah in the Levitical priesthood (southern Kingdom/House of Judah), led the Israelites out of their physical enslavement/Egypt and from their spiritually enslaved mindsets into a redeemed lifestyle by teaching them the pursuit of righteousness and holiness. Now it would be Joshua, representing the prophetic picture of Elijah, an Ephraimite from the House of Israel (northern Kingdom/House of Ephraim), who would lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Together Moses and Joshua (*Elijah*) uphold the holiness, redemption and restoration for the right of return of all Israel - both Houses - into the land of Israel for the restoration of the House of David (1 Chronicles 7:27; Matthew 21:9).

Matthew 17:1-4 "Now after six days Jesus/Yeshua took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

The Gospel: The Song of Moses - The Wedding Invitation

**Deuteronomy 31:9-13** "So Moses wrote this law [the Gospel] and delivered it to the <u>priests</u>, the sons of Levi, [the Levitical priests called the Kohaths] who bore the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and to all the elders of Israel. And Moses commanded them, saying,

'At the end of every seven years, at the appointed time in the year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot, when all Israel comes to appear before Yahweh your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this law [Torah – the Gospel - the five books of Moses called the Song of Moses] before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear Yahweh your God and carefully observe all the words of this law [Marriage Covenant - the Song of Moses], and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear Yahweh your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

Only the Kohath Levitical priests were given the care and responsibility to pass the word of Life on to Yahweh's people. Today, through Yeshua's blood, death and resurrection, His firstborn priesthood has been restored. In Genesis we see Adam, the first priest, given these same instructions and responsibility.

"And out of the ground Yahweh God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. *The tree of life was* also in the midst of the garden, and *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. And Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat*, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:9, 16-17).

Yahweh's plan was for mankind *to be fruitful and increase*. Only the *Tree of Life, Torah* – *the Law of Life* has fruit with life bearing seeds within it, which is able to reproduce the faithful witness (signs and wonders) of Yeshua in mankind. The *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* – *the law of sin and death* had fruit, but its fruit contained no life sustaining quality nor could it reproduce itself. Eating this fruit would only produce death or *nakedness*. When man ate of this dysfunctional tree it produced a self-perpetuating dishonoring nature.

## The Song of Moses: The Day of the LORD

Yeshua walked in the Garden in the *cool of the day*. The word *cool* is Strong's H7307. *Ruach* is a Hebrew word meaning *wind*, *breath*, *mind*, *spirit*, which gives the impression that while Adam and Eve were in the Garden walking in Torah before they ate from the tree of the law of sin and death, they were in *the Day of the Lord* with Yeshua (Genesis 3:8).

Once Adam and Eve disobeyed Yahweh and ate the fruit from the *tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*, they found themselves instantly uncovered and without Yahweh's authority. The dishonoring nature was always in the garden with the potential to influence man if given the opportunity. Now this realm was exposed and given license to rule and reign in their hearts through their disobedience. Adam and Eve literally removed themselves from the *heavenly* nature of their creation, the Kingdom of Yahweh, to an earthly realm ruled by Satan and his nature (Isaiah 14:12-15).

Adam and Eve were trying to hide their nakedness by secretly making their own clothes. However, the coverings they made for themselves were not suitable, as man's efforts are always a poor substitute for Yeshua's provision. Then they heard Yahweh *walking* in the Garden in the *cool* of the day. He said,

"Who told you were *naked*? Have you eaten from the tree [of the knowledge of good and evil – the law of sin and death]?"

The sinful nature that came by Adam and Eve's choices has no attributes or abilities of its own to create or sustain life. They still had their salvation, as they had a personal relationship with Yeshua, but Adam and Eve experienced a change in their *status* when they disobeyed. They moved from the clean realm to an unclean realm, from a Kingdom realm to a common realm. Their natures were no longer pure but open to sin such as bitterness, accusations, judgments, self-pity, envy, jealousy and fear etc. all ruled by the temptations of Satan.

**Revelation 3:17-22** "Because you [believer] say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked [for of not being obedient in the Gospel] - I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire [Wisdom learned from His Word to purify and redeem your heart], that you may be rich; and white garments [produced by actively walking in His right ways. These are the priestly attire and the wedding garments], that you may be clothed [as a priest to serve Yeshua in His Heavenly Tabernacle here on earth], that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed [circumcise your heart to cover your nakedness with His righteousness]; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see [to re-clothe you with the Gospel - Mosaic Covenant - to restore your sight]. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock [the door - Mosaic Covenant- which shows you the way back to righteousness the Tree of Life]. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will

come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes [the sinful/earthly nature] I will grant to sit with Me [The King] on My throne [in My Kingdom - Davidic Covenant - eternal life], as I also overcame [your sin at the stake/cross] and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him what the Spirit says to the churches/assembly/ekklesia."

- **2 Peter 3:10-14** "But the DAY OF THE LORD [Yeshua/the Messianic Age] will come as a thief in the night [unexpectedly if you have not prepared in the lifestyle of the Gospel of Righteousness], in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up [that which is opposed to Yeshua's holy lifestyle]. Therefore, since all these things [sinful nature] will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the DAY OF GOD [Yeshua's redemption working *in* you – the restoration of the Gospel – the Mosaic Covenant], because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? [When believers return to walk in Yeshua's restoration, leaving pagan idolatry behind, Yahweh's Mosaic Covenant will set sinful natures aside for destruction. This is the day of liberty, release and deliverance for His Bride from captivity]. Nevertheless we [believers], according to His promise [Covenant], look for new heavens and a new earth [the walk of righteousness restoring the believer back into order with His Word], in which righteousness dwells [called the restoration of David's Tabernacle/Covenant]. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, [reference to the Sabbath rest] without spot [reference to priestly wedding garments of Yeshua's restored priesthood and blameless; [having returned to the Gospel which overcomes Satan's influence and puts to death the law of sin and death]."
- **2 Peter 3:15-16** "And consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation [deliverance from the sinful nature into His heavenly righteous Kingdom] as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand [needing spiritual maturity and the walking out of the principle over personal preference], which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures."

Those who continually eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – (the law of sin, death and dysfunction) to satisfy the earthly flesh nature will seek out others who are like natured (co-dependent), in order to find a familiar spirit where they can replicate themselves. Seeing their image reflected in others comforts them. Similarly, those eating of that tree can be likened to an alcoholic who does not want to drink alone, or similar to someone who wants to discuss their slant on a subject as exaltation of *their* knowledge of

good and evil so it becomes self-talk reducing Yahweh's glory second to their own. All disordering influencing seducing spirits of control will be set aside for destruction in order to produce deliverance in those who wish to walk with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### The Thief in the Night

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-2** "But concerning the [end] times and the seasons, brethren, you [believers] have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the DAY OF THE LORD so comes as a thief in the night."

There is a traditional Jewish story of a priest on night duty in the Temple in ancient Israel who was in charge of keeping the menorah fires burning. The High Priest would do nightly walks to the Temple and if he found the priest sleeping he would set the tzitzit at the end of the priest's talet on fire to expose his failure (*nakedness*) in not covering his priestly duties, thus the name - *thief in the night*.

# The Thief in the Night: David

Another example of *thief in the night* or darkness is in 1 Samuel 24:4 we see David (a king and a priest) cutting off Saul's tzitzit from his talet while he was in the cave. This rendered Saul's leadership and authority null and void. He was *naked* without his *covering* (the Gospel/commandments of Torah/Mosaic Covenant), as David had exposed Saul's earthly nature (1 Samuel 24:4).

## The Thief in the Night: Ruth

We also witness the *thief in the night* in the story of Ruth where she came unexpectedly in the night to see Boaz (who represented Yeshua our Kinsman Redeemer). She finds him resting at the threshing floor, which was the location used for separating the wheat from the chaff (the earthly nature from the heavenly nature). This winnowing process separated the pure seed, the *Tree of Life*, Yeshua, the word of Yahweh, from the tares; the *Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*. During this threshing time we see the season of the harvest called *the Day of the Lord* - which encompasses the Day of Blowing/*Yom Teruah*, the Day of Atonement/*Yom Kippur*, the Feast of Tabernacles/*Sukkot* and the Eighth Day called *Shemini Atzeret*.

Boaz was awakened when Ruth lifted his garment/tzitzit (Yahweh's Covenantal covering) and asked who is there? Meaning what is your <u>identity</u>? Ruth answered with confidence and said,

"Spread the corner [holding the tzitzit – upholding the Covenant] of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer."

Ruth, who represents an ingathered, transformed, redeemed believer, was saying in essence:

"I have left my country and forsaken my pagan idolatry worship to walk in Covenant (the Gospel) with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to keep His holy ways; His Sabbath, His Feast days and New Moon festivals. Therefore we are one in heart and purpose in His Kingdom, and as my kinsman redeemer I ask you to reciprocate; spread your talet/your garment (representing Yahweh's Torah principles, the Covenants and Yeshua's sanctification, redemption, holiness and righteousness - priestly garment) over me since I am made in His same image and walk as you walk."

Boaz being on the threshing floor was in the true word of Yahweh, the place of decision (Shavuot), and saw that Ruth actively engaged the Gospel (*the Mosaic Covenant /the Song of Moses*) witnessed by her obedience to it. The Gospel is the only eternal wedding Covenant that stands as a *witness/sign* between righteous believers and Yahweh. No longer was Ruth outside Torah and no longer was she considered 'naked' (without God) in the eyes of all Israel. She was *one in* intimacy with the Living Word, which truly had redeemed and delivered her.

Once Ruth declared herself, she and Boaz both entered into His rest; a prophetic picture of the Messiah's return - the Millennial Kingdom - *the Sabbath Rest* represented by *the Feast of Shemini Atzeret* – *The Eighth Day*.

As believers walk in Yeshua's Torah they are coming to know their identity and inheritance as *part of Israel*. This is guaranteed to them through the Covenant Yahweh gave to Abraham and affirmed to Isaac and to Jacob/*Israel*. Yeshua fulfilled His Covenantal promise through the witness of the land, a people/an identity and the abundant blessings. A believer's identity is found in Yeshua's word - His Gospel - upholding of His holiness, righteousness, faith and sanctification. This is our very essence! (Deuteronomy 32:9; Psalm 47:4; Heb. 8:8-10; Jer. 31:31-33).

- Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I [Yeshua] come like a thief
  [unexpectedly]! Blessed is he who stays awake [doers of His word the
  Gospel] and keeps his clothes [white linen priestly garments which is
  the witness of identity in Yeshua] with him, so that he may not go naked
  [be found outside Torah in the earthly nature eating the fruit of the tree
  of the knowledge of good and evil] and be shamefully exposed." (NIV)
- Revelation 19:7-9 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." [Fine linen stands for the witness of the righteous acts of the saints who have prepared their wedding garments by walking and obeying their Wedding Covenant]. Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words [Gospel] of God."

The Song of Moses: The Wedding Feast

After appointing Joshua as his successor, Moses wrote out the entire Torah - *The Song of Moses* – *the invitation to the Bride* and gave it into the care of the *Kohathite* priests, the sons of Levi. Moses then commanded the priests,

"At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts [called the Shemittah/Sabbath year], during the Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot [the future Wedding Reception], when all Israel comes to appear before Yahweh at the place he will choose, you shall read this law [of Life - the Song of Moses – The Bride's Ketubah - Wedding Covenant] before them in their hearing [to reminded them to be faithful to Me]. Assemble the people - men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns - so they can listen and learn to fear Yahweh and follow carefully all the Words of this law [of Life/Torah, the Gospel – in order to have Godly offspring]. Their children, who do not know this law [of righteousness], must hear it and learn [we need to teach the Law of Life to each generation in order] to fear Yahweh as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess" (Deuteronomy 31:10-13).

We are all sojourners learning to rejoice in the Torah. We are learning to celebrate *The Tree* that gives true life, because that which was lost and kept secret for so long is now being revealed, fulfilled in the resurrected body of Yeshua, the Messiah. This is what the prophets longed to see.

#### Final Words to Moses

Yahweh then called Moses and Joshua to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. Yahweh spoke from the cloud that appeared above them and said to Moses,

"You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them" (Deuteronomy 31:16).

He further revealed the future destruction and desolation of the people and the land of Israel, as they would choose to turn from Yahweh to serve other gods.

Even upon hearing these prophetic words and knowing what lay ahead for the Children of Israel Moses continued on his last day to respond in love and service to them. He had followed the instructions and passed the Gospel on to bless and tutor the Israelites on how to have abundant life. Now the people were charged to respond and uphold all the Words of Life that they had received, and to pass them on to their next generations (Galatians 3:24).

### The Song of Moses: The Witness

Revelation 15:2-4 "And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: 'Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and

worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

The Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb are one and the same song. The song is also called,

The Five Books of Moses, The Mosaic Covenant, The Gospel, The Sabbath, The Sign, The Law of Life, The Law of Righteousness, The Ketubah: The Wedding Invitation to the Bride, The Day of the Lord, The Teaching and Instruction Yahweh gave Moses at Mount Sinai, The Testimony, The Marriage Covenant, The Royal Law, The Law Of Liberty, The Ten Commandments, The Principles, The Kingdom Of God/Heaven.

**Moses**] for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness [a testimony / evidence / sign] for Me against [to] the children of Israel. When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant. Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify [be an answer for them to respond to] against [paniym Strong's H6440 face/My Presence] as a witness [testimony/evidence]; for it [My Covenant] will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them. Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel" (Deuteronomy 29:14-20).

As the Song of Moses (the Gospel - the five books of Moses) serves as a witness to a believer's walk it can also testifying *against* Yahweh's people (believers included) *if* they should break their marriage vows as agreed upon in their Covenant with Yahweh (Deuteronomy 28).

#### Yeshua said in

**3 John 5:45-47**, "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. *Your accuser is Moses*, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, *for he wrote about me*. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?" (Revelation 15:2-4)

The Song of Moses is the Song of the Lamb - Yeshua's Renewed Covenant

In the Book of Revelation we see into the future through the revelation Yeshua gave John. There we see the Song of Moses being sung by Yahweh's remnant who are *victorious over the influence of sin and death*.

Scripture declares that those who uphold Yeshua's Gospel, knowing the difference between clean and unclean, holy and unholy and actively enter into His Priestly Feast

Days, keeping the true weekly Sabbath on the seventh day and celebrating His New Moon/*Rosh Chodesh* Festival each month lead a victorious lifestyle. Those who learn to actively walk in His right ways are true prophets and priests of Yeshua, the Bride of the Messiah. They are those who actively walk in the teaching and instruction/Kingdom principles given them at Mount Sinai have the true testimony of Yeshua upon their lips claim complete victory over the enemy! It will be these people who sing the Song of Moses, the Song of the Lamb (Ezekiel 44:23-25; Revelation 15:2-4).

There will always be a remnant of Yahweh's people who sing the Song of Moses. This is the only song Yeshua, the true Lamb, sings. At the time of Moses, Israel sang the *Song of Moses/the Song of the Lamb* prophetically not only for their generation but for those who were not yet born. This wedding song is prophetic for our generation especially for believers as we enter the end times Messianic Age (1 Peter 2:8-10).

Yeshua said in John 5:46,

"For he [Moses] wrote about Me [Yeshua]."

The early Church father's distanced themselves from the main contents of the Gospel and any Hebraic influence. Yahweh's Sabbath, Feast Days and principles given at Mount Sinai were not endorsed or celebrated once Hellenization was established. From that time forward, the Church did not teach or sing the Song of Moses. It lay hidden for generations. Yeshua's death and resurrection was disassociated from the Gospel of Moses and labeled as "the Gospel of faith." Without the *Song of Moses* Yahweh's Children could not fully enter into His Presence.

**Revelation 15:5** "After this [the singing of the song of Moses] I looked and in heaven the temple, that is, the tabernacle of the Testimony, was opened."

The Mosaic Covenant [Song of Moses/the Song of the Lamb] is the only gateway or door that brings us into the presence of Yahweh.

## Moses' Final Earthly Act

When Moses had finished teaching the people the Song of Moses and transcribed all the Words of the Torah from beginning to end, Yahweh directed him to,

**Deuteronomy 31:26** "Take this Book of the Law [the Torah – the Marriage Covenant], and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim, that it may be there as a witness against you" (a sign so you will never forget Strong's #5707) (1 Kings 8:9).

*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* is our living witness. He is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

**Isaiah 55:1-5** "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not

bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

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