**The Month of Ethanim and the**

**Speaking Place – I Kings 8**

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 Carefully read **I Kings 7:51; 8:1-14**: “Thus all the work which King Solomon had done for the House of Yahuwah was completed. And Solomon brought in the set-apart items of his father David: the silver and the gold and the utensils. And he put them in the treasuries of the House of Yahuwah. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel to King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Yahuwah from **the City of David which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the Festival in the month of Ethanim, which is the seventh month.** And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the Ark and brought up the Ark of Yahuwah and the Tent of Meeting, and all the set-apart utensils that were in the Tent. And the priests and the Levites brought them up. And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that had assembled with him were with him before the Ark, slaughtering so many sheep and cattle that they could not be counted or numbered. And the priests brought in the Ark of the Covenant of Yahuwah to its place, **into the Speaking Place of the House**, to the Most Set-Apart Place under the wings of the cherubim, for the cherubim spread two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered over the Ark and its poles. The poles extended so that the ends of the poles were seen from the Set-Apart place, in front of the Speaking Place, but they were not seen from outside. And they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark, only the two tablets of stone which Moshe put there at Horeb where Yahuwah made a Covenant with the children of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass that when the priests came out of the Set-Apart Place, that the cloud filled the House of Yahuwah, so that the priests were unable to stand and perform the service because of the cloud, for the esteem of Yahuwah filled the House of Yahuwah. And Solomon said, `Yahuwah has said He would dwell in the dark cloud.’ I have indeed built You an exalted house, an established place for You to dwell in forever. And the King turned around and blessed all the assembly of Israel while all the assembly of Israel was standing…”

 The Temple was dedicated during the Festival of Sukkot! Yahuwah’s people were in Jerusalem from all over the world for the Festival, the “Feast of Tabernacles,” symbolizing Messiah Yahushua who came to tabernacle with us, and who will come again to tabernacle with us forever. Yochanan/**John 1:14**: “…And the Word was made flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, full of grace and truth.”

 The seventh month of the Festival calendar of **Exodus 12:2** is Ethanim. We know it as Tishre. But, “Tishre” is the Babylonian name for the seventh month.

“Ethanim” is Hebrew. Ethanim, or Eythaniyam, is #386 in Strong’s Hebrew

Concordance Dictionary. “Ethan” means: “hard, mighty, rough, strength, strong, permanent.”

 Ethanim refers to a company of people who are strong, strong in faith and strong and courageous in spiritual warfare, the mighty **Daniel 11:32** Company and the **Revelation 7:1-8** Company. They are a spiritual “Gideon 300.” They are the “Eliyahu Company,” part of the witness company of the last days.

 It is very possible that this remnant company will begin their forerunning of the coming of Messiah, joining with the two witnesses and other witnesses from the past during the “days of awe” in a near-future Tishre/Ethanim?

 My son, Derek, brought out another aspect of the meaning of Ethanim: “In Scripture it is referred to as the 7th month, or `ethanim,’ -- `a month of endurance, severe storms, testing, pressure, and distress.’ ” It includes “the ten days of Awe,” which I refer to below, that precedes Yom Kippur.

 Tishre 1 begins with the sound of the shofar battle cry. The blowing of trumpets and shouting! It is called the “Festival of Trumpets and Shouting.” Derek asks: “Why all the shouting?” He concludes: “We are to shout with a voice of triumph--the victory-shout. But, also, there is the shouting for help. During the tribulation, we will shout for help! Abba will hear and send Messiah. Read **Psalm 18**! It describes how David cried out for help, and Yahuwah came to his rescue.

 Derek said: “When we shout enough, when the pressure is too great, He will show up!” … Derek speaks of those who are in right standing with Yahuwah of course! Derek also said: “The intent of the tribulation is His mercy!” Yes it is!

 Ethanim/Tishre 1 begins a new year within the 7-year cycles that have marked time since the Creation of heaven and earth, and the creation of Adam and Eve. Tishre 1,or Ethanim 1, begins a new year in the history of mankind, as the cycles of sevens give the markers of the Shmittah Years and the Jubilee Years.

 The Festivals and how to celebrate them are listed detailed in **Leviticus 23**. They are the backbone outline, the seven-part plan of salvation through Yahushua Messiah, beginning with Passover, His death, Unleavened Bread, His burial, and First Fruits, His resurrection. Fifty days later is Shavu’ot, Messia’s baptizing the born- again with the Spirit of Yahuwah, as in Acts 2. The final three festivals of the seven are all is the seventh month, Tishre/Ethanim--Yom Teruah, day of separation and setting apart, Yom Kippur, day of Atonement, and Sukkot, 8 days of rest and celebration, each related to Messiah’s return and the setting up of His Kingdom.

 The 7th month marks the timing of the coming of Messiah. The tribulation has to happen beforehand to separate the wheat from the tares, the wheat from its own chaff, the sheep from the goats, and the saved from the lost.

**Matthew 13** is a good chapter that outlines the timing of this separation.

 I often say that the tribulation time before Messiah returns shows the greatest love of our Abba for us, for without it there can be no line drawn between the wicked and the righteous. We must be tried and tested, raked with the tribulum, to see if we are fit for the Kingdom of Elohim.

 This is the time of the Laodicea assembly, when the “hot” get hotter in their faith and loyalty to Elohim, and the “cold” get colder toward Elohim, and the fence-straddlers, the “lukewarm,” are spewed from Messiah’s mouth into the Kingdom of darkness. The days between Yom Teruah and Yom Kippur are known as the “ten days of awe.” These are the ten days of decisions that seal us for eternity!

 In **Revelation 2:10-11**, Messiah speaks to the assembly of Smyrna--the assembly of the martyrs: “Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. See, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison in order to try you, and you shall have tribulation ten days. Be trustworthy until death and I shall give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. He who overcomes shall by no means be harmed by the second death.”

 Please read “The Yom Kippur Consideration for the Return of Messiah”/Mikvah of Israel Our Eternal Inheritance. It contains important information for you!

 The worst days of tribulation will be the last 45 before Messiah comes (**Daniel 12:9-12**). Yahuwah’s timing is by the seasons of the Festivals! The only season with 45 days in it is from Elul 1, the month of T’shuva, “the return,” the month of preparation to meet the King, to the first day of Sukkot. The very worst of the tribulation will be the last 10 days, as we read from **Revelation 2:10** – “the days of awe.” If we endure, He will give us a crown of life. Messiah comes as High Priest and King (**Zechariah 6:12-15**). He comes as Judge, as the High Priest carries that authority. (**John 5:25-30**)

 Jewish understanding says that Yom Teruah, which begins the ten days of awe, of preparation for Yom Kippur, is where the totally righteous, the blameless ones, are sealed for eternal life. During the ten days of awe, those who are not sealed can repent and prepare for eternal life. But on Yom Kippur, the judgment is cast; there is no more room for repentance. It’s over. This reflects the wording of Yahuwah in **Revelation 16:17**: “…It is done.” Read **Revelation 16** to see the context.

 The word “tribulation” means “pressure.” It comes from the Latin word “tribulum.” A tribulum, is an ancient farm instrument, a board with rocks embedded into one side of it. A heavy rock is put on the top smooth side, or children ride on it, as the farmer rakes it over the wheat to separate the chaff from the wheat, so that it can be winnowed, and the wind carry the chaff away. Then the wheat can be gathered into the farmer’s barns. (Please read **Matthew 13:24-52**)

 Our loving Father has to rake the tribulum over all of us during our lifetime, but especially at this time before Messiah returns. The tribulum has to be raked over every one of His children to set us free from what would restrict us from entering eternal life. His tribulim becomes judgment when raked over the damned. As we see in **Revelation 9:20-21 and 16:9-11**, the raking of the tribulum over the damned only makes them hate Yahuwah and Yahushua, God, or Jesus, more, so they blaspheme more. The wicked are left in their sin, for they are unrepentant, and He has no use for them.

 He rakes the tribulum over His children to separate us from the wicked, and to take from us the “chaff” that binds us, that keeps us from our freedom in Him. It is His love. It is His mercy! He is a Father, “Abba” in Hebrew. He only does what He does because of His love. It causes us to be all that we were created to be – in His image and likeness, with His nature, His thinking, walking in His ways. Without the “pressure” of the tribulum, we could never enter His Kingdom.

 Tragically, those who have bought into the gospel of ease and comfort, a theology of escapism, a belief system of one’s own imagination that was not taught by Messiah, will turn against Him when the pressure is applied, and join the haters and blasphemers to their damnation, for their imaginary expectation will be cut off. There are many warnings throughout the Scriptures, as in **Hebrews 6:4-6, II Kepha/Peter 2, and Revelation 3:5.**

 Do you see from **I Kings 8** that it was Tishre/Ethanim that the Ark was brought up from Zion, the City of David, into the Most Set-Apart Place in the Temple. In **II Samuel 5:7**, we read: “But, David captured the stronghold of Zion, the City of David.” There are three mountains that serve as portals between our 3D world and His throne room: 1) Mount Moriah, the Temple Mount, where Abraham nearly sacrificed Isaac until Messiah intervened, 2) Mount Zion, south of Mount Moriah, where David’s palace was, where the King’s lived, and 3) the Mount of Olives to the East. Within the triangle of these three points was/still is the Garden of Eden.

 That day in **I Kings 8**, multitudes of people were in the city for Sukkot! The dedication of Solomon’s Temple was at Sukkot! It was at Sukkot that Solomon asked Yahuwah to come down and dwell over the Ark with His people. It will be at a Sukkot that Messiah will marry His Bride and enter into the chupa for 7 days. On the 8th day, they come out to the “wedding Feast.”

 The Power of His Presence was so strong on that day that the priests could not even stand up. They “fell under the power of the Spirit.” That is what happens to many believers who are baptized into the Spirit by Messiah even to this day. I know… for myself, and for hundreds I’ve ministered to, to receive His Spirit.

 Remember **Zechariah 6:12-15**: Messiah will build the Temple. Then will Yahuwah’s Spirit come down and dwell over the Ark again? The Temple of **Ezekiel chapters 40-46** will not be built until Messiah comes. Why? I may write an article as to why. But, in brief, when Yahushua cried out from the stake “IT IS FINISHED,” He ended animal sacrifices for sin. **Daniel 9**:**27** speaks of Messiah, not an antichrist: “And He shall confirm the Covenant with many for one week. And in the middle of the week, He shall put an end to slaughtering and meal offerings….” “The Covenant is a pre-existing Covenant, made on Mt. Sinai long ago.”

 Yahuwah would never allow Jews, or renegade Ephaimites either, who reject His Son, hate His Son, blaspheme His Son, calling Him a bastard and a worker of miracles by Ba’alzebub as written in the Jewish Talmud, to believe that their sin is covered by the blood of animals, when the blood of His Son, the “Lamb of God,” was shed for the sins of all humanity. UNLESS **II Thessalonians 2:8-12** includes those who will trust in animal’s blood to remove sin, those hating the Truth of Messiah’s death and resurrection, and Yahuwah allow let them believe the lie and thus be damned. Something to think about!

 **I Kings 8:6, 8**: The Most Set-Apart Place is called “the Speaking Place.”

KJV: “…in the oracle of the house…” (**Romans 3:2**)

 Where does the Spirit of Yahuwah abide today? Where does He speak from?

The “Speaking Place,” the Most Set-Apart Place, where Yahuwah dwelt with His people over the Ark in the Temple, is now within those who are truly born again and filled with His Spirit. That is huge!

 At the true new birth, our spirit becomes a temple. Then, as Solomon did, we ask for the Spirit to come within us. When He comes, He lets us know “I’m here!” Do you see that these two events of our salvation are separate? He prepares a temple within us when we repent and give our lives to Yahushua as Savior and Master. But, then, we must ask for the Spirit of Yahuwah to fill our temple. Messiah baptizes us into the Spirit, and He comes into our temple and abides in His “Most Set-Apart Place” within us. Our spirit becomes His “Speaking Place.” This is how we abide in Him. We then begin to live out of our re-born spirit. This is where He meets with us, as He met with Moses in the tent of meeting. It is where He speaks to us.

 Our spirit becomes like Moses’ “tent of meeting.” Read **Exodus 33:7-11**! After the tragedy with the golden calf, and the killing of those that participated in it, Moses pitched his tent outside the camp. He called it the “Tent of Meeting.”

 And everyone who sought Yahuwah went out to Moses’ Tent of Meeting – outside the camp. The people saw the cloud standing at his Tent door – the cloud Presence of Yahuwah! Yahuwah also went outside the camp to meet with Moshe.

 **Exodus 33:11**: “Thus Yahuwah spoke to Moshe face to face as a man speaks to his friend.”

 Couple that with **Hebrews 13:12-14:** “And so Yahuwah also suffered outside the camp, to set apart the people with His own blood. Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For we have no continuing place here, but we seek the one coming.”

 He is calling us to a life of separation unto Himself, more now than ever before! “Be set apart as I am set apart.” … “Let the set-apart be more set-apart.

 He speaks to us in 40 different ways, each with a precedent in the Word, and almost all of them are from the Ark that is within our spirit. Did you that when you were born again, there are 40 things that happen to you by the Spirit, so that you become an entirely “new creation?” (**II Corinthians 5:17**). Refer to: “The True New Birth”/Mikvah of Salvation. With a true new birth, we have the privilege of asking the Spirit of Yahuwah to come dwell inside of us so that as His temple we become a most set-apart place, a speaking place, for Him to commune with us, and we with Him, as Moses did – friend to friend. (**I Corinthians 6:19-20**)

 I hope you know that your spirit is located between your breast bone and the top of your legs in your digestive and reproductive area. It is the spirit that is born again and perfected. Then, we must humbly allow the One dwelling within us to transform our carnal soul (earthly life force, mind, emotions, feelings, reasoning, unstable sin-prone nature) so that it aligns to the re-born spirit, causing us to be a united “spirit man”--united with Yahuwah and Yahushua as Their humble servants! He dwells within us, for Yahuwah is Spirit! (**John 4:24**) The Spirit is Yahuwah Himself (**II Corinthians 3:17-18**)

 Are you moment by moment in communion with Him as you go through your day? Are you hearing Him speak to you in your spirit? If you are born again, you are a priest unto Him. Abba has desired for His people to be a company of priests since **Exodus 19 and I Peter 2:9**? Once we submit to the Spirit within, He will be our Teacher. He will give us His nature, His gifts, His authority and power over all the works of the evil ones. He will lead us, direct us, convict us of sin, encourage us and comfort us, and show us His love for us. It is our place of fellowship with Him! It is where we commune with Him. It is our “Speaking Place!”

 **I Kings 8** paints a picture of the true new birth, the baptism into the Spirit, and our life in the Spirit. It was at Sukkot that the Temple of Solomon was dedicated. It is at Sukkot that Messiah will marry His Bride. What will you do this Sukkot? What will be your focus? Will you use this time to enter into your “Tent of Meeting,” where He dwells and begin to dwell in the secret place of the Most High with Him?

In His love and shalom, Chag Sameach!

Yedidah,

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