

Parasha 29: Acharei Mot (After Death)

Wayikra/Leviticus 16:1 – 18:30

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Welcome to this week's very special double-portion Torah Study! As we begin, just as we did last week, we will be reading and studying this week's portions together. The studies for this week will be our twenty-ninth & thirtieth parashot/portions. They are *Acharei Mot- After Death & Kedoshim- Holy Ones*. May our Abba YHWH bless you mightily as you read and study with us! It is just here that we need to remind ourselves of a principle in Torah known as:

***'Ein Mukdam O Me-Uchar B'Torah...
There is no 'before and after' in Torah'***

In the Torah, time does not run in a consistent line of chronological events. The past, present and future are all relative to the point that YHWH desires to make. We were just at the time of Aviv 1, a Rosh Chodesh/New Moon in the spring, when we were in our parasha 'Sh'mini/Eighth'. Now, suddenly, we are months ahead and are in the fall. It's good to know 'where we are' in each Torah parasha. We must simply learn to keep the absence of the 'relativity of time' in perspective.

Our parasha opens with YHWH bringing remembrance through Moshe of the death of Aharon's two sons, Nadab and Abihu. They died when they entered YHWH's 'Most Holy Place' without regards to His instructions. There is a time 'when to come, how to prepare the one' who was to enter His Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence and 'what to bring'. Instead Nadab and Abihu came at a time when YHWH 'had not commanded'. At the same time, they offered incense burning not with the fire from YHWH's 'Mizbe'ach /Brazen Altar', but with 'strange/unauthorized fire', coals of their own. As a result, they were struck dead for their ill-advised and presumptuous efforts. So, YHWH uses that event to preface what He is about to instruct Moshe to teach Aharon and his sons who are still alive. They 'must learn to reverence' YHWH's most holy day of celebration for the sake of all Am Yisrael.

"And Hashem [YHWH] spoke unto Moshe after the mot [death] of the two Bnei [sons of] Aharon, when they approached before Hashem [YHWH], and died;" (Vayikra/Leviticus 16:1 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH was not trying to rub Aharon's face in that horrible moment of failure. He instead wanted to 'impress' on Aharon and his sons 'how important it was' to follow His instructions in order to enter safely into His 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence' and **LIVE!** If they 'listened and obeyed' then all of Yisrael would know the joy of having their sins as a nation forgiven and covered. The continual abiding 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence' would be among them at all times.

The Mo'ed/Appointed Time Of Yom HaKippurim

Here in Vayikra chapter 16, YHWH is instructing Aharon concerning his approach to the 'Most Holy Place' and what he is to be doing as he 'karob/draws near'. While we are not told specifically

that this is the 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time of Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements' there are enough clues to let us know this is that time. Further, if you go ahead to chapter 23 verses 26-32 you will find YHWH *clearly giving His instructions* concerning this celebration.

There is an 'order to the way things are done' in the economy of YHWH. One of the first things we must do is to 'discern the holiness/set apartness' with which YHWH manifests Himself. It is the lack of this governing issue that poses such a great danger in minimizing those principles. It's like what we've said previously about the principles that govern electricity. There are many wonderful things that we are able to do and enjoy when the 'laws governing electricity' are followed. However, failure to treat the 'potential of electricity' with ample respect will most likely end in disaster. As has been said, 'One must have the proper respect for something that cannot be seen and has the power to kill you!' Therefore, the first instruction given to Aharon in this chapter is,

“And Hashem [YHWH] said unto Moshe, Speak unto Aharon thy brother, that he come not at any time into HaKodesh [The Most Holy Place/Holy of Holies] within the Parochet (curtain) before the Kapporet [Mercy Seat], which is upon the Aron [Ark]; THAT HE DIE NOT; for I will appear in the Anan [Cloud] upon the Kapporet [Mercy Seat].” (Vayikra/Leviticus 16:2 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine),

YHWH is making it quite plain. Entrance into the third compartment of the 'Mishkan/Tabernacle, the Most Holy Place', that contained His 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence', was to be **ONLY** once a year. And even then, it was to be accompanied by 'strict adherence' to YHWH's further instructions. This is about 'when to karob/draw near' to The Mighty One in reverence. How awesome it must have been to have entered that 'Most Holy Place' and have **SEEN** the 'kavod/glory of the Mighty One' appear over the Mercy Seat! How glorious to have carried out the instructions YHWH gave in order for 'atonement/covering' to have been given for the nation and to have 'emerged from the Mishkan/Tabernacle'... **ALIVE!** What joy and celebration all of Yisrael must have experienced knowing their sins had been covered and forgiven. The whole nation could enjoy YHWH's 'Sh'khinyah/Manifest Presence' for another year.

We are not going to take the time here to do a full teaching on this 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time'. This particular celebration is 'the most holy day' in all of Yisrael's 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times'. While the celebration of Pesach/Passover was for 'each' Yisraelite home, the celebration of 'Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements' was for the **WHOLE NATION!** It was about the 'atonement/covering' of Yisrael's **CORPORATE** sinful transgressions. **ALL** of the sins of Yisrael were dealt with on this most holy day. (**Vayikra/Leviticus 16:30; 34**) Whether those sins were 'intentional or unintentional'. The regular offering for sin (**chattat**) could not 'atone/cover intentional sins'. This is why the 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time/Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements' was so important. **ALL THE SINS OF THE NATION** were dealt with, and while it was only on a particular level, that of the 'flesh/soul', **FORGIVENESS WAS PROVIDED** by the korban offered on that day. (**Ivrim/Hebrews 9:12-14**) However, the true and lasting atonement, the once and for all one dealing with sin's effect on the 'conscience/the spirit of man', was reserved solely for the korban of the 'Seh Elohim/Lamb of The Mighty One'... **OUR MASTER YESHUA HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH.** It was this Korban alone that could 'take away' the sins of Yisrael and the whole world. All the 'animal korban' of the Torah were the 'shadow'. These

'pointed to the ultimate substance' provided by the Korban of our blessed Master Yeshua, His body and blood under the *'Final ReNewed Covenant'*. (**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:27-34**)

The Two Goats And Their Purpose In The Mo'ed/Appointed Time Of Yom HaKippurim/Day Of Atonements

It is here in this parasha that we are introduced to the *'two goats'* that are a part of the celebration of *'Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements'*. There are many and varied opinions as to what is being pictured here. Some have more validity than others. What we want to look at is: What does YHWH want us to see being pictured by these *'two goats'*?

"And he shall take the two goats, and present them before Hashem [YHWH] at the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed [Tent of Meeting].

And Aharon shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for Hashem [YHWH], and the other lot for Azazel.

And Aharon shall bring the goat upon which Hashem's [YHWH's] lot fell, and offer him for a chattat [sin offering].

But the goat, on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented chai (alive) before Hashem [YHWH], to make kapporah [covering] through it, and to let him go for Azazel into the midbar [desert/wilderness]." (Vayikra/Leviticus 16:7-10 OJB- definitions mine- see also verses 20-22)

The *'two goats represented two means'* by which YHWH would deal with the *'corporate sins'* of His people Yisrael. The goat whose *'lot was cast'* and came up as L'YHWH was to be put to death as a *'special sin korban - the asham.'* ****[In general, sin always produces varying levels of ill effects; however, the 'asham level's potential' for such is incalculable]** The blood of the *'asham korban'* was then sprinkled and later *'mixed with the blood of an ox.'* ****[This speaks to the need to defuse the 'stubbornness' associated with that sin]** It was sprinkled to bring deliverance by *'kafar/covering the nation of Yisrael'* from the inevitable death this sin would bring. ****[Let us keep in mind, the 'asham korban' ultimately finds its fulfillment in the Person of our Adon/Lord Yeshua. **[Yeshayahu/Isaiah 53:10- 'guilt offering' in Hebrew... is the 'asham']**

Afterward, the *'live goat'*, whose *'lot was cast'* and came up L'Azazel, was to be taken out and *'let go into the wilderness'*. Before being let go, the Kohen HaGadol/High Priest would *'lay his hands'* upon this goat's head and he would perform what is known hebraically as, *'sh'likim'*. He would *'lean his weight'* on this goat and confess **ALL** his sins, **ALL** the sins of the priests and **ALL** the sins of the *'whole nation of Yisrael'* over it. It was on this holy day that the *'Name of YHWH'* was spoken openly by the Kohen HaGadol/High Priest. The Name was actually spoken a *'total of ten times'* during the Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements service! This goat for L'Azazel, would then *'carry away'* those sins from the Am/People of Yisrael. He would then be led by the hand of a fit man out into the desert/wilderness. ****[Note- During the time of the 2nd Heikal/Temple, the 'Azazel goat' was put to death by being pushed off a cliff. This was NOT a part of the 'written Torah' instructions. It was the embellishment of the Rabbis, which in effect, was an act based in unbelief! It supposed that YHWH could not keep this goat from wandering back into the city of Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. There was NO REASON for this latter goat to be put to death in this manner. That was the purpose in the sacrificial death of the first goat, the one whose lot fell L'YHWH/To YHWH' as a sin korban]** This latter goat was the *'sin bearer'*. Its job was to *'carry away the sins of the people'* from them. A perfect picture

of the ministry of our Adon/Lord Yeshua as our *'Sin Bearer who took our sins away'* into the bosom of the earth/desert/wilderness. The *'sinless/pure blood of our Seh Elohim/Lamb of the Mighty One* **REMOVED** *the weight of condemnation'* from our conscience **ONCE AND FOR ALL!** Our M'lekh Mashiach/King Messiah Yeshua is now **SET DOWN** upon His throne showing His *'redemptive work'* **IS FINISHED!** (Ivrim/Hebrews 10:12) Yet even today, that precious, sinless blood is **STILL ALIVE!** It hasn't dried up like human blood does which has been tainted with sin and death. Even now, it is **STILL SPEAKING** in the Shomayim/Heavens within the Most Holy Place on our behalf! (Ivrim/Hebrews 12:24) It testifies before YHWH of our righteousness, forgiveness, redemption, holiness... **FOREVER!**

There are some who try, by numerous means, to make the latter goat/for Azazel point either to Hasatan (**May his memory be blotted out forever**) or to one of the fallen angels. However, this too is not necessary. Such a practice may have even fallen underneath the ban given to Yisrael by YHWH, *'forbidding them'* from having any association with the occult goat demons which were common among the nations that dwelt about them in Cana'an. ****[Vayikra/Leviticus 17:7- the word 'demons' there is 'sa'ir' in Hebrew meaning, 'a hairy goat'- a picture of the image depicted of these 'demonic entities' worshipped by the Cana'anite nations]** The Sages of Yisrael did seem to agree, that 'Azazel' pointed more toward a *'geographic location'* rather than to a *'particular entity'*. The goal of this 'Azazel goat was to carry/take away' the sins of YHWH's people, Yisrael. To *'remove them'* from their *'soul/flesh and release them from condemnation'* on that level. Of course, **ONLY** the *'pure/sinless blood'* of our Adon/Lord Yeshua HaMashiach/The Messiah is able to accomplish the **FULL REALITY** in the *'inner most realm'* of the human spirit, the conscience. (Ivrim/Hebrews 9:12-14)

The Soul-Life Is In The Blood

"And whatsoever man there be of Bais Yisroel [the Sons of Yisrael], or of the ger [stranger] that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of dahm [blood]; I will even set My face against that nefesh [soul] that eateth dahm [blood], and will cut it off [see Daniel 9:26] from among its people.

For the nefesh [soul-life] of the basar [flesh] is in the dahm [blood]: and I have given it to you upon the Mizbe'ach [Bronze Altar] to make kapporah [atonement] for your nefashot [souls]: for it is the dahm [blood] that maketh kapporah [covering] for the nefesh [soul-life].

[Zecharyah 9:11; Tehillim 50:5]

Therefore I said unto the Bnei Yisroel [sons of Yisrael], No nefesh [soul] of you shall eat dahm [blood], neither shall any ger [stranger] that sojourneth among you eat dahm [blood].

And whatsoever ish [man] there be of the Bnei Yisroel [Sons of Yisrael], or of the ger [stranger] that sojourn among you, which hunteth down any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall even drain out the dahm [blood] thereof, and cover it with dust.

For as for the nefesh [soul-life] of all basar [flesh], the dahm [blood] of it is its nefesh [soul-life]; therefore I said unto the Bnei Yisroel [sons of Yisrael], Ye shall eat the dahm [blood] of no manner of basar [flesh]: for the nefesh [soul-life] of all basar [flesh] is the dahm [blood] thereof; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off." (Vayikra/Leviticus 17:10-14 OJB-

definitions mine)

It is very easy to make some *'wrong assumptions'* when we are reading certain passages in the Scriptures. Of course, the confusion with which religion has invoked into the process only makes the waters that much muddier. Yet, if we allow YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness to *'instruct us'*, then we will be able to *'navigate'* through the darkness and confusion,

to come to a 'clear understanding' of YHWH's mind. The subject of the 'blood' being the actual 'soul' of a human being is one such 'darkened doctrine'. It has only added to the religious confusion that oppresses many of YHWH's sincere people.

In the above passage, 'one clear message' is being resounded: **YOU DON'T EAT THE BLOOD!** Why? **BECAUSE YOU DON'T EAT WHAT MAKES ATONEMENT/COVERING FOR YOU. (vs. 11)** If you violate this Torah instruction, then you will eventually pay for it. Your life will be cut short. Medical science has proven that eating meat with the blood in it is not only bad for you, it may also contribute to your being afflicted with the symptoms of high blood pressure. High blood pressure is itself a sure and silent killer.

So, let's take a look at this from another perspective. There are certain religious communities who have made a very strict doctrine that states, 'the actual soul' itself is to be found in the blood. They use the above passage to back up that assumption. However, is that true?

The Hebrew word for 'soul' as it is used in our passage is 'nephesh'. It can mean numerous things, and as it is with many Hebrew words, 'context' many times determines which definition and usage is to be applied in that instance. 'Nephesh' can mean, among other things... 'soul, the actual person... as in a living soul'. However, one thing it can also mean is, 'the actual life force'. In other words, the 'soulish energy' by which we accomplish physical, natural things in the world around us. I believe this is the understanding that the Hebrew is trying to get across to us here in this passage. The 'energy of the soul, its life force' if you will, is a 'part of our blood' which flows throughout our body. I'm not going to go in-depth into this here, but only to make a point in order to have you think.

'Soul-life is a force/an energy' that is common to all mankind. In fact, 'soul-life' is the same 'force/energy' that is common to all created beings, even that of animals. The thing that sets us apart from the animals is we also have 'a spirit' that makes us like our Creator. He is a 'spirit being' and we are created in his 'image after His likeness'. We, as 'spirit beings', have the ability 'to communicate on that level' in what the Scriptures call, 'the spirit or spiritual realm'. We also have 'soul-life', and we have 'a soul' by which we are able to communicate on that level too. To see this a little clearer, let's look at Adam after YHWH created him.

***“And Hashem Elohim [YHWH the Mighty One] formed the adam [man] of the apher min haadamah [dust of the earth], and breathed into his nostrils the nishmat chayyim [breath of life]; and the adam [man] became a nefesh chayyah [living soul].” (B'resheet/Genesis 2:7
OJB- definitions mine)***

It's important that you see the above. YHWH 'formed man from the dust of the earth', this was his 'physical body'. Then he 'breathed into his nostrils the breath of life'. This 'breath' contained his 'human spirit'. ****[ruach in Hebrew]** The interaction between the 'human spirit entering the human body' caused man to become a 'living soul'. This 'life-force' was what gave man's soul, 'animation'. However, man was not yet complete. He must 'make the choice to obey the instructions' of His Creator. Thus, you have the 'two trees'. The 'tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil'. By eating of the 'tree of life, the life of YHWH' would enter man's 'spirit' and he would be 'made alive' ****[literally 'born again']** on the 'spiritual level'. He would share the same 'spiritual life-force' as His Creator and learn 'how to live' on that level as his 'primary source of existence'. However, that didn't happen. We know from the Scriptural record, that man chose the other tree, the 'tree of the knowledge of good and evil'. In doing that, man chose

a path of 'independence'. He chose to become, in essence, 'his own god'. In fact, as a result, his 'human spirit' died. It lost the ability to 'sense and communicate directly' with YHWH. The 'human spirit became imprisoned/submerged by the life force of his soul' and man then became a 'soul-man'. An 'over developed soulish being', literally **SOULICAL**. Listen to the words of Rav Sha'ul to the Corinthians,

“But a NATURAL PERSON does not receive the things of the Ruach Hakodesh [Spirit of Holiness] of Hashem [YHWH], for they are narrishkait (foolishness 1:21-24) to him, and he is not able to have personal saving da’as [intimate knowledge] of them, because they are discerned in the Ruach Hakodesh [YHWH’s Spirit of Holiness].” (1 Corinthians 2:14 OJB-definitions/emphasis mine)

The words above, 'natural person', are used by Rav Sha'ul to describe a man who has **NEVER** had his 'human spirit' infused with the 'life of YHWH'. This is called 'regeneration of the human spirit'. This one has **NO** understanding of anything beyond the 'realm of the natural/soulical'. He is 'completely dominated by the energy of his soul-life' or lack thereof. The word in Greek used in the above passage is 'psuchikos' (**soo-kee-kose**). It's where we get the words 'psyche and psychology'. It's about the 'soul realm'. It is only when we have come to 'believe upon' Master Yeshua HaMashiach as our Redeemer, that our 'human spirit is regenerated/born again'. A 'new energy source' becomes ours. ****[This is a 'life-force' known as 'eternal life'. This is the life as YHWH has it, a 'spiritual energy'. Different than 'soul-life' **Note- 'eternal life' IS NOT about the LENGTH of life. It is a KIND of life. It is 'life as YHWH has it' (a spiritual force), and is received by ALL believers WHEN they 'believe upon the finished redemptive work of Yeshua HaMashiach'. It is the 'regeneration of the human spirit' that is 'resurrected/raised out of the DEADNESS of sin and trespasses'. It should then become their 'main motivating' LIFE-FORCE as the 'human spirit' GAINS ASCENDENCY in the believer's life, out of being 'submerged/imprisoned' within the 'soulical dominion of the soul realm' - See Yochanon 3:15; 36; and Ephesians 2:5-6]** Now we begin to 'sense' the existence of another 'realm of being'. We come into contact with a 'new life-force', that which is 'governed by YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness'. We embark on a 'new journey of spiritual discovery' and we learn how to **LIVE** in this 'realm of spirit'. We learn how to 'walk in this realm' and how to become 'spiritually mature'. It will not be easy. Why? Because to become a 'spiritual man or woman' will require that we **WILLINGLY** give up our 'natural life-force, our soul-life as the primary energy source' of our lives. The instrument that YHWH has designed for that purpose is a 'principle' known as, the 'execution stake'. Listen to the words of our Master,

“And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach [Master, King, The Mashiach/Messiah] was saying to all, If anyone wishes to come after me, let him DENY HIMSELF and lift up his etz shel hakarav atzmo yom yom [tree of self-sacrifice day by day] and let him FOLLOW ME. For whoever wishes to save his nefesh [soul-life] will lose it. But whoever loses his nefesh [soul-life] on my account will save it.” (Luke 9:23-24 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

If we will become a 'talmid/disciple' of our Master Yeshua, then we must be the one who 'embraces the execution stake, the tree of self-sacrifice'... **WILLINGLY**. We must put our 'soul-life' to **DEATH... DENY IT** to fulfill the desires of our Master... **DAILY!** If we try and save our 'soul-life'... **WE WILL LOSE IT!** But, if we learn to 'deny our soul-life and replace its energy' with that of the 'eternal life' of YHWH, by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness 'dwelling in our spirit', **THEN** we will **SAVE** our 'soul-life' in the end! **WE CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS!**

The fact remains, that eating blood is forbidden. Many pagan societies do practice blood drinking of their conquered enemy. They believe it gives them strength. This is simply demonic. The blood that flows in our heart and circulatory system has its own 'soulish energy'. Using this blood in a way that Torah instructs against will cause YHWH's judgment to come. The guilty party will be 'cut off... that is die prematurely'. The Torah teaches us 'how to walk' in respect to this level of our being. It also 'opens a door of understanding' to see how our redemption is 'worked out' in our spirit, soul and body. There's much that can be said on this, but that will be for a later time.

Uncovering Of Nakedness And Forbidden Sexual Practices

In chapter eighteen, YHWH gives instruction to Yisrael to **NOT** commit the sins of 'forbidden sexual practices'. YHWH 'instructs' Yisrael that they are **NOT** to practice the 'forbidden worship' of the false mighty ones (**demonic entities**) they saw in Mitzrayim/Egypt. They were also **NOT** to practice the 'forbidden sexual practices' of those nations dwelling in Canaan which YHWH was expelling before them. If they did, then just as those nations were 'cast out' of The Land, then so would they! If they chose to 'guard YHWH's instructions' through His Torah, then they would **LIVE!**

*“And Hashem [YHWH] spoke unto Moshe, saying,
Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel [Children of Yisrael], and say unto them, I am Hashem
Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One].*

After what is done in Eretz Mitzrayim [Land of Egypt], wherein ye dwelt, SHALL YE NOT DO; and after what is done in Eretz Canaan [Land of Canaan], whither I bring you, SHALL YE NOT DO; neither shall ye walk in their chukkot [hidden ordinances].

Ye shall do My mishpatim [judgments], and be shomer [on guard] over My chukkot [illogical ordinances], to walk therein: I am Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One].

Ye shall therefore be shomer [on guard] over My chukkot [illogical ordinances], and My mishpatim [judgments]; which if an ish [man] do, he shall live by them: I am Hashem [YHWH].” (Vayikra/Leviticus 18:1-5 OJB- definitions mine)

We will find in this section the phrase 'uncovering the nakedness'. This is a term used in Torah by YHWH to define having 'forbidden sexual encounters'. As you read the list of 'forbidden sexual activities', you will find that most of them are associated with 'family situations'. There is nothing more sacred than the 'family unit' in the Torah. This is the reason that Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**) is so centered on bringing destruction to the family. **STRONG FAMILIES MAKE STRONG CONGREGATIONS**. Strong congregations make for strength and purity among YHWH's nation of Yisrael as a whole. The family and its holiness before YHWH **MUST BE GUARDED** with the highest priority.

We find early in the Torah what happens when sin and sexual perversion finds its way into the family. In the account of Cham/Ham, Noach's son, of whom it was said that 'he uncovered the nakedness of his father'.

*“And Noach [Noah] began to be an ish ha'adamah (a man of the soil), and he planted a kerem (vineyard);
And he drank of the yayin [wine], and became shikker (intoxicated); and he lay uncovered inside his ohel [tent].*

And Cham [Ham], the av of Kena'an [father of Cana'an], saw the erom (nakedness) of his av [father], and told his two achim [brothers] on the outside.” (B’resheet/Genesis 9:20-22 OJB-definitions mine)

We are told here, that Cham/Ham went into the tent of his father Noach and saw him naked. Now, the Torah tells us that this was because Noach had become intoxicated with the wine from the grapes he had planted. But, then the Torah tells us something further. It says, that once inside the tent that Cham/Ham ‘saw his father’s nakedness’. What Torah is telling us is, Cham/Ham had ‘sexual relations’ with his own mother! This is what we are learning in our present Torah portion. The ‘nakedness’ of Noach is his wife. (**Vayikra/Leviticus 18:7**) When Noach awoke, he knew (**either by revelation of the Ruach or by physical evidence**) what had happened. As a result, Noach pronounced a ‘curse upon Cham/Ham’. Yet, it was not upon Cham/Ham himself, but ‘upon his lineage’. In this case, it was upon Cham’s/Ham’s great grandson, Kena’an, in the ‘fourth generation’ from him. (**B’resheet/Genesis 10:6**) Remember, Torah teaches us of the ‘connectedness of generations’. This is concerning the ‘blessing’ as well as the ‘curse’. Cham/Ham ‘committed the actual sin’, but it was Kena’an in the ‘fourth generation that suffered the curse’.

“...for I Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] am an El kanna [a Jealous Mighty One], visiting the avon Avot [iniquity/torahlessness of the Fathers] upon the Banim [Children] unto the THIRD and FOURTH generation of them that hate Me;” (Shemot/Exodus 20:5b OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Beloved, this is why indulging in sin, especially sexual sin, is so destructive. It may not be us that ‘suffers the judgment’ for our actions. It may **MANIFEST ITSELF THREE TO FOUR GENERATIONS LATER!** Thank YHWH today, because of Master Yeshua’s ‘redemptive work’ on the physical execution stake and His blood, ‘the curse of the fathers’ can be broken off the generations. Amein!

“In those days they shall say no more, The Avot [Fathers] have eaten the sour grape, and the shinayim (teeth) of the Banim [Children’s] are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own avon (iniquity/torahlessness); kol HaAdam [all Mankind] that eateth the sour grape, his shinayim [teeth] shall be set on edge.” (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:29 (28)-30 (29) OJB- definitions mine)

The sexual sin of homosexuality is forbidden in verse 22. Also, bestiality is forbidden. YHWH clearly warns that to do these things will result in judgment. Just as the nations of Cana’an were expelled (**vomited**) out of The Land, so it will happen to Yisrael too, if they indulge this sinfulness.

Beloved our nation, America, today, is thumbing its nose at YHWH through these very sins. Many take the stance to embolden themselves against YHWH’s Word. They argue that only the so-called ‘Old Testament’ forbids same-sex relationships and marriages. Since those who make these claims embrace the error that the so-called ‘Old Testament’ has **passed away**, they ‘justify their behavior’. The truth is the terms ‘Old Testament/New Testament’ are **ERRONEOUS** religious terms! They were invented by the ‘theology of the church of Christendom’. (**Invented to replace the Torah of YHWH which that system of religion rejects**) The ‘Hebraic mindset’ instituted by YHWH, knows nothing of such. It sees **ALL** of Scripture, ‘TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures (**Torah, Prophets and Writings**) and the ‘Messianic Writings/Kethuvim HaNotzrim/Writings of the Nazarene’s (**Matthew-Revelation**) as **ONE** book! It sees only **ONE** ‘prophetic instrument’ by which YHWH is working: **THE NATION OF YISRAEL!** He is working in this day to

RESTORE THIS DIVIDED NATION as has been promised throughout the Scriptural record in both TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures and Messianic Writings. Beloved, the call of YHWH is resounding. *'Come out from among the false religious systems of man. Repent/Return to the ANCIENT PATHS OF TORAH'*. We are not far from the day when **ALL** the world will be forced to realize the error of their ways.

TORAH HAS NOT PASSED AWAY! Our own Master Yeshua Himself said, that until heaven and earth pass away, the Torah will remain in place. (**Mattityahu/Matthew 5:17-18**) YHWH's Word, both TaNaKh (**Hebrew Scriptures**) and the Messianic Writings (**Kethuvim HaNotzrim/Writings of the Nazarenes/Matthew-Revelation**) are **ONE!** The **LEFT SIDE** is not against the **RIGHT SIDE** of the book. It is the heresy of Marcion ****[heretic of the 2nd century]** that instituted these *'terrible religious/theological concepts'*. It is this heresy that divides YHWH's Word into so-called *'Old and New Testaments'*. Saying the God of the Old Testament is one of anger and judgment. While the God of the New is of love and tolerance. **READ YOUR BIBLE!** Read the book of Hitgalut/Revelation. **JUDGMENT IS COMING!** The only escape is to return to the **ANCIENT PATHS** of Torah. (**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 6:16**) **KEEP** the words that are written. **DO THEM!** The Living Torah, our blessed Master Yeshua HaMashiach, is about to return. The Blood Red Moon's which have happened during the years (**2014/15**) are YHWH's solemn call to the earth. **JUDGMENT IS COMING!** With it is coming **THE RETURN** of our M'lekh Mashiach/King Messiah just as He promised. The sad thing is, the world will do as it always does. It will cast off restraint and continue running headlong into the darkness of eternal judgment!

Sadder even still is that those within the *'church system of Christendom'* who have cast away YHWH's Torah, will also find themselves bankrupt and suffering judgment. They will suffer with the world, because they act just like the world. Only they excuse their behavior by conveniently twisting YHWH's Word to suit their own doctrinal persuasions. **HEAR THE CRY. TESHUVAH/REPENT AND RETURN TO YHWH'S TORAH!** Mercy will triumph over judgment as we obey YHWH's commandments. Remember the words of our Master: **IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS! AMEIN!!!**

We say the following blessing as we continue each week's study of Torah...

*Chazak u'Barukh...
Strength and Blessing!*

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