



Vayakhel – "He gathered" Pekudei - "Accounts"

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NOTE: The following are the general notes used for the teaching. They were primarily meant for reminders of the topic I wanted to cover, and do not include all that was said during the teaching.

NOTE: I am now using the Hebraic Roots Bible (HRB) for the scripture references throughout the study, unless otherwise noted.
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H5749: ood; a prim. root; to duplicate or repeat; by impl. to protest, testify (as by reiteration); intens. to encompass, restore (as a sort of reduplication):—admonish, charge, earnestly, lift up, protest, call (take) to record, relieve, rob, solemnly, stand upright, testify, give warning, (bear, call to, give, take to) witness.



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NIDNTT: συναγω G5251 (synagō), gather;
ἐπισυναγω G2190 (episynagō), gather together;
συλλέγω G5198 (syllegō), gather up;
τρυγάω G5582 (trygaō), gather in; συστρέφω G5370 (systrephō), gather together;
ἀθροίζω G125 (athroizō), gather together; συναθροίζω G5255 (synathroizō), gather together;
ἐπισυναγωγή G2191 (episynagōgē), gathering together; ἐπαθροίζομαι/ἐπαθροίζω
G2044 (epathroizomai/epathroizō), be gathered even more.

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TWOT: (qāhāl). Assembly, company, congregation.
Usually qāhāl is translated ekklēsia in the LXX, but in thirty-six instances it is sunagōgē.

qāhāl is a masculine noun from which the denominative root qāhal derives, but it is sometimes conjecturally derived from qôl "to speak," hence a convocation



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 - + But there is also *edah*. In order for the church to also be *edah*, it must *belong*, not as individuals, but as a whole unit, to YHVH's permanent, covenant family.



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- So, where does this leave us?



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Gen 2:2-3

2 And on the seventh day Elohim completed His work which He had made. And He rested on The seventh day from all His work which He had made. 3 And Elohim blessed the seventh day And sanctified it, because He rested from all His work on it, which Elohim had created to make.



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Gen 2:2-3; Ex 16:23, 25-27, 29-30

23 And he said to them, That is what YAHWEH said, Tomorrow is a rest, a holy Sabbath to YAHWEH. What you will bake, bake. And boil what you will boil. And lay up for yourselves all that is left over, to keep it until the morning. 25 And Moses said, Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to YAHWEH. Today you will not find it in the field. 26 You shall gather it six days, and on the seventh day is a sabbath; in it none shall be found. 27 And it happened on the seventh day, some of the people went out to gather, and did not find any. 29 Behold! Because YAHWEH has given the sabbath to you, therefore He is giving to you two days of bread on the sixth day. Each one of you remain in his place. Do not let anyone go out from his place on the seventh day. 30 And the people rested on the seventh day.



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Gen 2:2-3; Ex 16:23, 25-27, 29-30; Ex 20:8-11

8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; 9 six days you shall labor and do all your work; 10 and the seventh day is a Sabbath to YAHWEH your Elohim; you shall not do any work, you, and your son, and your daughter, your male slave and your slave-girl, and your livestock, and your stranger who is in your gates. 11 For in six days YAHWEH made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all which is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; on account of this YAHWEH blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.



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15 Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to YAHWEH; everyone doing work on the Sabbath day surely shall be put to death. 16 And the sons of Israel shall guard the Sabbath, to observe and do the Sabbath for their generations; it is a never ending covenant. 17 It is a sign forever between Me and the sons of Israel; for in six days YAHWEH made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.



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With a Greek world-view the dilemma that you face is virtually impossible to resolve. But with a Jewish world-view, it is possible to make a choice between these two equally good, but competing principles in a way that preserves the integrity of God's word and the character of His calling upon your life.

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Exodus 35:3

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- Next time?...next year?



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