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Parsha: Beshalach / "And he sent"

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.

Beshalach

SENT OR LET GO?

Ex 13:17
Sent vs. Let go

Legalities

God always obeys His Laws! He will not go against what He has written.

Ex 12:39

Lev 22:13

garash = driven out and divorced!

Strong's 1644

Shalach

Send away, put away, cast out; be divorced

Methuselah!

FULFILLING THE FESTIVAL

Matt 5:17-19

Do you realize that if Yeshua broke any of the commandments, and if He teaches today that the Torah is done away with, according to His own words, He would be considered the least in the Kingdom of Heaven!

So much of the scripture is very plain to understand! It is not rocket science! The problem is, we have twisted it to something it should not be! If we have a set theology and we have to force the Bible into our "box", that is when we have to get real creative! If we let the Bible speak for itself, and realize we need to change our theology!

Empty cup analogy:

Imagine an empty cup. One might "fulfill" the cup with water; that is, fill it full. But this "fulfillment" of the cup's purpose does not render the cup obsolete; rather, it is the very purpose for the cup's existence.

In the same way, we keep the festivals of Messiah, understanding that Messiah is their fulfillment. Far from rendering them obsolete, Yeshua is the fulfillment of the festivals' purpose.

Num 33:3-4

Lev 23:6-8

There are 4 Sabbaths within a 10 day period.

The first day commemorates the death of all the firstborn and the

beginning of their exodus. The seventh day commemorates the final victory over Egypt and completion of their redemption. In the first day of creation God's firstborn Adam dies and the redemption process begins. In the seventh day of creation the final redemption takes place and the world is destroyed.

The whole Feast of Unleavened Bread is commemorating the beginning of our redemption and the final redemption when all of creation is groaning for the redemption of our bodies and for the new creation!

When Yeshua said, "Do this in remembrance of Me", He wasn't talking about communion—He was talking about the whole Feast of Unleavened Bread speaking of redemption!

We are still in the days where we need to flee all that the Egyptians and Pharaoh has to offer to try and get us back. Just as Israel was redeemed by the blood of the lamb, they weren't out of Egypt until they crossed over the Red Sea on the 7th day when the final victory was accomplished and the Egyptians were thrown into the sea.

The seventh day of the feast is for us to remember the final redemption yet to come.

ORDERLY RANKS

Ex 13:18

KJV – harnessed; YLT – by fifties; NASB – martial array;
NKJV – orderly ranks

Chamush – Strong's 2571
(Strong's 2567-2571)

Chumash – Torah!

BONES

Ex 13:19

The story is that as all the Hebrew people were gathering the loot, Moses went and gathered Joseph's bones.

But what about the bones of the 11 other brothers? The Bible does not mention if they were brought out—only Joseph's bones.

The empty tomb of Joseph signified the promised redemption had come. It just so happens there was another empty tomb belonging to a "Joseph"; a "Joseph" of Arimathea, signifying the promised redemption had come!!

Jn 19:38-40

They carried the bones around for 40 years!

The *Talmud* notes the contrast between the two chests the Israelites carried with them through the wilderness. One contained a dead man's bones, and the other carried the source of all life—the divine presence of God:

All those years that the Israelites were in the wilderness, those two boxes [the coffin of Joseph and the Ark of the Covenant], one box of the dead and the other of the Dwelling Presence, proceeded side by side. Those passing by used to ask, "What is the nature of those two boxes?" They were told, "One is of the dead and the other is of the Dwelling Presence of God." They asked, "Is it appropriate for the dead to

travel with Dwelling Presence of God?" They were told, "This one [Joseph] fulfilled all [the commandments] written in the other." (*b.Sotah* 13a-b)

Similarly with the Master. His death is a source of life because He fulfilled the commandments. He lived a sinless life. Therefore His death goes before us into the presence of God.

Nu 9:10,11

Every year, there are two Passover events: the regular event, and then the event for those who are unclean or traveling!

Council of Nicea 325 AD/CE: From the letter of the Emperor (Constantine) to all those not present at the council. (Found in Eusebius, *Vita Const.*, Lib III 18-20) [*Emphasis mine*]
“When the question relative to the sacred festival of *Easter* arose, it was *universally* thought that *it would be convenient* that all should keep the feast on one day; It was declared to be particularly unworthy for this, the holiest of festivals, to follow the customs (the calculation) of the Jews who had soiled their hands with the most fearful of crimes, and whose minds were blinded. In *rejecting their custom* we may transmit to our descendants *the legitimate mode of celebrating Easter*; We ought not therefore to have anything in common with the Jew, for the Saviour has shown us another way; our worship following a more legitimate and *more convenient* course (the order of the days of the week: And consequently in unanimously adopting this mode, we desire, dearest brethren to separate ourselves from the detestable company of *the Jew*. For it is *truly shameful for us to hear them boast* that without their direction we could not keep this feast. How can they be in the right, they who, after the death of the Saviour, have no longer been led by reason but by wild violence, as their delusion may urge them? They do not possess the truth

in this Easter question, for in their blindness and repugnance to all improvements they frequently celebrate *two Passovers in the same year*. We could not imitate those who are openly in error. How, then, could we follow *these Jews* who are most certainly blinded by error? For to celebrate a Passover twice in one year, is totally inadmissible. *But even if this were not so* it would still be your duty not to tarnish your soul by communication with such wicked people (*the Jews*). You should consider not only that the number of churches in these provinces make *a majority*, but also that it is right to demand what *our reason* approves, and that we should have nothing in common with the Jews.”

NACHSHON

Think of the number of Egyptian chariots versus the number of Hebrew men:

600 chariots to 600,000 men! Not including the women and children! So at least 1,000 to 1!

The problem is, they had a learned helplessness. This is the same problem we have today! We think the devil is going to get us. The Bible tells us the devil will flee from us! We don't flee from him! One problem is that we are not in unity so that there are 1,000 to one.

Ex 14:15-16

Ex 6:23

1Ch 2:10,11

Yeshua is in the direct line of the Tribe of Judah through Nachshon. Nachshon is a prince of the tribe of Judah. Remember, as the Hebrew children were wandering in the desert, which tribe always went first? Judah! And who would go first? Nachshon!

The waters were waiting for Israel to express their faith through action. It was not enough that they believed there needed to be an external demonstration of faith!

“Faith” in the Hebrew Bible is not belief in a doctrine or subscription to a creed. Rather, faith means trust and loyalty that is expressed through obedience and commitment.

Nu 12:7

Ex 14:31

EXAMPLE: You have a maid, and the maid is in your house. You hired them and they believe you exist. But they sit and they don't do anything--but they believe in you, and I believe in your house! What is your response? "I don't care that you believe in me and my house--go make the bed! Do something!" Faith is expressed through action--not through some mental ascent to a creed.

The word faithful and believe is the same Hebrew word and it implies action through obedience and commitment

1 Chron 2:10-12

Ac 5:31

Ac 3:15

The Hebrew word for Prince is Nasi and here in the Greek it is archegos meaning trailblazer, forerunner, leader. Messiah is the first to pass from death to life.

The Red Sea is likened to a grave, and as Nachshon the Prince of Judah led the way through death so Messiah the Prince of the tribe of Judah led the way safely to the other side through His resurrection!

As Moses demonstrated mastery over the wind and waves so did Messiah:

Mk 4:36-41

Ps 107:23-30

SABBATH OF THE SONG

Shabbat Shirah

This week's Torah portion, also known as the Sabbath of Song since it features the song of the Israelites at the Splitting of the Reed Sea:

Chumash: the Song of Moses is split like the Red Sea.

Ex 15:1-2

Isa 12:2

Ps 118:14

BUT, this is also in the Brit Hadasha:
Re 15:3

Lu 24:44

TaNakh= Torah(Law) / Neviim (Prophets) / Ketuvim (Writings)
This means that the entire Tanakh is concerned with Yeshua!
Why would you want to do away with it?

What is the only verse that appears in all three sections? So Yeshua said He was in all three sections. This verse that speaks of Him is in all three sections—it is the only verse that is repeated in all three sections!

Talmud: Yoma and Sukkah, pg 198
Feast of Tabernacles (Succot): This is part of the water libation. When they reached the Water Gate, they blew a sustained and quavering blast on the shofar.

They would also sing the hallel (Ps 113-118). As you see above, Ps 118 is one of the places where it says the Lord is my salvation.

The place in the prophets is in Is 12. They would also sing Is 12:3. Then they read Is 12:4—draw waters from the wells of salvation. They would sing this during Succot!

Go to Jn 7 and it is talking about it being the last days of Succot, Yeshua stands up and says, “as the scripture says, whoever believes in me out of your belly will flow rivers of living water!” They just got done singing “with joy we will draw water from the

wells of Yeshua”, and He stands up and says, “YES! Just as the scripture says, ‘out of your belly’”. This was speaking of Yeshua!

Resources:

El Shaddai Ministries (www.elshaddaiministries.us)

First Fruits of Zion (www.ffoz.org)

Gateways to Torah, Rabbi Russell Resnik

Partners in Torah (www.partnersintorah.org)

Chumash

Tikkun

Judaism 101 (<http://www.jewfaq.org/index.htm>)

Chabad of Pierce County (www.chabadpiercecouny.com)

Saltshakers (<http://www.hebrewroots.com>)